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Hello

Welcome to the spring edition of South Cambs Magazine

In this issue, you can read about some of the different ways we're doing our bit to try and help address the climate emergency we face. Through our Zero Carbon Communities Grant, we've handed out more than £120,000 to 19 local projects that are working to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and cut carbon emissions in their communities. From electric bikes to water fountains, find out about what we're funding on pages 6 and 7. We're also offering all our villages three free trees to try and encourage more planting – find out more on page 8.

One of our big focusses this year is going to be on helping you cut down the amount of food that doesn't get eaten and is thrown out. It's such a waste – of money, the food itself and of resources. Flick to pages 20 and 21 for tips to help you stop wasting food and to find out what happens to the leftovers you put in your green bin.

On pages 32 and 33, you can find out about how we are delivering on the things that you've told

us are important to you. We are a year in to our ambitious five year Business Plan and have made significant strides – like increasing the number of Council homes we build. We aspire to do even more though – like create a new business support service to continue growing local businesses and economies.

Finally, we're continuing to work on being a more modern and caring Council and, with that in mind, head to page 36 to find out about the growing range of ways you can carry out tasks on our website.

Happy reading,

Cllr Bridget Smith
Leader

South Cambridgeshire District Council



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Zero carbon communities take action

As the global climate crisis gets ever more real, local groups are stepping up their response and helping us cut carbon emissions.

We're looking to fund more not-for-profit groups as we want your help to become a net-zero carbon district by 2050.

What does net-zero carbon mean?

Greenhouse gases are released when fossil fuels – like petrol, diesel, gas and coal – are burned. Carbon dioxide is one of these gases, and we've released so much into the atmosphere that it's changing the climate. This is causing increased floods, wildfires and droughts across the world, and urgent action is needed to avoid things getting worse.

In South Cambridgeshire we're playing our part. We're finding ways to reduce carbon emissions, but we need to remove carbon that's already in the atmosphere, too. Trees do this naturally, and by reducing emissions as well as using trees to capture existing carbon, we're aiming for an overall 'net-zero carbon' district by 2050.

What are communities doing to become net-zero carbon?

There are all kinds of steps we can take at a local level and we launched the Zero Carbon Communities Grant in 2019 to help with these. 19 local projects successfully bid for a share of of £120,959 to run community projects promoting behavioural change and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.



Pupils from Melbourn Village College with a new refill station



Reducing plastic

Gamlingay Eco Community Group's monthly pop-up shop will offer plastic free household products. Pupils from Melbourn Village College, partnering with the parish council, will install six water refill stations in the college. The school currently sells nearly 5,000 bottles of water each year, so the fountains will reduce single use plastics and, eventually, enable a ban.



Cycling

Orchard Park's Cambridge Cohousing will purchase a community electric cargo trike that will be decorated in climate change awareness artwork and used to take children to and from school. Additionally, the parish councils in Teversham and Great Abington will purchase electric bikes, while Waterbeach Village, Fen Ditton Parish Council and Meldreth Station will install new bike stands, alongside a bicycle repair café at Meldreth Station.

Papworth Trust plans to support disabled people through opportunities to gain experience working in new bicycle repair workshops, and CycleStreets Ltd will build a digital platform to help cyclists create cycle routes in new developments.



Cleaner energy

Ickleton Village Hall will replace current lighting with low energy equivalents, reducing their carbon footprint as well as energy bills.



Last call for Community Chest funding

The deadline to apply for funding from our Community Chest Grant scheme is 31 March.

Voluntary and community groups in South Cambridgeshire are invited to apply to the Community Chest Grant scheme for funding up to £1,000 to support their activities.

For the financial year ending in March, the total fund was increased by £20,000 so many more groups could be in with a chance of receiving funding than in previous years. But time is running out before the 31 March deadline.

From improvements to community buildings and repairs to historic buildings, to purchasing equipment and covering start-up costs, the Community Chest Grant scheme might provide that little extra that your group needs.

At the end of 2019, successful bids came from Duxford Lawn Tennis Club, to buy new net posts; Hauxton Village Hall, to install library shelves in the new hall; Sawston Church Institute, to purchase new ceiling tiles; Hinxton Parish Council, to replace a playground train; Oakington Vikings Football Club, for a new line marking machine; and Active New Communities, for a pool of sports equipment for Northstowe residents.

For more information: www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest



Food production, distribution and waste

Orwell Benefice's Living Food Bank and Climate Café project will establish plots to grow vegetables and introduce opportunities for food production in people's own homes.

Lay Minister Wayne Talbot explains: "Our grounds are a neutral space for the community to grow food, so we can take control of food security and become less reliant on donations. It will also help us to reduce our carbon footprint with food being produced locally. The idea of the Climate Café is to develop recipes to tackle food waste, and also to bring the community together, which is essential to addressing the climate crisis."



Tree planting

Four projects look to restore biodiversity and capture carbon through planting trees and hedges. The HITrees Action Group will plant 0.8 hectares of woodland to replace what was lost through the A14 expansion. Cambourne Town Council, and the parish councils in Whittlesford and Great Wilbraham, have also pledged to plant trees and hedges.



Education and awareness raising

Cambridge Carbon Footprint's Net Zero Now project will establish conferences to equip people to respond to the climate crisis. Cambridge Sustainable Food will run Food Our Future, a campaign to raise awareness of links between food production and carbon emissions. And Sustainable Cottenham's Eco Eats campaign and festival will encourage more sustainable and healthy ways of living.

Zero Carbon Communities – join us!



We have set up our Zero Carbon Communities programme to support local action and everyone is welcome. Watch this space for details about our new quarterly e-newsletter.



The first Zero Carbon Communities event will take place in March.



1.30pm to 4.30pm, Saturday 7 March



South Cambs Hall, Cambourne

For more information about the Zero Carbon Communities programme: emma.dyer@scambs.gov.uk

Three free trees to encourage more planting in villages

Since the start of the year, we've been offering all 103 parishes across South Cambridgeshire three free trees. This is because we're eager to encourage more tree planting across the district and beyond, with Cambridgeshire one of the least wooded counties in the country.

We have already declared a climate emergency and, back in November 2018, pledged to work towards making the district zero carbon by 2050. We have also committed to the aim of doubling nature.

We all know that trees remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but did you know this is one of the biggest and cheapest ways of tackling the climate crisis? Trees have many other benefits too. They reduce the risk of flooding, provide shade for wildlife, reduce soil erosion and help to cool down towns and cities.

