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Hello

Welcome to the summer issue of South Cambs Magazine

Looking back on the past year, it's been tough. That much is clear. But I continue to be humbled and proud at how our communities have adapted and volunteered to look after each other. With that in mind, in the pages ahead we've got lots of articles about keeping fit and well, mentally and physically. Turn to page 6 for some ideas. Also, as we move through the Government's roadmap to ease restrictions, we're looking at how we can keep good habits from lockdown when it comes to reducing, reusing and recycling. Find out more on page 23.

We are dedicating some pages in this edition to draw together the variety of grants that we offer to support communities. These grants are awarded to individuals or groups to help run specific eligible projects and, unlike loans, don't have to be paid back. For information on our Zero Carbon Communities Grant, see page 26. You can read about Community Safety Partnership microgrants on page 29. For our latest Community Chest Grants, see pages 30 and 31.

Finally, the front cover of this edition features a photo of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, at the Waterbeach home of our Shared Waste Service with Cambridge City Council. Our crews were thrilled to meet The Princess Royal during an outdoor visit back in March. This was a lovely royal thank you to our hardworking crews who have ensured our recycling and waste has been collected as normal despite the pandemic.

Enjoy the magazine.

Cllr Bridget Smith

Leader

South Cambridgeshire District Council



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 www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus

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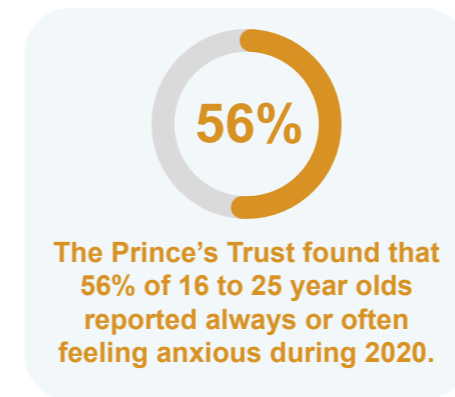
Free outdoor activities to support young people's wellbeing



Wild Minds is a free outdoor activity programme taking place at Milton Country Park for 14 to 17 year olds.

 Do you know a young person who experiences low mood, anxiety, or difficulty getting back into group activities since lockdown?

 Or someone who has had a worrying change in eating habits? Perhaps you know a young person who would like to develop their confidence or build their self-esteem?



Is Wild Minds fun?

Yes! At Wild Minds, groups of around 10 young people will spend an hour and a half each weekend (for eight weeks) on group based activities like bush craft, survival skills, paddle boarding, yoga and mindfulness, in an environment supported by skilled instructors and youth workers to nurture young people's wellbeing.

The country park has cosy shelters and fire pits which mean the course can take place even in bad weather. There will be a programme of activities, but activities can be varied and led by the weather, as well as the mood of the group and the time of year.

No experience is necessary for any of the activities and all equipment is provided for free.

Does it help?

Yes! Feedback from recent attendee:

“ During my time at Wild Minds I have had an easy time learning that socialising is OK and it doesn't have to be nerve wracking. During the first session I made a friend which is an improvement. I noticed that my confidence had improved and I felt that I could express myself a bit more than usual. At one point I was really struggling but that became easier as the staff are really supportive and trustworthy. Every session that I attended I always noticed a positive difference. ”

Register now

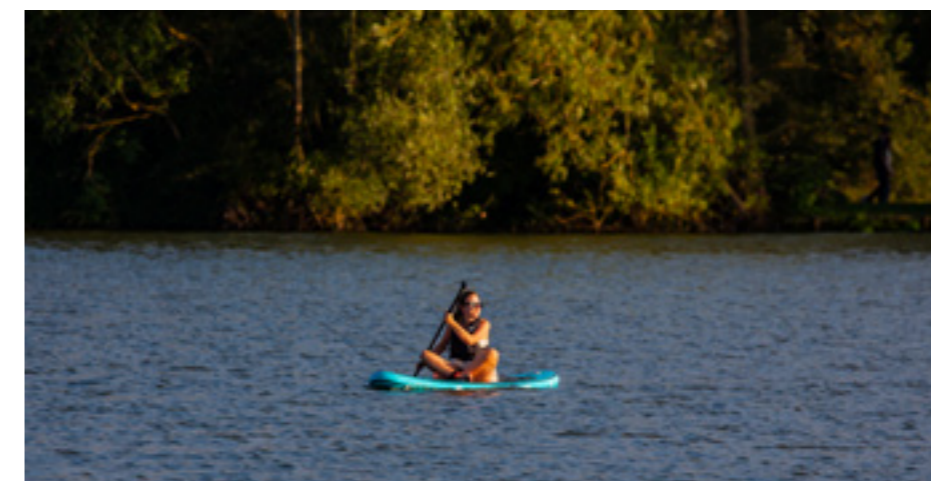
Young people can sign up for this free course online.

 www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds

If you are a guardian, teacher, youth worker or health professional, you can refer a young person online.

 www.scambs.gov.uk/wild-minds-referral

The course has been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust (which runs Milton Country Park) and is supported by a Clinical Psychologist.



A roadmap for a Healthy You

As we travel on the roadmap out of lockdown, now could be a good time to reflect on our health and wellbeing to make a new roadmap for health.



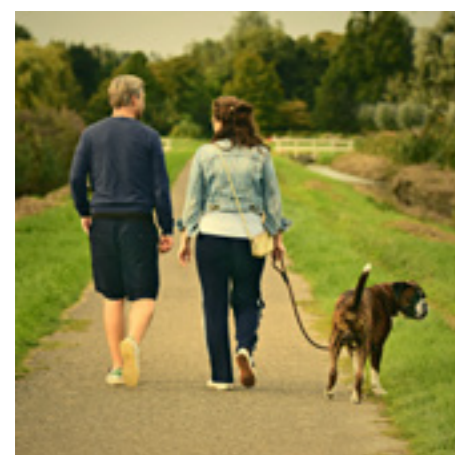
? Did you find it easier or harder to exercise regularly during the pandemic?

? Did you eat more or less healthily, or drink more or less alcohol?

We all responded differently, but wherever you are right now, the shift 'back to normal' might be a good time to reflect on your habits to help you become a Healthy You. Covid-19 has shown how factors such as being overweight or having diabetes can put people more at risk, which might also provide motivation to improve or maintain your health.

Healthy You

Healthy You is a free service for Cambridgeshire residents looking to make changes to their lifestyle. So, whether you want to stop smoking, lead a more active lifestyle or maintain a balanced diet, Healthy You can help.



