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# Hello

## Welcome to the autumn edition of South Cambs Magazine

In this issue, you can find out more about our new Zero Carbon Communities Grant. It's a way of us giving a helping hand to local community groups who, like us, are working to put the environment at the centre of everything they do. Find out more on page six.

There's been scrutiny on recycling during the past few months, in particular where your recycling ends-up. I'm pleased to say that your efforts are really making a difference and, working with our contractors, we're keeping a close eye on where all the plastics, bottles, tubs, trays and paper go after leaving your blue bin. Flick to page 20 to find out more.

The new ice rink on the edge of Cambridge has now opened. We've provided a loan to the group behind this excellent new community facility. This funding was invaluable in making sure that, after a long wait, work could get started and continue. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of South Cambridgeshire residents taking advantage of this world-class sporting facility on our doorstep. Skate over to page 30 for details.

Together with our friends at

Cambridge City Council, we're embarking on a joint Local Plan that will set-out where future development will take place across Greater Cambridge. We're right at the start of this process and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. It's about making sure we have the right homes that are affordable to live in, in the right places, close to good public transport links, so please do have a glance at page 43.

Happy reading,

**Cllr Bridget Smith**

Leader

*South Cambridgeshire District Council*



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# Bid now for our Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme

Community groups across South Cambridgeshire can now bid for a share of just over £91,000 as part of a new fund to help them shift towards a cleaner, greener future.

The money is available under our new Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme. Local groups can bid for the cash to spend on ambitious activities that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, spread awareness and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles.

Grants between £1,000 and £15,000 are available. The money comes from business rates from renewable energy sites in South Cambridgeshire that we retain and earmark for use in green initiatives.

### Who can apply?

Non-profit groups or organisations that are based in the district and parish councils can apply. Other groups, such as schools, colleges and community interest companies can apply as part of a partnership led by a parish council or not-for-profit group.

### What could the money go towards?

The money could go towards a variety of different projects. These could include:

- Energy-saving improvements to community buildings, such as insulation, secondary glazing, energy efficient lighting, battery storage for solar panels or other low carbon energy generation measures
- Community energy projects such as solar panels, community wind turbines and battery storage



- Electric vehicle charging points for community use
- Purchase of an electric vehicle for community use
- Community tree planting, to absorb carbon and increase biodiversity
- Community schemes to encourage reducing waste, re-using and recycling such as Repair Cafés, and clothes swap schemes
- Cycle paths
- Projects that tackle fuel poverty
- Simple proposals such as cycle racks at bus stops or drinking fountains to encourage the use of re-usable water bottles

### How do I apply?

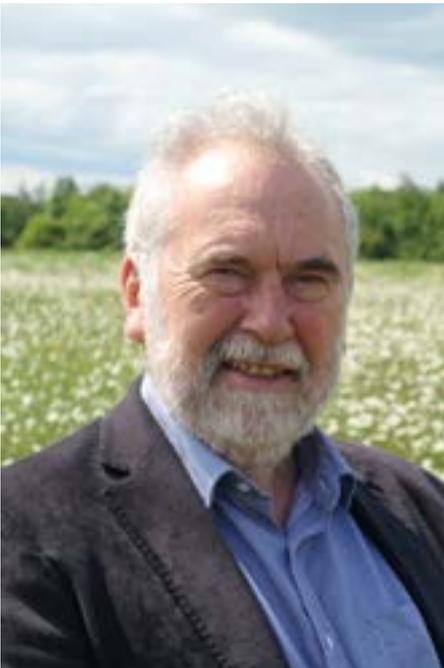
You can bid for the grant scheme by visiting [www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant)

The deadline to submit bids is Thursday 31 October. Groups will hear whether their bid has been successful in early January.



“ We want to do everything we can to be green to our core and these grants give other local groups who are also passionate about the environment the chance to be part of this journey. ”

- Cllr John Williams



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Our Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr John Williams, said:

*“We want to do everything we can to be green to our core and these grants give other local groups who are also passionate about the environment the chance to be part of this journey. The money could be spent on relatively small scale things like water fountains or bicycle racks, right through to helping a community group get a big, ambitious project like a community wind turbine off the ground. We’re also really keen that this money goes towards community initiatives that help residents live greener lives and supports them to do so.”*



## Community Chest grants

Local community and voluntary sector groups, charities and sports clubs can also bid for funds as part of our Community Chest scheme. This aims to target grass-roots projects that benefit residents most in need and improve quality of life. Parish councils or parish meetings with fewer than 160 registered electors can also apply. We ask that projects achieve one or more of the following aims:

- Promote healthy and active communities
- Enable inclusive communities
- Develop skills
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- Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community
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Groups can apply for up to £1,000 worth of Community Chest funding in any financial year.

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# Who looks after our trees?

Managing and maintaining trees on public land is one of the many responsibilities parish councils have.

Over the last nine months, local 'tree champions' have been meeting together as part of the South Cambridgeshire Tree Wardens Network to discuss our local trees.

Often standing on village greens or in parks, graveyards and nature reserves, the trees under parish councils' care are frequently some of the most high profile in a village. As well as pruning and checking the health of these well-loved trees, our tree wardens answer questions from local residents; plant and establish new trees; promote community orchards or locally important trees; and help identify pests and diseases on trees in residents' gardens.

Tree wardens have very diverse interests and provide a range of help and support to parish clerks and village groups in caring for local trees. Some parishes are seeking support with practical projects, such as tree inspection or community orchard management, whilst others are more interested in tree trails or identifying local tree history or veteran trees.

The Tree Warden Network also hosts information evenings for local tree wardens to discuss topics such as 'A village treescape', 'Pruning protected trees' and 'Hedges and hedgerows'. A walk and talk at Cherry Hinton Park, hosted by Cambridge City Tree Officer Kenny McGregor, gave tree wardens an opportunity to discuss parks, and a one day training event brushed up delegates' basic tree inspection skills.

If becoming a tree warden sounds like something you are interested in – taking on the role of championing local trees or supporting your parish clerk or council in maintaining, cherishing and enhancing the treescape in your village – please let your parish clerk know! Future events will focus on increasing the amount of canopy cover in the district and pests and diseases found locally, such as ash dieback.