Our Three Free Trees scheme saw us invite all our villages to apply for a voucher to exchange for three trees at a local garden centre. To ensure the trees are given the best chance of survival, the voucher also pays for stakes, ties and protection guards.

The launch of the scheme was marked by the planting of a young tree at Fulbourn Recreation Ground on Tuesday 7 January. Representatives from the village's parish council joined local schoolchildren to plant the tree. The take up of this initiative has proven very popular with around two thirds of all South Cambridgeshire parish or town councils claiming their voucher by mid-February.

Our Leader Cllr Bridget Smith said:

"The idea is to show that when you join lots of small positive changes together, they contribute to something much larger. I am hopeful that this modest project will be a trigger for much more extensive tree planting by parish councils, businesses, farmers and residents throughout our district, which has far fewer trees than most areas in the country. It would be great if people were inspired to plant more. I certainly intend to."

Parish councils have until 14 March to apply for their Three Free Trees voucher and trees must be planted by 31 March. Visit www.scams.gov.uk/three-free-trees to apply.



Cllr Bridget Smith and one of our members for Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward Cllr Claire Daunton



Cllr Bridget Smith, Fulbourn Parish Councillor Gill Ward and local schoolchildren plant a tree

We've recently rejuvenated our Tree Warden Network to help parishes manage their treescape. Although still in the early stages, it has identified a real interest and need for education in tree planting. If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved with parish tree projects, please visit www.scams.gov.uk/treewardens or contact your parish council.

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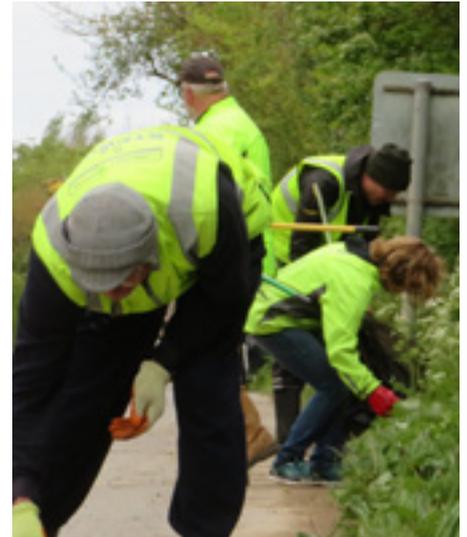
Did you know that we can lend your community group or parish council litter-picking equipment, as well as providing sacks (including separate clear sacks for recyclables) and arranging collection?

We already support a number of parish councils and villages in this way, helping to keep the streets tidier.

In 2019, almost 40 per cent of litter collected during the Great British Spring Clean was recycled, amounting to over 93,000 wheelie

bins of material saved from landfill! We'd like to support more communities to recycle on their litter-picks. The Great British Spring Clean, also run by Keep Britain Tidy, runs from 20 March to 13 April. It aims to create cleaner streets and protect wildlife. Visit www.keepbritaintidy.org for further details.

If your group or parish or town council would like to arrange a community clear up, visit www.scams.gov.uk/litter-picking for guidance and advice or email streets@scams.gov.uk



Help more than your health with charity walk

Step into action and take part in one of two charity walks on 10 May to help a vital day centre in Over continue to provide weekday care for elderly people.

Both events raise money for Over Day Centre which helps people live in their homes for longer by providing personal care, entertainment and meals at the centre.

As the title suggests, the Five Pub Challenge walk incorporates five pubs along the way. It attracts 250 to 300 people each year, including families. Pre-event registration is recommended but you can register on the day.

For more serious walkers or runners, there is the 18 or 26 mile Meridian Meander. This has checkpoints along the way, but not

pubs. You must sign up for this one before 6 May. No registration is allowed on the day.

These events have raised over £50,000 since they began. The money helps keep the centre running and has also helped buy a minibus which brings people to the centre from nearby villages.

Both events take place on Sunday 10 May. You can start the Meridian Meander between 8am and 9am, and the Five Pub Challenge between 9.30am and 10.30am. They start from Over Day Centre, Drings Close, Over, CB24 5NZ. Further details can be found on www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events

For more information about Over Day Centre visit www.overdaycentre.co.uk or www.facebook.com/overdaycentre. You can also contact them on care@overdaycentre.co.uk or 01954 231 807.



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How clean is the air in South Cambridgeshire?

South Cambridgeshire generally benefits from good air quality with low air pollution levels. We know this because we monitor local air quality and report the findings annually to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

What are we currently monitoring?

We have a network of air quality monitors, which includes:

- Three Automatic Monitoring Stations, which monitor levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matters (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), which are the main pollutants associated with traffic that could affect human health. The three monitors are currently located at:
 - Orchard Park Primary School
 - the Girton intersection on Huntingdon Road
 - the A14 westbound by Impington roundabout
- and 27 Diffusion Tubes, which monitor nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). These are located near the A14 and other villages.



Our monitoring station at the Girton intersection of Huntingdon Road

Do we need to make changes to monitor air quality near new developments?

Our district currently has low levels of air pollution.

With significant growth planned in the coming decades, we want to monitor what impact this has on air quality. A lot of the growth will be residential and, individually, the impact of these residential developments is unlikely to be substantial.

However, the cumulative impact of multiple developments is more likely to influence our air quality – so we want to monitor this.

Where should we monitor?

In order to have a better understanding of the likely pollution levels, and to upgrade our monitoring network to full effect, we will undertake surveys and computer-based air pollution modelling near major developments by the autumn.

Air Quality Management Area

Some of our monitoring network is located within our Air Quality Management Area. These areas are established when pollution levels rise above national thresholds.

South Cambridgeshire's Air Quality Management Area around the A14 was first declared in 2008 – but we have now been advised by DEFRA it is no longer needed because we haven't recorded levels of nitrogen dioxide or particulate matters above the national thresholds for five years. However, we will be looking at how we effectively monitor this area as part of our full review.

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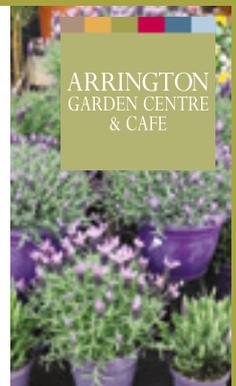
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We're continuing to build new homes across South Cambridgeshire as part of our Council house building programme.

In November, in collaboration with construction partner Enterprise, we completed nine new homes at Gibson Close in Waterbeach. They were all earmarked for local residents, with six classed as affordable rent and three as shared ownership.

