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Hello

Welcome to the autumn issue of South Cambs Magazine

It remains more important than ever to make sure we are looking after ourselves and each other. With that in mind, for this issue we have put together a notice board containing a wide variety of ideas to help with wellbeing. Whether it be a range of outdoor activities at Shelford Rugby Club, wellbeing walks in nature, sports camps for children or our support programme for young people's mental wellbeing, hopefully there is something on offer for you or your family. Turn to page 6 for details.

On a similar note, I also want to highlight our Community Lifeline service. This provides a pendant alarm to wear at your home, which when pressed contacts a response centre so urgent help can be arranged. The service gives you and your family peace of mind that you're safe in your home, knowing help is available. Turn to page 11 for information about how to sign up.

If you turn to page 34, you'll see we shine a spotlight on the incredible voluntary groups who have continued to look out

for those in our communities who have needed that bit extra support. We're now looking at what comes next for them and how we can provide the support they may need to continue their work which has brought communities even closer together and made them stronger.

Finally, please remember that as we continue to face challenging times, we are here for you. Remember, you can always report, pay for and apply for lots of things via our website, at a time that's convenient to you.

Enjoy the magazine.

Cllr Bridget Smith
Leader
South Cambridgeshire District Council



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Tell us how we're doing

We're proud of what we are trying to achieve and recognise we can always do better. To help improve our services, we need your feedback. Whether it's a compliment, a general comment or a complaint, we want to hear from you.

www.scams.gov.uk/contact-us

Small changes make a big difference

Washable Nappy Discount Scheme launched.

We're pleased to be part of a new discount scheme to help families make the switch to washable nappies and wipes.

This is thanks to RECAP; the Recycling In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough waste partnership.

In South Cambridgeshire, each baby wearing disposable nappies contributes around 2.5 tonnes to landfill waste (over the total period of use). Using a washable nappy for just one nappy change a day would cut that by half a tonne!

Modern washable nappies are easy to use and wash and save families an average of £400 a year compared to disposables.

- 1 Choose your supplier. We've teamed up with The Nappy Lady, The Nappy Gurus, Sugar & Scoop, Merry Go Round UK and Tots Bots
- 2 Apply for a 15% discount via www.scams.gov.uk/nappies
- 3 If eligible, we'll send your discount code within five working days
- 4 Purchase from your chosen website using the discount code



Our Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Cllr Brian Milnes, said:

"This is a brilliant way every family in South Cambridgeshire can reduce their impact on the environment and save money. Think of all the nappies you'll save from going to landfill!"

Have you joined the refill revolution?

In the summer issue of the magazine we highlighted steps we can take to reduce waste we generate, before we even start recycling – including refilling containers with what you need, instead of buying goods in new packaging.

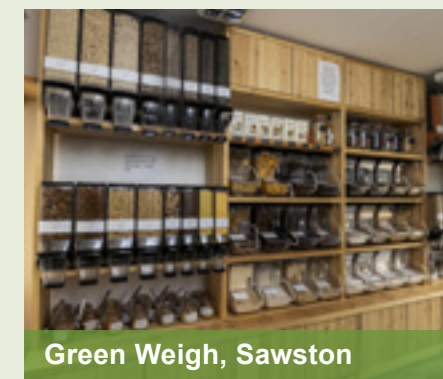
There are lots of friendly local refill shopkeepers on hand to help. Here are some plastic-free and refill businesses in South Cambridgeshire:

- Bar Hill: Pure Brilliant Green**
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- Gamlingay: Dancing Barefoot**
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- Histon: Green Blue You**
www.greenblueyou.co.uk
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Find more local shops helping to reduce waste at www.scams.gov.uk/refill-shops along with our tips for first-time refillers!



Green Weigh, Sawston

Recycle Week: Step It Up!

20 to 26 September is Recycle Week - a national drive to highlight the importance of recycling, and doing it right! Recycling in our blue bins is something we can all do to address climate change and something that we have control over. Let's use Recycle Week to spark up conversations and share knowledge with friends and family about what we can actively do. Research shows half of us say we are recycling more than last year, which is great.

To make sure this is done right and avoid any confusion, our online recycling directory has a comprehensive list of what can and can't be recycled, including even the most obscure items.

www.scams.gov.uk/bins

Healthy You notice board



Wellbeing walks

Walking is a great way to get active, to keep a healthy weight, to increase good cholesterol and reduce blood pressure, to build healthy muscles and bones, and to improve balance and reduce the risk of falls. Healthy You runs a number of walking groups across the District, which you can join for free:

- Comberton Recreation Ground, 10am, Mondays
- Great Shelford, Scotsdale Nursery, 1pm, Wednesdays, fortnightly
- Hardwick, The Blue Lion, Fridays, once per month
- Melbourn Hub, Wednesday mornings, fortnightly
- Milton Country Park, 2pm, Tuesdays
- Sawston GP surgery, 10:30am, Thursdays
- Wandlebury Stable Room, 10am and 10:30am, Thursdays.

Healthy You can also help you set up a group walk in your village and can train you to be a walk leader.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/wellbeing-walks



Wild Minds

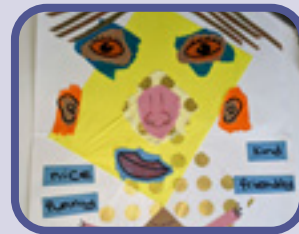
Wild Minds is an eight-week programme of outdoor activities to support young people's wellbeing. 14-17 year olds can register free for our next Wild Minds programmes, starting on 11 September or 3 October 2021.

- Free outdoor activities at Milton Country Park (all equipment will be provided too)
- Group based bush craft, survival skills, paddle boarding, yoga and mindfulness – no experience necessary for any activities
- An hour and a half, each weekend
- Run by skilled instructors and youth workers

The course has been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and is supported by a Clinical Psychologist.

