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Hello

Welcome to the winter edition of South Cambs Magazine

Having recently joined the Council as Chief Executive, it's lovely to be welcoming you to the latest edition of South Cambs Magazine. My first job is to highlight that you'll soon have the chance to help us start to create what's being described as 'the most important document most people have never heard of'. In this issue, we're devoting several pages to this document - our next Local Plan. This new Plan, which will be joint with our friends at Cambridge City Council, touches so many aspects of all of our lives so we really want to do more than ever before to reach out to as many of you as possible, so you help craft it. We know many people don't traditionally engage with these sorts of big consultations and we are doing all we can to change that.

The next Local Plan will tackle some really big themes. These are climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion, and creating great places. All of these feed into what types of new homes we build and where, where businesses can locate and how transport links, schools and

healthcare can support new homes and jobs. Turn to page 6 to find out how, from early in the New Year, you, your friends and family can get involved in creating our next Local Plan for the decades ahead.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, we've put together some tips to help you have a green festive season. Flick to page 16 for inspiration. On page 28, we detail our latest achievements as we look to bring forward new Council homes.

Finally, I'd like to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the district in 2020.

Happy reading,

Liz Watts

Chief Executive South Cambridgeshire District Council



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The most important document you've probably never heard of and why you should get involved

Do you worry about climate change and how we are going to adapt? Are you trying to buy a house and finding it really difficult? Have you ever walked past a building and wondered how it got planning permission?

The Council's Local Plan is the document that shapes our area's future and answers these big questions. Our next Local Plan will be shaped by the key themes of climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion and the creation of great places.

These key themes impact on everything from what kind of new homes get built and where, to where businesses can grow and how buildings, streets and spaces should be designed. As a result, the Local Plan affects all of us – yet most people haven't ever heard of it. But things are changing, and we want you to be a part of it. For the first time ever, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area: and this time we want to do better than ever at working with residents to make it happen.

We will be starting the first conversation with the community on Monday 13 January, with many different ways to get involved.

We'll be popping up at train stations, supermarkets and events, but please look out for more information nearer the time, and get in touch, at www. greatercambridgeplanning. org

Greater Cambridge Local Plan - the big themes

Climate change

Biodiversity and green spaces Wellbeing and social inclusion Great places

These four themes feed into:

- · What types of new homes we build and where
- · Where new jobs are based and where businesses can locate
- How infrastructure such as transport links, schools and healthcare can support new homes and jobs



What is the Local Plan? A Local Plan is a legal

document that shows how our area will change over the coming decades. It sets out:

- What we build in the area new homes, workspace and facilities, and how we change existing areas for the better
- · Where we build and how this relates to infrastructure -

including transport links, schools, health and utilities

· How we build in all aspects of design and layout

It sets out how South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge will change over the coming decades to meet the big challenges of the future in ways that our communities want to see.



Why are we making a new Local Plan?

For the first time ever, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are developing a joint Local Plan covering the whole of Greater Cambridge.

You are right if you think that we only just adopted Local Plans for both Councils last year. However, making a new Local Plan takes a number of years, so we need to start working now so that it is ready to meet the future challenges.

Both Councils have also declared a climate emergency and want a cleaner, greener net zero carbon future. In addition, central government published a revised set of national planning rules this year and made new commitments to reaching net zero carbon by 2050.

It is vital that we have a Local Plan that is fit for purpose and strong enough to take us forward with confidence.



Why should I get involved?

The Local Plan affects everyone. Whether you are looking to put an extension on the side of your home or business, wondering where your children might live in the future, or developing a new town such as Northstowe, the Local Plan sets out the local policies all these decisions will be judged against.

Once it is in place, it is a legal document and its policies are really important when deciding on planning applications that are submitted, and new projects that are proposed. We need you to tell us what you think the Plan should say, so that when it is implemented, it's been fully informed by local views.

By getting involved, you can really help shape what happens over the next 20 years – you can tell us what your priorities are and how you think we should be solving some of the big and difficult questions we are facing.



What can I influence?

Lots! It is true that some things are set by central government - for example, we must plan for at least the minimum number of new homes under the method the government requires, and meet national standards such as building regulations and environmental efficiency. But the big decisions are down to you to help us shape:

- Where new development should go – intensifying the centre of the city, around the edge of Cambridge, building new towns or villages, or around our existing villages?
- What kind of homes and businesses should we be planning for?
- How ambitious should we be about meeting the climate change challenge?
- · What standards should we be setting for design?

Local Plan



What are the big issues?

Getting the right Plan in place will mean difficult choices, balancing a range of competing priorities and issues.

As mentioned on page 6, we've grouped these into four big themes. You can pick and choose which ones to comment on, but we'd love for people to get involved in them all.

On this page, there is a snapshot of some of the questions we are posing to kick start the conversation.

Climate change

- We need to transition to a net zero carbon society by 2050 how are we going to achieve this?
- Our climate will be 4.5 degrees hotter by 2070 how should we be designing to manage this?
- Our winters will be 35% wetter but our summers will be 50% drier how will we manage water?