Wellbeing walks

Wellbeing walks are open to everyone whatever your level of fitness, and especially for anyone wanting a gentle return to physical activity. The walks are also a good opportunity to socialise with others and are led by friendly, specially trained volunteers. Please contact Leah if you are interested in joining a walk or becoming a volunteer walk leader in your local area.

www.scams.gov.uk/wellbeing-walks

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☎ 07508 020 678

Weight management

Anyone looking to lose some weight, become fitter, feel better about themselves or reduce the risk of becoming diabetic is welcome to join the weight management programme.

The 12 week programme includes 45 minute nutrition workshops and 45 minute physical activity sessions, all designed to give you food choice options and fun, sociable activities with access to qualified nutritionists and instructors.

www.healthyyou.org.uk

✉ Eh.healthyyou@nhs.net
☎ 0333 005 0093

Falls management

If you are over 65 or have a history of falls, a fear of falling, feel unstable, have low bone density or family history of osteoporotic fracture, you are welcome to join this programme. Weekly local small group exercise classes are designed to improve physical fitness, strength and balance, to help you feel steadier on your feet and improve your confidence.

www.healthyyou.org.uk

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Other Healthy You services include sessions on how to reduce your alcohol consumption and to stop smoking, and free NHS health checks.

Active & Healthy 4 Life – exercise referral scheme

We run the local Active & Healthy 4 Life exercise referral scheme. Anyone who was previously referred to the scheme may be keen to know that we are working with sports centres to bring Active & Healthy 4 Life referrals back. But at this stage we can't provide more information, so please look out for further updates on our website in the coming months or in future issues of this magazine.

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Key ingredients for a healthy life

Fitness + Eating well + Hydration + Sleep + Socialising + Sunshine

Fitness

Adults should aim to be physically active every day. That doesn't mean you need to go to the gym every day, but each day should include some activity. This can include things like gardening, housework, climbing or descending the stairs, or going for a walk.

Eating well

As well as eating the right amount of food and balancing this with how active we are, it's also important to give our bodies the right sort of food. One way to make sure you have a healthy balanced diet is to follow the Government's Eatwell Guide (pictured on the right of this page).

Hydration

Drink six to eight glasses of fluid a day. It can help to fill a jug or water bottle with water each day to keep track of whether you're managing to drink as much as you plan throughout the day.

For more ideas visit the NHS Live Well site.

www.nhs.uk/live-well

Sleep

Most adults need between six and nine hours' sleep. As well as getting enough sleep, it's important to keep regular sleeping hours. If you struggle to get to sleep, try to relax before bed with a bath or relaxation exercises; listening to some calming music (like classical music); or reading a book. If your mind is busy while you're trying to sleep, it can help to have a notebook by your bed to write down things that are on your mind – you can then forget about them until the morning.

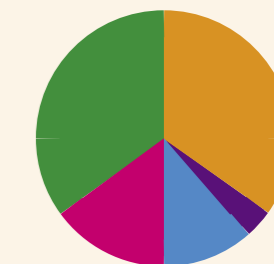
Socialising

Connecting with other people, chatting and laughing, is a genuinely important part of our wellbeing.

Sunshine

Our bodies make Vitamin D from spending time outdoors in the sunshine. Vitamin D is good for your health, so being outdoors is good for you as well as being enjoyable (most of the time). Please take care in the sun and avoid getting burnt.

Use the Eatwell Guide to help you get a balance of healthier and more sustainable food. It shows how much of what you eat overall should come from each food group.



Fruit and vegetables

Eat at least 5 portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables every day.

Potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and other starchy carbohydrates

Choose wholegrain or higher fibre versions with less added fat, salt and sugar.

Oils and spreads

Choose unsaturated oils and use in small amounts.

Dairy and alternatives

Choose lower fat and lower sugar options.

Beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other proteins

Eat more beans and pulses, two portions of sustainably sourced fish per week, one of which is oily. Eat less red and processed meat.



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New homes to help make housing more affordable for local people

Our team has been busy over the last year building much needed new Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent homes.

All of our new homes are built to high specifications with high quality finishes, and most are supplied with gardens and sheds.

They are all energy efficient with double glazed windows and are added to our stock of around 5,500 Council homes. Some also have solar panels or air source heat pumps for heating and hot water. Potential tenants or buyers who have a local connection will be prioritised for all of the Council's new homes, which will play an important part in achieving our ambition of making housing truly affordable for everyone.

79 new homes built since January 2020

At four sites across the district our projects are complete, with 36 new homes now built. All Affordable Rent homes now have tenants in, as do most Shared Ownership homes.

Foxton

Six Affordable Rent homes (four 1-bedroom maisonettes and two 2-bedroom houses) and three Shared Ownership homes (one 2-bedroom house and two 3-bedroom houses).

Great Abington

18 new homes (a mixture of Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership).

Teversham

Five new Affordable Rent homes (including two 1-bedroom maisonettes; two 2-bedroom houses; and one 1-bedroom bungalow).

West Wickham

Three Affordable Rent homes (one 1-bedroom bungalow; one 2-bedroom bungalow; and one 2-bedroom house) and one 3-bedroom Shared Ownership house.

In Toft and Hardwick, another 43 of our new homes have been built, and there are more homes still to come in these locations.

Hardwick

32 Affordable Rent homes have been built (a mix of 1- to 4-bedroom homes), as well as eight new Shared Ownership homes.

Toft

11 Shared Ownership homes have already been built (a mixture of 2- to 4-bedroom homes).

More homes being built – register your interest

Over the next 18 months the team will be building a possible 100 more new homes, in Great Abington, Hardwick, Impington, Melbourn, Meldreth, Sawston and Toft.

These will be a mixture of Affordable Rent homes (which people can bid on through the Home-Link process once the homes are built) and Shared Ownership homes (which people can register for via Domovo's website).

Hardwick (Meridian Fields)

By summer 2021 there will be three 2-bedroom Affordable Rent homes and four 2-bedroom Shared Ownership homes available.

Impington (Hunters Close)

Seven Affordable Rent homes (six 1-bedroom flats, and one 3-bedroom house) and three Shared Ownership homes (two 2-bedroom houses and one 3-bedroom house) are in the pipeline between now and 2022.

Sawston (The Hawthorns)

By 2022 there will be:

- 44 Affordable Rent new homes (20 1-bedroom flats; 21 2-bedroom flats; two 3-bedroom houses; and one 4-bedroom house)
- 19 Shared Ownership new homes (four 1-bedroom flats; 11 2-bedroom flats; three 3-bedroom houses; and one 4-bedroom house).