Everyone is welcome to attend Tree Warden Network events and the parish clerks receive invitations from the Tree Warden Network, as well as updates, to distribute to local tree champions and project leaders.

For more information visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/treewardens](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/treewardens) or contact your parish clerk.

Tree Wardens discuss the importance of deadwood for ecology. Dead trees provide important habitat for many birds, bats, insects and beetles but also come with interesting management challenges.



## If you went down to the woods in May...

Histon and Impington residents recently took to eight green spaces in their villages, as part of a wellbeing trail intended to reveal hidden 'green' gems and highlight the health benefits of being outdoors and in nature.

The idea for the trail emerged from a Neighbourhood Plan group working on identifying and protecting local green spaces, and the trail was organised by volunteers from the Histon and Impington (HI) Sustainability Group with help from village groups including Brownies, Women's Institute and the Enviro Volunteers.

A local designer created a map of the trail, identifying the green spaces on the route and listing the 17 activities on offer during the day.

It included an interactive storytelling activity run by Cllr Pippa Heylings and a local drama group; a Bioblitz – spotting, identifying and recording wildlife; 'art in the park', which observed and celebrated old and beautiful trees; a circus skills workshop; a tree ID trail; and a chance to chat with a foraging expert.

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# Thousands enjoy the sun at free family fun day

Thousands of people flocked to Milton Country Park at the end of May to try out a range of sporting activities at Parklife, our annual free family fun day.



The highlights of the day included the watersports on offer – paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing – with pond dipping and fishing taster sessions also taking place on the lake. On dry land, activities included football zorbing, speed goal, foot darts, climbing, caving, archery, bush crafting and much more.

Our Chairman, Cllr Douglas de Lacey and Vice Chair, Cllr Anna Bradnam officially opened the event by setting off the regular junior parkrun at the park.

Cllr De Lacey said:

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***“The whole event was simply fantastic. It was great to have so much positive feedback from the day and we now hope people will carry on with some of the activities they tried out to help them stay fit and healthy. The day wouldn’t be possible without an army of volunteers who help us. A big thank you to everyone involved.”***

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Parklife is organised in partnership with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and the event is supported by a variety of local organisations who help us to provide such a wide range of activities to try out.

To find out more about sports activities and initiatives we support, visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing)

# Fun – and safety – at the fayre

After a summer filled with fayres, fêtes and festivals, it's time for many event organisers to look ahead to Christmas or even 2020.

Providing everything runs according to plan, holding an event, large or small, can be incredibly rewarding for your community. But when things go wrong, event organisers can face serious consequences.

**?** Are you planning a community or public event?

**?** Do you know how to make sure your event is not only fun, but safe?

We have established a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) – free for organisers of events of any size – to provide guidance. Through one advisory group event organisers can access experts from environmental health and licensing, the County Council's highways team, and all three emergency services.

The SAG meets every two months. Event organisers can make an appointment to meet the group. By talking through your plans, potential issues can be discussed and solutions put in place to help you avoid putting the public and yourselves at risk.

We will also guide you in writing a management control document and applying for any licences or permits that may be required. Other topics include public safety, crowd control, stewarding, staging and temporary structures, electrical supplies, noise control, road closures, food and water safety, first aid and emergency evacuations.

Like with anything else, preparation is the key to success – so ideally event organisers should seek advice

from the SAG about six months ahead of your event, to allow time to properly plan and apply for licences and permits.

To contact the group email [duty.HESresources@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.HESresources@scambs.gov.uk) or visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/event-safety-advisory-group](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/event-safety-advisory-group) for more information.



Sophie Bush and her son – both helpers at Cambourne to be Wild

Louise Rackham, event organiser of Cambourne to be Wild 2019, said:

*“We attended the SAG meeting and found it really useful. It helped enormously being able to talk to the fire service, police and paramedics to ensure we had taken into consideration all the risks and to have the opportunity to also get advice. We would highly recommend anybody who organises an event of any size to utilise this invaluable service to ensure that their event is safe and enjoyable for everybody attending.”*



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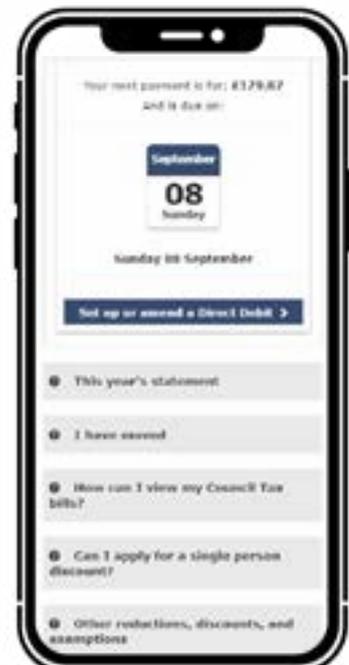
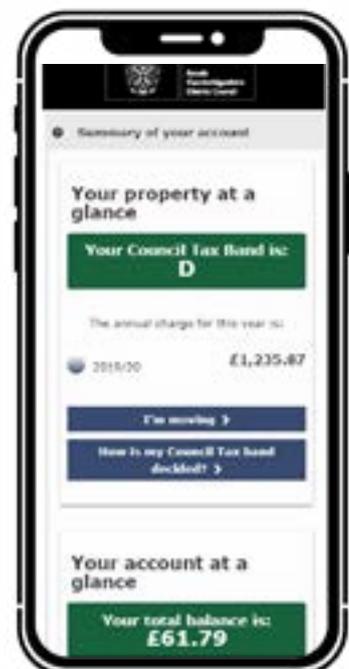
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Cllr Neil Gough, Deputy Leader, said:

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If we fail to get a response from your house, we will also have to send someone out to visit you to chase you to complete the form.

We are encouraging all households to respond online if they can. Full instructions on how to respond can be found on your letter. Please remember that all households need to respond to the letter, even if it is to confirm that no changes are needed.

We undertake this registration process every year, as required by law. It's important that you respond, as your replies form the basis of the register of electors. If you aren't registered, then you will not be able to vote in any elections, and you may find it hard to get credit.

