

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL





District of South Cambridgeshire

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## Correspondence

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Community Flood Action Programme	Flood Groups Conference 2023 - Thursday 21st September, 11am Burgess Hall, St Ives
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Anthony Browne MP	Anthony's Update- Updated

**11.1 July 2023 South Cambridgeshire District Council parish e-bulletin**

**From:** Communications <[Communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Communications@scambs.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 5:45 PM  
**To:** Communications <[Communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Communications@scambs.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** July 2023 South Cambridgeshire District Council parish e-bulletin

Dear parish councils,

Please find attached South Cambridgeshire District Council's regular parish e-bulletin. The July 2023 edition includes information / updates on:

- **Updates from our Communications and Communities team:** Updated contact list for parish clerks, volunteering opportunities to support Asylum Seekers at Bar Hill Hotel, Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund, Mobile Food Hub, Exercise4Fun programme starting in early August, scams and cybercrime support, reporting to police – summer increases in ASB and fire setting, policing in South Cambs – have your say, allotments In South Cambridgeshire, Community Automated External Defibrillators fund and national defibrillator network database, South Cambs Magazine
- **Updates from our Business Support and Development team:** Traders directory, webinars, Growth Works grants
- **Update from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste:** Pledge to Fight Food Waste with a chance to win
- **Updates from our Housing team:** Cambs HIA Annual Report, Shire Home Lettings
- **Updates from the Climate and Environment team:** Cottenham nature projects case study, Electric Vehicle Charge Point grant

We hope that it is helpful.

Best wishes,

Lauryn

## Introduction to the July 2023 parish e-bulletin

Welcome to South Cambridgeshire District Council's July 2023 parish e-bulletin. Our e-bulletin contains important notices we would like to draw your attention to, from across the Council. We always appreciate feedback so if you would like to let us know what you think of this e-bulletin, or have suggestions for future topics, please just email [communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scambs.gov.uk)

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## **Updates from the Communications and Communities Team**

### **Updated contact list for parish clerks**

We know that parish clerks find it useful to be able to strike-up relationships with named contacts across the Council. The previous list of named contacts, provided to you in March, is now out of date because there have been a small number of personnel changes since then. Please find an updated contact list for parish clerks and accompanying PDF maps attached to our parish e-bulletin email. The attachments that relate to this are called 'Attachment 1 - Contact list for parish clerks – July 2023' and 'Attachment 2 - Maps - Contacts for parish clerks'.

### **Volunteering opportunities to support Asylum Seekers at Bar Hill Hotel**

We are looking for volunteers to help us support families living at the hotel in Bar Hill. We have been working with volunteers in Bar Hill primarily, but we are now asking nearby communities to consider supporting too.

We will be providing a pool of 20 bikes along with locks, helmets and optional child seat if needed for guests at the hotel to use. We are looking for 2 volunteers per session that can come to the hotel, one hour in the morning to check out the bikes and one hour in the afternoon to check the bikes back in (volunteers can support one session or more). The volunteers would also be required to do a visual check of the bikes to make sure they are fine to use but no knowledge of bikes is required.

We are also looking for volunteers who can spare two to three hours to come to the hotel and help organise the clothes donations as well as run some shop days where hotel guests can get items they require. Timings and dates are flexible depending on the volunteer availability.

Both schemes are ready to begin once volunteers are available. Please can anyone interested in volunteering email [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk), providing their availability and phone number.

### **Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund**

Cambridgeshire County Council have announced the [Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund \(CPCF\)](#) is £1,000,000 ear-marked to support local communities. The fund will upgrade and improve community buildings and assets. This will help better meet the needs of the families, households, and communities who use them.

### **Mobile Food Hub**

A new Mobile Food Hub, funded by the District Council and run by not-for-profit organisation, Hope CIC, has been launched to further support communities during the cost of living crisis. Fresh produce and essential items – some of which will be free and others at below retail price – will be brought directly to villages around South Cambridgeshire to help people with rising food prices. It is the first service of its kind in the region and the villages have been selected based on Census deprivation data, mapped against where current foodbanks and food hubs operate from.

The Mobile Food Hub has already begun to visit Orchard Park, Linton, Fulbourn, Papworth, and Duxford weekly, and a further stop in Willingham will be announced in due course. Details of each stop can be found on the [Hope CIC website](#).

