

## District Council Report for July 2022

**Thursday 30 June 2022**

### **Greater Cambridge's second electric bin lorry arrives as zero carbon fleet drive continues**

The second fully electric bin lorry to collect waste from residents in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire has arrived, as local councils continue their fleet decarbonisation drive.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils, has just taken delivery of a fully electric Faun Zoeller E-Rotopress.

Through their shared waste service, the councils are working to replace their bin lorries with electric or alternative fuel vehicles as existing diesel trucks come to the end of their working lives.

### **Update for those supporting refugees from Ukraine – 30 June 2022**

If this is the first time you are receiving this 'Support for Ukraine community update' from us as a host, please note that we send these out on a regular basis. They are issued whenever new and relevant information becomes available to hosts in South Cambridgeshire as well as to District Councillors, community coordinators and parish council colleagues. The idea is to share the latest updates that we have to support for the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

**All information previously shared can be found on our [Support for Ukraine webpage](#) – where you will also find our '[Ukrainian Guest information hub](#)' which we encourage you to share with your guests.** The online information hub is our equivalent of a 'Welcome pack' for guests (we are sharing information digitally so that we are able to keep our information regularly updated, and guests should be able to switch to view in their own language if they wish).

Please note that in addition to these emails, all hosts will receive information from us relating to DBS checks, accommodation checks, £350 monthly host and £350 one-off guest payments; hosts should already have received information from us about this through our welcome email.

For any questions not covered in this e-newsletter or on our Support for Ukraine webpages, please email [duty.communities@scams.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scams.gov.uk)

### **Save the date: Informal in-person get together for hosts on Tuesday 12 July from 6pm to 8pm in Cambourne**

Following on from our informal event for Ukrainian Guests on Tuesday 28 June, we will also be hosting a session for Ukrainian hosts from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 12 July at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA. This is a free drop-in event for Ukrainian hosts to network, have a bite to eat and find out more on the support (for both hosts and guests) that is available locally. We are just finalising the agenda so will provide more details on this event soon. We

are asking hosts to register on [Eventbrite](#), including indicating the number of people who will be coming as part of your group. This will really help us plan for the event. However, if you do not register in advance but circumstances change so you are able to make it, you can still come along on the day.

## Support groups for younger people

We are keen to find out about any Ukrainian support groups for younger people. If you are aware of, or belong to any youth groups that have set up or are adapting specifically to welcome Ukrainian young people, please let us know by emailing [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk) so that we can spread awareness amongst hosts and guests.

## Host workshops: Systemic support for people displaced by war and oppression

We still have spaces available on the in-person and virtual workshops for hosts that will be run by the [Association for Family Therapy](#) (AFT) in July. AFT will be holding a face-to-face session for South Cambridgeshire hosts in the Council Chamber at South Cambs Hall, Cambourne on Friday 8 July from 7pm to 9pm. They are also holding a virtual session for hosts via Zoom a week later, on Friday 15 July from 6pm to 8pm. Each workshop will cover areas such as boundaries and house rules, negotiating difficulties presented by differences of culture, language, and family life; balancing children's needs and different parenting methods, talking about difficult issues, understanding, and managing distress and trauma and when and how to seek help.

**To register for either event**, please email [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk) with either 'AFT face-to-face event' or 'AFT virtual event' as the subject. Within the email, please include the names of the adults (18+) who will be attending, your address and the names of the Ukrainian guests staying with you. **Spaces are limited so, if you want to attend, please don't delay in registering your attendance.**

## Guests moving on?

**Important:** if your guests are planning to move on into alternative accommodation, or have already done so, please let us know so that we can update our records and adjust any payments being made accordingly. If this is the case for your guests, please email [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk) as soon as possible, and include your name, address and details of the guests who have moved elsewhere.

