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# Hello

## Welcome to the winter edition of South Cambs Magazine

Thanks to the hard work of our planning team, we adopted our Local Plan at the end of September. It was a long road to get to this point, but we must now look forward and work with communities, especially those living near where new homes will be built. This Local Plan gives residents more certainty over where those new homes and jobs will be delivered in the coming years. Read all about this milestone from page seven.

I know increasing the amount of housing that's affordable to live in remains one of the key issues for residents, and it is also a top priority for us. I'm pleased to say that we've made real progress in delivering more affordable homes in the last couple of months. You can read about our Council house building programme on page 42.

Another huge positive from the last few months is how we, along with our partners, were able to prevent a popular village bus service from being cut. Public transport in rural areas like ours is vital, so this was an excellent result. Flick to page 40 for more.

Finally, with Christmas around the corner, I'd urge you to think about trying to make it a 'zero waste' festive season. On page 27, our waste and recycling team have come up with some excellent tips to cut down on the amount of rubbish generated in the coming weeks.

Have a brilliant Christmas and a great New Year.

### Cllr Bridget Smith

Leader

South Cambridgeshire District Council



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# Final approval given on jobs and homes plan

A plan to deliver 22,000 jobs and 19,500 new homes by 2031 has been given final approval.

Councillors voted to adopt the Local Plan at the end of September after independent Government inspectors completed their examination and found it sound.

Adoption of the Local Plan means the document is now being used as a cornerstone for all planning decisions made for the area. It covers a wide range of planning policies from where homes should go, what type of housing is needed and room sizing, to policies to address climate change, help key employment areas grow and protection for the countryside.

**The main housing sites in the agreed plan are below. Only a proportion of the homes at the larger sites would be built by 2031:**

- A new town north of Waterbeach
- A new village at Bourn Airfield
- An expansion to Cambourne to the west
- Homes on land north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham
- Around 900 homes on identified sites in the better served villages
- Continue to develop Northstowe
- Continue to build homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)

Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, Deputy Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, said: "I am pleased we now have a final, sound and agreed plan that gives us and our communities certainty over how the area will be developed over the next decade or so. I am disappointed it took the planning inspectors so long to review the plan and get to this stage, but we must now look forward and work with existing communities, especially those living nearest to where new homes will be built, to make sure they are at the heart of developing plans.

"This plan is more than delivering new homes, it is about building true communities where people enjoy living and working. This includes making sure they have the right facilities, such as GP surgeries and excellent transport links. We are absolutely committed to working with the Mayor, Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council to make sure transport improvements go hand-in-hand with homes."



## What's next

Our next Local Plan will be done jointly with Cambridge City Council to cover Cambridge and our district. This will start next year. The review will check our current plan is delivering as expected and will give the chance to begin to work out what comes next.

**Turn over the page for more details about where new communities are being built.**



## Bourn Airfield

This site has been allocated for the development of a new village. We're currently preparing more detailed guidance for the site, and this guidance is known as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). We plan to consult on the SPD next year, and it will be used to assess planning applications for the new village.

We have also recently received a planning application for the site. The application sets out an overall idea of what might be built, together with details of the access to the site.

The new village is expected to have approximately 3,500 homes, a new village centre, two new primary schools, a new secondary school and a dedicated public transport route through it.



## Cambourne West

Outline planning permission for up to 2,350 homes and facilities has already been granted.

The permission has conditions that the developers need to address so the development can go ahead. They are working with us and the Parish Council to look at these before submitting information. They include the phasing of the site, drainage and the look and feel of the development.

The developers have said the detailed planning applications for the first part of the site, which will be around 900 homes, are expected to be submitted to us in the spring.



## Area near North Railway

Now the railway station is open, we are working with Cambridge City Council to set out how this land could be used between it and the A14.

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## Northstowe

Around 200 families have already moved into their new homes at Northstowe. The new town will be developed over many years and will include around 10,000 homes once it is completed.

A central square near the entrance off the B1050 is currently being built. The Square will include a central seating area with benches where residents can meet. The central focus point has also been designed to provide performance space for cultural activities. This is due to be completed in the spring.

A primary school and community wing is already open and the special educational needs school, first phase of the secondary school, and sports pitches are planned to be ready for the first students in September 2019.



## New town north of Waterbeach

We recently consulted on a more detailed plan for the new community, known as a Supplementary Planning Document. The feedback from the consultation is being considered to see if any changes are needed to the document. This document will be used to assess planning applications. It sets out the overall vision for the new town and how it will work as a whole plus outlines expectations for new public transport and cycle links and transport improvements that could include dualling the A10.

Two outline planning applications have been received for development of the new town. Urban and Civic, on behalf of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, have applied for up to 6,500 houses on the former Waterbeach Barracks site. A second developer, RLW have applied for up to 4,500 houses on the eastern part of the site. Both applications include new primary and secondary schools, open space, sport, leisure, business and community facilities.



## Cambridge Gateway Station

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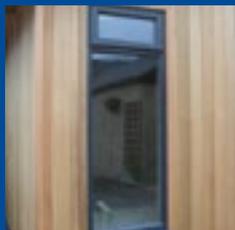
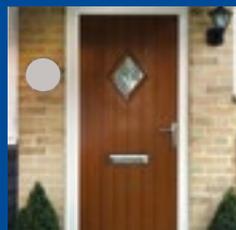
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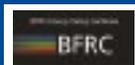
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# Halfway there on A14 improvements

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The team began work in November 2016 and the new road is due to open by the end of 2020. Some work, such as the removal of Huntingdon viaduct, will be carried out after the new bypass has opened.

## Fact finder:



Once complete, the project will cut up to 20 minutes off journeys and boost the local economy



Good progress has been made during the summer, with over 90% of the 10 million cubic metres of material needed now excavated



Around 50% of the main construction work has now been completed



The project team's focus is now on completing the scheme's 34 bridges and structures



All bridge beams have been installed on the 750m River Great Ouse viaduct. The heaviest of these weighs 150 tonnes, approximately the same weight as a blue whale



A number of side-road bridges are open and by the end of the year nine bridges will be open to traffic

In September, the scheme reached a crucial milestone, installing the new bridge decks at Bar Hill. Bridges are usually built in-situ by lifting bridge beams onto abutments and constructing the rest of the bridge around them. These steel and concrete bridges, each of which is 44 metres long and weighs 1,065 tonnes, were assembled in a pre-fabrication yard next to the junction and then raised into place by a specialised heavy-duty transporter. You can watch a time-lapse video of this on the scheme's Facebook page – see below for details.