Great places

- Cambridge and the surrounding area is known for its heritage – how should we protect it and make sure that communities get the most out of our historic buildings and landscapes?
- We have a track record in outstanding new buildings which win design awards nationally – how can we make sure that every new development is something to be proud of in the future?



Biodiversity and green spaces

- Nature is under pressure and we need to enhance it to create more biodiversity – how can we do this?
- Green spaces are vitally important not only for wildlife, but for our health and wellbeing. Where and how should we be making new public green spaces?



Wellbeing and social inclusion

- While our area is very prosperous overall, some parts of it don't share in this wealth. How can we plan for growth that benefits everyone?
- Places that are successful are welcoming and inclusive to everyone. How should we make this happen in our new communities?
- We must encourage people to live more healthily – in terms of exercise, mental health and ageing well. How should we design for health?



What will these big issues impact upon?

All four of the key themes on the previous page feed into the planning of future jobs. homes and infrastructure.

Each of these areas pose their own questions and challenges too.

Homes

- Central Government requires us to plan for a minimum of around 1,800 homes to be built per year over the next 20 years across Greater Cambridge. Our current Local Plans include a figure of 1,675 homes a year. However, early indications are that around 2,900 homes a year would provide flexibility to support our growing economy. What do you think we should aim for?
- Housing is very unaffordable in our area. How can we encourage more affordable homes to be built?
- We want to make sure that there are homes to suit all kinds of people – not one size fits all. What kind of homes do you think are needed, and where?

How many new homes per year?

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Infrastructure

- We need to show how things like transport links, schools, health and utilities will support new homes and jobs. How can we make sure this is built when it is needed?
- We particularly know we need to reduce private car use and make it easier to use public transport, walk and cycle to meet our net zero carbon target. How can we do this?



Jobs

- We have a nationally important economy which is a world leader in innovation. How should this be supported to grow going forwards?
- How should we balance different sectors such as tourism, agriculture, education and retail?
- How can we encourage a range of jobs to be created, so that there is employment for different kinds of people, and in different places?

When and how can I find out more?

We will be starting a big conversation with all of you on Monday 13 January – there will be lots of ways to get involved.

We want to hear from all parts of our community – especially those of you who haven't been involved in planning issues before. We particularly want to encourage young people to take part - we often don't hear the voices of young people and the Local Plan will affect their futures too. We will be making sure that information and events are accessible to everyone. From Monday 13 January, visit

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What to do this winter in South Cambridgeshire

In the summer issue of the magazine we highlighted some of the great places to visit in South Cambridgeshire over the summer holidays. Now, with the weather cooling, we wanted to share some suggestions on how best to enjoy our district over the winter.

The Wimpole Estate is always a must visit at Christmas, thanks to its stunning festive decorations. Step inside and explore a Georgian Christmas, alongside plenty of family friendly activities to enjoy. See if you can spot a reindeer or two along the Christmas explorer path or book onto a picture tour in the hall or farm.

Eboracum Baroque will return to present a new festive programme of Georgian music in the beautiful chapel on the Wimpole estate. The concert will take place on Wednesday 18 December and feature instrumental and vocal music by Handel, Bach and Telemann. On Christmas Eve, the park will be open until 1pm and will reopen on Boxing Day for the obligatory walk to burn off all the Christmas Day indulgence.

Visit www.nationaltrust. org.uk/wimpole-estate to find out more and plan your festive visit.



Visit Cambridge and Beyond offers Official Walking Tours, which are a fantastic way to explore the city and follow in the footsteps of some of the famous faces who studied and lived in Cambridge. It's your chance to head behind the scenes as these are the only tours allowed inside the University of Cambridge colleges. With the grounds looking picturesque in the colder months, and never being too far off the beaten track to find a hot chocolate. the tours are a great way to show off your hometown to visiting friends and family over the winter.



For something really unique book onto the Christmas at King's Tour. This exclusive tour is a chance to explore King's College Chapel when it is closed to all other visitors, and to truly appreciate this iconic building, famed for Carols at King's. Last year, all tickets sold out, so keep an eye on www.visitcambridge.org to ensure you don't miss out!

Elsewhere, Santa Claus is going to be making a pre-Christmas visit to **Shepreth Wildlife Park** to greet all the children and animals. For just £6, children accompanied by an adult can experience the magic of Santa's Grotto, including a personal greeting from Father Christmas himself, as well as a Christmas gift and entrance to the Wildlife Park.

All proceeds will go towards the Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity to fund their on-site **Hedgehog Hospital**. The hospital rescues over 700 hedgehogs a year and your visit to Santa will help fund their rehabilitation back into the wild. Tickets for Santa's Grotto are already on sale at **www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk**

There's no better time of year to try Cambridge's permanent ice rink for the first time. The **Cambridge Ice Arena** off Newmarket Road, which





the Council provided a loan to help fund, is the coolest new activity in Cambridge and there's something for everyone.

Public ice skating is suitable for all ages and levels of ability, from beginner to professional, and there are 'Learn to skate' programmes available for those who might want to take their passion for the ice to the next level.

The full size ice rink gives plenty of space for figure skating and skate hire is available from £2.50. Plus, if you prefer to let the kids take to the ice and stay on more solid ground, why not warm up in the on site café instead!