### **Exercise4Fun programme starting in early August**

Exercise4Fun is a 12-week free active lifestyle programme taking place at Sawston, Melbourn and Linton leisure centres. We will have 3 formats. The adult programme

will be for participants with a BMI 25+ (BAME 23.5+) and inactive. Then the adult disability and family programme will be for participants who are concerned about their weight. Each programme will include a range of group activities, chosen by the group in consultation with the qualified instructor, as well as a 90-day free pass for use of the leisure centre to run alongside the programme. We are hoping and confident the participants feel healthier following a more active lifestyle.

For further details please contact [ben.truett@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:ben.truett@scambs.gov.uk)

### **Scams and cybercrime support**

Scams and cybercrime are on the increase and can impact even the more savvy technology user. It would be useful to share this guidance with your communities. Familiarising yourself with some of the ways that criminals can draw you in can help you be alert to scams. If you are:

- Contacted out of the blue
- Asked to share personal details (even if the request claims to come from an official body)
- Offered something that sounds too good to be true
- Rushed
- Aware of poor spelling or grammar in official-looking communication
- For any other reason, suspicious

It is ok to ask more questions or take your time to make sure that you know who you are talking to, for example, finding out the organisation's phone number from the internet and telephoning that number for confirmation.

[Action Fraud](#) is the UK's central point of contact for reporting fraud, phone scams and online scams. It is also a useful source of information about fraud and financially motivated online crime. [Which](#) and [Friends Against Scams](#) also offer guidance and support. [Gamlingay Community Safety Group](#) are an inspiring example of how communities can work together to keep each other safe.

For more information, please email [communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk)

## **Reporting to police – summer increases in ASB and fire setting**

As school holidays get under way, there can be increases in groups of young people out and about. The majority of these will simply be wanting to make the most of time with peers, but there may also be an increase in behaviours that can cause nuisance, annoyance, harm, or distress to communities (Anti-Social Behaviour).

The [Fire Service](#) have information you can share in your communities to increase awareness of the dangers of experimenting with fires, especially if we see dryer weather. Please continue to encourage your communities to [report incidents to Police](#). Information leads to resources being used more efficiently which gives a better chance of resolving issues.

## **Policing in South Cambs – have your say**

Please share this message with your residents. Attendance from parish councils has been positive, thank you, but we would like to also hear from the general public.

The next police engagement event is Tuesday 8 August from 7 to 8pm, and you can obtain your [free ticket \(and meeting link\)](#).

Each quarter you can complete an online [Community Policing Survey](#) so police can build up a picture of what is happening in your area and what is concerning you most. The engagement event will involve a report from the officers policing your area about recent activity and the results of the survey. Police promise to listen to your concerns and allow you to shape future activity. More details of both the engagement event, and survey, can be found on the [Cambridgeshire Constabulary website](#). We would appreciate your help advertising.

## **Allotments In South Cambridgeshire**

The Communities team is undertaking a mapping exercise to see which parishes currently have an allotment. We have compiled a very short [survey](#) to help us understand a little bit more about locations across the district and would be very grateful if you could respond - even if your village has no allotment. The information

from this survey will also help us to develop a toolkit to provide guidance to those wanting to improve existing allotments. If your parish already has an allotment that you are not directly involved with, please could you forward the above link to the person best placed to complete the survey.

### **Community Automated External Defibrillators fund and national defibrillator network database**

Organisations in England are being invited to bid for a share of £1 million of government funding to buy defibrillators for community spaces. For example, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is inviting interested organisations to register expressions of interest for its [Community Automated External Defibrillators \(AED\) Fund](#), aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places. An estimated 1,000 new defibrillators are to be provided by the fund. As part of the grant award, applicants will be asked to demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas, or due to the nature of activity at the site.

If you already have a defibrillator, we encourage you (if not already done), to register it on [The Circuit](#) which is the national defibrillator network database. This provides information on where defibrillators are located and enables emergency services, including first responders, to locate the nearest AEDs when they are treating someone out of hospital for sudden cardiac arrest.

### **South Cambs Magazine**

The autumn 2023 edition of South Cambs Magazine will be delivered to all households in the district between Monday 21 August and Saturday 2 September. If any residents have not received a copy by Saturday 2 September, they can email Smart Distribution on [scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk](mailto:scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk) or call them on 0800 6444 011 to report this. You can find out delivery dates for each edition, as well as read the current edition, [on the Council's website](#).