### Cancer Research UK boost

On 9 September, the scheme welcomed more than 450 local people to participate in a 10km charity walk along a section of the new bypass. More than £5,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK. The project team would like to thank everyone who took part.

### Motorway proposal

The project team is asking the Planning Inspectorate to amend the road status for the section between Ellington and Girton from trunk road to motorway.

Find out more on the project website.

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# Residents get more influence over development

Residents of eight South Cambridgeshire villages are getting more of a say about the look and feel of local development.

As part of a ground-breaking planning initiative, we're using Government funding to work with groups on 'Village Design Statements'. These show how buildings, streets, spaces, landscape and materials combine to create areas that are distinctive and have character.

The project is being paid for after we successfully bid for funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Design Quality Fund. This is going towards expert help for village groups to pull together the statements.

**The idea is to ensure new development is responsive to the character of the community that it is adding to and enhances it.**

The eight villages initially selected to create the documents are Caldecote, Fulbourn, Gamlingay, Histon and Impington, Over, Papworth Everard, Sawston and Swavesey. Representatives from each are mapping what makes their areas unique. Drawings and written guidelines are then created that capture the results, before planning consultants write-up the final document.

The finished statements will carry significant weight when planning applications for the areas they cover are decided.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Dr. Tumi Hawkins (pictured), said: "This is a brilliant way for residents to capture what makes their village special, and ensure that knowledge is used when new developments are planned. It's a great example of planners and communities working closely."

Richard Townley, from Fulbourn Forum for Community Action, said: "We have a Steering Group of ten members drawn from various organisations and interests in the village. Some of us attended a study tour and found it very helpful and food for thought. The next activity planned is a series of events to engage villagers to find out what they particularly like or dislike about parts of the village. An important aspect will be to try and encourage younger members of the community to take part."

Janet Martin, Project Champion in Sawston, said: "The biggest challenge for Sawston is achieving sustainable growth for the future. This means providing the right mix of housing built in a way that reflects the characteristics of the village. We hope this project will help us do this."



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# East West Rail

We're calling on the Government and promoters of a new railway line between Cambridge and Oxford to consider thoroughly the impact it will have on the environment.

The new line is planned to run from Cambridge, through part of South Cambridgeshire, to Sandy, Bedford and on to Oxford.

At a Full Council meeting in September, Councillors supported a motion that said the re-opening of the varsity line "presents us with an unprecedented opportunity to make positive contributions to net biodiversity and natural capital gains".

Councillors said they support the railway line as it will boost the regional economy, but want to see

issues such as flood management, air pollution and health taken into consideration from the start of the project. They've called for full consideration of these issues when the route is selected.

Deputy Leader, Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer (pictured), said: "I put forward this motion because there's a massive opportunity to push environmental issues further up the agenda of this project. The railway line will benefit the whole region, but we must make sure the right environmental legacy is left."



To learn more about the project, visit [www.networkrail.co.uk/our-railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/east-west-rail/](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/east-west-rail/)

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Residents need to be referred by a GP or another health professional like a physiotherapist or nurse.

**The specialist cancer rehabilitation exercise classes are held in a studio environment, and include:**

- Exercise tailored to suit individuals
- Group warm up and cool down
- Cardio vascular and strength circuit exercises
- Seated and standing exercises



66-year-old Malcolm MacDonald, who attends the Sawston class, was recently given the all-clear. Malcolm said:

*“ I joined the class to work on my endurance and balance. I've found the instructor very encouraging and the class has helped me build my confidence. ”*



60-year-old Steve Pugh, also a member of the Sawston class, added:

*“ Despite the fact I often don't feel like doing much exercise, the instructor always encourages me to come along and do what I can. ”*

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**Active & Healthy 4 Life**

**Separately, our exercise referral scheme, Active and Healthy 4 Life, continues to be popular.**

This is for residents with a variety of medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, depression and many more. It runs in eight sports centres across the district.

Additionally, we now have qualified cancer rehab instructors working on this scheme in Comberton and Cambourne, so cancer patients are welcome to choose this class, and / or the specialist studio-based one mentioned to the left.

Again, residents need to be referred to these classes by a GP or another health professional.

All our exercise classes are led and supervised by a suitably qualified instructor, who will have an initial assessment with all members of the class before they begin. The sessions cost £3 each, with an initial and final assessment both costing £8 just for our exercise referral scheme.

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# Inspirational young people get active

90 young people with learning difficulties and a range of disabilities from nine different schools across Cambridgeshire competed in this year's Indoor Athletics Plus Event in October.



The event took place at Swavesey Village College, which also provided a number of young volunteers for the day.

Children aged between eight and 16 took part in the activities that were tailored to suit a range of different mental and physical disabilities. The events included sprinting, speed bounce, seated throw, triple jump and long jump.

Cllr Hazel Smith, Lead Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said:

.....  
"I loved seeing the children having so much fun. You could see that they put their heart and soul into the events and everyone was smiling and making new friends. When some of the children taking part were asked what their favourite part was, one said with a grin, everything."  
.....



Cllr Hazel Smith joined children for part of the event



In true Paralympic style, medals were given out to those who excelled in the individual sprint events. Certificates were also handed out to those that exhibited the core principles of the Paralympics and Olympics, including determination, inspiration, courage, friendship and respect.

We'd like to also say a special thank you to our 16 young volunteers from Swavesey Village College who gave up their morning to run all the events and encourage the people taking part.

# Prevent slips, trips and falls at home this winter

During winter, the risk of slips, trips and falls increases, and we're not always aware of potential areas of danger or small things we can do to prevent accidents.

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The scheme helps prevent accidents by offering a free personal assessment, home safety check and arranging for small jobs to be carried out. If you're over 65 or disabled, you can take advantage of the service by referring yourself to Age UK.