These were closely followed by 13 new homes at High Street, Balsham, delivered in partnership with housebuilder Hill. These nine affordable rent apartments and four shared ownership houses boast high levels of insulation and solar panels.

Also before the end of 2019, we completed a further three shared ownership homes in Highfields, Caldecote in partnership with housebuilder Wheatley. These homes provide an affordable option for residents looking to buy a property. Our shared ownership policy means that homeowners pay a mortgage on part of their home and rent on the remaining portion. We use the rental income generated to reinvest in building more affordable housing.

Early 2020 has seen the delivery of yet more much-needed new housing, with the completion of the first tranche of homes delivered with Hill at Linton Road, Great Abington. These four affordable rent and four shared ownership properties will be followed by a further nine rented and one shared ownership homes to be completed

in April. The homes at this site will have the benefit of air-source heat pumps and high levels of insulation.

These 43 homes delivered across our villages are supporting our objective to double the number of Council houses we build annually. This year will see further new homes delivered in Hardwick, Foxton, Teversham and West Wickham, as well as work progressing on our large sites in Toft, Sawston and Northstowe.

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

"We've got some real traction in our house building programme, and each one completed is another home for local people. The quality of these new homes is excellent and each one is somewhere that I would be proud to live."



New Council homes at Gibson Close, Waterbeach

Are you one of our Council house tenants? Do you have questions about your tenancy? Would you like to know more about what we do and how you can contact us?

We have launched a new Facebook page called @InSouthCambs especially for our tenants. We answer residents' most common questions, and point you to where you can get help and support as well as other information that tenants and their families might find useful. Please join us on Facebook!

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Grants to help home owners and tenants with home adaptations

Our partners at Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (Cambs HIA) have grants available for homeowners, private tenants and those in housing association properties to help make adaptations to properties.

Cambs HIA is a shared council service that operates on behalf of us, Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire District councils.

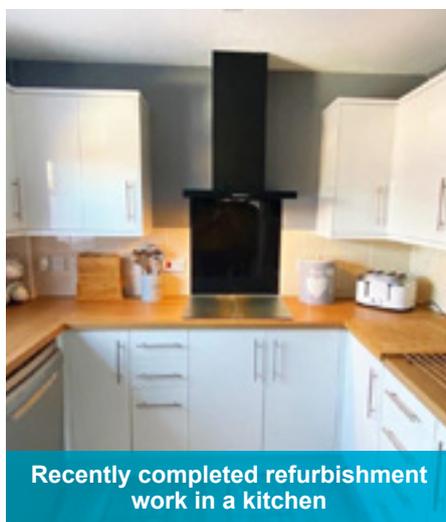
The service helps disabled adults and children, as well as those with difficulties getting around the home, to access grants to make them feel safer at home. The service works closely with Occupational Therapists to complete adaptations such as stairlifts, ramps, level access showers and door widening to enable people to remain living independently at home.

Cambs HIA Manager, Frances Swann, said:

“Many people think that these types of grants are just available for council tenants or to those receiving benefits – this isn’t true. The council housing teams have their own budgets to pay for work in council owned homes so the funding that we receive from Government is solely for use in private rented, housing association and owner occupied homes.”



Cambs HIA can carry out work to make it easier to get around a home



Recently completed refurbishment work in a kitchen

Often, people think they won't be eligible for a grant because they work, own their own home or receive a pension, but that isn't the case. People can always contact Cambs HIA to find out what they are entitled to.

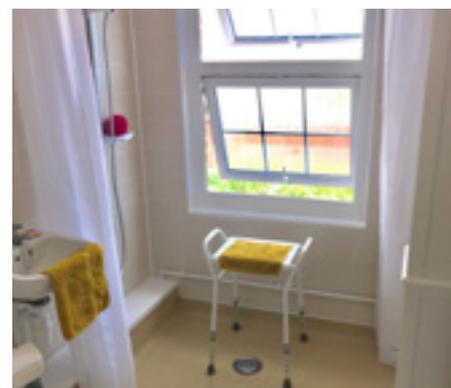
One example of a household Cambs HIA have helped is a retired couple who own their own home and have savings. Another is a woman who lives in a housing association property with a reasonable pension. Both households received Disabled Facilities Grants.

Cambs HIA also helps owner occupiers receiving benefits and on low incomes to complete major repairs to their homes. They can help with replacement boilers, roofing repairs, insulation and damp work and repairs that

improve security or safety such as fire doors. If a property falls below a certain standard, owners can access up to £20,000 for help repairing the most serious defects.

If you think you would benefit from help to improve your home get in touch with Cambs HIA on 01954 713 330 or 713 347. The agency can help you apply for the grant, choose reputable contractors and oversee the work on your behalf. The agency will also help those not entitled to a grant who need to pay for the work but can't manage it for themselves.

Search Cambs HIA on Facebook visit www.cambshia.org or email hia@cambshia.org for more information.



Cambs HIA can help create level access showers

Shire Homes

Our private sector leasing scheme, Shire Homes, is now working to provide housing that is affordable for single people who are at risk of homelessness.

Shire Homes is taking on and managing properties to use as Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO). This is a longer term solution for people who have found themselves in danger of losing their home.

At present, one-bedroom self-contained private rented accommodation is unaffordable for single people on low income, so we hope to provide longer-term help for those who have found themselves at risk of becoming homeless.

The first HMO on the scheme is a 3-bed bungalow in Bassingbourn. This was ready just before Christmas and one of the tenants moved in on Christmas Eve.

At Shire Homes, we are always looking to work with private landlords who have a property to rent out. The scheme provides homeowners with a hassle-free way to let out properties, whilst allowing the team to provide housing to those who need it most.

They provide landlords with a guaranteed rent every month, as well as a full management service and a lease for up to three years.

Contact shire.homes@scams.gov.uk for more information or visit www.scams.gov.uk/shirehomes



Our Single Person Housing Advice and Accommodation Officer, Emma-Clare Togher

Homes for refugee families

Five refugee families who have fled war-torn countries have been given homes in South Cambridgeshire.

At a Cabinet meeting in April last year, councillors said we would offer to house up to five families who required urgent medical treatment or were survivors of violence and torture forced from their homes in Syria, Iran or Sudan.

We gave the assistance through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and The Resettlement of Vulnerable Children Scheme.

We worked with the resettlement team at Cambridge City Council to ensure families had practical support

in place to help them to integrate and thrive in their new surroundings. This support is ongoing.

Cllr Hazel Smith, Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "While South Cambridgeshire has to be one of the best places to live in the country, the conditions in Syria must be some of the worst in the world.