Keep an eye on our website for more dates and locations.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds



Arts and Minds

Council grant recipient Arts and Minds offers creative programmes to support positive mental health through a number of programmes:

- Arts on Prescription, a 12-week programme of arts workshops for people experiencing mild to moderate depression, anxiety and/or stress. Participants can be referred by a GP or link-worker
- Creative Café, for coffee, conversation and creativity at a monthly, informal drop-in at Cambridge Junction on the last Tuesday of the month, from 10:30am to 12:30pm
- Michaelhouse Singers, a community choir welcoming people with mental health challenges, their family, friends and carers – weekly during term time
- Pottery for Younger People with Dementia, a weekly pottery group for younger people living with Dementia.

➔ www.artsandminds.org.uk



Spotlight on: Shelford Rugby Club

Shelford Rugby Club is opening its doors to everyone, providing new outdoor activities to encourage members and local residents to get active. The sessions below will be run by qualified teams who will ensure you have a great experience and enjoy the social and health benefits of physical activity.

- Didi rugby: Weekend and Wednesday mornings, for children aged 18 months to six years
- This Girl Can: Wednesdays evenings / Saturday mornings. For women to start or get back into physical activity with aerobic and functional fitness activities
- Be-Activ: Tuesday and Thursday evenings / Saturday mornings. For anyone to start a fitness program in a supportive environment – outdoor classes allowing you to work at your own pace
- Social touch rugby: Monday evenings
- Walking touch rugby: Tuesday evenings
- Get Running Club: Saturday mornings
- Live Stronger Live Longer: personalised resistance-based programmes for people aged 50+ with weekly access to the gym

📌 www.facebook.com/ShelfordRugbyClub

If your club has lots to offer to South Cambridgeshire residents, please contact leah.collis@scambs.gov.uk



Keeping the kids active in the school holidays

Following the return of our popular sports-based holiday camps in May and July, you can now book for our October half-term camps for children between seven and 14 (school year three to year nine). We encourage young people to try out a variety of different activities and learn new skills in safe, enjoyable, inclusive sessions led by fully qualified and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) approved coaches. One child for one day costs £25; two children, or one child for more than one day, costs £21 per child, per day.

Athletics, Tuesday 26 October, 10am to 3:30pm, Cambridge Athletics Track

- 100 metre sprints
- Long jump
- Howlers
- Endurance (400 metres to 1500 metres)

Netball, Wednesday 27 October, 10am to 3:30pm, Impington Sports Centre

- Netball skills – passing, shooting, attacking, defending
- Small games – including children's favourite 'golden child'

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for your home, friends or for selling online.

After months of staying at home priorities have changed and people are placing more importance on their living space and how to improve it. Lighting is one of the most important aspects of your home and is an essential decorating element. It can set the right ambience and give your rooms a unique look. But have you given thought to the shades on your lamps? They can make just as much of a difference in the appearance in a room. The choice offered by many high street retailers is limited, they cannot take a chance on fashion colours and patterns or extra-large shades so they tend to offer plain neutral-coloured lampshades in standard shapes and sizes.

This is no longer a problem thanks to Dannells' Professional Lampshade Making Kits. Dannells are experts in the lampshade making industry with over 40 years' experience of supplying materials and components to manufacturers around the world. More recently the Company has turned its attention to designing products for homemakers, creative crafters that sell Handmade and Homemade Crafts Online and DIY enthusiasts allowing anyone to make professional stylish and bespoke lampshades for their home or business using their coverings of choice.

Ideal for complete beginners with no previous craft experience or for crafters with a passion for trying something new. Dannells' Lampshade Making Kits are easy to make and come in a wide range of shapes and sizes, ranging from traditional drum lampshades to modern square and hexagon shades. Suitable as either a pendant light or a table lamp, each kit includes all the high-quality materials needed to make your own professional shade, including easy-to-follow photo instructions with plenty of tips and tricks for easy assembly. By simply adding your own choice of fabric or wallpaper you can emphasise your interior colour scheme or room style.

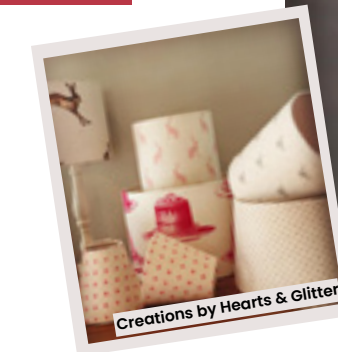
And the opportunities of Dannells' Lampshade Making Kits don't stop there! If you have a creative streak and would like to generate some extra income, why not consider becoming a Professional Lampshade Maker. Many of our customers, who start by making just one lampshade, have gone on to create sustainable and profitable businesses selling lampshades by adding their own unique creative twist. A case in point is Anita, based in North Yorkshire, after a career break to raise her 3 children she wanted to return to work doing something she really enjoyed. After completing a Lampshade Making Workshop she started

with a few designs printed on fabric, and after some really great feedback from customers, she gradually started selling more and hasn't stopped since.

So, whether you want to make just one lampshade or are a competent crafter looking for a new business venture, all that's needed is a pair of fabric scissors, a pencil and a flat surface, making it a genuine kitchen table craft. No extra specialist equipment is required, meaning you can get to work straight away to 'brighten' up your space!

FREE Help, Support & Resources
There are a bunch of tools and platforms online to support your new lampshade making venture. Dannells has a Facebook group with over 2,000 friendly shade makers who are always ready to answer any questions and share insider tips; over 40 video tutorials on YouTube; Live Virtual Workshops; Blog and Social Media profiles packed with inspiration and support; plenty of instructions and advice on the website and a friendly team at Dannells that are just a phone call away to answer all your questions, whether you are a hobbyist or an entrepreneur in search of a new opportunity.