72-year-old Patricia Turner from Swavesey has used the service and said: "Anne from Age UK was really helpful. When she came out to visit me it didn't feel like an 'assessment', it was just a conversation. My experience of the Handyperson Scheme was exceptionally good. Everything was done in only three weeks, even over the holiday period. I would definitely recommend the service, especially to anyone living alone."

Following an assessment, any grab rails required will be supplied and installed for free. The Handyperson will also install key safes, hang curtains, put up shelves, build flatpack furniture and complete many other small jobs around the home. These services cost £25 an hour plus the cost of materials used.

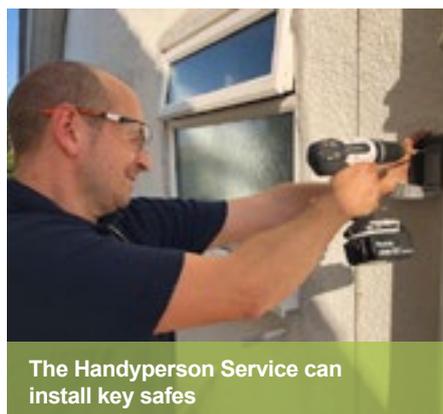
Mrs Turner added: "I trusted the Handyperson to do paid-for work because of the reputation of the Council and Age UK. All the handy people have been police-checked and I am confident I won't be scammed or in danger."

**To make a referral call Age UK on 01480 700205 or 0300 666 9860.**

**For more information visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/our-services/our-services/handy-persons-scheme/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/our-services/our-services/handy-persons-scheme/)**



Patricia Turner from Swavesey had a grab rail installed



The Handyperson Service can install key safes



## Disabled facilities grants

**Most people aged 65 and above want to stay in their homes. However, this may mean their homes need adapting.**

If you're disabled or have a medical condition you may be able to receive a Disabled Facilities Grant of up to £30,000 to help with adaptations. Delivered by our partners at the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency, the scheme funds items such as level access showers and stair lifts, and smaller works like door widening or moving sockets and switches. To be eligible you must either own your own home, live in a housing association property or be a private tenant.

**To find out more visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/home-improvement-grants](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/home-improvement-grants) or call 03450 455 202**

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# Social Navigator tackling social isolation and loneliness

A project at GP surgeries in Sawston, the Shelfords and Linton is helping isolated residents re-connect with communities.

The two-year scheme, run by the Granta Medical Practices and funded by us with a contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council, provides sessions with Social Navigator Kelly Austin. Patients are referred by GPs and nurses to Kelly, who connects them with local opportunities including walking groups, lunch clubs and befriending schemes.

The sessions tackle social isolation, loneliness and lack of physical activity and aim to reduce the number of GP appointments taken up by non-medical issues.

Our Cabinet Member responsible for this scheme, Cllr Hazel Smith, said: "This is hugely positive because it helps re-connect socially isolated people with other residents and groups, and contributes to reducing the burden on our hard-working doctors."



Social Navigator Kelly Austin (front) with Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Hazel Smith (right) and Cllr Sue Ellington (left)



## Support

Barbara (not her real name) was one of the first patients to access the Social Navigator scheme. In her late 50s, she lives alone and suffers from arthritis and depression. The weekly art workshops that Barbara first tried were not quite right for her, but with Kelly's support, she is persisting, and is now trying an informal coffee group for people living with depression and singing and watercolour painting groups.

## Get Active this Winter

As part of the Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire programme, we have several activities taking place in South Cambridgeshire to help you become more active this winter, whatever your age or ability.

**Mondays from 10:30am to 11:30am:**

Strength and Balance Class at Papworth Village Hall, CB23 3RD

**Tuesdays from 8pm to 9pm:**

Line dancing at Littleton Recreation Centre, SG8 0QR

**Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm:**

Ballet at Bassingbourn Primary School, SG8 5NP

**Thursdays from 7:45pm to 8:45pm:**

Tap at Bassingbourn Sports Centre, SG8 5NJ

**Wednesdays from 8:30pm to 9:30pm:**

Walking Netball at Swavesey Sports Centre, CB24 4RS (Resuming in January)

There are plenty of other activities taking place in South Cambridgeshire. For more information visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/leisure/activities/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/leisure/activities/) and [www.forever-active.org.uk/classes/](http://www.forever-active.org.uk/classes/)

For information about line dancing, ballet and tap email [naomi@dance-matters.co.uk](mailto:naomi@dance-matters.co.uk)

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# Bin Collection Calendar

## Remember

We move to monthly winter green bin collections from 24 December, returning to fortnightly on 4 March.



■ Green bin   
 ■ Black bin   
 ■ Blue bin   
  Collection 1 day late   
  Collection 3 days early

### MONDAY A -

Balsham, Carlton, Cherry Hinton, Fulbourn, Great Wilbraham, Horseheath, Little Wilbraham, Six Mile Bottom, Stow-cum-Quy, Teversham, West Wickham, West Wrating, Weston Colville



### MONDAY B -

Babraham, Bartlow, Castle Camps, Great Abington, Hildersham, Linton, Little Abington, Pampisford, Sawston, Shudy Camps, Whittlesford



### TUESDAY A -

Duxford, Fowlmere, Great Chishill, Great Shelford, Harston, Hauxton, Heydon, Hinxton, Ickleton, Little Chishill, Little Shelford, Newton, Stapleford, South Trimpington, Thriplow & Heathfield



### TUESDAY B -

Barrington, Chesterton Fen, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth



### WEDNESDAY A -

Abington Pigotts, Barton, Bassingbourn, Grantchester, Guilden Morden, Harlton, Haslingfield, Littleton, Orwell, Shingay-Cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Whaddon, Wimpole



### WEDNESDAY B -

Arrington, Caldecote, Comberton, Coton, Croydon, Gamlingay, Great Eversden, Hardwick, Hatley, Kingston, Little Eversden, Little Gransden, Longstowe, Madingley, Tadlow, Toft



### THURSDAY A -

Bourn, Boxworth, Cambourne, Caxton, Childerley, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley, Knapwell, Papworth Everard, Papworth St Agnes



### THURSDAY B -

Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Fen Drayton, Girton, Lolworth, Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington, Over, Swavesey, Westwick