Don't forget, anyone added to the names already on the form will not be fully registered. They will also need to register in full at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)



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# National praise for preventing homelessness

Our Housing Advice and Homelessness team have recently received national praise from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for their success in resolving or preventing homelessness.

The success is since legislation changed in April 2018 when a stronger legal duty was placed on Councils to prevent homelessness.

Preventing someone from becoming homeless has been our approach for many years as we want to try to avoid people finding themselves without a roof over their head.

Cllr Hazel Smith, our Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, said:

*“If you believe you are at any risk of losing your home contact us. By stepping forward earlier our expert team has a far better chance of keeping you in your own home or finding an alternative before you actually find yourself homeless.”*

People can become homeless because their private landlord needs the property back, or they are going through a major life event. This can include illness, loss of employment and relationship breakdown.

We recently helped to find a new home for a man who had suddenly become homeless following a relationship breakdown. He thanked the team for contacting him so quickly and for the compassionate way they dealt with his situation. He said: “You don’t know what a difference you made at such a difficult time.”

Cllr Hazel Smith added:

*“This is a really challenging area of work and we will always see peaks and troughs in our success. Anyone can be faced with homelessness and our team work with people from all walks of life and backgrounds. Our first option is always to try to keep them in their current accommodation. This can be through budgeting or benefits advice to address rent difficulties, or through additional help and mediation to keep people with family while we can support a planned and structured independent move.”*



Working alongside our team is Shire Homes, an organisation we set up to provide another accommodation option to applicants facing homelessness. Shire Homes lease properties from private landlords but offer affordable rents to people we are supporting. This has successfully housed 35 households and they are looking to expand and grow by taking on new properties.



Since April 2018 we have prevented

**242 FAMILIES**

from becoming homeless through keeping them in their current home or finding them an alternative before a notice period is up.

For housing advice and support, call 03450 450 051 or visit [www.scams.gov.uk/housing/housing-advice/](http://www.scams.gov.uk/housing/housing-advice/)

For more information on Shire Homes, visit [www.scams.gov.uk/shirehomes](http://www.scams.gov.uk/shirehomes)

# Your recycling DOES get recycled!

The recent BBC documentary series 'War on Plastic' has raised serious questions about how we use plastics, including in many items that we rely on every day.

**Plastic has become an inevitable part of our lives. However, the facts are shocking. Every minute, the equivalent of a rubbish truck full of plastics enters the world's oceans.**

The UK alone produces 1.8 million tonnes of plastic a year. So, it is crucial that we capture recyclable materials in the right ways and reduce the amount of plastic we need to throw away.

### Your blue bin for plastics

More and more people do recycle well using their blue bins, and one of the materials we can recycle effectively is plastic packaging. This includes plastics from the kitchen such as milk bottles, punnets, tubs, pots, drinks bottles and cleaning product bottles. It also includes things from the bathroom like shampoo and shower gel bottles, bleach and cleaning product bottles and other

items from around the house like the moulded plastic from battery or toy packaging.

### Your plastic recycling journey

Blue bin contents collected in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge are taken to Amey's Materials Recycling Facility near Waterbeach. Using people and clever technology, the recycling is sorted into different materials which are sent on for re-processing and re-use.

The great news is that most of the plastic we put in our blue bins is recycled in the UK. Since January 2018, 94.4% of the plastic that has been through Amey's Waterbeach facility has been treated at reprocessing facilities in the UK. The remaining 5.6% of plastics were exported to either the Netherlands or Spain. Both sites in those countries are fully permitted and operate to stringent environmental conditions.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Cllr Bill Handley (pictured), said:

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*"It's great that the public's interest in recycling and where their waste goes is at an all time high. The key things to remember here are to try and cut down the amount of single-use plastics you buy, but make sure the ones you do purchase are recyclable and end up in your blue bin. By doing both of those things, you're helping keep plastics within the recycling system, preventing them from ending up in landfill or, even worse, the countryside or oceans."*

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- Cllr Bill Handley

## Reduce your plastic use

You can do your bit to reduce the amount of waste you produce in the first place, especially single-use plastics. Here are some easy wins to reduce your impact on the environment:

- ✓ have a re-usable water bottle
- ✓ invest in a re-usable coffee cup
- ✓ store shopping bags in handbag or car
- ✓ buy loose veg and fruit
- ✓ buy soap and shampoo in bars
- ✓ buy wooden toothbrushes
- ✓ take re-usable containers to deli counters

You can also re-use plastic products. Why not make a bird-feeder from a plastic bottle or collect yogurt pots to use for planting (remember to make a drainage hole). You can also use ice-cream tubs to freeze excess food. It's a perfect way to have a waste-free lunch.

When buying products, think of their recyclability. We are very lucky in South Cambridgeshire as we can recycle most plastic packaging. However, some of the things we can't recycle in our blue bins are biodegradable packaging and bags (not good for the green bin either), black plastic trays, crisp packets and tubes, sweet wrappers, buckets, bowls, Tupperware, toys, polystyrene packaging and take-away containers and cups, toothbrushes, cotton buds, nappies, cleaning and toilet wipes and sanitary products.

## Other recycling schemes for plastic

Some plastic items can't be recycled in our blue bins but can be collected together and sent off for specialist recycling. Terracycle is a global company which enables this by working with packaging producers, who pay for these schemes. You can drop certain types of packaging such as crisp packets, or toothbrushes, at collection points set up by local groups, or even set up a collection point yourself and raise money for charity at the same time.

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## Reduce, re-use, recycle

Use our What-goes-in-which-bin section at [www.scams.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scams.gov.uk/bins) to find out the best ways of getting rid of your unwanted items.

To see what happens with the materials we collect, visit [www.recap.co.uk](http://www.recap.co.uk)



## The Recyclables Summer Challenge

An exciting competition open to Cambridgeshire children who have just finished school years 3, 4 and 5 is taking place until 20 September to celebrate the power of imagination and encourage everyone to reduce and recycle as much as they can.

Get your children to use their imagination to create a story of how everyday recycling is transformed into something new. The winning story will be made into a video by professional animators with the help of its author and their whole class. There is also a prize for a whole class visit to the Waste Management Park in Waterbeach.