## Updates from the Business Support and Development team

### Traders directory

Local independent traders looking for South Cambs markets to trade at are encouraged to sign up to our [Stallholders directory](#). Listings are free and allows market organisers to see who to approach if they're looking for a particular type of stall.

### Webinars

Our Business Support and Development team is hosting two webinars for local businesses. On 27 September, our Procurement Officer will be explaining the process of tendering for local government contracts. Register for free for our '[How to do business with the Council](#)' webinar.

### Growth Works grants

Growth Works Local Growth Fund grants are still available for businesses in our area. They will only be available until the grant pot has been used up, so act now to ensure you do not miss out!

These grants are available to businesses in the retail, leisure and tourism and hospitality sectors, which were previously ineligible for ERDF grants, so this is a great opportunity for you to get financial help to grow if your business operates in these areas.

Providing up to 50% match funding up to a total of £20k, these revenue grants cover all types of revenue expenditure. Up to 30% of the total Revenue Grant can also be used to purchase capital equipment.

Existing Growth Works clients simply need to [get in touch with their business advisor](#), who will help them through the application process. For new clients, the first step is to complete [a short online business diagnostic to join the programme](#), then an advisor will be in touch to discuss next steps.

## **Update from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste: pledge to Fight Food Waste with a chance to win**

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is asking residents to [pledge to reduce their food waste for 4 weeks](#). In return they will receive weekly emails with easy tips to embed new habits that will help them save food and save money. They will also be entered into a prize draw to win £60 of food-shopping vouchers. £60 is the amount an average household wastes in a month on food which goes to waste. We will be continuing this campaign through to the end of December, with a new focus and tailored tips each month, and a new prize draw – so people who enter this month can sign up again to continue their progress and get more chances to win.

You can find posts to share on our [Facebook page](#).

## **Updates from Housing**

### **Cambs HIA Annual Report**

Our shared service, Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency, has just published its annual report and you can [read a copy on their website](#). As a reminder, Cambs HIA is a not-for-profit organisation funded and supported by local and central government. It provides advice, support and assistance to older people, people with disabilities and vulnerable people who own and live in their own property, or those in privately rented or housing association accommodation. The service can help people repair, improve, maintain or adapt their homes to meet their changing needs. The purpose of the service is to help people to remain independent, warm, safe and secure in their own homes. As you can read in the annual report, this year the agency completed £3.25m worth of adaptations, the highest since 2019-20, returning to a pre-pandemic volume of work.

### **Shire Home Lettings**

Shire Homes Lettings is looking for more Landlords to join our Guaranteed Rent Scheme. Shire Homes is an ethical, non-profit, full property management service, solely owned and funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council. We manage

properties across South Cambridgeshire and within the city for Landlords who want a comprehensive and hassle-free service. Our Landlords benefit from guaranteed rent even during voids, and the cost of minor repairs and gas safety certificates are covered by Shire Homes as part of our Private Sector Leasing Scheme. For more information please call us on 01954 713 046, visit [our website](#) or email our Marketing and Leasing Officer [carmela.desimone@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:carmela.desimone@scambs.gov.uk)

## **Updates from the Climate and Environment team**

### **Cottenham nature projects case study**

Many communities in South Cambridgeshire are working hard to help halt the decline in biodiversity and make more space for nature. As part of our Doubling Nature Strategy, we are developing case studies of parish and community nature projects, to showcase the great work already being done for nature, and to inspire people to take action in their areas. This [Cottenham Community Nature Sites](#) case study highlights some of the fantastic projects carried out in Cottenham by partner groups within the community.

If you would like to suggest your own local nature project for a case study, then please contact [luke.waddington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:luke.waddington@scambs.gov.uk)

### **Electric Vehicle Charge Point grant**

If your parish or village hall is interested in setting up an Electric Vehicle (EV) charger for residents and visitors, then South Cambridgeshire District Council's new Electric Vehicle Charge Point grant may be of interest.

Up to £5,000 per project is available for publicly accessible EV charger projects at community buildings, towards capital costs for purchase and installation of EV chargers. Applications will be appraised for their deliverability and positive impact with funding allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. There is approximately £20,000 available to be awarded before the end of March 2023. The fund is likely to continue after March 2023 with further details coming soon.

To be eligible for funding, EV chargers must be publicly accessible, and projects should demonstrate that there is likely demand for an EV charger at the chosen location.