As we look ahead, as a reminder, if guests need further assistance, we can support them to help them find alternative accommodation. We can:

- Provide advice to help them rent privately
- Support applications for Universal Credit and other benefits
- Work with other organisations to give advice and support for tenancies
- See if any of our private sector self-contained or shared properties are available and a good fit for guests' needs
- Give details of our Tenancy Deposit and Rent In Advance schemes. These schemes can help those guests who are not in work or on low incomes to rent privately

- Consider shared housing and lodging options as an affordable way to find new accommodation
- Give advice on joining the housing register for social housing. Guests need to be made aware that they should not rely only on council housing as a route to getting accommodation due to high demand and a general lack of social housing
- We can refer people to Emmaus and other charities who can help with furniture should guests find themselves suitable unfurnished accommodation at the end of the scheme

More information can also be found on the [homelessness advice pages](#) of our website.

## Support available from OASISS

OASISS is a community initiative in three villages just South of Cambridge (Great Shelford, Little Shelford, and Stapleford). Their aim is to welcome into the community those Ukrainian refugees in the Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' (HfU) scheme. [OASISS has built a website](#) with a wealth of information resources which is available to all. It has also teamed up with [It Takes a City](#) to facilitate the collection of financial donations to help our Ukrainian guests with travel assistance and short-term needs on arrival.

They hope to establish language classes locally, so do keep an eye [on the website](#) for further news. Guests from other villages are most welcome to join in many of the activities (including coffee mornings and other social events) and will be very welcome to make use of the clothes hub. When numbers are restricted, the guests of OASISS hosts will be given priority. If you would like to learn more or feel you may be able to help in any way, please come along to next social gathering or email us on [openarmsgranta@gmail.com](mailto:openarmsgranta@gmail.com)

## Sawston Riding School

The 'Riding for the Disabled Group', based at [Sawston Riding School](#), have asked us to spread awareness about their activities and point out that they now have one rider from Ukraine, and hope that more will be interested in attending. They offer horse-riding to young people with special needs, riding during termtime only. All riders make happy progress at their own pace and (if they wish) can work towards certificates according to their capabilities. Groups are registered charities and are run under the umbrella of Riding for the Disabled Association. There are currently spaces for special needs riders from September. If you would like to find out more, contact Philly Hamilton on 07879 496 386 or [Phillyhamilton@mail.com](mailto:Phillyhamilton@mail.com)

## A snapshot of Homes for Ukraine support locally

[The latest data](#) from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities shows that, as of 21 June, 663 visas have been issued for South Cambridgeshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This remains the highest number for any District Council area, and the seventh highest figure for any area in England.

As of 27 June, in South Cambridgeshire we have:

- 345 groups/families who have applied to the scheme, have been matched with a sponsor and have applied for visas. Some of these groups have not yet arrived
- Within these groups, 824 guests have been matched to sponsors

- 67 parishes in South Cambridgeshire with Ukrainian guests
- 237 groups/families that have now arrived
- 508 guests that have arrived

## Queen's Baton Relay

Don't miss the opportunity to watch the Queen's Baton Relay passing through our district on **Saturday 9 July as it heads towards Birmingham for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.**

Together with our co-hosts the Wellcome Genome Campus in Hinxton, we have expanded the event to a FREE family fun day of sporting and science activities, from 12.30 to 7.30pm, with the baton expected to pass through the campus at around 3pm.

The day will include Fairground rides, a selection of food offerings, crafts, sporting events, science activities and a family fun run.

It is **FREE** to attend, but as numbers are limited then book as soon as possible online in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/science-and-sport-fun-day-tickets-347943697967> selecting the 'Invited guests from SCDC' category. Remember to book your Park & Ride tickets at the same time as parking will also be limited. The free Park & Ride service will operate until the end of the event.

We are also still appealing for volunteers to help on the day – if only just for an hour or so. **Volunteers do not need tickets for the event.** More information, including details about the volunteer roles and some FAQs, is [available on Insite](#). If you'd like to volunteer, please email Linda Prior on [lp11@sanger.ac.uk](mailto:lp11@sanger.ac.uk) ASAP.