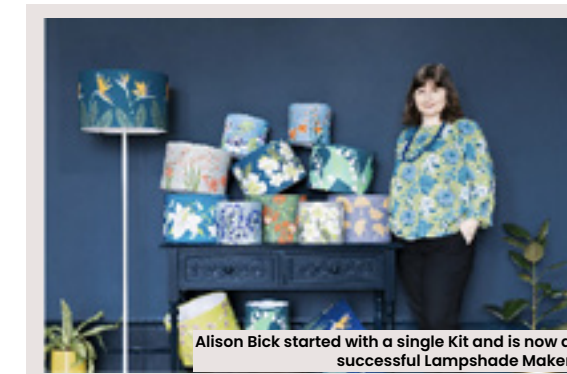
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Creations by Hearts & Glitter



Anita has set up her own Lampshade Making Business from home - HEARTS & GLITTER



Allison Bick started with a single Kit and is now a successful Lampshade Maker

making lampshades for herself, friends and family and now has a successful lampshade making business - Hearts & Glitter - and hosts her own Lampshade Making Workshops.

Allison Bick is also a great inspiration. By channelling the beauty of her home surroundings in Cornwall, she designs bold and beautiful lampshades with a unique modern floral style. In 2017 she bought some lampshade kits from Dannells, started off

Dannells

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One in four women - and one in six men - will experience domestic abuse during their lifetime

We're working across the Council to make sure we can support you if it happens to you.

What does domestic abuse look like?

Some examples of domestic abuse from national helpline, Refuge, include:

- Having to change your behaviour when your partner is around out of fear
- Your partner being jealous and possessive
- Feeling like you're walking on eggshells
- Feeling controlled, or isolated.

Police in England and Wales receive over 100 calls relating to domestic abuse every hour. Yet, only an estimated 18% of women who experienced domestic abuse by a partner in the last 12 months reported it to the police.

We're working towards accreditation with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) to make sure we're doing everything we can to help residents at risk of, or experiencing, domestic abuse.

In time, this should mean that if you need to contact us for any reason, our colleagues will have the knowledge and skills to be able to support you in your situation.



Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of age, background, gender, religion, sexuality or ethnicity.

Find support if you are experiencing domestic abuse:

- 📞 In an emergency, call the Police: 999 (Press 55 if you can't speak freely)
- 📞 Cambridge Women's Aid: 01223 361 214 (Emergency out of hours: 07730 322 098)
- 📞 Refuge's 24-hour helpline: 0808 2000 247
- 📞 Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327
- 📞 National LGBT+ Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 999 5428

If you are concerned because you think you might be hurting someone or demonstrating abusive behaviour, help and advice is available by contacting 0808 802 4040.

Are you at risk of eviction?

If you live in a privately rented property or a social tenancy and are at risk of eviction, contact us as soon as possible so we can help.

Evictions were banned in the private rented sector throughout the pandemic, but the ban was lifted on 31 May 2021, meaning many people may be facing eviction.

Whether you rent privately or have a social tenancy, if you've received an eviction notice, contact us early.

Our Housing Advisors can:

- Help prevent homelessness, in many cases, by negotiating with your landlord or supporting you to secure alternative accommodation
- Support you to address rent arrears and advise whether your landlord's notice is valid
- Ensure you can access Benefits and debt advice
- Talk you through making a homelessness application and work with you to create a Personal Housing Plan to prevent or relieve homelessness
- Refer you for further assistance.

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Mobile community wardens: a helping hand for all ages

Over half of all villages across South Cambridgeshire now have access to a community warden (also known as a mobile warden).

The community warden service is either provided by a village group or by the charity Age UK. It is not a new service and existed long before the pandemic. It is in place to provide day-to-day support and is a lifeline for people who may live alone and not speak to another person regularly.

There is often a misconception that it's only available for older people – but that's not the case.

People under the age of 65 can access the scheme too if they need support to live independently. Support can be short term to help in recovery and reconnecting with the outside world; such as hospital discharge or illness where you

need some daily support whilst you get back on your feet. Or, in the longer term, the service can give peace of mind that someone knows you, can connect you to essential services, and can be there to assist with daily tasks that can seem overwhelming at times.

The Community Warden scheme is available to you if you require additional support to help you maintain independence and continue to live in your home and community. A small weekly fee applies to anyone who receives assistance.

👉 www.scams.gov.uk/mobile-warden-scheme

Great Shelford scheme customer Jean in her back garden feeding her fish, with her dog Molly.



Are you looking for more peace of mind at home?

If you live on your own or someone in your family lives alone, and you would like peace of mind knowing that help is at hand if it's needed, a Lifeline can help.

In case of emergency, a worn pendant connects you with a contact centre. The contact centre will call someone in your family, a friend, a neighbour, or the emergency services. So, if something happens and you can't get to the phone, help will still be available at the touch of a button.

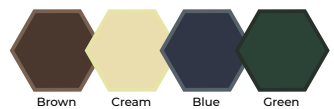
The Enhanced Response Service operating in South Cambridgeshire is for non-medical emergencies; if you fall and are unable to get up, they will be called to help you. Peace of mind for under £4.50 a week (plus £30 installation).

"The lifeline service lets me live independently knowing I can call someone in an emergency."

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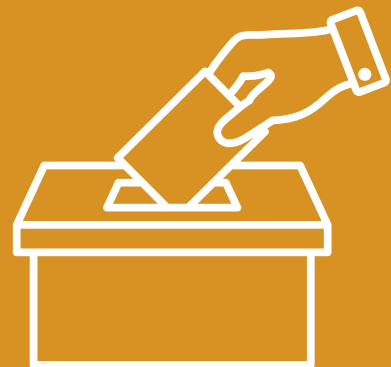
It's important for each household to take the time to review this information and update us with the details of any changes.

Some of the letters require confirmation that the information we hold remains accurate. If we have asked you to respond, please do so as soon as possible. If we don't get a response, one of our canvassers will visit your home in October or November.

Making sure you are on the electoral register now will also help to ensure you can vote in District Council and Parish Council elections next year, and you will also find it easier to get approved for credit, such as applying for mortgages or even mobile phone contracts.

Find out more about registering to vote or to apply to vote by post.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/elections



Making the Council chamber virtual

The pandemic meant many Council services – including Council and committee meetings – had to take place virtually, as people stayed at home and were asked to work from home wherever possible.