More information, guidance, and the application form can be found on the [grant's webpage](#). If you have any questions, please email [evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk)

## 11.2 NALC

### 80th anniversary of D-Day

We're honoured to support the [80th anniversary to commemorate D-Day](#) on 6 June 2024. It marks when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation. Local councils have always performed a lead role in commemorative and celebration events, such as the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, which is why we support this initiative. I urge all councils to support this event. We are working with Pageantmaster Bruno Peek, who leads these historical celebrations and will provide more information in the coming months.

### 11.3 Bin Collection Changes

**From:** Communications <[Communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Communications@scambs.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 10:50 AM  
**To:** Communications <[Communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Communications@scambs.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Request to share: bin collection changes

Hi all,

Thank you for continuing to share important information within your local networks.

Bin collections are going to change for approximately 80% of households in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire from the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023. This could be a change to the bin day or to which bins are collected on a particular week. Bins may also be emptied earlier or later than they are now, so all bins need to be out by 6am on your collection day. The frequency of collections will not change. If your bin collections are due to change, you will receive a letter in the post. You can find out more and check when your collections will be at [www.scambs.gov.uk/binchanges](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/binchanges).

Instead of asking you to post your own socials on your channels like we normally would, this time we are requesting for you to please reshare our posts into your local networks. This is just to ensure the correct information is always being shared. We will be posting regularly from both the South Cambridgeshire District Council and Greater Cambridge Recycles accounts.

#### **South Cambs District Council**

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

#### **Greater Cambridge Recycles**

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

For those of you who also have access to other platforms apart from social media, please see the small blurb below which you can use.

#### **Bin collection changes**

Many residents will have changes to their bin collections from week starting 18 September 2023. This could be a change to the bin day or to which bins are collected on a particular week. Bins may also be emptied earlier or later than they are now, so all bins need to be out by 6am on your collection day. The frequency of collections will not change. If your bin collections are due to change, you will receive a letter in the post. You can find out more and check when your collections will be at [www.scambs.gov.uk/binchanges](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/binchanges).

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

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#### 11.4 Rail Ticket Office Closures

**From:** CPRE Cambs. & East Office <[office@cprecambbs.org.uk](mailto:office@cprecambbs.org.uk)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 11:44 AM

**To:** CPRE Cambs. & East Office <[office@cprecambbs.org.uk](mailto:office@cprecambbs.org.uk)>

**Subject:** FW: Hunts Post - Rail Ticket Office Closures

To: All CPRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Members

Hello

Please find attached a copy of the link to the national petition opposing rail ticket office closures.  
<https://www.huntspost.co.uk/news/23746834.cambridgeshire-rail-ticket-office-closures-deadline-nears/>

Closing ticket offices seems like a bad idea, particularly for the elderly and infirm and those needing travel advice such as when there is timetable disruption and/or complex connections to make.

Kind regards  
Jo McGowan  
Administrator

# Cambridgeshire matters

## Welcome to Cambridgeshire Matters August 2023

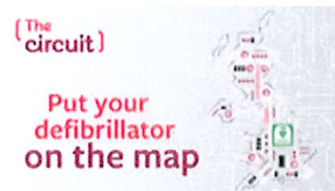
Cambridgeshire Matters is our monthly newsletter which aims to share good news, highlights and updates from across Cambridgeshire to help our network of district, city and community members stay informed.

Find out about the great work that is taking place to support everyone in the county. Share this newsletter with your communities and feel welcome to use any of the features in your own newsletter or on social media.

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## Is your defibrillator registered on The Circuit?

Parish and Town Councils, local community organisations, and businesses are kindly reminded to please log any publicly accessible external defibrillators, or 'AEDs', on The Circuit - the national database which provides ambulance crews and first responders with information on where the AED is located so they can use it to give life-saving treatment in emergencies.



Registering defibrillators on The Circuit can make a life-or-death difference to the speed at which treatment for cardiac arrest can be given. However, many AEDs are not registered, meaning ambulance services cannot find them when they are needed most.

That's why it's extremely important that as many organisations and venues as possible register their defibrillator.

The registration process is quick and simple to follow - please visit [The Circuit website](#) to register your AED.

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## Cambridgeshire Libraries receive the Libraries of Sanctuary award

[Libraries throughout Cambridgeshire have received Libraries of Sanctuary status.](#)

This national award celebrates libraries that work hard to demonstrate hospitality, solidarity and welcome to new arrivals in the area.