Head to www.better.org.uk/ leisure-centre/cambridge/ cambridge-ice-arena to check the winter timetable.

For plenty more ideas

If you are keen to find more ideas for things to do over the winter, go online to Visit Cambridge and Beyond and book tickets for great days out at www.visitcambridge.org

X TAXI X

Be safe. Who is taking you home tonight?

With people likely to be taking taxis more often in the run up to Christmas, we want everyone to know how to travel safely.

Taxi operators, drivers and cars all have a number of checks before being granted licences – and it's these checks that ensure passengers' safety. But this only works if passengers know how to identify licensed or unlicensed drivers and cars.

There are two types of taxi licence and knowing which is which can help you to keep safe.

Hackney carriages

This type of taxi can be easily spotted – it will have a yellow light on its roof. When lit up you can immediately hire the taxi from a rank or by hailing it as it drives past.

Private hire cars

This type of taxi looks much more like a normal car and does not have a yellow light on its roof. Importantly, you must pre-book the taxi by contacting the operator.

What else to look for

All licensed taxis will display the licence plate on the rear of the vehicle and should not be in a state of disrepair. The driver will also wear or display their ID with the licensing authority and driver's licence details.

If you're travelling alone, take a picture of the taxi's licence plate or internal vehicle notice, which has details of the vehicle and operator on, and send it to a friend. Sit on the back seat behind the driver, keeping your phone to hand.

If you ever experience a problem in a taxi you should always report it to us, including the car's registration and licence plate numbers. Contact the team by emailing taxis@scambs.gov.uk or calling 03450 450063.



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SHOP SMARTER (THE 'REDUCE' IN REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE)

The most environmentally friendly option is to not buy things that aren't needed. But that doesn't mean Christmas is ruined! Here are some ideas:





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- 'Secret Santa', where a group each draws one name from a hat, and each gives and receives only one gift, can be fun and reduces the amount of shopping.
- Experiences are great. For example, a spa gift voucher plus the offer to babysit, or tickets to see a show.
- A carefully thought out donation to charity could be an option. For inspiration, search online for an article called The Small White Envelope by Nancy W. Gavin.



SUPPLIES

- Christmas decorations can last a lifetime, if you choose durable ones. Use fake trees for as many years as possible. Real trees with roots can be hired or kept in your garden year-round for reuse.
- Do you really need crackers?
 Many are disappointing, and everything ends up in the bin after dinner! Reusable crackers are available online.
- Use fabric and real ribbons to wrap gifts that will be opened while you're there. There's no mess to clear up, and they last a lifetime!



REUSE AND RECYCLE

After shopping smarter, it's about making the most of what you do have.

- Keep wrapping paper to use again next year. Brown paper packing from online deliveries is particularly useful for wrapping large or oddly shaped gifts and can be jazzed up with ribbon.
- Use evergreens like holly, ivy or mistletoe as decorations.
 They can all go on your compost heap or in your green bin after Christmas, as can real Christmas trees which have been cut up.





RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is running its annual Christmas Tree Recycling scheme again in January. On 9, 10 and 11 January 2020 the team of volunteers will be collecting trees from postcodes CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22, CB23 and CB24 in exchange for a donation.

The trees are taken to the waste management park near Waterbeach for composting. If you would like your tree collected, or can spare a few hours to volunteer, visit www.arhc.org.uk/treerecycling or call the Hospice fundraising team on 01223 675888. Registrations close at 1pm on Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Last year 1,800 trees were collected, raising more than £26,000! After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice, with 10% donated to other local charities.



WHEN NOT TO RECYCLE!

Don't practise 'wishful recycling' – not everything can be recycled in your blue bin.

Glittery or metallic wrapping paper / crackers / cards

These cause problems at the paper mill. Keep bits that can be reused next year and put the rest in the black bin.

X Plastic ribbon

Not recyclable. Reuse or put in the black bin.

X Paper napkins

Usually dirty, and the paper is not suitable for recycling. Put in the green bin.

X Clothes and shoes

These cause jams in sorting machinery and get dirty in bins so can't be recycled. Recycle at a clothing bank instead such as the ones you see in supermarket car parks.

X Toys, including from crackers

Pass on or donate to charity shops if suitable, put in black bin if not.

X Electrical items e.g. games

Pass on if suitable, take to a Household Recycling Centre to recycle with electrical items if not.

X Crisp packets and tubes

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In total, insulation works we've carried out are estimated to have saved more than 4,000 tonnes of CO2 a year. That's enough to fill more than 24,000 double decker buses. Alongside these insulation efforts, wherever possible we've upgraded lighting to greener LED options. We also have a programme to replace ageing and less efficient boilers with greener options. Plus, we're installing renewable products such as air source heat pumps and solar panels where we can.

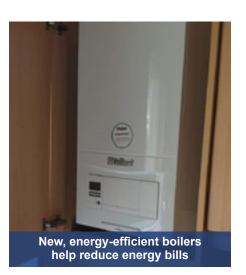
Cut your bills

There are simple steps all householders can take to cut energy bills and reduce carbon emissions.