### FRIDAY A -

Cottenham, Histon, Impington, Landbeach, Orchard Park, Rampton, Willingham



### FRIDAY B -

Chittering, Fen Ditton, Horingsea, Milton, Waterbeach



# What goes where?

- Bins **MUST** be out by 6am on your collection day
- If your bin is not collected, please report it by 3.30pm the following day, at [www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling)
- Close lids firmly

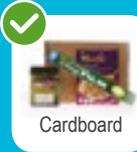


## Blue Bin

- Get an extra blue bin for FREE! Contact us using the details below. Occasional extra recycling (excluding glass) will be collected if left alongside your blue bin in a transparent sack.
- Put items loosely in your blue bin and not in bags
- Rinse and empty items to remove any food or liquid
- Squash cartons and plastic bottles, flatten boxes



Paper & magazines



Cardboard



Cartons (e.g. Tetrapack)



Plastic bags, film wrapping



Food & drinks



Empty aerosol cans



Greeting cards



Wrapping paper (no metallic plastic)



Plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays



Tinfoil and foil trays



Large tins



Glass jars & bottles

### Batteries



Batteries inc. AA & AAA cells, button batteries, size C & D and any laptop & mobile battery

**Put in a clear plastic bag and tie it to your blue bin lid**

- ✗ Food
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Nappies or sanitary waste
- ✗ Expanded polystyrene or Styrofoam
- ✗ Non-packaging plastic e.g. toys, bowls
- ✗ Flat glass or mirrors
- ✗ Pyrex
- ✗ Textiles, e.g. Christmas jumpers
- ✗ Kitchen paper & tissues (put in green bin)
- ✗ Metallic / glitter wrapping paper or Christmas crackers
- ✗ Black plastic trays



## Green Bin

- Extra garden waste cannot be collected. Please compost it or take it to Milton or Thriplow Recycling Centres
- Please put food waste in the bin loose, or wrapped in paper



Garden waste



Food waste (meat, fish & dairy)



Untreated wood & sawdust



Used paper tissues & kitchen paper



Cut up real Christmas trees

**Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is collecting Christmas trees from households in CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22, CB23 and CB24. To register a collection visit [www.arhc.org.uk/treerecycling](http://www.arhc.org.uk/treerecycling) or call 01223 675888**



- ✗ Any type of plastic including bags/sacks & biodegradable/compostable 'plastic' food waste bags
- ✗ Cat or dog waste
- ✗ Soil, stones or turf



## Black Bin

### Non-recyclable / non-compostable material

- Please consider donating items and recycling before placing them in your black bin
- We cannot collect extra black bin rubbish. Please take it to Milton or Thriplow Recycling Centres
- Disposable nappies should be put in the black bin
- Empty and full paint tins cannot be collected. Please take them to Milton or Thriplow Recycling Centres

- ✗ Rubble **Take these items to a Household Recycling Centre**
- ✗ Bricks
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Very heavy items
- ✗ Electrical items

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# New charge for extra green bins

From April, we're introducing a charge for residents who want to have more than one green bin collected.

This will be £35 per year for each additional standard-size bin and covers regular collections for the entire year. The first green bin will remain free for us to collect. You will be able to sign-up and pay from early next year, with the scheme officially starting in April.

This brings South Cambridgeshire in line with Cambridge City, with whom we share a waste service. 95% of Councils offering a garden waste service already charge to collect additional green bins.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Waste, Cllr Neil Gough, said: "Only a relatively small proportion of households used this previously

free service and it is not fair that other residents subsidised it through their Council Tax. This is an optional service and residents who decide not to pay to have an extra green bin collected can always look at home-composting."



Read our FAQ on the new charge to empty additional green bins at [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins)

## Winter green bin collections

As the amount of garden waste we collect reduces significantly in winter, we're making our annual switch to collecting green bins once a month from Monday 24 December.

Green collections return to fortnightly from Monday 4 March 2019.

To find out more about paying for an additional green bin, or check your bin collection day, visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins)

## Too much recycling to fit?

If your blue bin is full up, we will collect a limited amount of extra recycling left out next to it. Here's how to present it for collection:

- Secure cardboard (tape or tie together) in one bundle which would fit inside the bin with the lid closed if there were space. Don't leave it out in the rain please.
- Put other recycling in one transparent sack. No black sacks please. Clear sacks are available online or in supermarkets.
- Put any glass bottles and jars inside your bin, not the sack, for safety reasons.

We ask that extra recycling is put out this way because our latest collection vehicles have higher openings than our old ones. These higher openings are safer for staff, help to prevent litter blowing out of the lorry, and make it easier to dislodge large items that sometimes get stuck inside the bins. Crews will empty your blue bin and then refill it with your extra recycling and tip it again, rather than throw it in separately, which is no longer safe for them to do.

If you always need to put out extra recycling, order a free extra blue bin. You can do this on our website at [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins)



# Are you dreaming of a zero-waste Christmas?

Most of us end up generating extra waste or recycling during Christmas.

However, with some careful choices, we can minimise the amount of rubbish we have to deal with, leaving more time to spend with our loved ones.

## Here are a few of our top tips

**1**



Consider wrapping family gifts with fabric, which you can re-use every year. Magazine or old road atlas pages are also great for smaller gifts and look fantastic. Avoid buying metallic plastic gift wrap, and paper with glitter on it, which can't be recycled. Choose recycled wrapping paper which is widely available in local shops and online.

**2**



Plan meals. Make a list of guests and the meals you need to provide, use the portion calculator at [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com) to work out how much to cook, and make your shopping list from that. If you have leftovers from Christmas dinner that you can't use up right away, pop them in the freezer to make a soup or curry with later.

**3**



Every year one in four Christmas jumpers are worn once then thrown away. Instead you could get crafty and add some embellishments to a jumper you already have. There are lots of ideas online. Don't forget to donate any jumpers you no longer want to charity shops.

**4**



Some people love writing Christmas cards, others find it a chore. If you're in the latter category, consider sending e-cards instead, or posting on friends' Facebook pages. If you are sending cards, choose those without glitter or plastic on them, which can't be recycled.