## Community forums

I've previously shared dates of upcoming community engagement forums with you. I wanted to remind you about the final summer forum dates. Northstowe and North West and West Cambridge community forums will be held in person. All other forums will be held virtually via Zoom.

- Wednesday 6 July – A428 Development Cluster - Cambourne ([Web link](#) or [Facebook link](#))
- Wednesday 6 July – A428 Development Cluster - Bourn Airfield ([Web link](#) or [Facebook link](#))
- Wednesday 20 July – North West and West Cambridge ([Web link](#) or [Facebook link](#))
- Tuesday 26 July – Northstowe ([Web link](#) or [Facebook link](#))

Please share the links above within your communities. For more information about our community forums, please email our Communities team on [Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk).

## Census 2021 results

[The first results](#) from Census 2021 have this week been published. The Census 2021 first results include five datasets containing population and household estimates for England and for Wales, rounded to the nearest 100, at local authority level.

Figures for the South Cambridgeshire District Council area show that its population has increased in the last 10 years, by 8.9%, from around 148,800 to 162,000. This now includes 82,400 females and 79,500 males. The Census has also revealed that the official population of Cambridge has increased from around 123,900 to 145,700 (an increase of 17.6%) since the previous UK Census in 2011. The East of England has seen the largest growth in population of any region in England, rising to 6.3 million people. This is an 8.3% increase from 2011. The full dataset is attached as an Excel file if you would like to look at the stats in more detail.

## Fair Tax Foundation

Our Procurement Officer Sean Missin recently attended a presentation from the [Fair Tax Foundation](#). I know that many of you have been contacted by this group and have subsequently enquired whether the Council will be signing-up to this scheme.

In case you are not aware, The Fair Tax Foundation asked the advocacy group Tax Justice UK to start a campaign with their contacts across the UK. This entailed suggesting that their contacts email their local Council, requesting that the Council sign up to the Fair Tax Foundation. The Fair Tax Foundation [charge a fee](#) for businesses who wish to be accredited, but they do not charge the Council to be a member. A company that works with The Fair Tax Foundation, Kompl Global, provides services to assist Councils with company compliance checks. The costs of this service is approximately £6,000 a year. As a result, there is a conflict of interest here. Clearly The Fair Tax Foundation would benefit from adoption of the scheme by businesses, and Kompl Global by Councils. Businesses are likely to feel pressure to undertake accreditation if Councils adopt this scheme and the approach used to enlist our Council could be directed at businesses.

Following this presentation, and subsequent discussions with the procurement officers from Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council, we recommend not adopting this scheme due to that conflict of interest. We will however be working to strengthen our existing procurement documentation as necessary.

Please [email Sean Missin](#) if you have any questions.

## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment survey

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) want to know your thoughts about pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and if the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) covers what is important to you regarding the pharmacy services communities need and use. They want to know how easy it is for you and your communities to get and use medicines or medical equipment safely and how easy is it to access the services you need or want from pharmacies. Please spare 10 minutes for give your views on whether your pharmacy needs are being met to help assess and develop pharmacy services in the future. Link to survey: <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/jsna/pna/>

## Updates from DLUHC

[LGA annual conference 2022: Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' speech](#)

Yesterday (28 June), the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, gave a speech at the Local Government Association's (LGA's) annual conference 2022 in Harrogate. Councils can find the the full text of the speech below.

Speech:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/local-government-association-annual-conference-2022-secretary-of-states-speech>

## Housing Minister's speech at the CIH

Yesterday (28 June), the Housing Minister, the Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP, gave a speech at the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) 2022 conference where he gave an update on housing supply, planning system, infrastructure, standards in the private rented and social sector and building safety.