- Compare your energy tariff: switching to a new supplier can save money. Try and choose one that offers green tariffs
- Request a smart meter from your supplier to track energy use
- Don't leave appliances on standby. Switch them off
- Have a room that's not always in use? Then fit a thermostatic radiator valve so you can turn it up and down as you need to
- Turn your heating down by one degree. According to the Energy Saving Trust, this could save up to £75 a year in a typical home
- Replace lightbulbs with LEDs or energy saving ones
- Use draught-proof strips to plug gaps around doors and windows

Struggling to pay?

According to National Energy Action, around 4 million UK households are in fuel poverty. The charity runs the Warm and Safe Homes Advice service. This offers online, telephone and face to face support for householders unable to pay energy bills. They can give advice about applying for the Government's Warm Home Discount scheme, provide support with accounts including fuel debt and much more. Visit www.nea.org.uk/advice or call 0800 304 7159.





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To cut energy bills, you need to know where your home is losing heat. A thermal imaging camera is a great way to do this – and you can borrow one from us for free. Just point it at your home to see gaps in insulation, draughts and heating problems which are usually invisible. The cameras are easy to operate. To borrow one, email thermal. imagery@scambs.gov.uk or call 03450 450 063.



Fix your old stuff and help the environment at a Repair Café

With environmental awareness continuing to rise, saving your old stuff from ending up in landfill by getting it fixed at a Repair Café is becoming increasingly popular.

These events, which we help to establish, are all about repairing items that may otherwise be buried in landfill. Repair Cafés fix household items, reduce waste and teach repair techniques at the same time.

There's no charge to take your item to be fixed, but donations are always welcome as they help keep Repair Cafés running. As well as fixing your broken item, there's also the bonus of people coming together to help each other at a community event. Many have cakes and drinks to buy too. There are no promises and no guarantees, but if something can be saved the repairers will give it their best efforts.



What can be repaired?

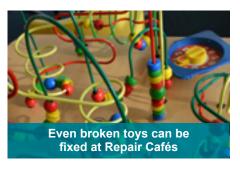
You can pretty much bring anything that you can carry, if it won't make a mess at the venue. Typical examples include bicycles, clothes, small electrical appliances, lamps, toys, mobile phones, printers and jewellery. You can even bring along something if it's not broken, but just needs cleaning.

The green benefits

Throwing things away unnecessarily is a big problem. Many items that end up buried in landfill will take decades or centuries to break down, producing harmful gases like carbon dioxide and methane. These both contribute to global warming. Some items will never, ever break down so iust sit underground forever. With local and global populations rising, small changes like repairing things instead of throwing them out really help.

Where are they?

Groups like Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) and Transition Cambridge have worked hard to make Cambridgeshire the Repair Café hub that it is today. Repair Cafés are regularly held in villages across the district. They currently run in places including Cottenham, Barrington, Cambourne, Histon, Waterbeach, Girton, Fulbourn and Sawston. We help to set them up and then they are taken on by Cambridge Carbon Footprint under their Circular Cambridge initiative. Find out where and when your closest one will be held next at www. circularcambridge.org/repaircafe

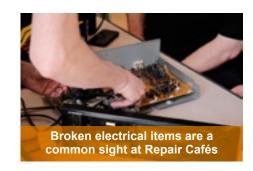


How to start a new Repair Café

We're keen to support Parish Councils or community groups thinking about running a Repair Café, be it promoting the event or offering advice to get it up and running. We can help you ensure you've chosen the right venue, got enough skilled repairers lined-up and thought about how to publicise it.

We are part of the Cambridgeshire Repair Café Network. This is a partnership between us, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Transition Cambridge and local Repair Café organisers.

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Black bin



Later collection date

Reminder: the last fortnightly green bin collections before our monthly winter schedule starts take place during the weeks commencing 9 and 16 December. We move back to fortnightly green collections on the weeks starting 2 and 9 March.

MONDAY A -

Blue bin

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

December



January



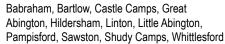
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MONDAY B-











TUESDAY A -

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









TUESDAY B -

Barrington, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth









WEDNESDAY A -

Abington Pigotts, Barton, Bassingbourn, Grantchester, Guilden Morden, Harlton, Haslingfield, Litlington, 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 -

Chesterton Fen, Chittering, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Milton, Waterbeach







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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



trays & bags



Plastic pots, tubs, 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. Or order an additional blue bin for free via our website.

No

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

The following can be recycled elsewhere - check our website.

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



tissues and kitchen paper

No

- Plastic & plastic bags
- Compostable bags e.g. Biobags
- Nappies, wipes and sanitary
- Soil or stones
- Painted or treated wood
- X 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)

No

Rubble/bricks

Soil

Very heavy items

Electrical items

X Batteries

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

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

Since the start of our campaign to S.C.R.A.P fly-tipping, which was featured in the last edition of South Cambs Magazine, we've seen an increase in residents reporting fly-tips. Thank you and please keep it up!

Household waste

There were more than 900 fly-tips across South Cambridgeshire last year, and many originated from well-intentioned households.