As Government restrictions ended we chose to continue live-streaming Council meetings as much as possible, to keep people safe, but also to support our communities' participation in Council business.

Now, residents who don't have access to a car or public transport or don't have the time to travel to the Council's office in Cambourne are able to watch meetings from the comfort of their home, as long as they have a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Liz Watts, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Chief Executive, said: "The pandemic meant we had to change overnight the way the Council worked, and we have seen real benefit in live-streaming Council meetings. We have made the decision to continue to live-stream meetings for our residents, providing additional opportunities for everyone to participate."

Anyone can watch meetings of Cabinet, Planning, Scrutiny and Overview, and Full Council (with or without subtitles) by visiting the relevant agenda page on our website and following the link to the live event or recording.

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- zoos, activity centres and places to visit
- places for wellbeing, health and beauty services
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Healthy schools

Healthy You is running free school and community-based nutrition and physical health activities.

Healthy You for Schools forms part of the new integrated lifestyles service, and is comprised of lesson plans, videos and activities to support young people to understand the importance of making healthy choices.

The focus of the activities is food education and physical activity, and there are a number of ways to get involved.

The Healthy You team can help you to embed initiatives in a whole-school approach to encourage healthy lifestyles. You could also sign up for our Food Smart package, which provides you with classroom resources, assembly plans, and opportunities for teacher training and parent workshops.

A wide range of options and activities means there's something to suit every school, to help you meet the

new Health Education requirements.

We also offer support within community groups and sports clubs, and provide healthy eating workshops and event support.

Find out more about becoming a Healthy School.

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👉 www.healthyyou.org.uk



Healthy You

Want help to stop smoking, lead a more active lifestyle, lose some weight, or to take advantage of the NHS Health Checks on offer? Healthy You can help you with any of these challenges too.

Public art comes to the Science Park

In June, a new piece of public art was unveiled at Cambridge Science Park.

Latent Façade covers two sides of one of the new Science Park buildings, and was created by internationally renowned artist Jason Bruges. The installation was a condition attached to the planning consent for two new buildings at the Milton Road entrance.

The artwork is made up of two large LED screens; one screen faces Milton Road and the other screen faces the Guided Busway. The LED screen responds, in real time, to physical motion at the Science Park. Latent Façade was inspired by Cambridge

Science Park's pioneering research into image capture and computer vision.

58 school children from the Grove Primary School, who contributed to the images the screens capture by giving their views to the artist about the proposals, were able to attend the launch event. The children's own drawings were also exhibited at the event.

Teacher Helen Harwood said: **"The Grove children loved it! Projects such as this are vital to give children in our community a voice, opening their eyes and minds to opportunities beyond everyday school and home life, and raising aspirations for their future."**



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Frequently Asked Questions: Planning

Over the next few issues of South Cambs Magazine we plan to answer some of your frequently asked questions around planning, and dispel some of the more common misconceptions. If you have a question for a future issue, email communications@scambs.gov.uk

Planning scrapbook

Planning colleagues with RTPI Jubilee Cup

Why do we need to plan for more homes?

People need homes to live in, and the Government is committed to increasing housing supply.

The relationship between planning authorities and Government is complex but councils must plan for new homes to meet needs arising from population and economic growth. If councils don't, their Local Plans (which help control new development) may be found unsound, meaning they can't come into force.

Local Plans are developed by councils in consultation with

local residents and businesses. They set out how much housing should be built, where, and what supporting infrastructure is needed.

Government monitors the progress of adopted Local Plans by applying a Housing Delivery Test and a 'Five-Year Housing Land Supply' metric, which checks councils have enough homes with planning permission or under construction to meet targets in the Local Plan. Failing to meet targets can result in development decisions being taken away from councils.

How much say does Greater Cambridge Shared Planning have over large infrastructure projects?

Projects like East West Rail are Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects; effectively, this means Government makes the final decision. As the Local Planning Authority, we can submit comments and representations during consultations (as can other consultees and interested parties), and these are assessed alongside the comments of others, usually by a Government Planning Inspector.

What roles do the different local authorities have in terms of planning?

Cambridgeshire County Council

County Councils have strategic responsibility for education, waste, transport and some community infrastructure, and can make planning decisions on waste, transport and education related proposals.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council brought their planning teams together to create a shared planning team for Greater Cambridge. GCSP is tasked with deciding planning applications in our area. Some decisions are made under delegated powers by planning officers, based on policies set by the councils; some are taken by Planning Committees, made up of elected councillors. GCSP

also prepares the Local Plan for the councils that sets out the long-term strategy for the area's development, based on evidence and projections for economic growth and housing need as well as technical studies into a wide range of environmental matters. The next Greater Cambridge Local Plan is under development.

Parish councils

Parish councils are consulted during the Local Plan development process and then on individual planning applications in their parish. As with any comments received on an application, comments from parish councils are considered on their planning merits and against other planning considerations and policies. Parish councils do not decide whether planning permission is granted but their views are given due weight.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (comprising representatives from Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and the University of Cambridge) does not have any powers in terms of deciding planning applications. It was set up to deliver the 'City Deal', which would see up to £500 million of infrastructure investment (mainly transport).

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Mayor

The Combined Authority is not a planning authority but was given the power to develop a Non-Statutory Spatial Framework and is in charge of certain infrastructure investments as well as housing; but the Combined Authority and Mayor have no powers to decide planning applications.



Credit: Simon Richardson



Credit: Action for Swifts

Swift conservation in South Cambridgeshire

Did you know that swifts visit the UK in the summer to breed, but spend winter in Africa? However, data from the British Trust for Ornithology suggests there has been a dramatic decline in the UK swift population in recent decades, partly due to a lack of nesting places; the cavities they have often used are now missing from our better-insulated homes.