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# Bin collection calendar



Bins must be put out by 6am on your collection day. Close lids fully. Please report missed collections between 3.30pm on collection day and 3.30pm the next working day. For advice on how to leave out extra recycling for collection and other policies, see [www.scams.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scams.gov.uk/gov.uk/bins)

Green bin    Black bin    Blue bin

**Reminder: We move to monthly winter green bin collections from 23 December. Your final green bin collection before we move to this monthly schedule is marked with an \* below**

## 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, 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, Chesterton Fen, Fen Ditton, Homingsea, Milton, Waterbeach



## What goes in your blue bin?

**Yes**

**Recycle** ✓ Clean ✓ Empty ✓ Don't bag it



Cardboard



Paper & magazines



Tins, cans & foil



Aerosol cans



Glass bottles & jars



Cartons



Plastic pots, tubs, trays & bags



Plastic bottles



Shredded paper  
*(in envelope or clear sack)*

Occasional extra recycling

One clear sack and/or a bundle of cardboard that would fit in an empty blue bin can be left next to your bin for collection, providing the crew has sufficient space on the round.



**No**

- ✗ Black bin bags or rubbish
- ✗ Nappies, tissues, kitchen paper, wipes & sanitary waste
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Glasses, flat glass or glass dishes
- ✗ Mirrors, Pyrex, plates/crockery

The following can be recycled elsewhere – check our website.

- ✗ Clothing and textiles
- ✗ Food, liquid or garden waste
- ✗ Wood, plasterboard & DIY waste
- ✗ Furniture or electricals
- ✗ Scrap metal e.g. pans
- ✗ Hard plastics e.g. bucket
- ✗ Crisp packets

## What goes in your green bin?

**Yes**

**Compostables**



Cooked/uncooked food waste (including meat, fish and dairy)



Untreated wood and sawdust



Garden waste



Used paper tissues and kitchen paper



**No**

- ✗ Plastic & plastic bags
- ✗ Compostable bags e.g. Biobags
- ✗ Nappies, wipes and sanitary waste
- ✗ Soil or stones
- ✗ Painted or treated wood
- ✗ Cat or dog waste
- ✗ Plant pots and seedling trays

## What goes in your black bin?

**Yes**

**Reduce**

Please try to reduce other rubbish that cannot be recycled or composted



**General rubbish** including nappies, wipes, sanitary waste, polystyrene, broken crockery or glassware (wrapped)

Household Recycling Centres move to winter opening hours from Tuesday 1 October. Visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hrc](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hrc) for details.



**No**

- ✗ Rubble/bricks
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Very heavy items
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Batteries

Take these items to Household Recycling Centres at Milton or Thriplow.

# Let's S.C.R.A.P. fly-tipping

In July we released footage showing an old fridge, freezer, mattress, and bags of rubbish being dumped at Milton Park and Ride during rush hour.



**This wasn't your normal fly-tip as we mocked it up to see how people would react to the sight of a van pulling up and dumping the goods in broad daylight.**

The videos we took of the mock fly-tip reached over 37,000 people on Facebook alone. You can still watch these by visiting [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and searching South Cambridgeshire.

Last year (2018) there were 926 recorded incidents of fly-tipping across South Cambridgeshire. In 2017, the figure was 902. Clearing them up wastes taxpayers' money and often costs local farmers and landowners money too.

Around two thirds of fly-tips come from households, so it is crucial that everyone understands their responsibilities to avoid a £400 fixed penalty notice or an unlimited fine.

Together with partners in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP), we have launched the S.C.R.A.P. fly-tipping campaign. Follow the S.C.R.A.P. code in the graphic on this page to make the right choices when asking someone to remove your waste.

To help us deal with fly-tipping incidents efficiently, please report them to us.

The easiest way to do this is by visiting [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) and then clicking on 'Report it' and then searching under 'Environment'. You fill out a short form that will give us all the details we need to investigate the fly-tip and arrange for its removal. You can upload a picture of the fly-tip if you wish. However, if you witness fly-tipping taking place, call 999 to report the crime in action. Please do not put yourself in danger.

When reporting fly-tipping to us, we need as many details as possible. This includes the exact location, the size of the fly-tip, the type of waste dumped and when you spotted the fly-tip.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Cllr Bill Handley, said:

*"Always check that whoever is removing your waste has a Waste Carriers Licence. If they don't, and the rubbish can be traced back to you, you could end up with a hefty fine. Follow the S.C.R.A.P. guidance and help us tackle fly-tipping in South Cambridgeshire."*

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# Are you recycling right?

It costs taxpayers across South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City £10,000 every month to remove and dispose of items that are wrongly put into blue bins.

When the wrong items are put in the recycling, this reduces their quality and can cause large quantities of materials to be rejected and not recycled. This means your Council Tax money is wasted, instead of being spent on improving local services.

## These items don't belong in your blue bin:

- X** Nappies, wet wipes, sanitary towels, tissues or kitchen roll. Put these in your black bin apart from tissue and kitchen roll, which can go in the green bin
- X** Black bags with recycling in. Put recycling in your bin clean, dry and loose



- X** Clothes and shoes. Pass on or donate via charity shops, clothing banks or Household Recycling Centres
- X** Food or liquid remains. Remove any food and rinse containers, and empty all liquids from bottles. Squash and replace caps before recycling.

## Recycle your batteries!

As batteries contain heavy metals and toxic chemicals, they must not be put inside any of the wheelie bins. They can cause fires in our collection lorries. You can recycle used batteries by placing them in the plastic bag that our collection crews will be leaving on your bin over the next couple of weeks. Put your batteries in it and attach it to your blue bin handle.

Don't worry if you don't receive a bag – you can use any small plastic bag instead. If you don't need the bag, please pass it on to someone who does, or leave it tucked into your bin handle or under the edge of the lid on your next collection, and the crew will retrieve it to re-use.

There are also collection points in all major retailers that sell batteries such as in supermarkets and electrical shops.

### Which batteries?

We accept all types of small portable household battery. Please check details on the bag we are providing.