"Families that are running from this and other war-torn countries have been through horrendous experiences and I'm incredibly pleased that we've helped these very deserving families to start new lives here.

"We selected the homes we used for these families carefully to ensure they were appropriate and that the impact on other people on our waiting lists would be minimal."



BRACKENBURY MANOR, HISTON

This delightful development is situated close to the Village Centre of Histon. Built to a high standard by Bovis Homes Ltd in 2007, it comprises of 46 one and two bedroom lifestyle apartments. It is surrounded by landscaped gardens and has ample car parking. The owners enjoy an active social calendar. The Manager who is on duty between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, welcomes visitors to view the development.

Please contact Rose Woodley on 01223 232 330 for further information.



DARWIN MANOR, CAMBOURNE

Ideally positioned in the Centre of Cambourne, with excellent access to all shops and local amenities, including the Health Centre and Library. Darwin Manor has 32 one and two bedroom apartments surrounded by gardens and gated car parking.

The Managers are available Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm and would be pleased to show visitors the spacious owners' lounge, guest suite, grounds and available apartments.

Please contact Suzanne Lane or Elaine Russell on 01954 710 020 for further information.



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This full service development benefits from a central location in Cambourne. It was built to a high quality by Bovis Homes Ltd in 2003 and comprises of a mixture of 48 one and two bedroom apartments.

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The Management Team welcome viewings.

Please contact Chris Morris or a Duty Manager on 01954 714 406 for further information.



When it comes to food, are we **spoiled rotten?**

As a nation we waste more than we think.

We shop without checking what we've already got at home. We boil too much rice, because who knows how much to cook?

We leave salad to wilt in the bag, chuck out half a loaf of bread and end up with cartons of out-of-date milk because we bought a spare, just in case. When it comes to food we are spoilt for choice. But we can all avoid being spoiled rotten.

Together, we can stop food being wasted by making some small and simple changes that will benefit us and our planet. There are three main ways that we can stop wasting food:

1. Store food properly.

Keep your fridge below 5°C, check the best place to store produce, and freeze food before it goes off

2. Buy what you need.

Plan meals, make a shopping list, measure portions

3. Eat what you buy.

Make a plan for the fresh food you have, use up leftovers and freeze what you can't eat in time



Unite in the food waste fight

There are lots of small habits that we all need to change to achieve these goals – but they all add up to make a big difference. The average UK family of four could save up to £70 a month by simply eating all of the food they buy.

It's not just our wallets that could benefit. Lots of energy and water is used to grow and transport the food we buy, so this all goes to waste when we throw it away. If global food waste were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases after China and the USA. By using up every edible bit of your food, you're doing your bit to look after the environment; imagine what we could achieve if we all make a change!

Love your food

Whether you're doing the food shop or ordering a meal at a restaurant, every decision is an opportunity to save food from the bin – and there's loads of help to get you started.

Go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com, follow [@LoveFoodHateWaste Community](https://www.facebook.com/LoveFoodHateWaste) on Facebook or [@LFHW_UK](https://twitter.com/LFHW_UK) on Twitter, and check out the [#SpoiledRotten](https://twitter.com/hashtag/SpoiledRotten) campaign. Don't forget to share your tips to avoid food waste as well.



“Throwing food out is a real waste of money and bad for the environment.”

Cllr Bill Handley

Recycling your food waste

Did you know that the food waste you put in your green bin is composted along with garden waste to make soil conditioner for local farms and gardens? But for that to happen it's important to get it right.

1. Use a kitchen caddy to separate food waste, and line it with newspaper, paper caddy liners, or just put food in loose. Do not use bio-plastic bags



2. You can include tissues and kitchen paper along with all cooked and uncooked food waste, including meat, bones and dairy
3. Regularly empty your caddy into your green wheelie bin and put it out for collection on your normal recycling day

The composting facility at the waste management park makes 23,000 tonnes of compost from Cambridgeshire households' food and garden waste every year. It costs £220,000 per year to remove incorrect items that have been wrongly put into the green bins, and dispose of them correctly.

Why are bio-plastic / corn-starch / compostable plastic bags not accepted?

There are many different kinds of these bags, and they do not break down quickly enough for the fast composting process that we use. We are working with our processor to test bags and see if any could be used in future, but for now please do not use them, as your bin may not be emptied if you do.

You can benefit from the compost made from your food and garden waste - you can collect some to use in your garden for free.

The soil improver is available from the Amey Waste Management Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9PQ

between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. You need to take along your own shovel and bags, and it's worth calling ahead to check that supplies aren't running low on 01223 861 010.

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

“Throwing food out is a real waste of money and bad for the environment. If we all tried that little bit harder to make sure we only buy what we need, and to eat what we buy, we could make a real difference.

If there are still times when you've got food leftovers that you can't use, please make sure it is going into your green bin. At least that way it is turned into compost and won't end up being buried in landfill.”



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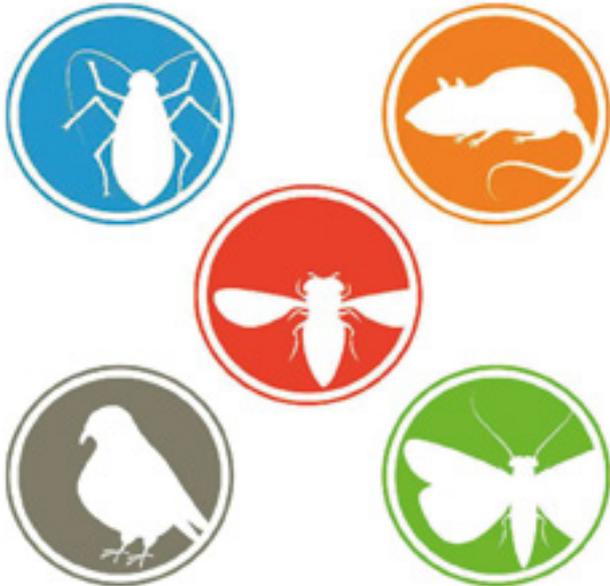
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Bin collection calendar



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.gov.uk/bins

- Green bin
- Black bin
- Blue bin
- Later collection date

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, South Trumpington, Stapleford, Thriplow & Heathfield



TUESDAY B -

Barrington, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth



WEDNESDAY A -

Abington Pigotts, Barton, Bassingbourn, Grantchester, Guilden Morden, Hariton, 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, Eltisle, 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, 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. Or order an additional blue bin for free via our website.