Toft (The Birdlings)

25 new Affordable Homes are planned (eight 1-bedroom flats; nine 2-bedroom flats; five 2-bedroom houses; and three 3-bedroom houses).



Find details to register your interest on our website.
www.scams.gov.uk/new-council-homes

Could you be a Councillor?

Although you may have voted in the elections back in May, only four wards will have voted for South Cambridgeshire District Council councillors. Next year all seats across every ward will be up for election.



If you're wondering whether becoming a councillor is for you, or perhaps are already thinking of standing for election next May, you can find more information at www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor

There are 45 seats on South Cambridgeshire District Council, and anyone can stand as a candidate if they are over 18 and are a British, Commonwealth, or European Union citizen. There are two different types of candidate: independent candidates, or those selected by a Political Party.

What do councillors do?

Local councillors make a real difference to their communities. If you are passionate about your community, there is a need for people of all backgrounds and experiences to put themselves forward for election. The time commitment can vary, but largely it's up to you how much time you can give, and will depend on which roles and commitments each councillor takes up once elected.

Duties of a councillor include:

- reading reports to ensure you're familiar with issues affecting the local area
- attending committee meetings
- attending council meetings.

Most of our committee and council meetings take place during the day, but some briefings and other meetings take place in the evenings. Councillors are not paid a salary but do receive an allowance to cover basic expenses.

Election results from May this year

- Dr Nik Johnson was elected Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Mayor.
- Darryl Preston was elected Police and Crime Commissioner for the Cambridgeshire Police Area.

South Cambridgeshire District Council remains under Liberal Democrat control. Following four by-elections on Thursday 6 May, the newly elected District councillors are:



Girton –
Cllr Corrine Garvie



Harston & Comberton –
Cllr Fiona Whelan



Melbourn –
Cllr Sally Ann Hart



Milton & Waterbeach –
Cllr Paul Bearpark.

Following full Cambridgeshire County Council elections, the composition of the County Council is now:

- Conservatives 28
- Labour 9
- Liberal Democrats 20
- Other 4.

Full details including your local county councillor can be found on the County Council website.

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MULTI-MILLION POUND BROADBAND BOOST FOR 36 RURAL SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE VILLAGES AS INFRASTRUCTURE WORK GETS UNDERWAY

Thousands of rural homes and businesses in south Cambridgeshire are set to have full-fibre broadband networks built in their villages, capable of some of the fastest and most reliable internet speeds in the UK, it can be revealed.

Specialist rural broadband provider County Broadband has confirmed that an initial 36 villages have now been earmarked for funding. The rollout is a major infrastructure project that will replace the existing part-copper 'Superfast' networks with "future-ready" full-fibre infrastructure, with some villages being completed by the end of 2021.

Full-fibre broadband is significantly more reliable than all other broadband provision, capable of delivering up to 1,000 Mbps, around 12 times faster than the UK average. The government has a flagship target of 85% of UK homes having access to Gigabit-speeds by 2025 and is relying on local providers like County Broadband to fulfil this pledge and to ensure Britain's broadband can "catch up with the rest of the world".

James Salmon, Director of Sales at County Broadband, said: "The pandemic has accelerated

our demand for the internet, whether that's shopping online, working from home, video calling or simply streaming more television content. Whilst it's true many of us have just about managed with the existing Superfast copper networks, it won't be long until this current technology is no longer capable of delivering the reliable speeds we're going to need in the near future.

"However, building real full-fibre networks, free from copper, takes time and involves a complex infrastructure construction process. If we wait until we need it, it will already be too late. That's why we're urging local communities to get involved and register their interest in our projects, to ensure homes and businesses can future-proof their broadband services.

"As we emerge from lockdown, we don't want rural south Cambridgeshire to be left behind in the post-pandemic recovery. We're investing millions of pounds in full-fibre infrastructure to help turbo charge the economy by boosting productivity and attracting new businesses to the region".

REAL FIBRE BROADBAND IS COMING TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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How we are achieving your priorities

In 2019, we set out an ambitious business plan focused on the things you told us were important. Here's an update on that plan.

Growing local businesses and economies
 Housing that is truly affordable to live in
 Green to our core
 A modern and caring council

Our priorities

Growing local businesses and economies

We will support businesses of all sizes, including rural enterprise and farming, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live, and support the local economy to recover from the pandemic.

What we did last year

- ✔ Provided support to more than 5,000 local businesses
- ✔ Generated almost £2.5 million from investments to help fund our services, and agreed an investment strategy to do more (also see page 17)
- ✔ Distributed more than £35 million of Government grants through the pandemic
- ✔ And paid over £2 million in Government grants to pubs closed during the pandemic

What we plan to do over the coming year

- Support businesses for a green recovery that enables them to survive, adapt and grow, and to respond flexibly as the national and local situation develops
- Support major employers to help homes and jobs be closer together or linked through high quality public transport, walking and cycling routes
- Help start-ups, home-based businesses and those moving into South Cambridgeshire to find workspace
- Promote the area and Enterprise Zones to retain businesses and attract new ones which will protect and create local jobs

Housing that is truly affordable to live in

We will build vibrant communities in locations where people have good access to facilities and transport links, so they can genuinely afford to lead a happy and healthy life.

What we did last year

- ✔ Signed contracts to build over 150 new Council houses
- ✔ Supported around 1,000 people on benefits who moved to Universal Credit, including funding a coach to help people into work
- ✔ Ensured vulnerable tenants were given support to cope during the pandemic
- ✔ Completed detailed planning guidance for the new town north of Waterbeach and new village at Bourn Airfield

What we plan to do over the coming year

- Deliver a new sports pavilion, community centre and health, library and community facilities in Northstowe
- Work with local people to set out where and how new homes and communities will be built locally
- Create opportunities for people involved in significant new housing developments to identify and minimise disruption and help new residents settle in
- Increase our number of Council homes each year to support people on lower incomes, with high energy standards and renewable energy

Green to our core

We will create a cleaner, greener and zero carbon future for our communities.