### What else can you do to reduce battery waste?

Look for options without batteries such as wind-up torches or solar-powered lights. You could also buy rechargeable batteries.

### Car batteries

As with all batteries, car batteries must not be placed inside any of your wheelie bins. You can take them to the Household Recycling Centres near Milton or Thriplow.

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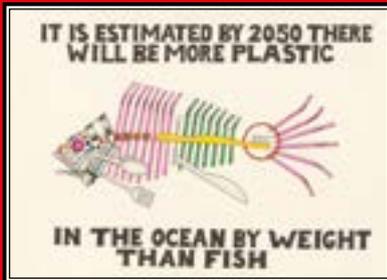
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# World-class ice rink on your doorstep

Communities across South Cambridgeshire can now get their skates on. An ice rink we supported with invaluable loan funding opens on the edge of Cambridge on Monday 26 August.

**The new ice arena sits next to the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site and is within our Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward.**

The new facility boasts a 340-seat arena and is one of the most energy-efficient ice rinks in the UK. The 56 metre by 26 metre ice pad meets the requirements of the International Ice Hockey Federation, allowing teams to visit from around the world to play ice hockey. However, the primary factor for Councillors loaning funds to the project was the objective of delivering a high-quality community sporting venue to benefit the health and wellbeing of residents.

Our loan to Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre (CLIC), a total of £2.4 million, was vital in getting the ice rink project off the ground and keeping construction work progressing. Around 25 new jobs have been created by the opening of the rink.

Before identifying the land at Newmarket Road, CLIC had been searching for a site in and around Cambridge to locate a rink for more than 20 years. Building work on the site, which is being leased by Marshall of Cambridge

to CLIC, began in November 2017. However, progress was halted following the discovery of 194 small grenades dating back to World War Two. Specialist contractors had to be brought in to assess the entire site and ensure it was safe for construction to continue.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr John Williams, said:

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***“It’s fantastic that this new facility opens on 26 August for people of all ages from across South Cambridgeshire to take advantage of. We hope that the rink will be a fantastic facility that our residents can enjoy for many years. We’re pleased to have invested in this community-focused building and hope it benefits the health and wellbeing of residents. The loan is generating a small return which we will re-invest into providing services for residents, but the primary reason for our involvement in this project is the benefits it will bring to the community.”***

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There's plenty of bicycle parking at the new Cambridge Ice Arena



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**Wednesday 23 October 2019**

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# Record-breaking numbers at adapted athletics day

150 children attended our outdoor Athletics Plus event in June, despite equally record breaking wet weather!

The event took place at Wilberforce Road Athletics Track on Thursday 13 June, with pupils competing from: Castle School, Cambourne Village College, Bottisham Village College, Hinchingsbrooke School, Impington Village College, Granta School, Samuel Pepys School and Gretton School.

Everyone was able to take part in a range of different activities including long jump, howlers, discus and sprinting. Alongside the competitive events, WheelPower ran taster sessions of Boccia and New Age Kurling.



The event promotes sport and active recreation for young people with a range of abilities. The activities were adapted to suit different abilities so that everyone could fully take part. Everyone who took part left with a smile and participants cheered each other on, shared high fives, and formed new friendships too.

*“All of our students really loved the event; it was great to see how happy they were throughout. Some of the students we brought wouldn’t usually participate fully in PE lessons so it was fantastic to see them having fun.”*

*A teacher from Gretton School*

### Volunteers lead sports events

Enthusiastic young volunteers have played a vital role in helping at sporting events run by us this year.

They all do a fantastic job and we really appreciate the hard work they put in. Thanks to Cambourne Village College for bringing 16 Year 9 volunteers to Athletics Plus, and our ongoing relationship with South Cambridgeshire School Sports Partnership for finding numerous other volunteers from local senior schools to support our holiday camps.

Without the volunteers we wouldn’t be able to ensure the younger children can enjoy the benefits of playing sports with their peers. The volunteers find the experience

rewarding too, and it supports many of them as they apply for their school and county Sports Leadership programmes.

*“I have been doing netball for five years and absolutely love it. Volunteering is great. I really enjoyed helping the children and seeing them smiling and having a nice time.”*



**Lauren**  
Holiday camp  
volunteer

*“I have enjoyed the different things I get to do as a volunteer, for example helping out the coaches with scoring and time keeping; there is always so much to do.”*



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# England Roses spread Netball World Cup fever

Inspired to pick up a netball by the Netball World Cup earlier this summer?

**The Adult Friendly Netball League runs from October to March, with groups from as far and wide as Warboys to Linton, and Trumpington to Melbourn meeting to play, socialise and enjoy spending time together.**

We established the league 10 years ago for women wanting to play in a friendly environment, and the league continues to take place in Milton on Thursday evenings every other week. From the coming season the league will be run by player volunteers.

Natalie Smith, Warboys Witches, Division A winners said:

*“After having children I decided to get back into netball by starting Warboys Witches. The fantastic Adult Friendly Netball League has given us the opportunity to play matches weekly in a fun and friendly relaxed environment. It has a positive impact on my mental health and gives everyone time to exercise whilst having fun and making new friends!”*

Meredith Shaw, Vi-Kings, Division B winners said:

*“I returned to netball after a 30 year break and what I particularly like about the Adult Friendly Netball League is that it really does not matter about your age, ability or sporting background. What brings us together is the joy of playing as part of a team.”*

If you would like to find out more about the league, setting up a group or joining a team email [Helen.Stepney@scambsgov.uk](mailto:Helen.Stepney@scambsgov.uk). The new season will start in October 2019, so now is the perfect time to sign up!

## It's never too late to start exercising

**Just 30 minutes of moderate exercise five times per week – including activities like walking or gardening – will be enough to help people live healthier lives, especially when accompanied by a balanced diet.**

**For people who have been diagnosed with particular health conditions, help is at hand to support you in starting to exercise and improve your health.**

Ask your GP or health professional to refer you to the Active & Healthy 4 Life exercise referral scheme.

You will be invited to take part in a 12 week programme of prescribed exercise under the guidance of a specialist instructor who will be able to support you, and work with you to improve your health.