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)

No

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

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

A sweeping success

We recently overhauled the organisation of our street sweeping programme as part of our efforts to keep local streets cleaner.

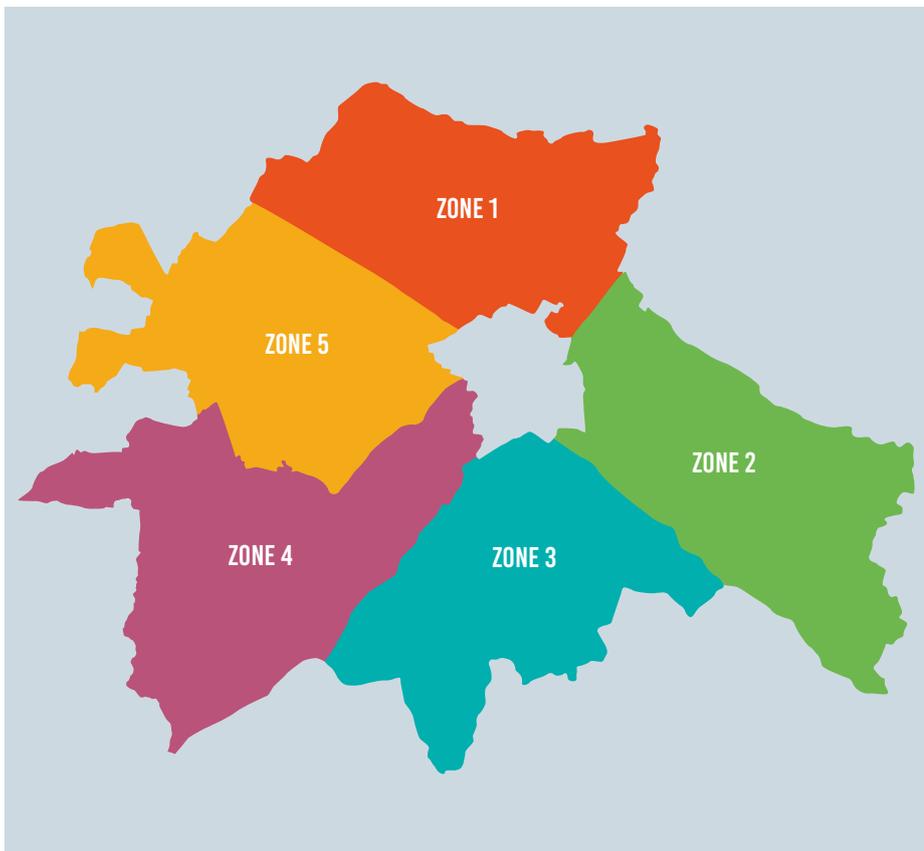
We have introduced zonal working, so residents can easily see when we are due to be working in the zone they live in, and the days each week that the litter bins in their village are emptied.

We are still able to act responsively to deal with issues outside the schedule, but it is much easier for our staff to monitor what needs to be done, and act on reports from residents about hotspot areas in an efficient manner. You can find out your zone and street sweeping schedule at www.scams.gov.uk/street-sweeping

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

“We think residents will notice a real difference in how clean and tidy their streets are with this new arrangement. However we can all do our bit to help by taking our litter home and recycling or disposing of it responsibly.”

If you want to report an overflowing bin, or request a new litter or dog waste bin, email streets@scams.gov.uk or call 03450 450 063.



ZONE 1

Chesteron Fen	Milton
Cottenham	Oakington/Westwick
Fen Drayton	Orchard Park
Girton	Over
Histon	Rampton
Horningsea	Swavesey
Impington	Waterbeach
Landbeach	Willingham
Longstanton	

Next in this zone from 16 to 29 March

ZONE 2

Babraham	Linton
Balsham	Lt. Abington
Bartlow	Lt. Wilbraham
Carlton	Shudy Camps
Castle Camps	Six Mile Bottom
Fen Ditton	Stow cum Quy
Fulbourn	Teversham
Gt. Wilbraham	West Wickham
Hildersham	West Wrating
Horseheath	Weston Colville

Next in this zone from 30 March to 12 April

ZONE 3

Duxford	Lt & Gt. Chishill
Fowlmere	Lt. Shelford
Foxton	Melbourn
Gt. Abington	Newton
Gt. Shelford	Pampisford
Harston	Sawston
Hauxton	Stapleford
Heydon	Thriplow
Hinxton	Whittlesford
Ickleton	

Next in this zone from 13 to 26 April

ZONE 4

Abington Pigotts	Litlington
Arrington	Longstowe
Barrington	Lt. Gransden
Bassingbourn	Meldreth
Croydon	Orwell
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Hatley	Wimpole

Next in this zone from 27 April to 10 May

ZONE 5

Bar Hill	Elsworth
Barton	Eltisley
Bourn	Graveley
Boxworth	Gt. Eversden
Caldecote	Hardwick
Cambourne	Kingston
Caxton	Knapwell
Childerley	Lolworth
Comberton	Lt. Eversden
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What help is there to get me healthy and moving?

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We run a number of different health initiatives for local residents.

There's Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire, which is an initiative that helps local communities to establish and run new activity groups, eventually handing over the running of these groups to the local community once they can run themselves.

And Active & Healthy 4 Life is a referral scheme through which local medical practitioners can refer patients to an exercise programme consisting of two weekly sessions, for 12 weeks, which are tailored for each individual patient depending on their health needs.

Alongside these Council-run initiatives, other organisations also offer support to encourage people to become more healthy: Everyone Health (a partner of Cambridgeshire County Council) works to help people stop smoking, be more active or lose weight, and access health checks; and Forever Active runs affordable exercise classes and sports sessions for the over 50s and those returning to a more active lifestyle.

If you want to find out more about these four initiatives please come along to 'one-stop-shop' events that are being run in March to encourage over 55s to find out what support there is to improve overall health and wellbeing.

