

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 7th December 2021

Correspondence

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Magpas Air Ambulance	Keep us flying this Christmas! 🇬🇧
Greater Cambridge Partnership	Have your say on greener travel in Greater Cambridge consultation now open
Neighbourhood Alert	Updated With Link New Police and Crime Plan For Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Greater Cambridge Partnership	GCP Executive Board Meeting - 09 December 2021

From: Licensing (SCDC) <Licensing@scambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 November 2021 15:56
Subject: New Premises Licence application - Holiday Inn Express, Cambourne

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Licensing act 2003 - Notification of an application for a new Premises Licence.

We are writing to notify you of a Premises Licence application that has been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

To enable continued and effective community engagement with the licensing process, it is recommended that Licensing Authorities advertise the full details of applications on their website.

It is a legal requirement that Premises Licence applications are required to be advertised by way of a Blue Notice and an advert in the local paper. During the current period it may not be possible for Premises Licence applications to be viewed by members of the public due to restrictions of movement.

Notification

Notice has been given that Molo Hotels (Cambridge West) Limited has on the 17 November 2021 applied to South Cambridgeshire District Council as the Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence.

Name of Premise: Holiday Inn Express
Address of Premises: Back Lane, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, CB23 6LJ

The proposed application is to carry out the following activities:

Activity: Sale of Alcohol

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises

Monday – Sunday: 00:00 – 24:00 (Residents only: 03:00 – 07:00)

Activity: Provision of Late Night Refreshment

Monday – Sunday: 23:00 – 05:00

Activity: Hours Open to the Public

Monday – Sunday: 00:00 – 24:00

Representations

Representations can be made for or against an application. Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing.

A representation form can be downloaded from our website.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/licensing/licensing-public-notices-licensing-act-2003/>

This must be completed and either emailed to Licensing@scambs.gov.uk

Or posted to

The Licensing Department
South Cambridgeshire District Council
South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne
CB23 6EA

Guidance

Please see the below link to our website below for further information and guidance.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/licensing/licensing-public-notices-licensing-act-2003/>

Appointments can be made with a licensing officer to view the application together with the premises plan.

Representations must be received no later than 14 December 2021.

Contact Details

Email: licensing@scams.gov.uk

Telephone: 01954 71 3481

Yours faithfully

Jess Knight | Licensing Business Support Officer

Dear Colleague

We're delighted to be working with Anglian Water to let you know how they can support the people in your community who need it most, through their **Priority Services Register**. This last year has been hard for us all, particularly those in vulnerable situations. It's highlighted how important it is to work together to make sure those most in need, know about the support services available to them.

Did you know Anglian Water's **Priority Services Register** is in place to help lots of people with different needs and is completely free? By signing up, Anglian Water can:

- Help if there is an interruption to a customers water supply
- Help protect customers against bogus callers
- Communicate in different languages, including British Sign Language
- Send bills in alternative formats, including large print, audio and braille
- Knock and wait, giving customers longer to get to the door

As well as many more Priority Services, Anglian Water also have a range of financial assistance available for customers who are finding it difficult to pay their bill.

We want to encourage you to promote the support services to your parishioners, who may not know what's available. Anglian Water can provide you with a range of resources to help get the message out to your community, including:-

- Content for your newsletters and website
- A5 support flyers
- A4 posters for your parish notice boards
- Social media posts
- Anglian Water representative to speak at one of your parish council meetings

If you'd like to make your community aware of the support available, you can contact Anglian Water to request any of the above resources by:

- Emailing partnerships@anglianwater.co.uk,
- Completing a [Online Form](#) or
- Calling 07971579839

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Sent: 15 November 2021 15:18

To: John Vickery <clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Having a food & cleaning liquid refilling in Cambourne

Hi John,

Could you please include this agenda for the next full Council meeting for having a food & cleaning liquid refilling in Cambourne in December?

I have written a message at Full Circle Cambridge - a zero waste shop. I am planning to visit the shop and talk to somebody as I haven't heard anything yet from them.

I received a great response from the residents of Cambourne, everyone is willing to have one such refilling shop in Cambourne, can we please start the discussion? At least once in a week to start within any of the council premises? We should start this initiative to reduce the "one time use of plastic bags" as much as we can.