What we did last year

- ✔ Adopted ambitious Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature strategies for South Cambridgeshire
- ✔ Started using one of the UK's first electric bin lorries to collect recycling
- ✔ Awarded around £300,000 of funding to help local communities, including through our Zero Carbon Communities Grant

What we plan to do over the coming year

- Retrofit our Commercial Property, and South Cambridgeshire Hall, with renewable energy generation and energy efficiency measures
- Influence the planning of new major transport routes, such as the proposed East West rail line, to ensure the environment is fully considered and a net gain to natural capital is delivered
- Continue to transition to electric or hydrogen recycling and waste vehicles, and the investigation of on-site solar panel energy generation at our waste depot



A modern and caring council

We will provide our customers with high quality services, strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income, and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

What we did last year

- ✔ Achieved Level 1 of the Disability Confident standard
- ✔ Worked with public sector partners, parish councils and voluntary groups to support our most vulnerable residents, and our businesses, throughout the pandemic

What we plan to do over the coming year

- Develop and support councillors and staff to ensure they can best serve our communities
- Recognise the potential implications for those struggling with 'Long Covid' in our communities and offer support, with parish councils and community groups, wherever required
- Provide grants to community and voluntary groups to help them carry out projects to benefit local people and the environment



Our finances

We collect Council Tax on behalf of the Police, Fire Service, County Council and parish councils. Only around 9% of your Council Tax bill goes towards our services.

Below you can see what we plan to receive and spend this financial year (April 2021 to March 2022), excluding Council Housing rents, and services which cannot be subsidised from Council Tax and Business Rates.

Where our money comes from

Our income (£28.412 million) comes from:

🏠 Council Tax – £10.146 million

👛 Other Government grants – £2.436 million

📈 Business Rates – £9.14 million

📊 Investments – £5.641 million

👛 From reserves – £1.049 million.

What we spend it on

Our net expenditure (of £28.412 million) covers:

📊 Finance – including Council Tax and Business Rates collection, and Housing Benefit administration and payments – £3.973 million

📊 HR and corporate services – including democratic processes, elections and electoral registration – £1.353 million

🏠 General Fund housing – including homelessness, Travellers sites, improvement grants and Sheltered Housing - £2.281 million

♻️ Waste and environment – waste collection, street cleansing, environmental protection, food safety, pollution control and flood defence – £8.746 million

🏢 Community and business support, communications, health and wellbeing, and grants to voluntary organisations – £2.871 million

📍 Planning – £4.837 million

🕯️ Other costs – including various levies and contributions, interest payments, contributions to capital expenditure and other corporate costs – £4.351 million.

Note our waste and recycling budget includes the funding to provide this service in Cambridge too. We run the shared Greater Cambridge Shared Waste service with Cambridge City Council.



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Our process to make an investment involves a team of external advisors, who share investment proposals with us so that only credible opportunities are put to our decision makers – the Council's Cabinet.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr John Williams (pictured below), said:

“Investing in commercial property in the local area helps to offset significant reduction in Government funding as well as giving us the chance to improve environmental sustainability and support local business development.”

“Our investments must comply with tough rules to ensure your money is spent wisely and the profit we get goes to the services you receive.”



“This is enabling us not only to deliver a financially sound Council but also increases in services, such as the Mobile Warden Scheme, instead of cuts.”

270 Cambridge Science Park

One of our recent investments is 270 Cambridge Science Park, a purpose-built office that is being transformed into a sustainable, multi-occupant corporate workspace. Solar panels and electric car charging will be installed. The building is expected to attract tenants from local technology and bioscience sectors.

Northstowe Enterprise Zone

Another recent investment was the purchase of the local centre and Enterprise Zone in Northstowe.

We want the local centre and Enterprise Zone to be designed with cyclists and pedestrians in mind with good links to the nearby Guided Busway park and ride, plus plenty of outdoor space for people to enjoy. A community building will also be developed, funded through a planning Section 106 agreement, creating a local mixed use centre for residents.

Residents and businesses will be key in helping to shape the future plans from an early stage.



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A year in the life of our Planning Service

Our award winning Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (with Cambridge City Council) is one of the busiest planning teams in the country, processing over 6,000 applications every year with a team of over 130 people.

Here are some of our achievements between April 2020 and March this year.



Providing **567 applicants** with pre-application advice



Hearing **137 planning applications** at Planning Committee



Supporting the creation of two **Neighbourhood Plans** through to referendum

Processing and deciding **6,390 applications** Including **1,438 householder applications**, such as extensions or garages. 92% were approved.



Image behind header: Inholm by Urban Splash, Northstowe

What does the Planning Service do?

1. Policy, Strategy and Economy team

The Policy, Strategy and Economy team develops new planning policies; checks new plans align with our existing policies in our Local Plans; supports communities to develop their own neighbourhood plans; and works across the boundaries of our District to support strategic initiatives such as the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.

The team is particularly busy currently, with two major plans in development: the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which will be the first joint Local Plan that covers both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire; and the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, which is a plan for the area between the guided busway and the A14.

2. Delivery team

The Delivery team ensures new developments are aligned with existing policies, when assessing planning applications. These range from schemes such as Northstowe to householder applications for extensions and other kinds of planning permissions.

We support applicants before they submit an application through our pre-application advice service, as well as during the process of determination (decision-making). Most applications are decided by officers, while larger or more complex proposals are presented to Planning Committee.

Enforcement officers look into and take action against reports of breaches of planning, unauthorised developments where no planning permission exists, or those that deviate from the permission granted.

And, finally, the Application Support team provides technical support to help the Planning Service and liaises with applicants and their agents.



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3. Built and Natural Environment team

Supporting our teams are specialist in-house Built and Natural Environment officers. Experts in design; historic environment and listed buildings; landscape; ecology; sustainability; and more.

Award winning major development

Most development in our area takes place in major new communities like Northstowe and the new town north of Waterbeach.

The Strategic Sites team works with developers to make these the best possible places to live and work.

These projects include high percentages of Affordable Rent, Shared Ownership and age-specific housing, accompanied by local centres, community

facilities, schools, pedestrian and cycle routes, open space and landscaping, ancillary works and associated infrastructure.

We encourage innovation in construction and design, for example Urban Splash's largest modular (factory built) housing development is at Northstowe.



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

“Our Local Plan team was shortlisted for two industry awards recently for excellence in public engagement and plan-making. We have also been asked to showcase our experience in increasing the quality and quantity of local engagement in planning. We do a great deal to engage with our communities - from quarterly forums with Parish Councils a to direct community engagement - because we take our responsibilities towards our communities very seriously.”

What is five year land supply?

All councils have targets to meet in terms of how many new homes need to be built, and the Government requires all councils to show that development in their area is on track to meet these targets.

Councils must update their forecasts every year, so each year every council will look at how many new houses were built in the previous year and what progress has been made on developments that are underway, to estimate the supply over the following five years.