Often, this happens when residents allow their waste to be taken away by unlicensed carriers who simply dump their rubbish in the countryside. Don't fall into this trap.



Use your bins. It sounds obvious, but most of your household waste can go into your wheelie bins. If you don't have enough blue bins, you can order up to three extra ones for free, as well as find out what can go in them, at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins

Use recycling banks, like those in supermarket car parks, for clothing. Use Household Recycling Centres for many other items which can't go in your bins. Find out locations, opening times and what's accepted at www.cambridgeshire. gov.uk/hrc but remember if sites are closed or banks are full, never leave items outside, as this is fly-tipping!



Suitable items in good condition, like furniture, could be sold or given away via Gumtree or Freecycle. Some charities like Emmaus and British Heart Foundation will collect large items from your home for a small donation.





or call 03708 506 506.

Business waste

If you run a business which produces waste, this must be disposed of correctly. Business waste must not be put in household collections, and Business Rates do not cover waste disposal.

We offer business recycling and waste collections at competitive rates, with the frequency of collection and type of container tailored to your business needs. See www.greatercambridgewaste.org for more information and to contact us for a quote. You must not take business waste to a Household Recycling Centre.

Head of the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, Trevor Nicoll, said:

"I want to thank every resident that's helping us to S.C.R.A.P fly-tipping by disposing of their waste responsibly and legally or reporting fly-tips to us. Fly-tips are a blight on the environment, and we're determined to do all we can to tackle the issue."



To find out more and report fly-tipping, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping

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Delivering an ambitious plan for Council houses

Our Housing department's New Build Team have been working to deliver our ambitious target of doubling the number of Council homes built annually in South Cambridgeshire.



An impression of how the Urban Splash neighbourhood at Northstowe could look

Given the growing population and shortage of affordable housing options, we've set targets to build more Council homes.

Currently, we have 91 new Council homes being built on sites across this district, including in Balsham, Caldecote, Foxton, Great Abington, Hardwick, and Waterbeach. These schemes will deliver a mixture of affordable rent and shared ownership homes, based on local need and demand.

In addition to the 91 homes currently being built, we also have a pipeline of a further 199 homes that will be completed by 2023. This pipeline will see new homes built in Impington, Northstowe, Sawston, Teversham, Toft, and West Wickham.

The schemes to be built in Northstowe and Sawston will be the biggest the Council has brought forward since restarting our building programme in 2015, providing 81 and 63 homes respectively.

The largest of these schemes, at Northstowe, will be built using Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) meaning that elements will be constructed in a factory before being assembled on site. These modern building methods will allow us to provide homes with greater energy efficiency standards that can be built more quickly. The new homes at Northstowe will be delivered in partnership with leading MMC developer Urban Splash, and the Government's housing accelerator Homes England. The scheme will provide 21 affordable rent apartments and 60 age-exclusive apartments for over 55s, designed to support long-term independent living and active lifestyles. Construction work is expected to start in the spring of 2020.

Our second large-scale scheme will be delivered in Sawston, on the south side of Cambridge. This site will provide 44 homes for affordable rent, and 19 as shared ownership. We're pleased to be working with local developer Hill to bring forward this site, which will benefit from solar panels and landscaped green spaces.





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£141 million boost for new town community facilities

We've reached a legal agreement for £141 million of new services, facilities and transport improvements to come forward alongside the first 6,500 homes at a new town north of Waterbeach.

The Section 106 agreement applies to Urban&Civic's plans for the former Waterbeach Barracks site. This is the western half of the site that is allocated for a new town in our existing Local Plan.

The agreement will see many upgrades and community facilities come forward at different stages, including:

- At least 30% affordable housing
- Schools
- · A health centre
- Open spaces with outdoor pitches
- A contribution towards a new leisure centre, including a swimming pool
- Community centres and a library

As part of the process £16 million worth of transport upgrades in and around Waterbeach have been agreed. Amongst these are:

- Junction and widening improvements to parts of the A10
- New pedestrian and cycle routes
- Improvements to the existing A10 shared cycleway and footpath
- A bridge across the A10 for pedestrians and cyclists
- Traffic management measures
- Improvements to local bus services and stops

Planning permission has already been given for the relocation of Waterbeach Railway Station. This will see a modern, accessible station built on land between Cody Road and the Fen Line railway. Further detailed planning applications that set out the more precise arrangements for the site – called reserved matters applications, which include the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale – will be submitted to us by Urban&Civic in future.

A separate application for up to 4,500 new homes on the eastern half of the planned new town site has been submitted by different developers, RLW Estates. Their application, which covers land between the former barracks and railway line, is being assessed by the Council.



Find out more about the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's plans to upgrade the A10 at www.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/a10

Profile: planning your next career move?

Did you know you don't have to have a planning background to build (see what we did there) a career?



Tom Gray (pictured above), one of our planning officers who joined us around a year ago, has been a teacher, helped people learn water sports and worked on satellite imagery in his previous careers before turning his hand to planning.

