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Hello

Welcome to the autumn issue of South Cambs Magazine

We are all acutely aware of the challenging financial times that we are living through, as we grapple with the rising costs of living. At South Cambridgeshire District Council, we want to do all that we can to support you and, with that in mind, on pages eight and nine we have collated many ways that we may be able to help. Please do read about the different areas of support and advice that are available and be sure to take advantage of as many as possible.

Elsewhere in this edition, we are continuing to support local businesses by continuing to encourage you to shop locally. We turn the spotlight on our work to promote local markets on page 10. Then, on page 11, we tell you about a local business whose trade almost collapsed overnight, but which has diversified and, with guidance from us has gone on to win an award.

We know how important it is that when new homes are built, new facilities come along with them. If you turn to page 14, you'll see how our Greater Cambridge Shared

Planning team works to ensure new developments not only bring houses, but also facilities such as sports pavilions that benefit current and future residents.

Finally, we know that many residents have questions about where and how to install electric vehicle charging points that they can use at home. This is a key topic as we work towards our zero carbon aspirations for South Cambridgeshire. So, on page 23 we've pulled together the latest guidance around methods, types, and benefits of different chargers. This could help if you are considering making the switch to an electric car.

There's lots more to read about in this edition of the magazine, covering important topics such as recycling and grants for community groups, so I hope you enjoy flicking through the pages.

Cllr Bridget Smith
Leader
South Cambridgeshire
District Council



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News in brief



Support for Ukraine

We are humbled and grateful that several hundred South Cambridgeshire residents have opened their homes to Ukrainian refugees. More visas have been issued for South Cambridgeshire under the Homes for Ukraine scheme than almost any other Council area in the country.

We continue to support hosts and guests and provide them with regular updates. As part of an initiative with local charities OWL Bikes, Camtrust and TAG Bikes, we are offering free bicycles to guests. We are also offering small grants to hosts, community and informal groups and parish councils, to help reduce social isolation and encourage Ukrainian families to feel involved in their local community. Read more about our support for guests from Ukraine on page 38.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine



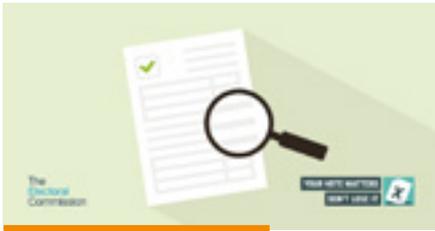
Visit South Cambs

As the weather begins to turn more autumnal and you're looking for ideas for things to do or places to go, then our website www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk provides lots of information on local events, activities, attractions, and venues you can visit.

There's plenty to discover on your doorstep in South Cambridgeshire. So, whether you are thinking about a peaceful walk to experience the enchanting colour changes in one of our leafy parks and green spaces or searching for somewhere to relax with friends or family to enjoy a heart-warming tasty meal - if you need inspiration, then be sure to visit the website for ideas.

Second electric bin lorry arrives

Our second fully electric bin lorry has arrived, as we continue with our fleet decarbonisation drive. Our Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service with Cambridge City Council took delivery of a fully electric Faun Zoeller E-Rotopress in July. We are working to replace bin lorries with electric or alternative fuel vehicles as existing diesel trucks come to the end of their working lives. The lorry has a constantly revolving body that contains a corkscrew which compacts waste. Its first trip out included a visit to Elsworth, where our Lead Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Brian Milnes, and Cambridge City Council's Executive Councillor for Environment, Climate Change, and Biodiversity, Cllr Rosy Moore, saw it in action (pictured - left).



Help us keep our register up to date!

We recently wrote to every house in the district to ask residents to review the names of the people currently on the register of electors. If we have asked for a response, please get back to us, even just to confirm that the details we hold remain correct. If you don't respond, you may be visited by a canvasser later in the year.

Don't forget that you must be registered to vote to have your say in elections. Being on the register will also make it easier for you to get credit when applying for a mortgage or phone contract.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/elections



New Zero Carbon Communities Facebook page

Our Zero Carbon Communities network now has its own dedicated Facebook page

📘 SouthCambsZCC

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✉ ZCC@scambs.gov.uk



October half-term sports camps

Our school holiday sports camps run for children in school Year 3 to Year 9, from 10am to 3:30pm. Children can attend either a netball or athletics camp, or both. It costs £25 per child per day, or £22 per child per day if more than one child is attending, or for a child attending multiple days. Athletics is at Wilberforce Road Athletics Track, Cambridge, CB3 9AD. Netball is at Impington Sports Centre, Impington, CB24 9LX.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps

Athletics: Tuesday 25 October

Netball: Wednesday 26 October

Look out for 2023 dates coming soon!