If we can't show that there are enough homes in the pipeline over the next five years, we may end up having to grant planning permissions that aren't compatible with our planning policies. This might mean development takes place in a location that would otherwise be rejected, or a development that didn't meet the standards set out in our Local Plan policies.

Unfortunately, this was the case a few years ago when the Local Plan was held up in the independent examination process prior to adoption in 2018.

Current land supply: 6.1 years

Good news: for the last two years, we have consistently shown that we can demonstrate a healthy five year land supply. We published our last calculation in April, which showed we have 6.1 years' worth of development likely to be built over the next five years - we are comfortably above the five year land supply requirement.

Meeting this Government requirement means our adopted Local Plan will continue to provide our villages with protection from unplanned development, while balancing growth pressures. It demonstrates there is enough suitable land readily available to meet the number of homes that need to be built.

We are therefore free to permit or refuse planning permission on the basis of our own planning policies, so development has to meet our requirements for quality, location, sustainability and design. This ensures better quality development, in the right places, that meets the needs of our communities.



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Keep moving towards zero waste

As lockdown measures ease, don't forget about all the good waste-busting habits developed during lockdown. Small changes all add up, so here are our top five tips to stick to good zero waste habits.

Reusable face masks

Instead of disposable masks which can end up as litter, choose a few fabric ones you like and wash after each outing.

Coffee cups

If you like to grab a tea or coffee on the go or when meeting up with friends, take a reusable cup along. Cafés can safely fill your cup without touching it – ask them to check out Contactless Coffee if they are unsure.

Shopping bags

Many of us are better at taking bags for food shopping now – but what if you're planning a return to the shops for clothes or other shopping? Choose a couple of bags you really like and keep them in your usual bag, or boot of your car, so you've always got one handy.

Food

During the first national lockdown 34% of people said they were wasting less food than before – it would be great to keep this up. Can you prepare food in advance, or take leftovers as a packed lunch if you're returning to work? Or freeze food coming up to its use-by date.

Refill

Refill options are growing all the time. If you haven't tried refills yet, you could start by keeping your old cleaning product bottles and refilling them with dissolvable pods – just adding your own water. You may also have a refill shop near you, or even one that delivers refillable cleaning, personal care products and dried foods. Find your nearest ones online.

www.scams.gov.uk/bins/reducing-waste

Did you know batteries cause fires?

Putting out fires in bin lorries is not uncommon and one of the most common causes is batteries. Sparks from batteries disposed of in wheelie bins put our refuse collection teams at risk; spoil the recyclable materials; and can cause large repair bills for our lorries. It can also affect the recycling sorting facility as it is forced to halt its 24-hour operation.

Batteries also contain precious metals which can be reused if they are processed separately to other types of household recycling. To correctly dispose of batteries:

- Put them in a clear bag and attach to the handle of your blue bin
- Take them to drop off locations in selected shops - search for 'batteries' here: www.scams.gov.uk/recyclingsites
- Take them to the Household Recycling Centres at Milton or Thriplow

Or even better, consider buying rechargeable batteries instead.



Bin collection calendar

Bins must be put out by 6am on your collection day. Close lids fully. Please report missed collections between 3:30pm on collection day and 3:30pm the next working day. For advice on how to leave out extra recycling for collection and other policies, see www.scams.gov.uk/bins

● Green bin ● Black bin ● Blue bin ○ Change of date

	June	July	August	September
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	1 7 14 21 28 Tue	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 31 Tue	6 13 20 27
MONDAY B - Babraham, Bartlow, Castle Camps, Great Abington, Hildersham, Linton, Little Abington, Pampisford, Sawston, Shudy Camps, Whittlesford	1 7 14 21 28 Tue	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 31 Tue	6 13 20 27
TUESDAY A - Duxford, Fowlmere, Great Chishill, Great Shelford, Harston, Hauxton, Heydon, Hinxton, Ickleton, Little Chishill, Little Shelford, Newton, South Trumpington, Stapleford, Thriplow & Heathfield	2 8 15 22 29 Wed	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 Wed	1 7 14 21 28 Wed
TUESDAY B - Barrington, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth	2 8 15 22 29 Wed	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 Wed	1 7 14 21 28 Wed
WEDNESDAY A - Abington Pigotts, Barton, Bassingbourn, Grantchester, Guilden Morden, Hariton, Haslingfield, Litlington, Orwell, Shingay-Cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Whaddon, Wimpole	3 9 16 23 30 Thu	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 Thu	2 8 15 22 29 Thu
WEDNESDAY B - Arrington, Caldecote, Comberton, Coton, Croydon, Gamlingay, Great Eversden, Hardwick, Hatley, Kingston, Little Eversden, Little Gransden, Longstowe, Madingley, Tadlow, Toft	3 9 16 23 30 Thu	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 Thu	2 8 15 22 29 Thu
THURSDAY A - Bourn, Boxworth, Cambourne, Caxton, Childerley, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley, Knapwell, Papworth Everard, Papworth St Agnes	4 10 17 24 Fri	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 Fri	3 9 16 23 30 Fri
THURSDAY B - Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Fen Drayton, Girton, Lolworth, Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington, Over, Swavesey, Westwick	4 10 17 24 Fri	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 Fri	3 9 16 23 30 Fri
FRIDAY A - Cottenham, Histon, Impington, Landbeach, Orchard Park, Rampton, Willingham	5 11 18 25 Sat	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 Sat	4 10 17 24 Sat
FRIDAY B - Chesterton Fen, Chittering, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Milton, Waterbeach	5 11 18 25 Sat	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 Sat	4 10 17 24 Sat

Safe disposal of waste during the pandemic

If you have symptoms, all personal waste such as used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths must be:

1. Placed in a plastic bag and tied when full, and then placed in another plastic rubbish sack and tied
2. Stored securely, separate from other waste and communal areas, for three days
3. After three days, placed in your black bin

What goes in your blue bin?

Yes

Recycle ✓ Clean ✓ Empty ✓ Don't bag it



Please put used batteries in a clear plastic bag. Tie the bag to the handle of the blue bin. Batteries must not be put inside the bin. Small portable household batteries can be put in the clear bag - e.g. AA, AAA, 6v, 9v, D, C, button, laptop and mobile phone batteries.



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

Compost



Use either paper liners or newspaper to wrap your food



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
- ✗ Used paper tissues and kitchen paper (during the pandemic)

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), tissues and kitchen paper (due to Covid we have changed our advice on tissues and kitchen roll used for cleaning. These should be put in your black bin at the moment).