**What patients have done to improve their health**

- Used strength exercises on gym-based equipment to strengthen bones and muscles
- Accessed treadmills, cross trainers and static bikes to improve breathing and the ability to keep going for longer whether walking, swimming, or cycling
- Improved posture
- Completed flexibility exercises to enable them to stay mobile
- Socialised with other patients attending a class at the same time

In the last year, **168 patients have completed the 12 week exercise programme,**

and all 168 have gone on to continue exercising, seeing the benefits to their health.

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Cooking with Fish	M	19.00-21.00	16-Sep	13-Jan		5	£65
Cooking with Unusual Cuts of Meat	M	19.00-21.00			27-Apr	5	£65
Creative Curries - Made Simple	Tu	19.00-21.00			28-Apr	4	£52
Creative Writing - Beginners	W	19.00-21.00	18-Sep	15-Jan	29-Apr	10	£125
Curry House Favourites	Tu	19.00-21.00	29-Oct			5	£65
Dressmaking - All abilities	M	19.00-21.00	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	10	£125
Effective Job Hunting - CVs /Interviews	M	19.00-21.00	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	5	£50
Exploring Drawing & Painting	Tu	13.00-15.00	17-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10	£130
Fitness Yoga	Tu	19.55-20.55	10-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10	£73
Flamenco Dancing - Beginners	M	20.05-21.05	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	10	£70
Flowers for Fun	M	19.30-21.30	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	10	£125
French Conversation - Adv	W	10.00-12.00	18-Sep	15-Jan	29-Apr	10*	£135
Friday Singers	F	09.30-11.15	20-Sep	10-Jan	24-Apr	10	£52
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Italian - Advanced and Conversation	Tu	20.00-21.30	17-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10	£94
Italian - Beginners	W	11.00-12.30	18-Sep			10	£94
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Italian Conversation - Adv	Tu	09.30-11.30	17-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10*	£135
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Pottery - All abilities #	Tu	19.00-21.00	17-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10*	£150
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Tai Chi - Improvers	M	18.30-20.00	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	10	£105
Tap Dance for Fun & Fitness	M	19.00-20.00	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	11	£77
Tarts and Pies for Dessert	M	19.00-21.00			15-Jun	5	£65
Astronomy - The Grandest tour	W	19.00-21.00	18-Sep			8	£100
Understanding your iPad	M	18.30-20.30	16-Sep			6	£65
Vegan Cooking	M	19.00-21.00		24-Feb		5	£65
Watercolours - Beginners	Tu	10.00-12.00	17-Sep	14-Jan	28-Apr	10	£130
Woodland Survival and Bushcraft	W	19.30-21.30	18-Sep	15-Jan	29-Apr	8	£100
Yoga for Wellbeing	M	17.30-18.30	16-Sep	13-Jan	27-Apr	10	£70

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# Try a Train trip increases confidence to travel by train

We support the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership, which develops links between rail services and nearby schools and businesses, and promotes safe and environmentally-friendly train travel.

The Community Rail Partnership recently organised a 'Try a Train' trip in partnership with the Red2Green charity. Try a Train trips encourage people to have greater confidence when travelling independently by train, and Red2Green is a charity that teaches life skills to people with learning disabilities.

The Cambridgeshire-based group of learners started the day with a tour of Cambridge railway station. They were shown how to buy tickets, how to use the ticket gates, and how to look out for information boards and signs. Next, they set off on a train to Shepreth to visit Shepreth Wildlife Park. Highlights of the park included Meerkat Manor, the Bat Cave and a keeper talk about the park's new Sumatran tigers.

The trip provided an ideal opportunity for those in the group who were lacking the confidence to travel by train to visit a station, experience a train journey and discover somewhere not too far from home that is accessible by train for a fantastic day out.

*Red2Green's tutor, Sally Hulme said:*

***"All learners were certainly more confident and this became evident during the day as they began to relax and become visibly less anxious. It allowed the learners to experience all the things we had worked on in the classroom in a safe and supported environment."***



*Community Rail Partnership Project Officer, Sarah Grove said:*

***"One of the things people who are nervous do is look at the floor, but signs at stations are head height or above, so we practised looking up. We also looked at platform safety features such as the white lines, yellow lines and tactile surfaces. On the way back, we talked about how learners were feeling, and everyone agreed they were feeling more confident about going on a train trip."***

The Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership is supported by us and Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR). To cover the costs of the Try a Train trip, GTR provided the train tickets and the wildlife park kindly gave the group free entry.

## Want to try a Try a Train trip?

Try a Train trips are aimed at people who have hidden and physical disabilities, as well as groups who may not have had an opportunity to travel by train, such as young carers or people who have lost confidence due to age or illness. If you know of a group that would benefit from a Try a Train trip, please visit:

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The cameras are the same size as a smartphone. Tak Cheung, who has used the thermal imaging cameras several times, explained:

*“Thermal imaging cameras are a really useful tool to help identify insulation defects. You can also take images of all sorts of items; our friend took one of a steam iron and proved a fault in the sole plate for a warranty claim.”*

Good insulation reduces heat loss from your home, because the quicker the desired temperature is reached the earlier your boiler will switch off. This will reduce the amount of fuel you burn too, which is good for the environment. It is also good for your wallet, because as consumption drops, so does your spending.

The best visual readings are taken between October and March, and residents can borrow one of our thermal imaging cameras, typically for a week, free of charge.

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## Protect your property from damp and mould

**As we approach the autumn, when the weather will start to get cooler, it's a good time to think about protecting your property from damp and mould.**

Condensation is the most common cause of damp in the home. It happens when excess moisture in the air comes into contact with a cold surface, such as a window or cold wall. This can then lead to mould growing, which is made worse by inadequate heating or ventilation.

Everyday activities like cooking, showering, drying clothes and even sleeping add to the moisture in your home, which can lead to condensation and mould.

Tips to help you avoid condensation in your home:

- Dry clothes outdoors or use a ventilated tumble dryer
- Cover pans while cooking
- Use extractor fans in kitchens and bathrooms
- Leave a gap between furniture and external walls
- Open windows regularly to increase ventilation
- Keep your home warm – a low background temperature of at least 15 degrees in all rooms will help

If you've already had an issue with mould, it is important to thoroughly clean the area using a fungicidal wash, available from most DIY shops or supermarkets, and follow these tips to prevent a recurrence.