The award follows Cambridgeshire Libraries' May 2022 pledge to work towards the City of Sanctuary charter locally, which saw library colleagues, volunteers and users learn what it means to be seeking sanctuary and be actively involved in awareness raising about the issues of refugees and displaced people.

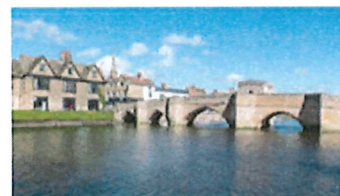
Having obtained this award, Cambridgeshire Libraries join a national network of librarians, library colleagues, community groups and volunteers who are raising awareness of the issues facing people in the asylum system, offering support and participation opportunities, and contributing to a culture of welcome in our wider community.

Anyone living, working, visiting, or studying in Cambridgeshire or neighbouring counties can [join the library](#). Membership is free and no documents are needed. Details of how library services can support new arrivals can be found on our [Libraries of Sanctuary page](#).

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## Communities invited to take action on flooding at the Cambridgeshire Flood Action Conference

Community groups and members of the public affected by or interested in flooding are invited to join stakeholders and local councils at this year's [Flood Action Conference](#).



The 2023 conference will be a chance to talk to and hear from other organisations and community groups who have taken action to address local flooding issues.

The conference is open to all, and joining the event will be special guest speaker Mary Long-Dhonau OBE, a prominent property flood resilience champion who regularly appears on national and regional TV and radio, who will be sharing her advice and first-hand experience of flooding.

Other attendees will include the Environment Agency, local drainage boards, Anglia Water, Parish Councils, flood defence campaigners and the Local Resilience Forum - as well as the County Council's 'Floodmobile'.

[Registration is now open for the event](#), which will be hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council and take place on 21 September at Burgess Hall, St Ives.

Tickets are awarded on a first come, first served basis - [sign up via Eventbrite to avoid disappointment](#).

Doors will open at 10:15am for an 11am start, with the event running through to 5pm. Lunch will be provided.

[Download the Flood Action Conference poster](#) to display in your community areas.

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## Explore adult learning courses with Cambridgeshire Skills

[Cambridgeshire Skills](#) is Cambridgeshire County Council's learning service that offers a wide range of courses and learning opportunities for adults.



Their mission is to provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality learning experiences that empower individuals to improve their skills, boost their confidence, and enhance their employability. Whether you're looking to gain a qualification, acquire new skills, or explore a personal interest, Cambridgeshire Skills is here to support your lifelong learning journey.

[Search and book available courses online.](#)

Cambridgeshire Skills operates across the county in a variety of locations to ensure courses are easily accessible to all. Learning venues include libraries, Child and Family Centres, community venues, and online.

Many of the courses are fully funded, meaning there is no cost to pay. If you are an adult aged 19 and over and resident of Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who has lived in the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) for at least three years, are unemployed or low waged, earning less than £22,500, and in receipt of certain benefits then their full suite of learning is available to you.

Other circumstances may also be considered for a fully funded place – call the friendly admissions team for more details on 01353 613013 or contact via at [cambsales@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambsales@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

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## A community mowing initiative benefitting local biodiversity

Phil Mitzman and other members of his community, who are residents in Ely, have developed a great initiative to maintain the open green space in their area.



An open space grass maintenance funding issue arose in 2015 which led Phil to attend and speak at the local parish council meeting. In agreement with East Cambs District Council, Phil kindly agreed to organise a local grass cutting initiative to help with its maintenance. Group members take it in turns to help mow the green which takes little time but helps create great community spirit. The group work closely with the council to time the extra cuts with the council's mowing schedule.

Around five years ago, after discussion with the community 'no mow areas' were raised with the council. This was agreed and is now upheld every year with support from the Council. Four patches of grass around trees are left unmown. These patches develop

from March to September, when most beneficial for plants and wildlife and are then cut during the winter.

Leaving areas of long grass have numerous environmental benefits and long grass acts as a great habitat for species of birds and mammals, such as hedgehogs. On the lawn, this has meant an increase in the number of wildflowers. The lawn often sees muntjac deer and foxes as well as insects and diverse wildflowers.

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## Download the '50 things to do before you're five' app for fun and enriching experiences

Parents and carers across Cambridgeshire can download the '[50 things to do before you're five](#)' app, which includes free or low-cost activities for you and your child to experience together.



Each of the '[50 things](#)' on the app have been carefully developed by education experts, early years practitioners and parents to provide a diverse and educationally enriching range of activities for children aged 0-5 years old.