No

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

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Passionate about climate change issues and want to make a difference in your community? A Zero Carbon Communities Grant of up to £15,000 can help.

£100,000 is available in total. We are encouraging applications which focus on wider community engagement and the importance of behaviour change in reducing carbon emissions - including from not-for-profit groups.



 Milton Cycling Campaign received £15,000 to work with local organisations to provide high quality cycle parking stands at key locations in the parish.

 Barrington Parish Council received £2,037 to create the Barrington Community Forest Garden on a small overgrown plot of land.

 Willingham Parish Council successfully applied for £13,142 to replace inefficient convection heating panels with infra-red panels in its Ploughman village hall. The expected savings of £1,600 per year will be used for other environmental projects.

This year applications are invited for projects under the following three themes:

- Community buildings
- Tree planting and nature
- And other projects to reduce carbon emissions.



Tree planting at Barrington Community Forest Garden

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Giving you the tools to support your community

The Community Safety Partnership is launching its first community engagement toolkit. This will provide guidance, training and other tools for residents on how to set up a group focused on enhancing the local community.

The Community Safety Partnership sees South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridgeshire County Councils; the Police, Fire and Rescue Services; the Probation Service; and the NHS working together to deal with local crime and antisocial behaviour issues.

The sorts of issues you might want to tackle include improving safety and security, building community cohesion, and preventing issues such as antisocial behaviour or crime.

Evidence has shown that community engagement and action creates a sense of belonging for engaged residents, and that there is immense power when a group of people with similar interests come together to work towards the same goal.

As communities have the clearest understanding of local needs and issues, the toolkit aims to provide communities with the knowledge and skills to tackle some of these concerns themselves.

It also provides advice on how to encourage participation from fellow residents, how to poll local opinion

via surveys, who to involve, and offers case studies from community groups which have successfully taken this action before.

Within the toolkit there are six areas of focus:

1. Crime prevention in your community
2. Combating loneliness and isolation
3. Reaching your community
4. Preventing antisocial behaviour
5. Tackling road-related concerns
6. Making the local environment safer and greener.

Small microgrants are also available to support community efforts.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller inclusion toolkit

In addition to the community engagement toolkit, that the Community Safety Partnership is launching, we have recently launched a specific toolkit to support communities experiencing the arrival of a Gypsy, Roma and Traveller encampment.

Delivered in four parts, the toolkit comprises:

- Online cultural awareness training
- Discussion and preparation workshops
- Microgrants
- Templates, videos and legislative guidance.

Throughout March 2021, the Community Safety Partnership delivered 10 workshops across South Cambridgeshire to participants from over 50 parishes, most of whom had completed the cultural awareness training in advance. Microgrants are now available to assist parish councils to continue this work to plan and prepare in advance for the possible arrival of an encampment, in an educated, culturally sensitive and inclusive way.

The free online Gypsy, Roma and Traveller cultural awareness training is available until January 2022. Parish councils can sign up key community members or groups, whether they attended one of the workshops or not, to continue sharing this inclusive approach. Part four of the toolkit is now available on our website.

To find out more, visit:
www.scambs.gov.uk/CSP



What do Community Chest Grants fund?

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

Traditional Community Chest Grant

Usually, the Community Chest Grant invites voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies to apply for up to £1,000 to support projects or activities to improve people's quality of life. The Community Chest Grant is a rolling fund and groups can apply at any time, with applications being assessed on a regular basis throughout the year.

Covid Recovery Community Chest Grant

For a short time, £30,000 of the Community Chest Grant fund has been set aside for projects specifically focused on Covid recovery projects, with groups able to apply for up to £2,000.

Groups which are establishing or resuming activities to bring people together, or to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on communities' mental health and wellbeing, have been able to apply to the Covid Recovery Community Chest Grant.

The criteria were deliberately simple to allow as many applications to be submitted as possible, and were relaxed for this fund to welcome applications from Parish Councils. And, if a particularly worthwhile project requested part funding, the Grants Advisory Committee could choose to fund the project to a higher level than requested, if appropriate to do so.

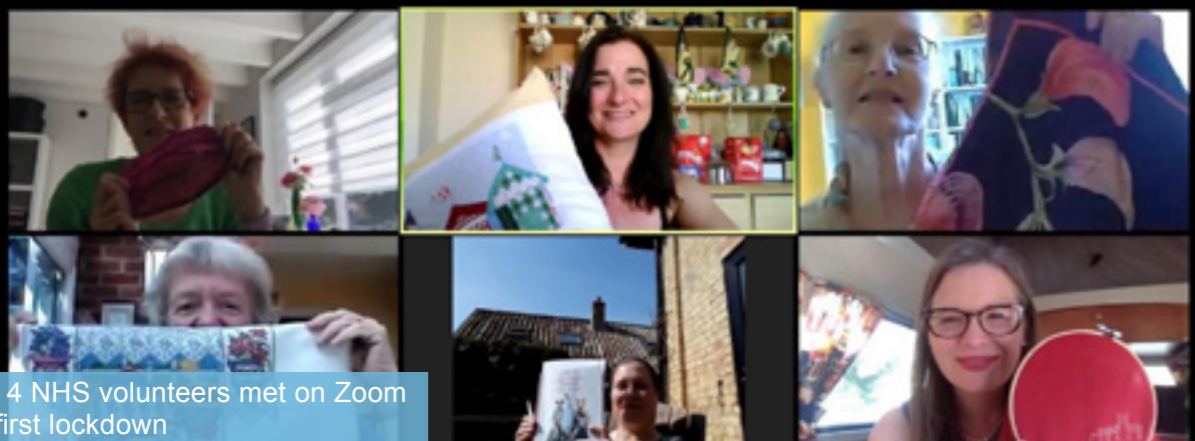
Cllr Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet Member for Community Resilience, Health and Wellbeing, said:

“It’s always brilliant hearing about the projects that have been funded through our Community Chest Grant fund. If you are doing something to support people in your community – or if you have a good idea to start a project that will help others, especially as we move ‘back to normal’ after lockdowns, please apply for our Community Chest Grant. We want to support you with funding, while you’re giving your time to support others.”

Please contact our team if you would like any further information about our Community Chest Grants. Although the Covid Recovery Community Chest Grant is only available for a short time, the traditional Community Chest Grant can be applied to at any time.

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Groups may apply for both Community Chest Grant and Covid Recovery Community Chest Grant funding in the current financial year.