Kind regards,
Shrobona



CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CLUB – CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING: 1900 HRS WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CLUB

PRESENT

Pete Joslin	CGC Chairman
Michael Samuels	CGC Secretary
David Howse	CGC Treasurer
Jaco Koen	Little Gransden Parish Council
Nick Ginn	Great Gransden Parish Council
Tom Gray	South Cambridgeshire District Council
John Archer	Waresley-cum-Tetworth Parish Council
Daniel Ashby	Abbotsley Parish Council

APOLOGIES

Marian Burling	Croydon Parish Council
Alison Twyford	Huntingdonshire District Council
Keith Warburton	Gamlingay Parish Council
Sharon Brown	Longstowe Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th April 2021, were accepted as a correct.

MATTERS ARISING

- Jaco Koen (as a new member of the Committee) asked for information on how to judge complaints he might receive from his parish and how to reconcile them with those received by the gliding club.
 - David Howse said that information about the planning consents and rules under which the gliding club operates together with a blank complaint form can be found in the Information for Local Residents section of the club web site [\[https://www.camgliding.uk/about/information-for-local-residents/\]](https://www.camgliding.uk/about/information-for-local-residents/)
 - Pete Joslin explained the way he looks through the complaints, and if they are related to aerotows the way in which he (as Acting Chief Tug pilot), looks through the traces of the flights, talks to the tug pilot involved and responds back to the person who has raised the complaint.
 - “Complaints received since the last meeting” is a standing item at all consultative committee meetings.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Pete talked through the gliding club’s operations since the previous meeting of the consultative committee in April:-
 - Flying recommenced fully in April after the lockdown

- The level of operations was initially low but gradually built toward more normal levels by July
- We had a very successful Regionals Competition between 7th and 15th August
 - We competed on 7 days out of 9.
 - We only exceeded 60 aerotows plus self launches on one day the competition. With a total of 61 aerotows plus self launches on this day, this was well below the higher limit of 75 launches which we are allowed on 14 days each year.
 - Whilst there are more aerotows during the regionals, these are concentrated in a shorter period than on a normal day's flying
 - The average launch window on the 7 competition days was just under 1½ hours, with the longest launch window of 2 hours 11 minutes
 - This compares with a launch window of over between 5¼ and 6¾ hours on the three busiest summer days outside the regionals competition
- The Cloud Rally during last week of August was much quieter than normal as many members participated in the Regionals and the weather was rather poor.
- 7 day per week operations for the season ended on 31st October
- Winter Operations will be as normal for the Weekends
- Weekday flying will be on an opportunity basis for members as we will not be employing a professional instructor this winter
- We will fly students from City University London on selected weekdays throughout the winter.
- Membership renewals are down a little on previous years
- Full time operations with professional instructors will resume from 1st April 2022 with a similar operation to those in pre-covid years

2022 COMPETITIONS

- Pete said that the gliding club will potentially be holding both a Regionals competition and a Cloud Rally again in 2022, probably in August. The decision on these and the dates have yet to be confirmed. Details of any such competitions will be given at the next Consultative Committee meeting.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

- 6 complaints received in total
 - 1 from Arrington (8/6/21). Pete said that it is unusual to receive a complaint from Arrington as the glider and tug are quite high by then.
 - 1 received from Little Gransden (10/6/21) which was handled by the club office from someone who didn't want to leave their details.
- 4 complaints received during the Regionals competition, which were personally dealt with by the Chairman
 - 1 Longstowe Hall about a wedding at 3pm. Launching was completed by 3pm

- 1 Hatley St George, which is quite a long way out. Pete spoke with them personally after launching had finished
- 1 from Little Gransden about the number of launches taking place. No details were left
- 1 from Alison Wareham about a launch over her property in Little Gransden on the last day of the competition.