All the suggestions on the app are free or low-cost experiences that include indoor, outdoors, seasonal, home-based, and out-and-about activities - that are not only fun but help with learning and language development.

Also on the app is the option to create a memory bank of those special moments - to revisit, reflect on, and look back on later in life.

Download the app on the [iOS app store](#) or via [Google Play](#).

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## Cut costs and cut carbon with the Low Carbon Business Support Programme

Cambridgeshire County Council, in partnership with Deyton Bell & PECT (Peterborough Environment City Trust) are currently delivering a Low Carbon Business Support programme.



The programme aims to assist small and medium sized businesses to reduce energy use and costs and prepare for a low carbon future.

The final sessions for the programme are taking place on the 18 and 19 of September at New Shire Hall.

More information about the programme and how to sign up can be found on the [programme's website](#).

[Download the poster for the programme](#) to display in your community areas.

## National End Digital Poverty Day 2023

12 September marks the inaugural [End Digital Poverty Day](#) created by the [Digital Poverty Alliance](#).



Digital poverty is a growing issue with an estimated 1 million households getting rid of their broadband packages due to the rising costs of living. This is in turn increasing levels of digital exclusion which can create or increase existing inequalities and issues, reducing the capability of individuals to work, learn, socialise, and more in the online world.

End Digital Poverty Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness for this issue, promote and undertake practical actions to combat digital poverty, and lobby for better support from industry and government to create suitable, sustainable support to create digital equity.

To see information and sign up to events taking place across the UK and online visit the [Digital Poverty Alliance Website](#).

If you would like to find out more about Digital Inclusion in Cambridgeshire or have any ideas for digital inclusion work that needs to be undertaken to help our businesses and communities, please contact the [Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme](#) with 'Digital Inclusion' as the subject line.

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## Updates from Communities Service

### National Citizen Service

Following a competitive application process, Cambridgeshire County Council is the only local authority to have been awarded both the 'Open to All' and 'Targeted' funds for the National Citizen Service (NCS).



This combined funding is worth in excess of £600k over the next two years, and will form a key part in our Youth Offer, delivering quality experiences for some of our most vulnerable young people across the county. The first experiences began this month for Year 11 and 12 students aged 18 and under, or up to the age of 25 for those with an Education and Health Care Plan. We are delighted to be working in partnership with many local youth providers who will be delivering the experiences at the heart of their communities.

For more information contact [Kim.Jeffries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kim.Jeffries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit the [National Citizen Service website](#).

### Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

Last call for applications to the [Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund](#) (CPCF) – which invites groups and organisations from across Cambridgeshire to apply for funding for projects that will make positive changes in local communities.

e CCPF is designed to support local communities - by helping to upgrade and improve community buildings and assets to better meet the needs of the families, households and communities who use them.

All applications must support the council to achieve its vision, and proposals should support the deliver of at least three ambitions in our [Strategic Framework 2023-2028](#).

[Find out which groups and organisations are eligible to apply](#) on the County Council website. Details on how to apply are also available on the webpage.

All expressions of interest must be completed by 24 September 2023.

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## Updates from Care Together

### Community Micro-Enterprises

Community Micro-Enterprises are small businesses that offer a wide range of care and support services, such as personal care (for example helping someone to get washed and dressed), cooking, cleaning, shopping, trips out or physical exercise activities.

Following the East Cambridgeshire pilot, Care Together now have 20 new Care Micro-Enterprises (CMEs) active in the district, with a further three individuals being supported to set up their own CME to enable older adults to live happily at home for longer.



In Huntingdonshire, there are already seven new CMEs in the pipeline, close to adding over 100 hours of capacity per week to support older adults. They are receiving free support, advice, and training to set up their own community micro-enterprise.

The team have also recently started supporting a small number of people in Fenland to become community micro-entrepreneurs delivering care in their local communities, as part of the countywide expansion of the Care Together programme. If you know someone who may wish to be supported to do the same thing for their neighbours, at a time that suits everyone involved, please ask them to contact the email address below.

Several people in Cambridge and surrounding villages have approached our Community Micro-Enterprise Development Officers to ask how they too can build their own care business from scratch, access training and development in skills for care, tax, insurance, safeguarding, marketing and much, much more.

For more information, contact our team of Community Micro-Enterprise Development Officers at [cmdevelopment@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cmdevelopment@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)