**5**



Much of our shopping is now done online and arrives in cardboard packaging. While this can be recycled, it's better to reduce it. Consider packaging-free gifts. Experiences like spa days or tickets to a theme park are exciting to look forward to and create special memories. When ordering online from one place, try to order everything in one go, so it can be delivered together in one box.



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# Local Brexit support

We have established a Brexit Advisory Group to consider the potential impact of Brexit on the local economy and on individual businesses and workers.



Working with councillors from Cambridge City Council, a dedicated cross-party group of our members will be taking evidence from local companies and business representatives. Based on the information that we gather, we will look to provide recommendations on the practical support that we could provide to businesses as the Brexit process evolves.

In the first stage of its work, during autumn and winter 2018, the group is considering potential impacts on local businesses and the support

that is available to them. It will then focus in on the needs of Greater Cambridge's key sectors.

Chairman of our Brexit Advisory Group, Cllr Geoff Harvey, said: "We know businesses are concerned about Brexit and there are lots of unknowns for them as the date of a proposed UK exit in March races towards us."

The Brexit Advisory Group is keen to hear from as many local businesses as possible. To submit concerns, knowledge and ideas, email [openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk)

# New toolkit to tackle loneliness and social isolation

We've published a new online toolkit that aims to provide inspiration and guidance to help tackle social loneliness and isolation.

It's available on our website and packed with practical ways to make a difference.

As well as being distressing, we now know that loneliness also damages your health. Research has shown it can be as bad for you as smoking.

Risk factors can include living alone, losing a loved one, not having a job, having poor physical or mental health, not having a car and being a carer. These are all common amongst elderly people and can be among young people too.

.....  
**The good news is that we can all make a difference. Simply taking the time to stop and chat to neighbours really helps.**  
.....

It's even better if you can also get involved in your community. Anything that gets people together for whatever reason has the potential to help those experiencing loneliness.

Our toolkit has advice and guidance for setting up new activities which can combat loneliness. It tells you where you can get help and has case studies of 12 local and inspiring projects, all very different, set up by small groups of people volunteering their time and enthusiasm. It's easy to be put off by myths about health and safety, but it doesn't have to be difficult and there's plenty of support to help you negotiate potential pitfalls and get your project running smoothly, safely and legally. There are sources of funding too.



## Case study: Repair Café, Fulbourn

Volunteers with repair skills fix items brought in by the public. Tea, coffee and cake are on sale. No guarantees are offered on repairs, but they are free of charge and the cafes are satisfying, sociable, interesting and fun!



## Case study: Compass Café, Swavesey

This much loved weekly community café operates out of the Bethel Baptist Church. Organisations take it in turn to provide volunteers and home-baked cakes every Thursday. The café is eagerly attended by a regular clientele and makes around £3,000 per year for the organisations running it and other good causes.

## How you can help tackle loneliness:

- Give someone the gift of a little extra time
- Make every conversation count
- Smile and say hello, even when you don't feel like it
- Talk about loneliness
- Look for opportunities to meet people and cultivate new friendships



To read the toolkit in full, visit [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk) and search for social isolation

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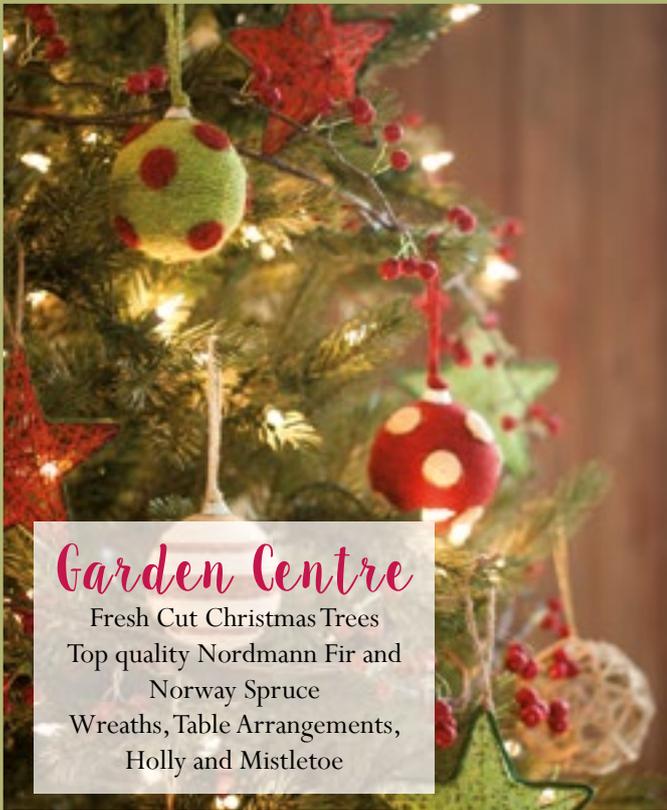
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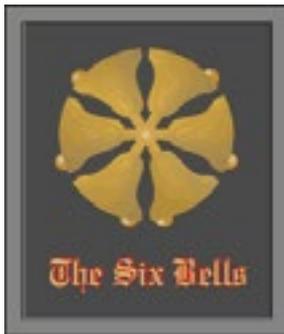
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# Off-road public transport route strategy to reduce congestion on the A1307 approved

Proposals for a new off-road public transport route to tackle congestion and provide more reliable journeys between Cambridge and Haverhill, and for South Cambridgeshire communities, have taken a step forward.

A package of 'quick wins' (phase one) to improve road safety, walking, cycling and bus journeys along the A1307 by 2020 has already been approved by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), which we are a member of.

Last month, the GCP Executive Board agreed to adopt plans for a new segregated mass rapid transit route from the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to a new Park and Ride site near the A11 east of Babraham for phase two of the Cambridge South East Transport Study project.

The rapid mass transit route could then form part of the Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM) scheme being developed by the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Combined Authority.

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**Officers will now develop detailed proposals for the scheme including routes, environmental assessments and a specific location for the Park and Ride for further public consultation in 2019.**  
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Landscaping and ecological design to enhance the route will also be considered, including the possibility of a long park along parts of the route.

After consultation, the detailed proposals and business case will be brought back to the GCP Joint Assembly and Executive Board in the autumn of 2019.