Landlords should repair anything that is causing a condensation problem, such as a broken extractor fan or a faulty heating system. For more information and advice visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/preventing-damp](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/preventing-damp)



# Community by Design

In March our Planning and Urban Design Team won a prestigious Public Sector National Urban Design Award

The award was for their part in the Marmalade Lane co-housing project, in recognition of the Council's effort to bring communities together to create people-friendly places.

Marmalade Lane is South Cambridgeshire's first co-housing scheme, consisting of 42 houses and apartments. Developed by TOWN and designed by Mole Architects, the self-build scheme has a strong focus on 'Community by Design'.

The project represents a successful collaborative approach between residents (the applicant), their design team, and our Urban Design Team, resulting in a distinctive piece of townscape which adds character and vitality to Orchard Park.

Co-housing communities centre around a communal space, common ownership, and time investment in the community. So while Marmalade Lane residents own their own homes and terraces, have separate front doors, and personalise their homes, they also share a common house which has multi-purpose rooms, dining and living spaces, a crèche, a workshop and a shared flat for visitors. There is also an allotment and a garden which can be enjoyed by the wider Orchard Park community.



Left to right: Marmalade Lane resident Lorna Brill, Meredith Bowles from Mole Architects, Trovina Monteiro from our Consultancy Team, Jonny Anstead from developer TOWN, Bonnie Kwok from our Urban Design team and Neil Murphy from developer TOWN.

To achieve this ambition, the residents submitted a full planning application to us, following a comprehensive pre-planning process. Before submitting their planning application to us, residents received support from our independent Design Enabling Panel, as well as our urban design and planning officers, ensuring any key issues were identified and resolved at the outset.

Full planning permission was granted in December 2016 for the Marmalade Lane community's vision, which was jointly established by residents, their design team and Council officers.

The layout and communal spaces encourage interaction between neighbours and the 'street' running through the heart of the site serves as a friendly, car-free 'home zone'.

Cllr Dr. Tumi Hawkins, our Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, said:

*"The scheme demonstrates that, through the promotion of smaller sites like this within larger developments, alternative models of housing can be delivered – such as co-housing and self-build – that achieve a sense of character and identity. We are committed to engaging through the planning and design process with other residents and communities considering this type of self-build."*

To find out more about how we can support self-build projects please visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/self-build](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/self-build)



# Planning for a high-quality, well-designed Cambourne

Our Planning Committee recently approved some rules that set out how an extension of Cambourne will be built.

**This set of rules is called a design code, and it will apply to Cambourne West. The code was submitted for approval by the site's developers, Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes.**

The development will be made up of around 2,350 homes located between Cambourne and the Caxton Gibbet roundabout. As well as the new homes, there will be a secondary school and two primary schools, together with new sporting facilities, including an all-weather athletics track as well as a BMX track. Financial contributions will also be made to Cambourne Town Council to help provide the existing and new communities with a swimming pool in the future.

The design code which our Planning Committee approved in June is a set of illustrated design rules and requirements which instruct and advise how a development comes forward and lists mandatory elements which must be followed. It aims to ensure that the new development is a well-planned, good neighbour to the existing



community in Cambourne. It will be used to assess planning applications that come forward for the site in future.

The design code for Cambourne West provides detailed guidance on the overall vision for the development. It describes what materials should be used for the buildings and demonstrates how all the housing areas will be linked to nearby open spaces. It highlights the delivery of new green spaces and the cycle and footpath routes that connect them, as well as providing detailed guidance for the local centre and the sports hub. Small employment areas are also located within the site. The code confirms that the overall strategy is to encourage walking and cycling and ensure the new development links-up with the rest of Cambourne. Most new roads will be designed to have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour, with a local bus route through the development.



Our Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Dr. Tumi Hawkins (pictured) said:

***“We’re aiming to bring forward a well-planned, good neighbour to Cambourne that not only provides new homes that are affordable to live in, but a good mix of facilities for new and existing residents too. This design code, which the site’s developers are now signed-up to, will help ensure that we end up with an imaginatively-designed place where people will enjoy living.”***



An aerial shot showing the location of the Cambourne West development

# New joint Local Plan

We are working with communities on the next plan for how we manage growth to deliver new homes and facilities whilst protecting and improving the environment.

## How should we develop the area next?

It may only be just over a year since we agreed a plan on how to deliver growth up until 2031, but we need to start work now on how we build upon this to take us up to 2040 and beyond.

The Local Plan this time will cover both South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. We worked closely with Cambridge City on the previous one as many issues are common to both areas but moving to one joint plan takes this a step further and will produce a single plan for the Greater Cambridge area.

## What has happened so far?

Two big pieces of work for our shared planning team have already got underway. We have asked landowners about sites they want us to consider for development in the next plan. This is known as the Call for Sites. We are now mapping them and starting to analyse those put forward.

Another big piece of work is the evidence to support the Local Plan. This looks at a range of topics, including evidence on the expected growth in population and jobs, and how to plan for the important environmental issues we face. This work will continue into 2020.



Cllr Tumi Hawkins (seated) talking to people at one of our engagement events

## Consultation

Throughout the Local Plan process we want to make sure that we give communities as many opportunities to get involved in shaping it as possible. However, before we even reach that stage we have been running some workshops with local Councillors, parish councils, businesses, developers, landowners, statutory authorities and council employees. As the plan is shared these have also involved residents' associations in the city.

Cllr Dr. Tumi Hawkins, Our Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, said:

*“We want to do more than ever before to engage with our communities at the earliest stages of this new Local Plan. The workshops were really helpful, and the views shared will be considered as we begin to prepare our new vision and strategy for development to 2040 and beyond.”*



The first formal stage of consultation on the next Local Plan is referred to as the Issues and Options consultation. This will take place towards the end of the year. As the title suggests, this first round of consultation gives you the chance to comment on what the issues are for the Local Plan and how we could look to plan for them.