Masks 4 NHS volunteers met on Zoom in the first lockdown

Sew Positive: £40,000 raised for NHS charities

One of the groups who benefitted from our Community Chest Grant in the past year was a voluntary group called Sew Positive.

Sew Positive started off as Community Masks 4 NHS during the first lockdown and was the brainchild of Haslingfield resident Melissa Santiago-Val.

Melissa started the voluntary community initiative and fundraiser while she was furloughed, as she set to work making masks for the local community (and further afield) which were collected locally, or posted to recipients, in exchange for a donation. The initiative raised £40,000 for NHS charities while also providing people with masks when it was very difficult to get hold of them for personal use. The initiative also highlighted the mental health and social inclusion benefits of having a shared activity with a meaningful purpose, and the group quickly grew a volunteer base of over 50 individuals. The group included students, people still working full time, retirees and

people who were shielding, some of whom had no previous sewing skills. The activity brought a community of willing volunteers together at a time when lots of people wanted to do something to support the community during lockdown, or felt disconnected from other people and wanted to do something positive.

Sew Positive

At the start of 2021, the group submitted a Community Chest Grant application to help fund the costs of establishing the group as a charity with charitable status. The aim of the charity is to create social cohesion and support mental health in vulnerable groups.

Sewing and its associated creativity is used to prevent the escalation of mental health issues to a point where residents might need high level social or health care intervention.

The group is connected with a number of county wide mental health networks, and is already delivering support through Social Prescribing – which is a way for local agencies to refer people to a link worker, connecting people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support.

There is emerging evidence that social prescribing can lead to a range of positive outcomes, such as improved quality of life and emotional wellbeing.

Sew Positive received the full £1,000 applied for, which is now being used towards start-up costs such as insurance, IT costs, Zoom licensing, materials and fabric, and to help the group achieve charitable status.

Melissa Santiago-Val, CEO and Founder of Sew Positive, said:

“Sew Positive is delighted to have been awarded £1,000. We’ll use the grant to purchase essential materials to run sewing projects for people with mental health issues, along with subscription costs to help deliver a remote service.”

“Access to local funds supporting community projects is essential to keeping our communities together right now, and the Council has been helping and supporting residents in so many ways. We are really grateful to be awarded this grant to continue that work.”



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A year of Covid community support

“It’s nice to know people are thinking of us, and it’s a great help to us.” *Resident supported during the pandemic.*

When the first lockdown was announced in March 2020, it wasn’t immediately clear what this would mean to individuals, families and communities, but there was an almost instant change to life as we knew it.

What was clear quite quickly was that not everyone had someone they could call on for support.

So local communities leapt into action across the District and created support groups. Some were run by parish councils, others by community groups or individuals wanting to serve and support their community. Learning as they went, they supported each other and sometimes couldn’t be sure whether they were putting their own health at risk, all to support others.

They did leaflet drops advising residents of the support they could offer, delivered food parcels, collected prescriptions, set up food banks. With the help and support of Council staff, groups were able to identify those most in need and support them to ensure as many people as possible had access to everything they needed.



Meal delivery schemes were created too. We currently have two food hubs in operation, one at Over and one at Foxton. Meals are prepared with partners the C3 Church group, and with local volunteer support we have been able to ensure over 200 individuals receive at least one cooked meal per week.

Over 200 individuals
received at least one cooked meal per week



Cllr Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet Member for Community Resilience, Health and Wellbeing, said:

“One year on and the sense of community is greater than ever. It is so uplifting to know that in times of crisis, and in this digital age, people do care. Communities continue to thrive, and may perhaps be stronger for it.”

Jill Buggiey, one of the volunteers from the Foxton food hub, said:

“The residents really appreciate and enjoy the meals. It’s great to see lots of smiley faces, especially nice for those residents living alone. They are always so pleased to see us and are delighted to receive their meal.”

What will community volunteers do next?

As we continue to return to more normal life, what’s next for all the community groups and volunteers that have been so valuable during the pandemic?

Throughout the crisis, many people gave up their time to support their communities.

It was such a fantastic demonstration of what can be achieved when local people and public sector agencies support each other and work together, and many people remarked on how they were seeing positive societal changes – a silver lining to the dreadful pandemic.

What’s the best way to continue this momentum?

We want to support our communities to continue strengthening resilience and partnership working, where this would be beneficial.

And we want to hear from interested residents about how to do this. For instance, loneliness and isolation has been a real concern for many years in our rural communities, affecting all age groups and the community response to the pandemic provided a huge leap forwards in identifying who was lonely, and responding effectively to those who wanted to connect.

So how can we continue to build healthy, happy, resilient and connected communities, and to address the feelings of isolation and loneliness?

Focus groups

Over the coming months we will be holding a series of focus groups with parish councils, community groups and other volunteer networks to:

- explore whether there is the energy, enthusiasm and resource to continue to reach out, support residents and build cohesion and resilience, and
- listen to the concerns and ideas which are relevant and important to communities.

The emphasis will be on communities leading the way on projects that are driven by local concerns, with support from us to help it happen.

Groups and parishes are already coming up with ideas, including a community café specifically to encourage older people to socialise again; and an intergenerational community allotment, where the community will come together to grow, buy and sell produce and share recipes in a community café.

We can provide additional support to groups and parish councils wanting to continue in this next phase.

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The team has achieved finalist status due to its commitment to and passion for the communities it works alongside. Throughout the pandemic, the team maintained its service to the construction industry and developed online Building Control awareness training for people both in and outside the Council.

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

“It is excellent news that the 3C Building Control team is a finalist for the prestigious iese awards. Whether you need early advice or help seeing through a project to completion, 3C Building Control cares about what you’re doing and wants to help.

The team can give good, impartial advice to anyone thinking about starting a building project or in the process of completing a project. Its aim is to ensure all our communities in South Cambridgeshire build together well.”



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Meeting outdoors is still the safest way to meet others and prevent transmission.

Many hospitality, retail, leisure and tourism businesses and markets have been working hard to put Covid-secure measures in place, with outdoor seating areas, hand sanitiser and Perspex screens.

We continue to provide face to face support and advice to businesses through dedicated High Street Business Support Officers, who are funded through the Welcome Back Fund (building on the European Regional Development Fund's Reopening High Streets Safely Fund).

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery and Skills, said:

“Many local businesses are feeling the financial effects of the last year and need our community support. When planning your trips out, think about how you can keep safe and support our local businesses.”