The GCP received almost 2,000 responses to a six-week public consultation on the phase two strategy options held earlier this year.

All 17 of the 'quick wins' identified in phase one received public support, with road safety improvements at Haverhill Road and the Gog Farm Shop junction (88 percent) and the Linton Greenway (74 percent) the most popular.

A new segregated mass rapid transit route is at the heart of plans for further work by the GCP and received the most support in that earlier consultation.

Cambridge City Council Leader Cllr Lewis Herbert, Chair of the GCP's Executive Board, said: "The current peak-time congestion on the A1307 and other nearby roads makes life a misery for local residents, South Cambridgeshire commuters and patients trying to get to Addenbrooke's.

"We need to take cars off the road and reduce congestion and the damaging effects it has on the environment, by providing reliable off-road public transport."

For more information about the Cambridge South East Transport Study visit the project page on the GCP's website at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk)



How a future mass rapid transit route from the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to a new Park and Ride site near the A11 may look

# Have your say



The Greenways team is working with local communities in designing the Greenways route

## Greater Cambridge Greenways

Residents are being invited to share their views on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) proposed Waterbeach, Fulbourn and Comberton Greenways. These will be high quality walking, cycling and equestrian routes linking villages to the city.

Public consultations on the Waterbeach and Fulbourn proposals opened in mid-October and close on 3 December.

Consultation on the Comberton Greenway started at the end of October and will close on 17 December.

Residents can help shape the proposals by completing a survey on the GCP's online engagement tool, Consult Cambs at <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/> or by completing and returning a paper copy in the post.

For further information about the Greater Cambridge Greenways visit [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/greenways)



Greenways will be high quality walking, cycling and equestrian routes



These plans aim to reduce congestion to the west of the city

## West of Cambridge Park & Ride

Residents can also have their say on GCP plans to increase Park & Ride capacity to the west of Cambridge.

A public consultation on proposals, which aim to help reduce congestion to the west of the city, opened in November. Residents are asked to feedback on proposals for potentially:

- Expanding the existing Trumpington Park and Ride site
- Creating a new Park and Ride on a site adjacent to J11 of the M11

For a full list of meeting venues and dates visit Consult Cambs at <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/> or the GCP's website at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk)



The GCP plans to increase park and ride capacity to the west of Cambridge

## About Your Council

# Festive

## OPENING HOURS

Our opening hours for the Christmas and New Year period are below in case you need to get in touch over the festive season. Don't forget, you can report, pay and apply for things using our self-service website at any time – [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk)

Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve	8am – 4pm
Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day	Closed (Bank Holiday)
Wednesday 26 December – Boxing Day	Closed (Bank Holiday)
Thursday 27 December	8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday 28 December	8:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 31 December 2018 – New Year's Eve	8am – 4pm
Tuesday 1 January – New Year's Day	Closed (Bank Holiday)
Wednesday 2 January (back to normal hours)	8am – 5:30pm

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# Help set our priorities

We're calling on residents and businesses to let us know what we should be prioritising for you over the coming years.



We have published a draft business plan to start the debate and help people give us their views.

Council Leader, Cllr Bridget Smith, said: "We want to put the heart into South Cambridgeshire by building homes that are affordable to live-in, helping business to grow and being green to our core.

"We have listened to what you have told us since we took control of the Council in May and used this information to build our plans. However, we now need your help to make sure we are on the right track. Please have your say by taking part in the consultation."

The four priority areas suggested in the plan are:

Economic Development – with a focus on supporting rural enterprises

Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in – with a focus on vibrant and healthy communities

Climate and environment – to create a cleaner, greener future

A 21st century council – high quality services that we would expect ourselves, striving to reduce costs and generating our own income

The consultation is now open and runs until Monday 7 January.

Visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/businessplan](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/businessplan) to find out more.



## Bedding donation

A Cambourne hotel donated good quality bedding to us, which we've passed on to local housing good causes.

DoubleTree by Hilton Cambridge Belfry recently changed its bedding as part of a rebrand, and wanted to ensure duvets, pillows, mattress protectors and throws were re-used. Staff contacted our housing team and asked if they could assist.

Our housing team passed it on to the YMCA charity in

Cambridge, which provides young people with a safe place to stay, and our emergency temporary accommodation provider, Sanctuary.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Hazel Smith, said: "This was a lovely, thoughtful gesture from the hotel and we were only too pleased to be able to act as the go-between, using our contacts to ensure the bedding went to good homes."

Darren Townsend, General Manager of DoubleTree by Hilton Cambridge Belfry said:

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"When we contacted the Council, the team was happy to help ensure our donations were sent to the right place. We're delighted that the two groups, and the people they work so hard to help, will benefit from this."  
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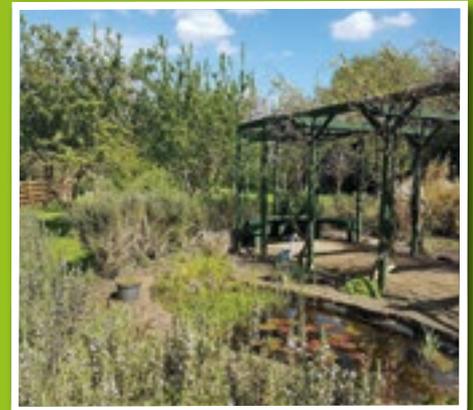
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# Papworth bus service saved

A village bus service that was due to stop running in November was saved, thanks to us stepping in and funding it.

Our Councillors agreed to step in and pay the £10,000 subsidy to keep the Whippet Coaches X3 Papworth service running until the end of March.

Following our action, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, James Palmer, also agreed to provide half the funding to keep the route running.

The idea of the funding is to 'bridge the gap' until some proposed changes to bus services, that are due to be put in place from April, can be finalised and announced.

We are using money allocated for local transport initiatives for our contribution towards subsidising the service.

When it was announced that the X3 bus service was due to be cancelled, South Cambridgeshire MP Heidi Allen contacted us and the Mayor's office to see if a solution could be found. More than 2,000 people signed a petition calling on Cambridgeshire County

Council to save the Papworth bus service after it was initiated by 17-year-old Grace Fisher from the village.