AIRFIELD ACCESS

- We have experienced a number of hare coursing events recently. We are working quite closely with Tom Hipwell and Mark Barlow to try and prevent hare coursers getting on site.
- Just a reminder- there are no public rights of way anywhere across the airfield. We did have a family of 4 cycle across the airfield when we were flying, as that was what they were doing during lockdown. We wish to welcome locals but this is an active airfield
- Most unauthorised access is via Mill Road. The gate seems to have been left unlocked, possibly by the hauliers who use the roadway. A new gate has been installed to prevent unauthorised access.
- Landowners and the gliding club are still concerned about safety risks going forward
- Additional signage and new gates have now been erected

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Pete asked Jaco to pass on our thanks and appreciation to Bob Murden from Little Gransden for his active contribution to the consultative committee over the years.
- We will have at least one Open day next year when we hope local residents will come and fly at the club
- Pete invited all members of the consultative committee to come and see our operations. The best time for doing this is probably in the spring next year.
- Michael Samuels said that after 5 years as secretary of the gliding club, club rules mean that he has to step down from the post, so there will be a new gliding club secretary at the next meeting.
- There was no other business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 19:00hrs at Cambridge Gliding Centre

Following the end of the meeting there was a brief discussion about the airspace proposals for Luton. John Archer said that Wareley-cum-Tetworth parish council are worried about the changes. Pete said that his view (as a Professional airline pilot) was that usage of the holding stack would be low, as no one in the industry has any interest on keeping commercial planes in hold- there had been many advances in air traffic flow control that made this practice much less common, typically only being used in very poor weather or when an incident caused a runway to be out of use Aircraft passing over in the descent will be on low power settings.



Introduction to the November 2021 parish e-bulletin

Welcome to the November 2021 parish e-bulletin from South Cambridgeshire District Council. As usual, it covers important notices we would like to draw your attention to, from across the Council. In addition, we are keeping in touch with you and local COVID-19 community groups to update you on Coronavirus-related news items on a regular basis. We wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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An update on contacting the Council

It's usually easier to contact us online. You can do more online at a time to suit you. Did you know you can complete a short form to update your Council Tax bill if you've moved; report a change in your circumstances related to your Benefits; or report a missed bin collection? Just [visit our website](#) to do all of the above and more. You can also create a [My South Cambs account](#), to see personalised information – such as your Council Tax payments or your Benefits account.

If you do need to call us, then please bear in mind that our Contact Centre has this month moved across to a single number for most Council services, which is 01954 713 000. This single number replaces the existing suite of 03450 numbers. This is easier for customers as there is now just one number to remember or look-up. It does not cost customers any more money in call charges than the previous 03450 number did. Please note that there are some exceptions to this new number, such as Building Control, Council house repairs or maintenance and out of hours numbers. Our [Contact Us website page](#) contains all the details.

We are also pleased to now offer residents who choose to call us a call back feature if call answering times are longer than usual. If the customer waits for five minutes to speak to us on the phone, the call back function will automatically be offered to them. Finally, we are also working on a webchat service so residents will be able to message us at their convenience online. We are working to make this service live in 2022, and further details will follow early next year.



Updates from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

Greater Cambridge Local Plan update

As you know the consultation is now open for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, until 5pm on 13 December 2021. Here is a reminder of the key links for your easy reference:

- Local Plan homepage - www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan which is also where the event listings are for in-person and online events
- [Interactive map](#)
- [Digital plan](#) – full version
- [Document library](#)
- [Quick questionnaire](#)
- More about [how to comment](#) – if anyone is unsure about how to get involved.

You can watch recent webinars around topics related to the Local Plan on the [Council's YouTube channel](#). Please submit your responses in good time ahead of the end of the consultation at 5pm on 13 December 2021. If you have any questions, please [email the Local Plan team](#).

North East Cambridge update

Proposals for a low carbon development at North East Cambridge have been revised following a major consultation last year, taking on board thousands of comments made by local residents and businesses. The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, a new planning policy document for the area either side of Milton Road, will now be scrutinised by councillors, who will consider whether it can be published for the next and final round of public consultation. Read more in the [news release](#) issued last week or on the North East Cambridge pages of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning [website](#). You can [email the North East Cambridge team](#) if you have questions.



Updates from Communications and Communities team

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: beacon lighting ceremony

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952. There will be Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the year. Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark the historic occasion, culminating with the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. Across the four days, the celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflections on The Queen's 70 years of service. On Thursday 2 June, the United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee. All Councils are being encouraged to join in the celebrations by lighting existing permanent or temporary beacons at 9:15pm on 2 June 2022. If your council is able to take part, please go to page 11 of the [taking part guide](#) and provide the Queen's Jubilee Beacons team with the information requested.