? What:

- Let's Get Moving taster activities including new age curling
- Everyone Health free NHS health check (BMI, Blood Pressure and Cholesterol)
- Everyone Health functional fitness MOT
- Everyone Health free healthy lunch (at 12.30pm)
- Forever Active strength and balance session
- Everyone Health falls prevention information

Who:

Anyone 55+, whether you fancy a helping hand now, or want to plan for the future – find out what is available and how to access support

Where and when:

- **Wednesday 18 March**
William Collyn Community Centre, 9 Wellbrook Way, Girton, CB3 0FW
- **Friday 20 March**
The David Rayner Centre, 120 Cambridge Rd, Great Shelford, CB22 5JT
- 11am to 2.30pm both days

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? What:

- Try walking versions of netball, tennis, rugby, hockey, football and cricket

Who:

Everyone! Any age, any ability, any experience, any level of fitness

Where and when:

- Sunday 17 May, 10am to 3pm
- Histon and Impington Recreation Ground, 30 New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9EL

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Athletics

- **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April, 10am to 3.30pm**

Wilberforce Road Athletics Track
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Netball

- **Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 April, 10am to 3.30pm**

Impington Village College Sports Centre
Learn and practise netball skills in fun coaching sessions and be part of a team during friendly matches.

Dates for the diary

- **May half term**
Tuesday 26 May: Athletics
Wednesday 27 May: Netball
- **Summer**
Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 July: Athletics
Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 July: Netball
- **October half term**
Tuesday 27 October: Athletics
Wednesday 28 October: Netball

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Delivering on your priorities

We set out an ambitious five year Business Plan this time last year to make sure we were focussing on the things you have told us matter most.

We are now one year into the plan and have done a review. This is to make sure we are on track. We've also set further goals for the next 12 months.

The four key areas we are focussing on in our Business Plan are unchanged. These are:



The biggest change has been to tidy it up so it is now easier for people to see at a glance what we will be doing, and by when.

We provide dozens of services and key everyday tasks, such as collecting your bins, which are not specifically mentioned in the plan. These are a given and we monitor how well we are doing those things as a matter of course.

What's ticked off?

Some of the Business Plan actions we have achieved over the last 12 months include:

- ✓ Completed 43 new Council houses. We remain on track to double the number of homes we will build each year by 2024
- ✓ Invested over £1.5 million in our Council houses to make them more energy efficient
- ✓ Supported around 1,000 people on benefits who moved to Universal Credit
- ✓ Provided a home for five refugee families – see page 18 for more details on this
- ✓ Awarded around £300,000 of funding to help local communities – including launching our new Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme, which you can read about on pages 6 and 7
- ✓ Ran an anti fly-tipping campaign that reached over 40,000 people
- ✓ Improved the way we plan our street sweeping and introduced a system so residents know when we will be coming to their area – see page 26 for further information
- ✓ Given outline planning permission for the first phase of a new town north of Waterbeach
- ✓ Created a new planning document that encourages development to be more environmentally friendly

And what's next?

The updated plan to 2025 is now available on our website www.scambs.gov.uk/businessplan

Some of the key things we will be doing include:

- Creating a business team to help firms navigate the Council and provide support not available elsewhere so they can grow and create jobs
- Working with local people on where and how new homes and communities will be built to meet our needs
- Reducing emissions by trialling electric bin lorries, making our offices more efficient and supporting zero carbon projects with £100,000 of grants
- Making it easier for customers to access and complete tasks online
- Setting up at least three new mobile warden schemes to help people live safely and happily in their homes for longer

Invest to balance the books

Like most public sector organisations, the amount of funding we receive, with which to run services, has fallen over recent years.

Rather than cut services, we are investing to try and bridge the gap by generating our own income.

“We made a bold pledge to generate 25% of our income through investments by 2024 and it is excellent news we are well ahead of schedule to do that.”

- Cllr John Williams

Facts and stats

£20 million

The money we have to deliver services in 2020/21

£250,000

Is expected to be saved in 2020/21 from a senior management review

25%

How much of our budget we will generate from investments by 2024

£10 million

Around half our budget comes from the Council Tax you pay

(The rest is from our investments and money we receive from Government)

£150.31

The amount of Council Tax we charge per year for an average band D home

(The rest of your bill is made up of charges for Cambridgeshire County Council, Police, Fire and in most cases your parish or town council)

£3.5 million

The amount of income we expect to generate in 2020/21

(We're ahead of schedule on reaching our 25% target)



Cllr John Williams

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

“Investing to generate income we can spend on providing services is key to making sure we can balance the books. In the past we had enough money to provide the services people need, but that simply isn't the case anymore.

“Our investments include our property company Ermine Street Housing, two offices on the Cambridge Science Park, the Ice Rink on the edge of Cambridge, and Colmworth Trading Estate in St Neots. We made a bold pledge to generate 25% of our income

through investments by 2024 and it is excellent news we are well ahead of schedule to do that.

“Although we are on sound financial footing, the challenge ahead is vast as we expect money to be reallocated away from district councils to authorities such as county councils, which deal with budget pressures of adult social care. Without small rises in Council Tax now we will store up a big problem in the future and that is why the £5 per year, or around 10 pence per week increase for the average band D home has been agreed from April 2020.”



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Go paddle at Milton Country Park

Save the date for family fun day on the lake.

On Sunday 24 May Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust is hosting a water sports taster day on the lake at Milton Country Park.

The Go Paddle event offers a chance for everyone to try their hand at paddle boarding, paddle board yoga, kayaking or canoeing. The taster sessions last 45 minutes with prices ranging from £7.50 (on paddle board and kayak) to £10 (per canoe or paddle board yoga).

The event ties in with the British Canoeing Go Paddling Week as part of their GoGo Tokyo initiative ahead of the summer Olympics

this year. It allows people to try the various water sports on offer for half the price of a regular session, to encourage them find new ways to be active and healthy outdoors.

Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust, the charity that manages Milton Country Park, is committed to creating opportunities for everyone to access outdoor sport and activities. The park's popular water sports programme runs from April to September and includes paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing, open water swimming, fishing and paddle club sessions.



To book these activities in advance visit www.miltoncountrypark.org/gopaddle

Sessions book quickly and are likely to sell out in advance. Please check the website nearer the time to see if places are available to book on the day.

Elections in May

On Thursday 7 May we will go to the polls again, to vote for a Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire.

The Police and Crime Commissioner oversees the police force and helps to set priorities and budgets, and holds the chief constable to account for the force's performance. Police and Crime Commissioners are elected for four years.



Supplementary Vote system

The election for the new Police and Crime Commissioner takes place across Cambridgeshire on 7 May, using the Supplementary Vote system. This voting system allows residents to indicate their first and second choice candidates on the ballot paper.

The votes for first choice candidates are counted; if a candidate has over 50 per cent, they are elected. If no candidate has over 50 per cent the top two continue to the next round, where the second choice vote of everyone whose first choice candidate has been eliminated is added to their second choice candidate's total. The candidate who now has the most votes is declared the winner.