Our Planning Service provided grant funding to the Over and Swavesey Swift Conservation Project, with local residents John Stimpson and Dick Newell working to address the issue. The project has created and fitted thousands of handmade swift nest boxes for local homes already, and we're now seeing swifts returning to nest in South Cambridgeshire!

Success at the national Planning Awards 2021

Our Planning Department is celebrating three successes at the prestigious Planning Magazine Awards 2021:

- Overall award for increased housing delivery
- Best Housing Scheme: for the Great Kneighton development
- Promoting Economic Growth: for the Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion.

The service was also shortlisted twice in the Stakeholder Engagement in Planning category, for the Local Plan 'First Conversation' consultation. Northstowe was also shortlisted.



Great Kneighton

Celebrating our RTPI Jubilee Cup win – in person

Planning officers who worked on the Marmalade Lane co-housing scheme in Orchard Park were finally able to celebrate, in person, winning the prestigious Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Jubilee Cup. The Service was also awarded the Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing Award; and the Excellence in Planning to deliver Small Schemes Award. The project's Planning Officers were presented with the Cup as lockdown restrictions eased.

First Paragraph 79 house approved

Our Planning Committee approved the District's first ever 'Paragraph 79' house in May 2021.

The National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 79 bar is very high, requiring houses in the open countryside (outside the development framework) to be truly outstanding or highly innovative.

The architecture of the new house (artist's impression pictured above right), near Fowlmere, responds to the natural context and will be highly sustainable.



"Our multi-award winning planners have excelled time and again this year, and it's brilliant to see their dedication and expertise recognised on a national stage."



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High Streets team passes milestone of 1,000 visits and enquiries

The view from Highfield Touring Park in Comberton

A team we set up to help South Cambridgeshire's businesses re-open safely has passed the milestone of 1,000 interactions with local traders in a year.

Our Reopening High Streets Safely Team was established in July 2020 to support local small to medium sized businesses recover and reopen.

Between July 2020 and July 2021, the small team of three officers visited around 700 businesses to provide them with face-to-face advice, and dealt with more than 300 enquiries, concerns and queries that came into the Council. Whether providing banners, signage and stickers to help promote a "Shop local, stay safe" message, assisting with COVID-19 risk assessments, clarifying rapidly changing guidelines or offering advice on cleaning, the team has provided a wide range of support during the past year – all aimed at keeping customers and staff safe.

Since legal restrictions eased, the team's High Street Business Support Officers have been continuing to carry out supportive visits and gathering information on what COVID-19 measures businesses are keeping in place to help reassure shoppers.

Between late July and early August 2021, the team visited almost 130 businesses, around half of which stated that they are keeping all existing COVID-secure measures in place; approximately 40% said that they are keeping some measures in place; and just 4% said that they are not keeping any measures in place.

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



"It's reassuring to know via our survey of businesses that the vast majority are keeping some form of COVID-secure measures in place to keep customers and staff safe. We know COVID hasn't gone away so this is peace of mind for all of us. I'm extremely proud of the work our Reopening High Streets Safely Team has done."

"They have been the customer face of the Council for the past year, providing invaluable, personal support to hundreds of South Cambridgeshire's small businesses."

The scheme is run by our Reopening High Streets Safely team, which was established in spring 2020 with European Regional Development Fund funding aimed at helping High Street businesses to safely reopen their doors after the first lockdown.

Any customer-facing business needing support is encouraged to contact the team.

✉ Reopening@scams.gov.uk

Beverley Maughan, of Highfield Touring Park in Comberton, said:

"It's nice to know that there is someone out there looking after us and being able to answer questions on our safety and our customers' safety."

Keep your community safe



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

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

September	October	November	December
6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13

MONDAY B -

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

September	October	November	December
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TUESDAY A -

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

September	October	November	December
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Wed

TUESDAY B -

Barrington, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth

September	October	November	December
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Wed

WEDNESDAY A -

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

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2 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15

Thu

WEDNESDAY B -

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

September	October	November	December
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Thu

THURSDAY A -

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

September	October	November	December
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Fri

THURSDAY B -

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

September	October	November	December
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Fri

FRIDAY A -

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

September	October	November	December
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Sat

FRIDAY B -

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

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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



Cardboard



Paper & magazines



Tins, cans & foil



Aerosol cans



Glass bottles & jars



Cartons



Plastic pots, tubs, trays & bags

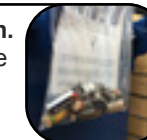


Plastic bottles



Shredded paper (in envelope or clear sack)

Please put used batteries in a clear plastic bag and NOT in your bin. 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



Untreated wood and sawdust



Garden waste



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

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?

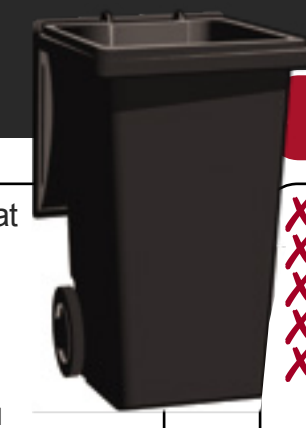
Yes

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

Would you know how to access a foodbank?

Support for South Cambridgeshire residents facing hardship.

To ease some of the most immediate financial pressures of the pandemic on individuals and families, Cambridge City Foodbank has been distributing emergency food parcels in Northstowe and Cambourne.

This is alongside running seven foodbank centres locally (across Arbury, Cambridge city, Chesterton and Trumpington), plus a Fairbite shop in Arbury, which offers people the opportunity to access a wide selection of foods for a small membership fee.

If you need the support of a foodbank, please read on to see how to access this – the team wants to help everyone who is struggling to balance financial pressures and could do with a hand.

Meet Lucy, who is here to help

The Council's Welfare and Money Maximisation Officer, Lucy Tompkins, supports people in crisis or distress to navigate the different sources of help available.

If you need support to save money on your utility bills, or advice on how to get the best deals, or guidance on budgeting or maximising your income, you can contact Lucy.