Contact: Most queries can be answered on the [Platinum Jubilee Beacons website](#). You can also contact the Queen's Pageantmaster, Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR at brunopeek@mac.com or call 07737 262 913.

Queen's Green Canopy project

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." The Woodland Trust is a key partner of the QGC. Matching the Queen's 70 years of public service as monarch, the Woodland Trust's intention is to inspire landowners across the UK to create [70 new 70-acre woodlands](#) to celebrate this special moment in our national history. They



can offer bespoke support, guiding on the design and planting of these special woodlands. They can also offer expert assistance with grant applications and help to deliver those projects that would be eligible for the Woodland Carbon Code, tackling the climate as well as nature crises by locking up carbon at scale. [Email the Woodland Trust](#) if you have questions or want to get involved.

Did know that play can grow community and tackle loneliness?

How can play streets grow communities, support communal spaces and tackle loneliness? You may like to join or share this webinar by Playing Out with:

- Kim Leadbeater MP (sister of late Jo Cox MP) who was awarded an MBE for services to social cohesion, community and combatting loneliness in the 2021 New Year's Honours List
- Nicky Webb, resident play street organiser in Hurst Park estate, Cambridge, who had a moving experience on her play street this summer, with a family who live a few doors down.

You can [sign up to the event](#).

New educational resource from Counter Terrorism Policing

Counter Terrorism (CT) Policing are taking their ground-breaking ACT Early counter radicalisation campaign directly to young people, with [innovative new first-person videos](#). More children and young people than ever before are being drawn towards extremism, and sometimes even terrorism. This comes after the 'perfect storm' of the last year, in which children and young people have spent more time at home, online and out of education – putting them at risk of radicalisation and conspiracy theories. That's why CT Policing and its partners are stepping up their [ACT Early campaign](#), to help prevent young people going down this dangerous path. The films are available at <https://actearly.uk/real-stories/> where users can also find practical information on what radicalisation is, how to spot it and how to get in touch with professional experts if they do have a concern.



Growth areas – community forums

We have published the 2022 schedule of the community forums on our [website](#). We are hoping that by providing these well in advance it will help people plan these into their diaries. Please help us by also promoting these where relevant in your communities.

Community Chest Grants - increase of maximum award

The upper limit for all Community Chest Grant (CCG) awards has been increased from £1,000 to £2,000 per application. Increasing the upper CCG grant limit will allow community groups and, where eligible, parish councils to request a larger contribution to their projects. The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed the change on Friday 26 November following a review by the Grants Advisory Committee. There will now be a period of call-in before the decision can be implemented and our website updated. The change reflects the rising cost of materials which has meant most CCG applications have been for the maximum award.

Grant applications can be made via our [Community Chest Grants](#) page of our website.

Contact: Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk

Inclusion of Biodiversity Grants

Wildlife Enhancement Grants, formerly delivered through the Planning Service, will now be included within the Community Chest Grant (CCG) application process. These grants support biodiversity projects through a ringfenced fund. Parish councils will be eligible to apply for this funding, provided that they are not already in receipt of a grant from the Council's Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) fund for the same financial year. Applications will be processed as part of the established CCG process and recommendations will be considered at Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) on a monthly basis. It is possible that some projects will include elements of the core CCG scheme and ringfenced biodiversity fund. By bringing the formerly separate schemes together GAC will be able to make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member



for an appropriate award at the same time. This will enable us to support a diverse range of projects via the CCG scheme. £10,000 is ringfenced for these types of projects. As with the item above on the changes to the Community Chest awards, there will now be a period of call-in on the decision. The changes will be implemented after that period. This will be before Christmas.

Once available, grant applications will be able to be made via the [Community Chest Grants](#) pages of our website.

Contact: Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk

Next Zero Carbon Communities Green Connect Event

The next Zero Carbon Communities Green Connect online community networking event will take place on Monday 13 December from 7:30pm to 9pm on the topic of "Forest Gardening, Tree Planting and Biodiversity in South Cambridgeshire". The event will feature a short talk by guest speaker Hannah Thomas from Babraham's Forest Garden project followed by a Q+A, after which participants will be split into breakout rooms to share inspiration, challenges and ideas. Tickets are available [here](#). We are excited to welcome you to this event. [Email Eleanor Haines](#) if you have any questions.