He said: "Although I have a degree and Masters in Geography, I have found that the skills I have learned in other careers have been really useful in this role. I really enjoyed my jobs before coming into planning, but fancied doing something different. "Planning offers you the chance to train as you learn and customer skills are really high on the list of what you need. The role has huge variety and is fast paced and a good job for those who thrive working on different things."

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service is a partnership between us and Cambridge City Council and planning officers cover work across the two areas.

There are a number of teams within planning, including Development Management where Tom works. The team deals with applications for extensions and small developments. Other teams focus on policy, or how new communities develop, such as Northstowe and the new town planned north of Waterbeach.

Greater Cambridge is a unique place to be a planner as it is one of the fastest growing economies in the country. This means there are exciting projects ranging from large new towns all the way through to nationally significant research industry expansions.

Tom said: "There are good career progression opportunities and a good structure to help you gain knowledge. When you start you work on more straightforward applications such as small extensions to homes, but within

a year I have been working on sites for new homes and some interesting business developments too, such as the one at Wimpole Hall. You also have a more experienced planner as a mentor who signs off your work.

"The variety in the role means I am out and about at least once a week to visit a site or talk to applicants which is always enjoyable."

Get in touch

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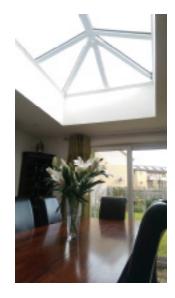
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Avoid unnecessary delays and costs when applying for planning permission

A quarter of planning applications are costing more and taking longer than they need to because applicants haven't supplied all the required information.

Planning applications cost from £206 and can take around nine to 14 weeks to be processed.

Planning permission is required for several activities. These include building and engineering works and changes to use of a building or land, display of advertisements and alterations to listed buildings, and demolition of buildings in conservation areas. The first stage of the application process is validation.

When applicants submit their planning application online or on paper, it is first assessed by our validation team, within five days.

The validation team checks all relevant documents and fees are covered. Only when they're happy will the application be passed on to be determined.

If all requirements aren't met and the application can't be validated, the applicant will be contacted and given 28 days to resolve the issue.

The main issues that are delaying a quarter of applications from being validated are:

- 1. Missing fees
- 2. An incomplete or incorrect application form
- 3. Missing or incorrect plans

Tips to ensure your application isn't delayed

It is easy to check online what fee needs to be paid for your application. Visit www.scambs. gov.uk/planning/planning-feesand-charges

For help with application forms and a checklist of what plans need to be included in your application, read our guidance and checklist at www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/planning-checklists-forms-and-guidance-note or view our FAQs online too.

Homeowners with other questions can book a free 15-minute consultation with our duty planning officers in advance by calling 03450 455 215.

It's easy as 1, 2, 3C to apply for Building Regulations

While planning permission relates to the correct use of land or how buildings look and their effect on their surroundings, 'building control' is instead concerned with standards for the design and construction of buildings. This covers health and safety and other factors like fuel and power conservation and whether facilities are accessible.

For many types of building work, both planning permission and building control approval are required and, even where planning permission may not be required (for instance for some internal alterations), building control approval may still be needed. Homeowners undertaking building works should contact building control before any work starts on site.

We have our own in-house building control team in partnership with Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council: 3C Building Control. The first hour of advice is free and they are always happy to help.

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Taking a lead in dog welfare

It's over a year now since new rules designed to improve the welfare of animals came into force.

is seen with the litter.

Changes due to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Act 2018 include the need for all boarding kennels, and anyone looking after dogs in their homes or at a dog day care facility, to be licensed by us. You can always ask to see this licence.

Also, most dog breeders, whether a kennel or a home breeder, must be licensed under the new act. This is to ensure they're fit and proper people to breed dogs and are looking after their canines to a high standard.

If you're going to buy a puppy, always ask to see a breeder's Council-issued licence before going ahead. If they can't show you a licence, contact us to confirm they are registered. Don't accept any excuse for them not being licensed. Additionally, if you're visiting a breeder to view puppies, it's now law that the mother of the puppies

If you're not sure whether your business now needs a licence, or want to ensure companies you're using are licensed, contact us on licensing@scambs.gov.uk or 03450 450 063.



For more information visit www.scambs.gov.uk/animal-licences

EU Settlement Scheme

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

Full details of the Settlement Scheme, including how to apply, are available in 26 European languages at www. gov.uk/settled-status-eucitizens-families

EU citizens will need to register under the scheme by 30 June 2021 if the UK leaves the EU with a deal, but by 31 December 2020 if no deal is agreed.

Help and information about an EU Settlement Scheme application is available by phone from the EU Settlement Resolution Centre on 0300 123 7379. Applicants can also contact the Government's Assisted Digital Service, which offers telephone and face to face support in completing an online application form, by calling 03333 445 675. If an application to the EU Settlement Scheme is successful. it will mean the applicant is granted either settled or presettled status. With both statuses, a person will be able to travel in and out of the UK, work in the UK, use the NHS, enrol in education or continue studying and, if eligible, access public funds such as benefits and pensions.

We have pulled together some further Brexit advice for residents. This includes details of local groups that can support residents through the EU Settlement Scheme application process. You can find further details at www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/brexit-information-for-residents



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Community Chest topped-up

Even more funding is now available for local good causes through our popular Community Chest scheme. We've added £20,000 to the pot, taking the total amount up for grabs to just over £49,000.