Speech:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/cih-housing-2022-conference-housing-ministers-speech>

## Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments

The government announced that trespassers who set up camp illegally on other people's land or in local communities could face up to three months in prison from yesterday (28 June), as a new criminal offence becomes law. Police in England and Wales will be given new powers to limit the harms caused by such unauthorised encampments and new statutory guidance will be published. Police will now be able to ban trespassers from returning to a patch of land for a year, rather than just three months. They will also be able to intervene where unauthorised encampments are causing environmental damage or distress to the community – not just the landowner.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-police-powers-to-crack-down-on-unauthorised-encampments-come-into-force>

Homes for Ukraine: Guidance for councils and sponsors, and frequently asked questions updated

On 27 June, DLUHC updated the guidance for councils to include more detail on council checks and what to do when checks raise a concern. The guidance for sponsors has been updated to include more information on local council checks and suitability requirements to be approved as a sponsor. DLUHC also updated the frequently asked questions document to include further information on sponsorship in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The update also confirms that further guidance on how the scheme will allow access for children who are not travelling with or to join a parent, will be published shortly.

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-sponsor-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk>  
Help with summer holiday childcare costs

The HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding parents and families not to miss out on financial support that can help pay for childcare during the summer holidays. Through Tax-Free Childcare, families can receive up to £2,000 a year per child – or £4,000 if their child is disabled – to put towards

the cost of childcare. And it is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. The money can help towards the cost of holiday clubs, before and after-school clubs, childminders and nurseries, and other approved childcare schemes. The government will pay 20% of childcare costs by topping up the money paid into a Tax-Free Childcare account. This means for every £8 paid into the online account, families will automatically receive an additional £2 in government top-up. Research published earlier this year by HMRC estimated that about 1.3 million families could be eligible for the financial support. Councils are encouraged to share this information in their local area.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/get-help-with-summer-holiday-childcare-costs>

The R value and growth rate

On 24 June, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published the latest reproduction number (R) and growth rate of COVID-19. The current R rate in England is between 1.1 and 1.4 meaning that, on average, every 10 people infected will infect between 11 and 14 other people. The growth rate is currently between +2% and +5% meaning that the number of new infections is growing by between 2% and 5% every day. These estimates represent the transmission of COVID-19 two to three weeks ago due to the time delay between someone being infected, developing symptoms, and needing healthcare. There is increased uncertainty in both national and regional estimates at present, due to changes in testing policy, which make trends in data streams less clear.

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-value-and-growth-rate>

ONS COVID-19 Infection Survey:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/bulletins/coronaviruscovid19infectionsurveysurvey/latest>

Handling harassment, abuse and intimidation guide for councillors

The Local Government Association has launched an updated guide, funded by the government, for councillors on handling abuse and intimidation. The guide features extended guidance on the general principles of handling these issues and then more specific and practical guidance on online abuse, physical abuse and personal safety, and psychological abuse and well-being. The guide now includes examples, advice and legal information that covers all UK jurisdictions and was developed with member input from across all four nations.

Guide:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-handling-harassment-abuse-and-intimidation>

Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week: 18 July – 22 July

This year's Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week is taking place in the week commencing 18 July. A week of action is organised by Resolve, and supported by the Home Office, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, the National Police Chiefs Council, the Local Government Association and wider partners. Resolve has organised a media pack, which includes details of how to take part and social media resources that can be used throughout the week. There are also additional resources,

such as research about the Community Trigger and polling about anti-social behaviour, which councils can access for free.

Resources:

<https://www.resolveuk.org.uk/asb-awareness-week/resources-and-media-pack>

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/anti-social-behaviour-asb-case-review-also-known-as-the-community-trigger>

## **Nominations for the Birthday 2023 honours round**

Following the recent announcement of the Birthday 2022 list, DLUHC is inviting councils to submit nominations for the Birthday 2023 honours list which will be published in June 2023. This is an opportunity for those in local government to celebrate colleagues and stakeholders who go above and beyond their roles. Nominations can be made using the online form below. You will also need to submit two letters of support to [Honours@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:Honours@levellingup.gov.uk). The Honours team in DLUHC is available to help guide you through the process. An information pack is available at the link below. DLUHC is also offering training opportunities to help you understand the honours system. Details on these workshops and how to register can be found on the registration page. In addition to the regular workshops the Honours team will be hosting regular drop-in sessions where you can ask a member of the team any questions. The drop-in sessions will be available every month, starting in June. Details on the drop-in sessions and how to register can be found on the registration page. Councils are encouraged to share this information and support colleagues who may be considering making a nomination. Members of the public can also nominate someone for an honour or award at GOV.UK. Please contact [Honours@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:Honours@levellingup.gov.uk) for help, advice or if you encounter any technical difficulties when using the online form.