Community-Led Plans toolkit

A new Community-Led Plan toolkit is now available to help people consider how they might want to take projects forward to support their Community post-COVID. With downloadable templates and information on what's involved in producing a Community-led Plan, the toolkit is a useful resource for both parish councils and community groups wanting to incorporate local views and take action to help solve problems and issues. Please visit The [Community-Led Plans webpage](#) to find out more; alternatively email CLP@scambs.gov.uk to arrange a meeting to discuss your needs.

We also have a workshop on Community-Led Plans on 7 March 2022 at 6pm. You can now [register for the event](#).



Contact: The Communities team on CLP@scambs.gov.uk

Community-Led Plans funding

A further change has also just been made to the Council's Community Chest Grant scheme so up to £2,000 can be secured for Post-Covid Community-Led Plans. Additional money has been ringfenced for applications from any sized Parish Council or non-profit organisation until end of October 2023.

The money can be used for any costs involved in the creation of a Community-Led Plan such as advertising and promotional material. It is important to note that any projects taken forwards from the Plan itself will not be eligible for this ring-fenced fund but may still be eligible for general Community Chest Grant funding if they meet the funding criteria. Further guidance can be found on our [Community Chest Grant webpage](#) or by emailing Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk.

As with the other recent decisions on changes to the Community Chest, there is now a short period of call-in before this change can be made. Our webpage will be updated as soon as this is done.

Contact: The Communities team on Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk

South Cambs Magazine

The winter 2021 edition of South Cambs Magazine is now being delivered to residents. Thank you to parishes who have provided helpful information when delivery issues have been identified in the past. Please continue to encourage residents to flag any issues to Smart Distribution as soon as possible, after the delivery window has closed, which for this edition is Sunday 4 December 2021.

You can [view an online edition](#) of the latest South Cambs Magazine.

If you want to report a deliver issue, please [email Smart Distribution](#).



Help with sports and activity programme

We are trying to build the number of physical activity groups/sessions within our communities across the District to help deliver the [Healthy You](#) public health funded programme. If you have ideas and want to talk to us to see if there is demand, please get in touch. Once a new scheme is set up, people benefit from the first 4 sessions being free of charge.

Contact: To find out more, please contact Leah.collis@scambs.gov.uk

Updates from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste

WEEE Banks

We have [secured funding](#) for collection banks for small electrical appliances like toasters or phones. The funding for the scheme comes from retailers which do not offer their own take-back schemes for waste electricals, as a way of complying with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations. Work will now be done to determine where these banks will be sited and more information to follow.

Christmas bin collection dates:

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 24 December 2021	No change
Monday 27 December 2021	Wednesday 29 December 2021
Tuesday 28 December 2021	Thursday 30 December 2021
Wednesday 29 December 2021	Friday 31 December 2021
Thursday 30 December 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 31 December 2021	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Monday 3 January 2022	Thursday 6 January 2022
Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 7 January 2022
Wednesday 5 January 2022	Saturday 8 January 2022
Thursday 6 January 2022	Monday 10 January 2022
Friday 7 January 2022	Tuesday 11 January 2022



Monday 10 January 2022	Wednesday 12 January 2022
Tuesday 11 January 2022	Thursday 13 January 2022
Wednesday 12 January 2022	Friday 14 January 2022
Thursday 13 January 2022	Saturday 15 January 2022
Friday 14 January 2022	Monday 17 January 2022
Monday 17 January 2022	Tuesday 18 January 2022
Tuesday 18 January 2022	Wednesday 19 January 2022
Wednesday 19 January 2022	Thursday 20 January 2022
Thursday 20 January 2022	Friday 21 January 2022
Friday 21 January 2022	Saturday 22 January 2022
Monday 24 January 2022	Back to normal

Monthly green bin collections

Green bins collections go to their usual four-weekly cycle towards the end of December. The last fortnightly collection will be between 13 and 24 December and they will return to fortnightly between 7 and 18 March.