Our Deputy Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport, Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer pictured -, said: "Lots of organisations and people were involved in conversations to keep this bus service running, and I'm pleased that we worked together to give people in the village certainty on its future. It would have been a disaster if there had been a five-month gap in service for people trying to access jobs, education and leisure as they would move away from using public transport and add to congestion on the roads. This situation is fairly unique, and we cannot provide money to fund bus services in the longer term. We know how vital rural public transport is and are very keen to see how bus franchising can help improve the level of service offered to the communities we serve."

Our local member for Caxton and Papworth ward, Cllr Mark Howell, added: "Huge thanks to the Council executive and Combined Authority for agreeing to fund the service. A lot of credit must also go to Grace Fisher in Papworth for raising awareness and organising the petition. It is now down to people in the village to use local buses to make sure we continue to have a good service."



**"Lots of organisations and people were involved in conversations to keep this bus service running, and I'm pleased that we worked together to give people in the village the certainty on its future."**



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# New Council homes arrive

More Council homes have been made available for South Cambridgeshire residents, following the handover of properties in Great Abington and Gamlingay.

Eight new Council homes in Great Abington are part of a development of 20 new homes that have been built in the village by housebuilder Hill.

The development, called Moorefield, came forward with the support of the local parish council.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Hazel Smith, said: "These are top-quality, affordable new homes that are fantastic additions to our Council housing stock. We continue to be very clear that bringing forward homes that are affordable for people to live in is a top priority for us, and this is an example of us doing just that. We're very pleased to have worked with Hill on this scheme and look forward to continuing that partnership to deliver affordable housing across other parts of South Cambridgeshire."

Meanwhile, in Gamlingay, tenants have moved into new Council homes that have been built as part of the redevelopment of some former bedsits.

The scheme at Robinson Court has seen 32 bedsits on a site that we own converted into 14 new homes – ten of which are new



Left to right: Lead Cabinet Member for Housing Cllr Hazel Smith, Leader Cllr Bridget Smith and Jon Thistlethwaite from Hill at Great Abington



Left to right: Cllr Bridget Smith, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Gamlingay Cllr Sebastian Kindersley, Cllr Hazel Smith and Operations Director at Taylor French Developments Brian Ball outside new Council homes in Gamlingay

Council homes. They were built on the Council-owned site that was previously made-up of buildings constructed in 1973, but became difficult to rent out due to their layouts. The site was redeveloped by Taylor French Developments.

Our Leader and member for Gamlingay ward, Cllr Bridget Smith, said: "These are exactly the type of homes that we are working as hard as possible to deliver across South Cambridgeshire. For too many people, the bulk of income goes on rent or mortgage, then energy bills, leaving little left for them to live their lives, buy necessities and have fun. I'm thrilled that these new homes are helping local people find high-quality homes."

Since 2015, 84 new Council homes have been built across South Cambridgeshire in Swavesey, Linton, Foxton, Gamlingay, Great Abington and Waterbeach. 29 further Council homes are currently being built in Longstanton, Great Abington and Balsham.



Lucie Brown with her one year old twins Tommy and Patrick in their Council home in Gamlingay

# Spot and stop scams

We're urging people to help combat fraudsters by becoming a 'Friend Against Scams'.



The initiative, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, includes a short online information course explaining how to spot a scam and what to do about it.

Intent on tricking people out of their personal details or money, scammers commit their crimes in a range of ways: by post, on the telephone, online and on the doorstep. Three million people fall victim to scams in the UK every year with financial losses of up to £10 billion. The impact on health and wellbeing is also

huge as someone defrauded in their own home is two and a half times more likely to die or go into care within a year.

A project in Girton has helped a group of older people tackle scams by informing them about the types of scam they might be vulnerable to. Cambridgeshire County Council's Community Protection Team has reported a reduction in reports of repeat phone calls to residents as a result. If you're unsure about the identity of a caller, verify it by contacting the organisation they say they're from.

Visit [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire) to learn about the types and prevalence of scams

For further support and advice on scams visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) or call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

You can also register to opt out of receiving unsolicited sales or marketing calls through the telephone preference service at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or by calling 03450 700707.

## Rural offices get Gigabit boost to rival the city

A rural office development in South Cambridgeshire is attracting new tenants away from city locations after installing the fastest Gigabit-capable broadband available.

Valley Court Offices in Croydon are among the first businesses in the region to receive funding from the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme for the high speed connection offering up to 1,000 mbps.

Landlord James Brown pooled the vouchers for businesses on his site to fund the future-proof connection installed by local supplier Bridge Fibre.

Being able to offer tenants access to 1Gigabit speeds

means the expanding office development can now compete with Cambridge nine miles away, where high rentals and congestion force businesses to look elsewhere.

James said: "There are not many rural offices that can offer 1GB broadband speeds so we decided to upgrade using the voucher scheme. We are attracting interest from businesses that might otherwise have gone to Cambridge or London."



**Vouchers of up to £2,500** for a small or medium enterprise (SME) can be used to subsidise the cost of installing full fibre to the premises. Residents can also claim vouchers up to £500 as part of a group project involving businesses. Visit [www.gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk](http://www.gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk) to check eligibility and find a registered supplier.



## What's on

Welcome to the section of your South Cambs Magazine dedicated to upcoming local events taking place in our area. It's filled with suggestions to keep you busy, learn more about where we live, or keep fit, all sent in by the community.

If you are planning a not-for-profit local community event that you want to see on this page in our next edition, visit [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) and click on the apply for it button. Just fill in the form called community calendar listing.

The more information you can provide, the more likely your event will be listed. We will consider events taking place between 18 March to 9 June for inclusion in the next edition. We cannot guarantee we will be able to feature all events and it will be at our discretion.

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### BAR HILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 1 December  
from 10:30am to 2pm

Location: Bar Hill Church, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

A Christmas market to raise funds for local community projects. Entry is free with many stalls selling handmade items including jewellery, clothes, cards and beauty products. Refreshments available with soup at lunchtime. Find the Penguin hunt for the children. More information available from Karen Austen on [bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com](mailto:bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com) or 01954 781 085

### LONGSTANTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Saturday 1 December  
from 4pm

Location: Village Green (Nelson Crescent), Longstanton

Join Longstanton's Christmas lights switch on festivities with the Waterbeach brass band playing carols, Hattons Park Westenders Choir and even an appearance from Santa himself. Hot dogs and burgers will be available, along with mulled wine.