✉ lucy.tompkins@scambs.gov.uk

"If it wasn't for people like Lucy I wouldn't be where I am now financially and mentally. I was at my breaking point begging everyone and anyone for help and really Lucy was the only person who put anything in place that made a difference to our situation. She checked in with us regularly, kept us updated on anything we applied for and made sure she could help us with anything that we needed."

- Upper Cambourne resident

Who can refer a resident for a foodbank voucher?

The foodbank team works with local referral agencies which can issue vouchers to enable people to access the foodbank's services. The process is quick and easy, and local referral agencies include:

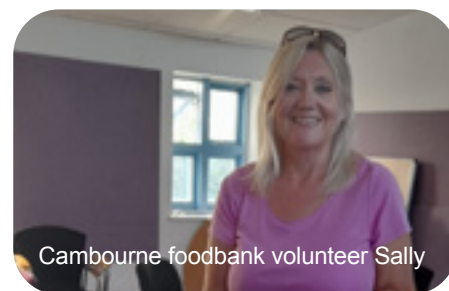
- Cambridge Citizens Advice www.cambridgecab.org.uk
- Children's Centre [SouthCambsChildandFamilyCentre](https://www.facebook.com/SouthCambsChildandFamilyCentre)
- Churches (many local churches)
- Charitable organisations (such as Cambourne Crescent)
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Health Visitors
- GP practices
- Residents' Association

Once you have your voucher, you can visit the foodbank to pick up three days' worth of food, which includes: cereal, milk, juice, meat, fish, vegetarian options, pasta, rice, puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, fruit and veg when available, and toiletries, as well as pet food if needed.

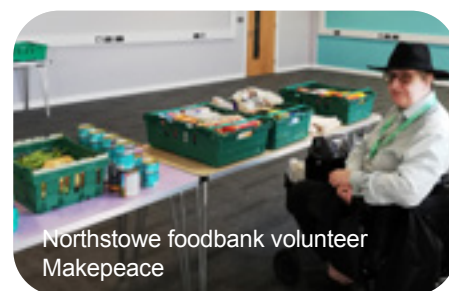
When you arrive, you will be welcomed by one of the foodbank's friendly volunteers and offered a tea or coffee and, if appropriate, volunteers can also point you in the direction of additional sources of help and advice, depending on your circumstances.

When can you visit a foodbank?

- Cambourne foodbank is open on Thursdays, from 10am to 12 noon
- Northstowe foodbank is open on Wednesdays, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Waterbeach foodbank has been delivery only during the pandemic; please check online for the most up to date information
- Trumpington foodbank is open on Thursdays, from 2:30pm to 4pm



Cambourne foodbank volunteer Sally



Northstowe foodbank volunteer Makepeace

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The cost of fraud and how you can help tackle it

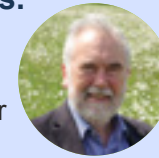
It's estimated that public sector fraud is costing each household approximately **£2,000 a year***

*Source: UK Fraud Costs Measurement Committee. Annual Fraud Indicator. 2017

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

"If public sector fraud was eliminated completely in our District, the money saved every year could be spent on building the equivalent of a community hospital, or nine secondary schools."

"We want local government funds to be used to support our communities, and not fall into the wrong hands."



Our fraud priorities

We have responsibility for preventing and investigating many different types of fraud, with some of the most common types including:

Tenancy fraud: this is when someone doesn't live at a property they have been allocated, or they are subletting it.

Right To Buy fraud: this is when a household or person receiving the Right to Buy discount, and given an opportunity to buy their property, has falsified information, doesn't actually live at the property, sublets it, or is looking to sell it on before they are permitted to.

Single Person Discount: this is when someone claims a single person discount on Council Tax, when more than one liable adult actually lives at the property.

What are we doing to combat this?

We have a dedicated Corporate Fraud Team that works closely with other teams in the Council to combat fraud. The team gathers evidence and works to prosecute anyone found to be fraudulently obtaining funds they shouldn't be.

But the team needs your help

You can anonymously report any suspected fraudulent activity by email, and all issues will be considered for investigation. Any genuine intelligence gathered could help towards prosecution.

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New fun and games for sheltered housing tenants

In July, as COVID restrictions ended, we were delighted to reopen our 41 sheltered housing communal rooms.

To celebrate and thank residents for their support and patience, new board games were purchased for each of the rooms to encourage everyone to come back together and start using the communal rooms again.

Residents can invite family or neighbours to play Chess, Rummikub or Quirkle, maybe even set up friendly competitions or hold board game nights. We hope the games help inspire residents to not only restart their previous activities but also start new ones, such as craft groups, fish 'n' chip dinners, quiz nights, book groups and more.

Cllr John Batchelor, Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, said:

"It was an extremely difficult decision to close the communal rooms at the start of the pandemic, but it was one that had to be taken to keep all our residents and staff safe. We know how important an active and inclusive community is; it helps build friendships and reduce loneliness, which is why we hope the new games will help residents to reconnect with each other and to rebuild the communal rooms' purpose as a social hub."



The 124 games were purchased from Lighthouse Toys based in Impington. Tim and Sam Broad, the owners of Lighthouse Toys, personally selected the games for our residents to enjoy.

"We hope the tenants get many hours of enjoyment and social interaction with the new games we supplied. They are tried and tested games that our family, including teens and grandparents, play. It was a pleasure to work with the Council."

– Sam Broad, Owner, Lighthouse Toys

Safety measures

To keep sheltered housing residents safe we are encouraging all communal room users to follow these simple safety measures where possible:

- Keep windows and doors open to allow air to circulate
- Face masks are advised for social gatherings
- Maintain social distancing where possible
- Give way to people entering and exiting through doorways and in and out of toilets
- Cover food and drink and do not leave food out on tables
- If you are unwell, stay at home and inform your sheltered estate officer.



What next for our COVID community groups?

Back in March 2020, many volunteers and community groups rose to the challenge of establishing or becoming COVID community groups.

“We seem to have achieved our objective of bringing people back into a social setting, feeling comfortable seeing others and catching up with old friends and making new ones.”