Registering to vote

The deadline to register to vote in this election is Tuesday 21 April: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

More information or to apply to vote by post or proxy: www.scambs.gov.uk/elections

Who can stand as a candidate?

Please contact the Police Area Returning Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council for advice and support on the nomination process.

Council Tax bills – your questions answered

At this time of year, we send around 88,000 documents advising residents of their new Rent, Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates amounts, so our phone lines are always really busy.

The documents contain most of the information you will need, but further information is available online should you need it.

- 1 If you do need to contact us about your bill, please have your account number to hand
- 2 This is the address of the property the bill relates to, and can be different from the postal address if you own more than one home
- 3 Your bill will show the amount we collect on behalf of several authorities. Our part of the bill is a small proportion
- 4 Direct Debit payers do not need to do anything as the payments will continue to be collected
- 5 Your bill will include a breakdown of your instalments throughout the year

To find out how to appeal your Council Tax banding, contact the Valuation Office Agency:
www.gov.uk/council-tax-bands

How to pay

Full details of how to pay are shown on the back of your bill. If you wish to sign up to pay by Direct Debit, you can do so online.

All this and more can be found online:
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What you need to know about Universal Credit

Universal Credit helps people of working age with living costs, for instance those who are on a low income or who are out of work entirely.

Previously, people would have applied for individual benefits:

- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Working Tax Credit

Now, most people applying for support who aren't already receiving benefits will need to apply for Universal Credit (although there are some exceptions). Universal Credit is managed by the Government's Department for Work and Pensions (rather than us).

For more information or to apply: www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Does it affect current benefits claimants?

Claimants currently receiving any of the individual benefits don't need to switch to Universal Credit. However, some changes in circumstances may result in you needing to make a claim for Universal Credit, such as if you lose your job and need to claim extra help while you are out of work.

? What else do you need to know?

• Universal Credit is paid monthly

Claimants must make sure to budget their money so that it lasts for the whole month. Anyone who thinks they would benefit from budgeting advice is encouraged to contact Citizens Advice. If you make a claim for Universal Credit you can also ask your work coach to refer you for budgeting support.

• How to pay your rent

Your housing costs (rent) will be included in your Universal Credit payment and, unless an alternative arrangement is made, will be paid directly to you. This means that you are responsible for paying that money to your landlord. The housing costs in your Universal Credit payment may not cover your full rent, and won't cover payment towards any arrears, so you need to ensure that you also pay any additional amounts required. Setting up a Direct Debit or standing order to pay your rent is the best way to make sure it is paid on time.

What support do we offer?

• Council Tax Support

If you need help with your Council Tax, you could be eligible for Council Tax Support, which we manage (rather than the Government's Department for Work and Pensions). You do not need to be receiving Universal Credit to apply for this but if you are claiming Universal Credit, please be aware that Council Tax Support is not included, so you would need to claim this separately by contacting us.

• Discretionary Housing Payment

If the housing cost included in your Universal Credit does not meet your full rent, you can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment.



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If you make a new claim for an additional benefit when you are already receiving one or more of the individual benefits listed, this could result in your individual benefits ending.

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Cambridge South East Transport project

Work is now underway along the A1307 as part of multimillion-pound improvements to transport links in the area.

The £14 million package of ‘quick wins’ to improve road safety, walking, cycling, horse riding and bus journeys along the A1307 was approved by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board in July 2018 as part of the Cambridge South East Transport project.

We’re a member of the GCP and our Deputy Leader, Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, is the current Chair of the Executive Board.

The next phase of the scheme plans to create a transformational off-road public transport route from the A11 to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, via Sawston and Shelford, as well as better routes for walking and cycling. The scheme will also include a new travel hub where people can park their cars or bikes and switch to public transport.

The current works include new traffic lights at the Linton High Street / A1307 junction which are being installed to improve road safety and traffic flow.

In the spring, the GCP will install a signal-controlled crossing for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders at the Babraham Research Campus roundabout to make it safer to cross the busy A1307. Babraham High Street will see works to improve road safety at this junction combined with a new bus lane on the approach to the A11.

Later this year further construction will create a dedicated right-turn lane from the A1307 Babraham Road into Granham’s Road and a traffic-signal controlled crossing for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders at the Hildersham crossroads.



Future works along the A1307 include a new roundabout and local travel hub at Bartlow Road in Linton, safety improvements at the Dean Road crossroads, and improvements to the cycleway along the A1307 between Cambridge and Babraham as part of the Linton Greenway.

Last year, the GCP improved road safety at the Dalehead Foods’ junction near Linton, created a bus lane along the A1307 towards Linton, and provided additional cycle parking at Babraham Road Park & Ride. The project is part of the GCP’s vision to create better and greener transport networks, connecting people to homes, jobs, study and opportunity.

The findings of the recent public consultation on the route options for phase two of the scheme are being published on the project’s web page at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSouthEast before a recommended route is put before the GCP’s Executive Board for a decision in the summer.

The project aims to:

- Provide better public transport
- Provide better shared-use paths
- Connect homes with places of work or study
- Reduce congestion and improve air quality
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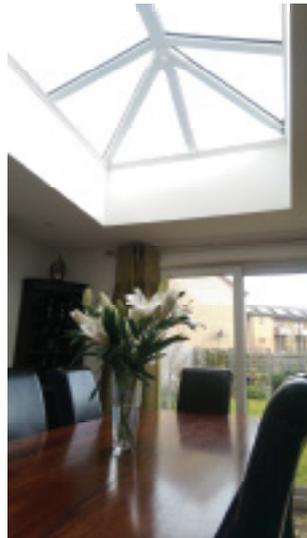
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East West Rail route update

The Government has announced the preferred route for East West Rail linking Cambridge and Oxford.

The route chosen will include a new station at **Cambourne** in our district. Alternative routes in the area that have not been selected would have gone via **Bassingbourn**.

The exact route is not yet known as it has only been narrowed down to a zone at this stage (see map).

The next step for the East West Railway Company is to carry out a consultation to decide the exact details of where the track will be laid. We have been told this consultation will take place within the next 12 months. The railway line being up and running is still many years away.