Recently, funds have been handed out to Coton Village Hall, which received £1,000 to help upgrade the audio-visual equipment. 1st Papworth Scouts were given £1,000 to buy dining shelters, tables and benches. **Gamlingay School's Out Club** received £495 to help purchase a large timber shed.

Who can apply?

Local community and voluntary sector groups, charities and sports clubs can bid for up to £1,000 from the fund. Bids are reviewed on a monthly basis until March, or until the year's allocated funds have all been awarded.

Recent changes to the eligibility criteria give smaller Parish Councils a chance to bid for funding to support their community projects.



A children's play train is one good cause funded by our Community Chest

Find out more at www.scambs.

gov.uk/communitychest

What can Community Chest funding go towards?

We're happy to contribute funds to community activities or projects that help us deliver one or more of the following aims:

- · Promote healthy and active communities
- Enable inclusive communities
- Develop skills
- Enhance the natural environment

All projects we fund must also meet local need, leave a legacy for the community and ensure equality of access.

Applicants to the Community Chest scheme can be non-profit groups or organisations based in South Cambridgeshire or benefitting the district's residents.

We have funded the Community Chest scheme since 2011, handing out more than £550,000 in grants to local good causes in that time.



apply, visit www.scambs.gov. uk/communitychest or call 01954 713070.

Help at hand for community groups

The Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS), which we support, provides advice, assistance and training to voluntary groups and charities.

Whatever stage your community group or charity is at, they can help. If you're just starting up, they can advise on the type of group you could become, help with rules or constitutions, and provide sample policies to operate correctly, legally and safely.

Newly formed groups get one year's free membership of CCVS which entitles you to attend training courses as well as get help by phone, email or in person.

Most people volunteer because they have a passion, and few get excited about the necessary dayto-day running of a group. CCVS is there to make the task of running your group as simple and routine as possible.

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For more information visit www. cambridgecvs.org.uk email enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk or call 01223 464696.

Fraud: how you can help us to combat it

Fraud costs taxpayers money and affects the services that we can provide.



What is fraud?

Claiming a benefit from us that you are not entitled to receive is fraud. This may be deliberate, or may arise from not telling us that your circumstances have changed. Please help to stamp fraud out. If someone you know is claiming something that they are not entitled to, please report it.

How to report fraud

To report housing fraud, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/report email tenancy.fraud@scambs.gov.uk or call 03450 450 051.

To report other types of fraud email **fraud@scambs.gov.uk** or call 03450 450 061.

Keep us informed – it's your responsibility

If you claim any kind of reduction towards your rent, Council Tax or Business Rates, it's your responsibility to let us know if you have had a change in circumstances that may affect this.

A change in income or a change in who is living in the household would always need to be reported to us if you are claiming any kind of reduction. If you have a change in your circumstances that you don't report, this could be considered as fraud.

Other examples of changes that would need to be reported include:

- Increased savings
- Working extra hours
- Someone moving in or out of your property
- Any absence from the property for more than four weeks (for those claiming benefits)

If you rent a Council property, under the terms of the tenancy agreement you can't move out and sublet your property. This would also be considered fraud.

For businesses in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief, you would need to let us know if you take on additional premises.

People who don't come forward to let us know when their circumstances have changed could end up repaying thousands of pounds as well as court-imposed costs and fines, or even receive a criminal conviction.

Anyone claiming support that they think they may no longer be eligible for should contact us as soon as possible. We will work with residents who approach us to agree a reasonable plan to recover any overpayments. Prosecution is always the last resort, so telling us as soon as possible is the safest way to avoid the situation worsening.

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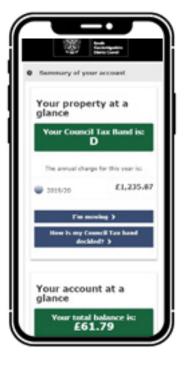
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Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire

If you want to improve your health and fitness but don't know where to start, Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire can help.

Funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, it's a programme which we deliver in the district, aiming to improve people's health by getting them more active.

Classes established across the district as part of Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire include buggy bootcamps, walking netball, walking football and new age kurling. We're always on the lookout for where we can help set-up new activities that are as accessible as possible. Many new groups go on to continue being run by the community independently without the need for ongoing help from us.

If you or anyone you know is interested in setting up an activity, or need support with an existing group, contact our Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire coordinator Leah Collis by emailing leah.collis@scambs.gov.uk or calling 07508 020 678.

We recently began a new series of lunchtime mindfulness in nature walks (pictured - right). The walks took place in Milton Country Park and were led by a clinical psychologist and trained teacher of mindfulness based stress reduction. Watch this space for information about the next series.

Find out more at www.scambs.gov. uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing/ lets-get-moving-cambridgeshire/





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Get Active & Healthy 4 Life

Our exercise referral scheme, Active & Healthy 4 Life, is helping local people facing health challenges to become stronger and more active.

The scheme, which all residents can talk to their GP about, is for people who have been diagnosed with certain health conditions. It is 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.