George Devine, Event organiser at The Coffee Pot, Fen Ditton

The groups were able to support people in their local area who had to self-isolate or were asked to shield. As restrictions eased our Communities team has been holding focus groups asking participants whether they would like to continue beyond the pandemic.

Many were keen to build on the positives that have come from the past 17 months, to support communities in a range of areas, such as: supporting vulnerable groups, enhancing health and wellbeing, protecting the climate and environment, building community safety and community resilience, and emergency planning.

We will support communities through post-COVID recovery using revised and improved Community Action Planning, website toolkits and signposting. This will allow communities to build on work done during the pandemic, maintain resilience, and establish working methods to suit individual communities.

Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service can help

Are you involved in a community group or small charity? Do you and a group of people want to come together to do something for your community?

If you answered yes, and you have ever had any questions about how to do things, what rules there are, or how to raise funds then Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS) can help you.

CCVS is a small charity that exists to provide advice, support and training to small groups across South Cambridgeshire and the wider county. The charity runs



regular training and networking events for staff, volunteers and trustees (all online currently) on a range of topics:

- All aspects of fundraising, from crowdfunding to running events
- Setting up your group and registering with the charity commission
- Managing money
- Health and safety, risk and safeguarding
- Finding and working with volunteers
- How to use digital tools to make your life easier.

The charity can also answer any questions you may have.

✉ enquiries@cambridgecv.org.uk

☎ 01223 464 696

👉 www.cambridgecv.org.uk/training-events

“We have been in touch with community groups across the District on an almost weekly basis. The determination to look out for our neighbours hasn't diminished at all and, as the pandemic has changed over the past 17 months, our groups have adapted and are looking ahead to long-term support. Being in touch and supporting these individuals and groups is really the most uplifting part of the role.”

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



The Coffee Pot, Fen Ditton

During lockdowns the Fen Ditton COVID support group had a team of volunteer bakers who produced cakes once a month for those who were self-isolating. The concept was a brilliant success.

As restrictions eased, the group started looking for ways to help some older residents to re-engage with the community. Many had been self-isolating and some were anxious about getting back out and about.

The group decided to reintroduce a coffee and cake event into the village calendar. A seniors Coffee Club had been run previously in the village for some time but had closed due to the previous organiser sadly passing away.

The group held the first event on Tuesday 8 June. 28 people attended and the existing baking team, led by Laurie Wolfenden, produced a fine selection of cakes. Following this success the group held a second event on Sunday 1 July.

Event organiser George Devine said: “We have received many positive comments and we seem to have achieved our objective of bringing people back into a social setting, feeling comfortable seeing others and catching up with old friends and making new ones.”

One Fen Ditton resident said:

“I came here today not knowing anyone, I'll be leaving knowing everyone!”

The group sourced funding to support the café via the Cambridgeshire Care Network but there are many other funding sources available, including the Council's Community Chest Grant fund.

Signposting to funding sources and volunteer support will be just one of the levels of support the Council can offer via our Community Action Planning resources, available on our website.

👉 www.scambs.gov.uk/community-action

There are many organisations that provide support to community groups, offering help with group affiliation, volunteer recruitment and retention, training and much more.

See more about one of these groups - CCVS - on the opposite page.



Lucille Medlock and Chery Page, café co-ordinators



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Why does licensing matter?

Licensing helps to keep customers safe across the District.

Our Licensing department processes a wide range of permits and licences, with Private Hire and Hackney Carriage licences being the most frequent.

Do you know how to keep safe in a taxi?

To keep yourself or your loved ones safe, one key thing to check before getting in a cab is whether it is a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage.

- Private Hire vehicles must be pre-booked with a licensed Private Hire Operator before you get in – otherwise you are not insured for the journey. Private Hire vehicles have a yellow identification plate which is fixed to the rear of the vehicle (in addition to the number plate that all cars have). Most taxis are Private Hire vehicles, so you should not take a taxi unless you have pre-booked it, except for...
- Hackney Carriages, which have a white identification plate which is fixed to the rear of the vehicle. Hackney Carriages can be flagged down in the street – because they have the correct licence and safety measures in place for this type of journey.

How does checking a taxi licence keep you safe?

Drivers and vehicles have to meet certain criteria to qualify for a licence. An unlicensed driver or vehicle will not have undergone the same checks, will not have the appropriate measures in place to safeguard passengers, and would not be insured for your journey, meaning you are much less protected if something should go wrong.

Licensed drivers must:

- ✓ have a criminal record check and subscribe to an update service so their status can be verified throughout their licence period
- ✓ undertake safeguarding and competency tests
- ✓ be subject to a penalty points scheme, with repeat offenders referred to the Council's Licensing Committee
- ✓ wear their photo ID badge when they are working – this also shows their name and licence expiry date.

Licensed vehicles must:

- ✓ have an annual MOT and compliance test
- ✓ have the appropriate insurance in place
- ✓ display a door sign and the right colour plate on the rear of the car (yellow for Private Hire pre-bookable cars, or white for Hackney Carriages which you can jump into). The plates show the South Cambridgeshire District Council logo; the make, model, registration of the car; and expiry date of the licence.

(Some hire cars – executive hire or chauffeur services – are exempt from displaying plates, but must carry an exemption notice.)

If you are in any doubt about the validity of a licence, ask to see the driver's ID, take a note of the date, time and the car's number plate, and email taxis@scambs.gov.uk for confirmation. Our Enforcement Officers check drivers are adhering to licence conditions.



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New partnership's plan for green homes at Cambourne Business Park

We have come together with Hill Group to form a unique 50/50 joint venture partnership to deliver new local, environmentally-friendly housing, creating places where people want to be.

The South Cambridge Investment Partnership (SCIP) will build homes and supporting facilities like cafés, parks and play areas, without drawing on any existing Council assets or landbanks, breathing fresh new life into areas currently sitting empty.