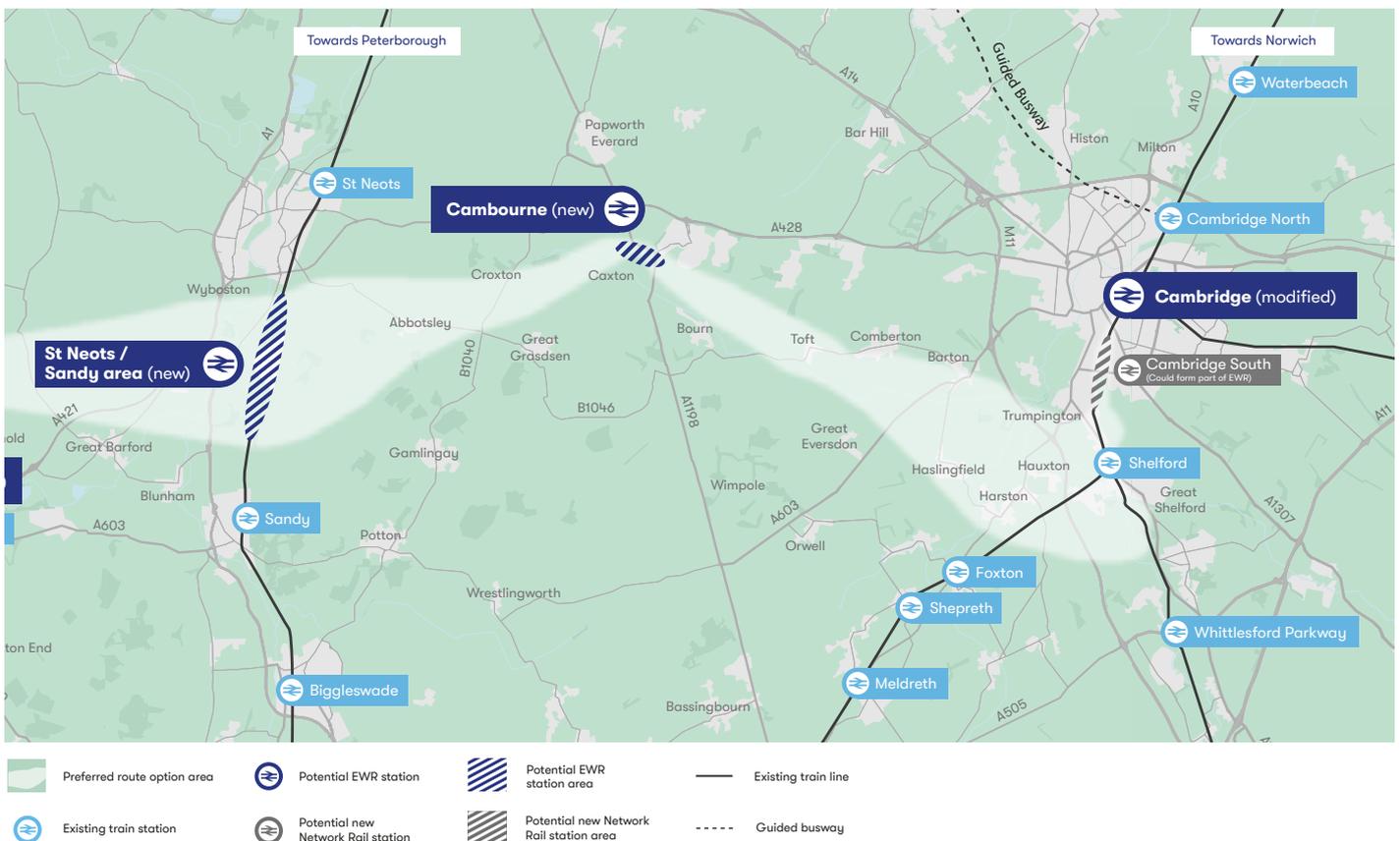
Leader of the Council, Cllr Bridget Smith, said: "I have asked East West Railway Company to work very closely with local councillors and officers, and to fully engage with all of our affected villages from the outset. This is vital so they know exactly what is going on and have every opportunity to input their views into the whole process."

Deputy Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer, said: "We are pleased and relieved that an announcement has finally been made on the route of East West Rail. We are also supportive of the decision to run the new railway from Bedford to Cambridge via

Cambourne. We were told that one of the key factors in determining the route was the environmental opportunities that this option offers. Any project of this size has an impact, but overall it will offer huge scope for environmental enhancements, much of which will be in South Cambridgeshire.

"The decision on whether this will be an electrified line has not yet been made but we are told that it will be a net-zero carbon railway which is exactly what we would want as we move towards being a zero carbon district by 2050."

For more information about East West Rail visit <https://eastwestrail.co.uk>



Spring opening for Britain's biggest road project

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme is set to open to drivers more than half a year early.

The £1.5 billion scheme to improve journeys between the East of England and the Midlands was originally planned to open to traffic by the end of 2020.

The good news follows the recent December opening of a part of the 21-mile scheme – a new 12-mile bypass south of Huntingdon – a whole year early. Already, the bypass has been used to make more than five million journeys.

Besides the Huntingdon southern bypass, the project includes an upgrade to the A14 between Swavesey and Milton, and a new local access road, the A1307, which runs parallel to it between

Cambridge and Godmanchester. Approximately 24 miles of new routes for cyclists, walkers and horse riders are also included in the scheme.

The spring opening date will mark the end of permanent roadworks and reduced speed limits on the new A14 and the A1307, but the project team will still need to carry out a number of completion activities such as landscaping, installing some of the new technology, and work in the verges. To carry out this work safely, some temporary overnight closures or off-peak daytime lane closures will be needed.

For more information on the A14, contact Highways England via the following channels:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H

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Work starts on GCP's Histon Road bus, cycling and walking scheme

Work to improve bus, cycling and walking journeys along Histon Road is now underway by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), which we are a member of.

A new bus lane and significantly improved walking and cycleways will make it quicker and easier for people to travel into Cambridge.

Work to trim hedges and remove some trees to clear the site began in January, along with construction on the new layout for the Histon Road/Victoria Road/Huntingdon Road junction.

Histon Road is currently planned to be closed for up to a year to all traffic going towards the city centre after the completion of work by Highways England between J32 and J33 of the A14 – which is estimated to conclude by May. Construction will then begin on the new bus lane and upgraded walking and cycling links.

A diversion via the A14, Milton Road and Victoria Road will be in place throughout the construction phase. Cyclists and pedestrians will still be able to use Histon Road in both directions.



Histon Road

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Winner's spotlight

Congratulations to Keith Barton from Orwell who was the winner of the competition in the previous edition of South Cambs Magazine. He won a night's stay on the Norfolk coast at The Grove in Cromer. Keith said: "It was great to hear we had won the night's stay at The Grove in Cromer. It's about 15 years since we last visited Cromer so this is fantastic and we look forward to spending time there again. Thank you."

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