“And remember that some of the people working in High Street businesses may still themselves be concerned about the virus, may not have been offered a vaccine appointment yet, and may be getting used to the pressures of their roles in unfamiliar environments. Things may take a little longer or look a little different – but this is to help everyone feel safer.”

Outdoor businesses open this summer

Below are some of the great local businesses in South Cambridgeshire that you could support this summer.

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Orwell Recreational Ground, SG8 5QJ

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Supporting our local businesses through the pandemic has been at the forefront of our Business Support team's activity this year.



Since the lockdown was announced in November, the Business Support team has processed over 4,600 payments through:

- the Government's Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG)
- the Additional Restrictions Support Grant (ARG)
- the Local Discretionary Hardship Scheme (LRDHS).

Support has not only been made available to the eligible sectors outlined by the Government within retail, hospitality and leisure, but also smaller businesses that have needed help to meet the demands of ongoing costs.

So far during the pandemic, over £35 million in grants has been issued in South Cambridgeshire, including £2 million to support pubs that closed.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery and Skills (pictured below), said:

"I am very proud of the support the Council has been able to offer businesses throughout the pandemic. As we navigate into the recovery phase of the Government's roadmap, our Business Support team will continue to do everything possible to help businesses in South Cambridgeshire."



Clare Dudley, Director of Ponders Travel, said:

"This help is not only a lifeline but has allowed me to breathe and know that we will get through this. I have signed up to online training you suggested. I will take everything offered. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for understanding how bad things have been and for believing in us at Ponders Travel."

Businesses can still apply for the Restart Grant scheme to access a one-off grant of up to £6,000 (non-essential retail) or up to £18,000 (hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym sectors), if eligible. Applications close on 30 June.

www.scambs.gov.uk/Restart-Grants

East West Rail update

East West Rail is a proposed new rail link to connect communities between Cambridge and Oxford.

The plans for this national infrastructure project are being drawn up by the East West Rail Company, which was set up by the Department for Transport in 2018.

East West Rail's preferred option would see the railway, if it goes ahead, pass through parts of South Cambridgeshire such as Cambourne, Highfields Caldecote, the Eversdens, Harlton, Haslingfield, Hauxton and the Shelfords before eventually entering Cambridge from the south of the city. However, East West Rail are keeping this preference under review. An alternative route would see the railway pass through areas north of Cambridge instead, such as Northstowe, and enter Cambridge from the north.

The aim of the railway is to make it cheaper and quicker to travel along the route, boosting the local economy, creating jobs, and supporting more affordable new homes locally.

The project is being delivered in stages using a Development Consent Order to be granted by Government. Trains are already running between Oxford and Bicester, and the aim is to have trains running the full length of the line between Oxford and Cambridge by the end of the decade.

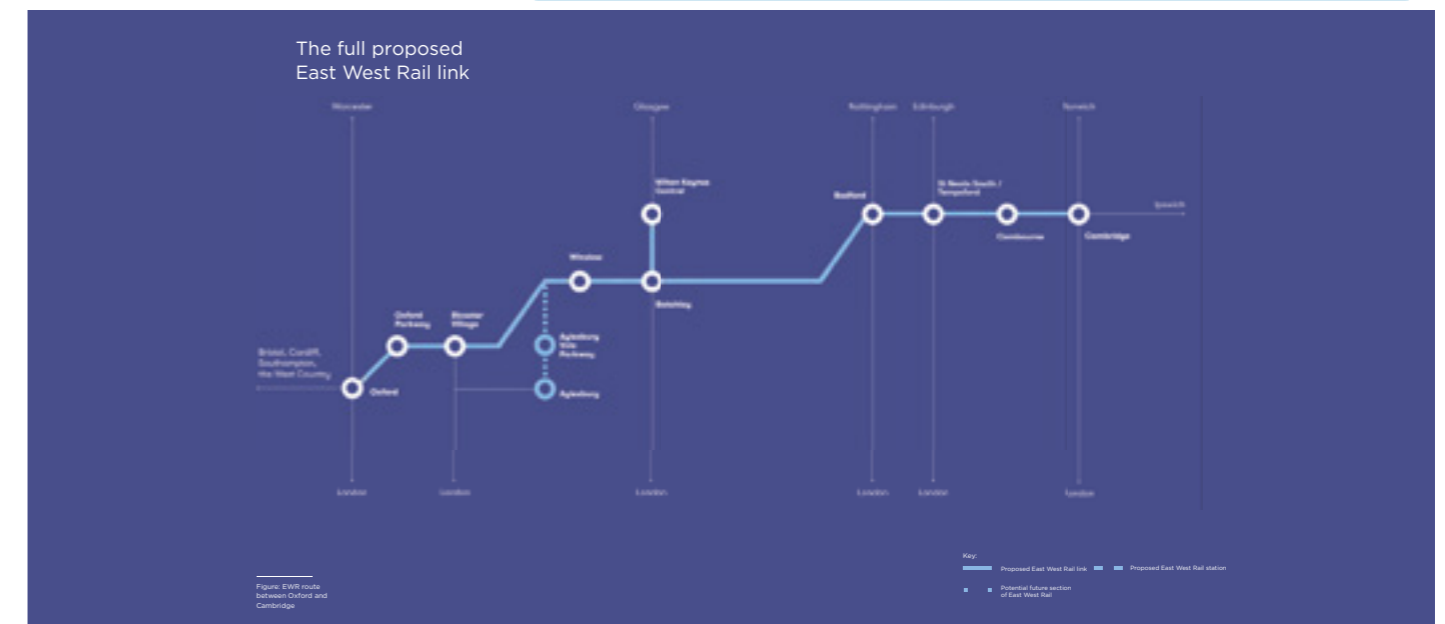
After 9 June, when the latest consultation into the proposed new railway finishes, the East West Rail Company will analyse responses and publish a summary report.

The Company says it will use the consultation responses alongside continuing environmental, economic and technical studies to help shape various aspects of the project. There will be a further stage of consultation on the final route selected and, after that, the East West Rail Company will apply to the Transport Secretary for powers to build the new railway.

Our Deputy Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, Cllr Dr Aidan Van de Weyer, said: "Overall, we're supportive of the plans for a new rail link as it would lead to a more reliable service for passengers and communities between Oxford and Cambridge.

"However, we have been very clear for some time that the environment should be at the centre of this large project. The East West Rail Company needs to present clear evidence that all factors have been considered in their preferred route to provide answers to the concerns local people have. Not enough detail has been made public so far to do that. This is what we are pushing for as part of our formal response to the consultation, through the Council's role as a statutory consultee."

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