The Partnership's first site was acquired in May on Cambourne Business Park and looks set to revive the stalled development of the Business Park. The land has the potential to deliver 275

new homes, 40% of which will be affordable (110 homes) and will place the environment at its heart. The development will be entirely gas-free, with air source heat pumps fitted in every home, alongside highly water-efficient technology to reduce water consumption.

Externally, the landscaping plans include new trees, hedges, wildflowers and a wetland, with the existing woodland site retained. The target is for the affordable properties to achieve a fully net-zero carbon standard.

👉 www.SC-IP.co.uk

Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of the Council, said:

“This partnership allows us to build environmentally-conscious communities where people will want to live, work and play.

We'll be providing much needed new affordable homes and the entire development process will support local jobs, apprenticeships and supply chains, whilst ensuring that we can keep the environment at the heart of the design and construction process.”

Two key areas of Northstowe take shape thanks to local residents and businesses

During the past few months, we have been speaking to as many residents and businesses as possible about the future of two areas of Northstowe.

We have been asking for their views to help shape the Local Centre and Enterprise Zone from the earliest possible stage. We purchased both areas of the new town earlier this year.

The first phase of community engagement took place in July with an online survey, interactive workshops and a presentation at the Northstowe Community

Forum. This is being followed up with a further round of workshops in September, October, November and December.

The plan is to continue working with residents, local groups and businesses to bring together a masterplan for the site. We also held a webinar for local business communities and sought their feedback with their own separate survey.

Our aim is to create a thriving community with a focus on Northstowe as a healthy new town, where people want to live, work and play.

👉 www.scams.gov.uk/northstowe



Shape the future of the OxCam Arc

A digital consultation, being run by the Government until 12 October, aims to help shape the future of the OxCam Arc.

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc is the name given by Government to an area designated as being of national economic significance, with the potential to be one of the most prosperous and innovative areas in the world.

South Cambridgeshire is located within this Arc, made up of the counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The consultation, which has been taking place through the summer, invites residents and businesses to go online and have their say on the vision for the future of the area. The overall plan of the work, called the Spatial Framework, is to enhance the environment, facilities, links and housing across the whole Arc area.

Comments received in the consultation will help the Government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government create the Spatial Framework's vision for the area to 2050. In turn this will help guide local planning and investment decisions in four areas. These are the environment; the economy; connectivity and infrastructure; and place-making.

Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of the Council, who is Lead Member on the Arc's Environment Working Group, said: "It is vital that our communities have their say on the Government's future vision for the OxCam Arc.

“By working together, we have an opportunity to contribute to environmental enhancements that tie in with our own Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature strategies, along with the creation of more local jobs. Please do take the time to respond to this important Government consultation.”

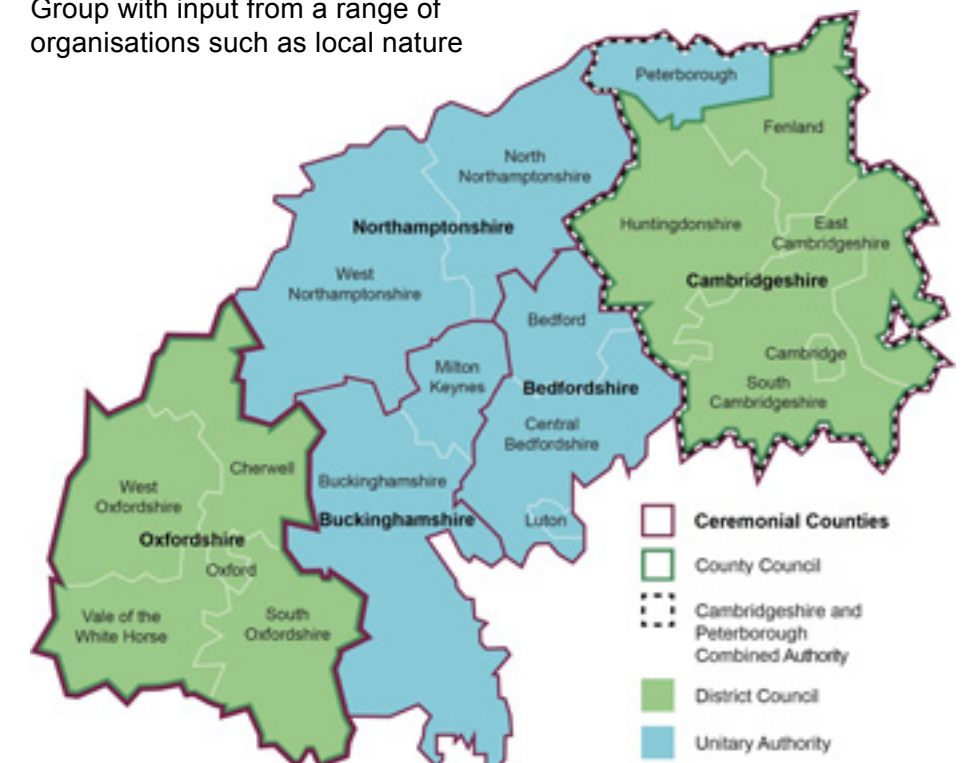
Take part in the Government consultation, which runs until 12 October.

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Meanwhile, back in April this year, our Cabinet agreed to endorse the Arc Environmental Principles. These principles were produced by the Arc Environment Working Group with input from a range of organisations such as local nature

partnerships, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water. They are the first step in ensuring the growth across the Arc is delivered to high environmental standards. The principles are:

- To target net-zero carbon across the Arc by 2040
- To protect, restore, enhance and create new nature areas and natural capital assets
- To be exemplar for environmentally sustainable development
- To ensure that existing and new communities see real benefits from living in the Arc
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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.



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Winner's spotlight

Congratulations to Julia Allen, who was the winner of the competition in the summer issue of South Cambs Magazine and was rewarded with a night's stay at the Varsity Hotel and Spa on Thompson's Lane in Cambridge along with dinner at The River Bar Steakhouse and Grill and full English breakfast at SIX.

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