### BACH CHRISTMAS ORATORIO (EXCERPTS) SANFORD MOETS

Saturday 8 December  
from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: Histon Baptist Church, Poplar Road, Histon, CB24 9LN

A seasonal music performance by Chesterton Singers. Carols for all. Tickets are £10 or £5 for students with under 16s free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Tickets available from [www.choir2000.org](http://www.choir2000.org) or Histon Library. Call 01223 561 635 for further details

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Sunday 9 December  
from 6pm to 7:15pm

Location: Littleton Congregational Church, Meeting Lane, Littleton, SG8 0QF

A free Christmas concert featuring carols and stories with special guests The Eden Consort, a vocal quartet. Seasonal refreshments will follow the concert. Contact Peter Shoard on [pcshoard@aol.com](mailto:pcshoard@aol.com) or 01763 853 427 for more details.

### QUIZ NIGHT WITH MEAL

Saturday 9 February  
from 7:15pm

Location: Hauxton Village Hall, Church Road, Hauxton, CB22 5HS

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# A night's stay on the Norfolk coast

We're teaming up with The Grove in Cromer to offer a one-night bed and breakfast stay for two people. It's the perfect base to use to explore the surrounding beautiful countryside.



The lucky winner can treat a friend or family member to an overnight stay at The Grove worth around £120. They will be able to choose any night apart from Saturday, or those in school holidays.

The Grove was originally built as a country retreat for the Gurney and Barclay families, who went on to form Barclays Bank. It opened to guests in 1936, when Robert and Hilda Graveling bought the property. Now, over eighty years, and three generations later, The Grove is one of Norfolk's top hotels, offering quality accommodation in bedrooms in the main house, the Orchard Rooms built in 2013, six converted barn cottages, or more recently glamping in the gardens.

The Grove has an indoor pool and a two-rosette restaurant. It has four acres of wonderful gardens with private access into woods leading straight to Cromer's beautiful cliffs and beaches.

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic prize, answer the following question:

Since 2015, how many new Council homes have been built across South Cambridgeshire?

a) 14   b) 44   c) 84

You can enter the competition online at [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) – click the 'Apply for it' button and then select 'Readers' competition'.

Don't have internet access? Enter by post. Send your name, address and telephone number, along with your answer to the question, to:

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Closing date for entries is 9am on Monday 7 January.

Terms and conditions are available at [www.scambs.gov.uk/t-c](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/t-c) or can be requested by calling 03450 450 500.

Winners will be notified by Friday 11 January and announced in the spring edition of South Cambs Magazine.



## Winner's spotlight

Congratulations to Helen Nelson from Bourn, one of two lucky winners of the readers' competition in the autumn edition of South Cambs Magazine. Helen won one of two full theatre experience packages, for her and three friends, at Cambridge's ADC Theatre. Helen said: "I was delighted to have won the competition for a pleasant evening to see the original and intriguing "future history" play King Charles III at the ADC theatre." The second set of tickets was won by Sandra Papworth from Waterbeach.

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## OTHELLO

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## THE HISTORY BOYS

by Alan Bennett | *ADC Theatre*  
Sheffield. 1982. Eight bright but rowdy upper sixth boys are aspiring for Oxbridge, and Hector is in charge of getting them there.

**TUE 22 - SAT 26 JAN AT 7:45PM**  
**TICKETS £9-£15**

## THE GOAT, OR WHO IS SYLVIA?

by Edward Albee | *Corpus Playroom*  
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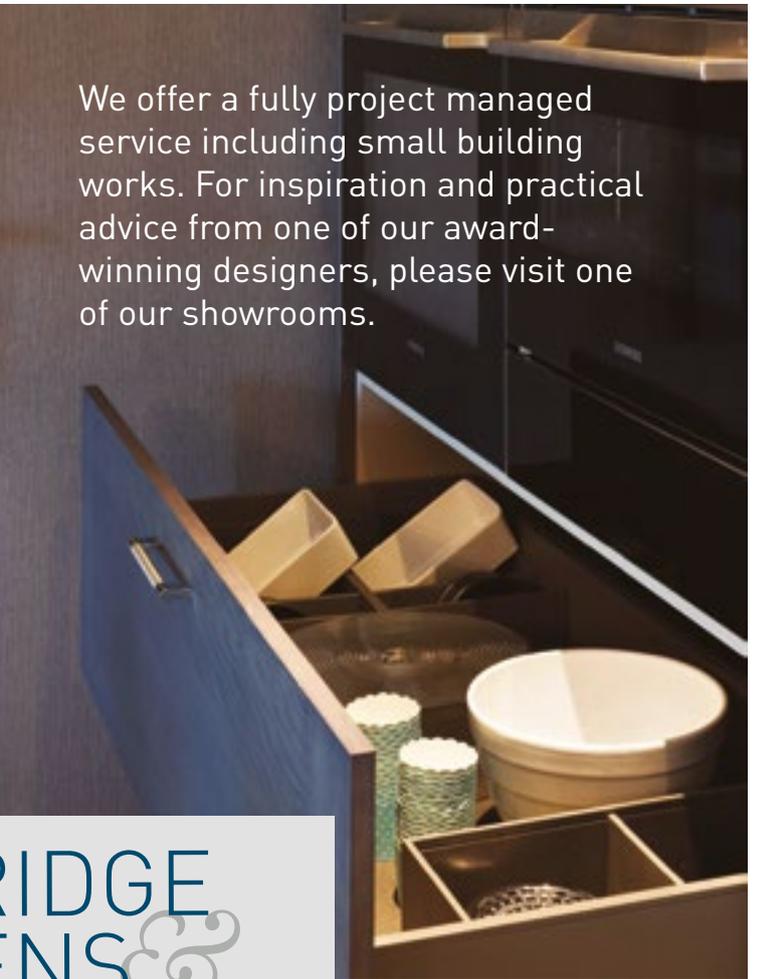
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