The programme is subsidised by us and so residents only pay £3 per session at a local gym, with initial and final assessments costing £8 each. The scheme runs in eight sports centres across the district so there's bound to be one near you.

Catherine Wightwick (pictured on the cross trainer) is one of many people to have benefitted from Active & Healthy 4 Life. Having experienced several weeks of lower back pain, she spoke to her GP and physiotherapist and was then referred to our scheme at Impington Village College Sports Centre. This is close to where Catherine works and so was a convenient location to exercise regularly. Once part of the scheme, she was given a personalised exercise programme to target her back pain. This included time on a cross trainer, exercise bike, weights and the treadmill. Catherine said:

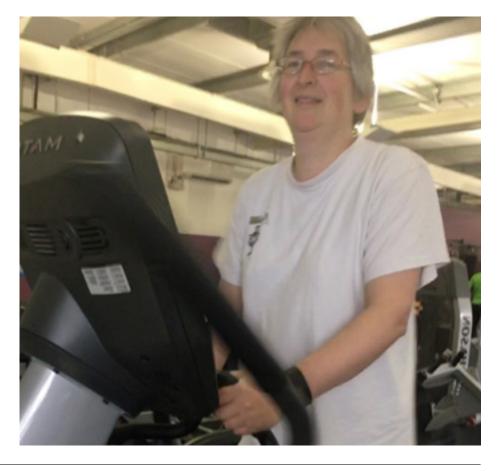
"After just one month of this programme, I started feeling good following the sessions. My back pain is no longer a problem. It made a huge difference and really helped me feel powered-up after a session and meant I was much more productive at work too."

Having completed the programme, Catherine is now a fully signed-up member of the gym at Impington Village College Sports Centre and attends twice a week.

During the last financial year, 168 patients completed and benefitted from our Active & Healthy 4 Life scheme. Every single one continues to exercise regularly. 146 patients saw a decrease in body mass index, reducing weight and lowering blood pressure and cholesterol. It aims to help people with issues such as high blood pressure or cholesterol, depression, asthma, diabetes and many more.

For a referral form for Active & Healthy 4 Life, contact Helen Stepney on AandH4L@scambs. gov.uk or 01954 713 070. For further details about the programme, visit www.scambs. gov.uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing/exercise-referral-active-healthy-4-life-scheme





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

Closing date for entries is 9am on Monday 6 January.

Terms and conditions are available at **www.scambs.gov.uk/t-c** or can be requested by calling 03450 450 500.

Winners will be notified by Friday 10 January and announced in the spring edition of South Cambs Magazine.







Winner's spotlight

Congratulations to Laura Pullen from Longstanton who won the competition in the winter 2019 edition of South Cambs Magazine. The prize was an annual family pass to Shepreth Wildlife Park, worth more than £250. Laura said: "I can't believe I have won this brilliant prize to go to Shepreth Wildlife Park for a whole year with my family members. We have been several times in the past and very much look forward to using the pass over the next year."

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Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club

NELL GWYNN

The Olivier award-winning play by Jessica Swayle tells the story of **Nell Gwynn**, seventeenth-century actress and mistress of King Charles II.

TUE 19 - SAT 23 NOVEMBER AT 7.45PM

TICKETS £9-£15

Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club

THE BLOODY CHAMBER

Bryony Lavery's adaptation of Angela Carter's dark fairytale is a story of seduction, perversion, blood and love.

WED 20 - SAT 23 NOVEMBER AT 11PM TICKETS £7-£10

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Cambridge University Ballet Club

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This original ballet created by the Cambridge University Ballet Club adapts the Arabic folktale of a storyteller queen, set to Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic masterpiece.

WED 4 - SAT 7 DECEMBER AT 11PM TICKETS £6-£10

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

ADC THEATRE

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THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

The beguiling charm of Kenneth Grahame's classic story and the sparkling wit of Alan Bennett's dialogue combine in this entertaining adaptation creating a delightful show for all ages.

ADC THEATRE TUE 10 - SAT 14 DECEMBER AT 7.45PM

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Ballet Central

THE NUTCRACKER

Ballet Central returns to the ADC Theatre to perform their adaptation of the Christmas

classic, The Nutcracker.
TUE 17 DECEMBER AT 4.30PM AND 6.30PM
WED 18 & THU 19 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM,
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Australia, 1789. A fleet of eleven ships containing 759 convicts sets sail for the other side of the world. The convicts are allowed to perform the first British play ever to be staged in Australia to celebrate George Ill's birthday. TUE 24 - SAT 28 MARCH AT 7.45PM TICKETS £9-£15

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BLEAK HOUSE

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Jarndyce.
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TICKETS £9-£15

Pied Pipers Musical Theatre Society

GREASE

Like greased lightnin', the iconic musical **Grease** thunders into the ADC Theatre this Spring. We follow summer lovers Danny and Sandy as they and their friends navigate the trials of high school, all to the unforgettable rock 'n' roll soundtrack that has defined generations. TUE 21 - SAT 25 APRIL AT 7.45PM MATINEE SAT 25 APRIL AT 2.30PM TICKETS £10-£15

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