Eat, Rinse, Recycle

As well as promoting the reduction of food waste around the festive period, our most recent campaign is addressing the food waste that gets into our blue bins – encouraging residents to firstly eat all their food, rinse the containers (or scrape the remains into the green bin), then put the containers in the blue bin. There is an article in our residents magazine, social media posts and wheelie bins will be stickered in new year.

Please [email our Waste team](#) if you have any questions on the above.

Updates from our Business Support and Development team

Set up in 2020 as part of the Council's commitment to support local businesses, [the Business Support and Development team](#) are here to help businesses find the



support they need. The growing team has years of commercial experience gained from various business sectors. The services they offer are completely free to use and the team are ready to help local businesses succeed.

What they offer:

- A single point of contact for business queries
- Customer support
- Help with Council services
- Encourage businesses to set up or move to South Cambridgeshire
- Promote training and skills schemes including apprenticeships through links with local colleges and other providers
- Help businesses benefit from low carbon schemes
- Economic development and inward investment

Outdoor Christmas Market

Come and join us for an afternoon of festive fun on Sunday 5 December from 12pm to 6pm. Cambourne High Street will be transformed into our [outdoor Christmas Market](#). More than 100 local independent business stalls will offer a host of products including crafts, novelties and Christmas gift ideas. Food and drink stalls will be available to serve traditional and festive fare accompanied with live music to help you feel that Christmas spirit, and a funfair will be staged for our younger visitors.

In order to keep this event safe, visitors can help us by wearing a face covering, doing a rapid test before attending and having your vaccinations. We are grateful to Cambourne Town Council for their support with this event. Email our [Reopening High Streets team](#) if you have any questions.

Looking after your mental health – Business webinar

The last two years have been a difficult time to run a business and people's mental health has suffered as a result. Whatever the size of their business, everyone needs help sometimes. South Cambridgeshire District Council are hosting two free



webinars for local business on [8 December](#) and [12 January](#) where guest speakers Nick Elston and Zoe Thompson will be sharing their lived experience with mental health and exploring ways you can look after yourself when things are stressful and overwhelming.

South Cambridgeshire Growth Fund

The Business Support and Development team are delighted to have helped 102 local businesses with over £1.4m of Government Additional Restrictions Grant funding, supporting economic growth and job creation in the region through the South Cambridgeshire Growth Fund since July 2021. The fund has now closed.

Visit South Cambs – supporting businesses within your parishes

[Visit South Cambs](#) is the first website dedicated to promoting the district's tourism and hospitality businesses, making it easier for people to have more fun and discover hidden gems closer to home, supporting local jobs and businesses. Local businesses are encouraged [to sign up](#) to show visitors to the area what South Cambridgeshire has to offer in terms of what's on, places to eat, places to stay, cultural attractions and green spaces.

If you have any hidden treasures or country walks in your parish, please contact visit@scambs.gov.uk. Any pictures or maps you can share would be fantastic.

On your doorstep

We are into the last month of running our 'On your doorstep' social media campaign, which showcases local shops, hospitality, businesses, attractions, and outdoor spaces providing residents with inspiration for different activities around the district – particularly with a seasonal focus. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to find out what's on in our area in the run up to Christmas.

Search **#OnYourDoorstepSCDC** to find ideas for things to do on your doorstep. If your parish, or any South Cambridgeshire business you know, is interested in becoming part of the project please [visit our website](#) for further information including how to sign up. The campaign ends on 31 December.



Small Business Saturday

We are supporting Small Business Saturday UK on 4 December. This is a national campaign which highlights small business success and encourages consumers to 'shop local' and support small businesses in their communities. All kinds of small businesses [can get involved](#), whether they are a family business, local shop, online business, wholesaler, business service or small manufacturer. Promote your involvement using **#SmallBizSatUK**

OfCom Consultation

OfCom have released a consultation relating to the provision of public phone boxes. The proposal includes allowing providers to remove public phone boxes that are no longer needed under a strict set of criteria. It will also protect those boxes on which people still rely. The consultation deadline is 11 January 2022.

For more information visit the [Ofcom website](#).

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Christmas and New Year Office Closure

Council Meeting 7th December 2021

The Town Council Office will be closed from Thursday 23rd December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

The Office will also be closed on from 12pm on Friday 17th December 2021 for staff Christmas lunch.