For more information on the Local Plan, visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/greatercambridgeplan](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/greatercambridgeplan)

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*Karen Thomas, Chippenham*

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“I’ve already turned the underfloor heating down. Lovely job guys, thank you!”

*Anne Bird, Bristol*

### Quieter in bad weather

“For the first time in 10 years we do not have to close the door to the conservatory when it rains, as the noise is minimal and before I found it difficult to hear the TV over the loudness of the rain on the old roof.”

*Mr & Mrs Bailey-Webb, Warsash*

### Maintains temperature

“Before, on fine days at 9am, there would be a difference of 15 degrees. After installation the difference is only 5 degrees and it maintains that difference throughout the day”.

*Mr and Mrs Bottomley, Bournemouth*



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## Win an annual family pass to Shepreth Wildlife Park worth more than £250

We've once again teamed up with Shepreth Wildlife Park to give one lucky reader the chance to win a year's access for their family. Worth £260, it entitles two adults and two children to park entry for 12 months. The prize also includes a pen, keyring, wristband, postcard, souvenir guide, bag for life, invitation to the summer members' evening and discounted entry to several other regional attractions.

Shepreth Wildlife Park opened to the public in 1984 as a refuge for injured and orphaned animals. Since then it has become one of East Anglia's major attractions participating in endangered breeding programmes and raised over £300,000 for conservation projects worldwide, working alongside Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity.

Today, there are over 100 species to see and meet, with keeper talks and demonstrations throughout the day. Set in natural grounds,

as well as in and outdoor play zones, warm tropical exhibits and animal encounter sessions, the park also provides lots of unique experiences from hand-feeding the ring-tailed lemurs to coming face-to-face with a red panda.

Visit [www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk) or call 01763 262 226 for more information.

To be in with a chance of winning the annual family ticket to Shepreth Wildlife Park, just answer the following question:

**To recycle batteries, you should put them inside a clear bag. That bag should then be tied to which of your bins?**

- a) Green
- b) Blue
- c) Black

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

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

South Cambs Magazine Competition, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambridgeshire CB23 6EA

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

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

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



### Winner's spotlight

Congratulations to Fiona from Harston and Louisa from Barrington, who both won four tickets to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge. Included in the prize was a warm welcome with Prosecco to the theatre, ahead of the family friendly musical adventure, which is showing in late September.

Fiona said: "It was a surprise to find out I had won. I like musicals so I'm looking forward to seeing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in September with my family." Louisa said: "I am delighted to have won this and I am looking forward to seeing this with my friends."



# adc theatre corpus playroom

The **ADC Theatre** is the liveliest theatre in Cambridge, presenting a vibrant programme of drama, comedy, musical theatre and new student writing.

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Pied Pipers

## CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Bring your high expectations (literally!), and be prepared to drive, sail and fly from an authentic post-war Britain to a fantastical land with even more fantastical characters.

**ADC THEATRE**

**WED 18 - SAT 28 SEPTEMBER AT 7.45PM**

**MATINEES 21, 22 & 28 SEPT AT 2.30PM**

**TICKETS £9-£15**

Cambridge American Stage Tour

## THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Shakespeare's most farcical comedy is reimagined as the world's most anarchic birthday party.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 8 - SAT 12 OCTOBER AT 7.45PM**

**TICKETS £8-£14**

Cambridge Footlights

## FOOTLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL TOUR SHOW: LOOK ALIVE!

Renowned comedic sketch show returns for its home run after performing to over 20,000 people across two continents.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 8 - SAT 12 OCTOBER AT 11PM**

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Brickhouse Theatre Company

## THE DEEP BLUE SEA

In the sitting room of a squalid flat in post-war London, Hester Collyer learns to live without love.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 15 - SAT 19 OCTOBER AT 7.45PM**

University of Cambridge Asia Theatre Tour

## PYGMALION

A witty and slapstick reworking of the classic tale **Pygmalion**, and a cutting attack of the treatment of women by men and the British class system.

**CORPUS PLAYROOM**

**TUE 15 - SAT 19 OCTOBER AT 7PM**

**TICKETS £7-£10**

## THE CONVERT

It's 1896 in Rhodesia and Jekesai has just been given her new, Catholic name, Ester. She's torn away from everything that she knows by her fellow African who earnestly believes the promises of the White man.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 22 - SAT 26 OCTOBER AT 7.45PM**

**TICKETS £9-£15**

## CROUCH TOUCH PAUSE ENGAGE

This verbatim play explores identity, sexuality, youth and Welshness by telling the true story of rugby star Gareth Thomas.

**CORPUS PLAYROOM**

**TUE 22 - SAT 26 OCTOBER AT 7PM**

**TICKETS £7-£10**

## TWELFTH NIGHT

When twins Viola and Sebastian are shipwrecked and separated on the strange city of Illyria, the two are forced to assimilate into a world of hedonism.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 29 OCTOBER - SAT 2 NOVEMBER AT 7.45PM**

## DEBRIS

Enter into the insane world of siblings Michael and Michelle, their troubled past and dysfunctional family in a shocking play by Dennis Kelly.

**CORPUS PLAYROOM**

**TUE 29 OCTOBER - SAT 2 NOVEMBER AT 7PM**

**TICKETS £7-£10**

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## CHICAGO

Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, Chicago is the story of Roxie Hart, a chorus girl who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover. Desperate to avoid conviction, she fools the public by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her crime into fame.

**ADC THEATRE**

**TUE 5 - SAT 9 NOVEMBER AT 7.45PM**

**TICKETS £10-£15**

## THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Sherlock Holmes's most famous mystery is hilariously retold in this fast-paced farce - you'd be barking to miss it!

**CORPUS PLAYROOM**

**TUE 5 - SAT 9 OCTOBER AT 7PM**

**TICKETS £7-£10**

## CUADC/FOOTLIGHTS PANTOMIME: RED RIDING HOOD

Join Red Riding Hood as she runs into the forest and encounters a world beyond her wildest imagination.

**ADC THEATRE**

**WED 27 NOVEMBER - SAT 7 DECEMBER**

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**MATINEES FRI 29, SAT 30 NOV; TUE 3, THU 5 & SAT 7 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM**

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