Form:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGg0v32c3kOociSi7zmVqJI\\_dI42TARGI7cq0tuz1IhUNEdHUTJXS0MxNkFRWjNENUxMNzk3SFFS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGg0v32c3kOociSi7zmVqJI_dI42TARGI7cq0tuz1IhUNEdHUTJXS0MxNkFRWjNENUxMNzk3SFFS4u)

Information

pack: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16BrJrzZ\\_Lg2JUU5IEnWKzKmNFZGo39eY?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16BrJrzZ_Lg2JUU5IEnWKzKmNFZGo39eY?usp=sharing)

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/honours-workshop-tickets-349443383567>

Drop in sessions:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dluhc-honours-drop-in-session-tickets-349476382267>

Please find attached the agenda for the two community forums for Cambourne and Bourn Airfield being held on the 6th July 2022. The timings for these forums can be found on the attached agenda.

Please find below the Zoom link for these forums. This link is for both the Cambourne and Bourn forums.

[https://scambs-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/83556262606?pwd=2p-JqeNncQx4qCzs-R3G\\_8D\\_NLACGt.1](https://scambs-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/83556262606?pwd=2p-JqeNncQx4qCzs-R3G_8D_NLACGt.1)

## **Grants helping South Cambs projects to improve health and wellbeing for young people**

Several innovative South Cambridgeshire youth projects which received council funding are encouraging young people into outdoor activities as a way of improving their mental and physical wellbeing and health.

A sensory garden at Cambourne Village College and an outdoor natural play space and woodland trail for the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI) Copse 2 project both received funds in 2020 from the Children's Area Partnership Grants, a combined initiative by South Cambridgeshire District, Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Councils, designed to improve mental and physical health and access to education for young people.

Cambourne Village College received a grant of £9,100 for its Sensory Garden project which aims to promote healthy outdoor activities in a socially diverse and inclusive setting, directly engaging young people in common interests such as developing an art mural on the seating area and sculptures for the garden, experimented with perfumery and paint dyes using the plants grown, and cooking classes.

Another project which is helping young people, and is funded separately by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, is giving opportunities for them to learn a range of vital life skills under training with the Fire Service.

The Firebreak alternative learning programme aims to promote a culture of safety, teamwork and citizenship on a course combining practical skills and scenario-based training with workshops in the classroom.

For more information on Firebreak, see <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/our-work-with-young-people/firebreak/>

## **District Council Committees and training:**

I will be working in Environment and Climate change and Scrutiny in this term, and I also have attended a few trainings and policy making for the same.

## **Queen's Jubilee**

It was a real pleasure for me to organise several events in Cambourne and Cambridge for Queen's 70th platinum Jubilee celebration throughout the month in June. The joyful outcome of the Colour Up Cambourne made me feel to plan for an annual summer celebration every year in the Town.

## **The review of the new bus stops in Upper Cambourne:**

The operational and business directors of the Stagecoach will visit Cambourne in July to explore the options for a new bus-stop in Upper Cambourne as a follow-up which I had started before pandemic.

## **Science Festival in Cambourne with the STARSHIP Robot:**

Cambourne's 7<sup>th</sup> Science Festival created a fantastic platform for all young scientists of Cambourne and surrounding villages to showcase their experiments, prototypes, their thoughts about various aspects of science and share the knowledge with their peers, but also inspire others towards STEM. STARSHIP robot was also a highlight of Cambourne Science Festival where the engineer of STARSHIP demonstrated how STARSHIP robots deliver the food around Cambourne.

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