Need to report a breach of planning regulations?

We've recently updated our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning webpages to make it easier for you to report a breach of planning regulations. Included is clear written guidance on what is, and what is not, a breach of planning control. There is also a helpful video. If after reading the guidance and watching the video you want to report a breach of planning regulations, you can do that online and submit any supporting photographs or documents at the same time. Our Planning Compliance team can then investigate.

➔ www.greatercambridgeplanning.org



Active & Healthy 4 Life Exercise Referral Scheme

Adults with certain health conditions, struggling to exercise regularly, may be eligible for our discounted referral scheme. Called Active & Healthy 4 Life, it offers gym access with a personalised exercise programme created by an instructor.

Benefits of regular exercise are seen for those with high blood pressure and cholesterol, residents managing cancer, diabetes, mental health, bone health, prehabilitation and respiratory conditions.

Sessions run at sports centres in Cambourne, Comberton, Cottenham, Gamlingay, Impington, Linton, Melbourn, Sawston and Swavesey. The cost is £20 per month for four months, except in Cambourne where costs vary.

Ask your health professional to complete the referral form on our website.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/active

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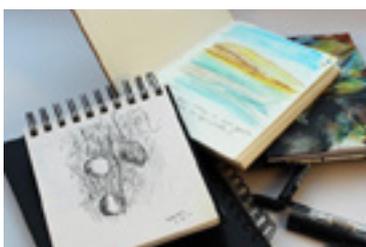
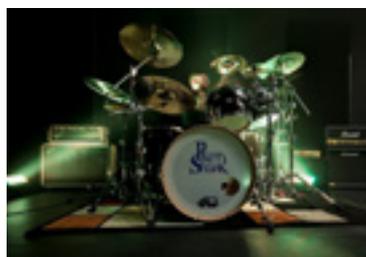
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	Dressmaking - all abilities	19.00-21.00	10	£130
	Guitar for Beginners	19.15-21.15	10	£130
	Sketchbook Experiments	19.00-21.00	8	£104
	Tai Chi Beginners	20.00-21.00	10	£70
	Tai Chi Improvers	18.30-20.00	10	£105
	Tap Dancing	19.00-20.00	10	£70
	Yoga - all abilities	19.00-20.00	10	£70
	TUESDAY	Bollywood Dancing (Starts 13/09/22)	19.30-20.30	2
Ceramics - all abilities *		19.00-21.00	10	£155
Exploring Mixed Media Drawing		10.00-12.00	10	£136
Indian Cookery Made Simple		19.00-21.00	5	£65
Italian Advanced Conversation		09.30-11.30	10	£140
Italian Beginners		17.00-18.30	10	£98
Italian Intermediate		18.30-20.00	10	£98
Italian Advanced and Conversation		20.00-21.30	10	£98
Watercolour with Confidence		13.00-15.00	10	£136
WEDNESDAY	French Conversation Advanced	10.00-12.00	10	£140
	Garden Design - Beginners/Intermediates	19.00-21.00	10	£130
	Pilates - all abilities	19.00-20.00	10	£70
THURSDAY	Table tennis for fun	19.00-21.00	10	£140
FRIDAY	Friday Singers	09.30-11.15	10	£56



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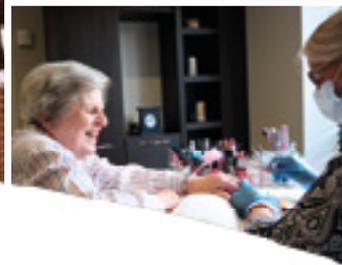
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Bollywood Dancing
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Freephone 0800 1969750

To find out more about The Cambridgeshire Care Home, contact Yvonne Quigley, Customer Relations Manager

Cost of living support in South Cambridgeshire

Across the country people are struggling with the cost of living as prices of food, household bills and fuel rise at the fastest rates seen in 50 years.

To help people manage the household budget squeeze, we've put together some ideas on where to get support and advice.

For general advice on cost of living and support, you can also visit the Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau website at www.cambridgecab.org.uk or call 0808 278 7808.



Check your entitlements

Check if you are entitled to benefits on our website at www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits to see if any financial help is available to you. This could include many of the items listed on this page, and others such as Universal Credit, Disability and Carers benefits, Pension credit, help with childcare costs and working from home allowance.



Claim your entitlement

• Local Council Tax Support

If you are on a low income and struggling to meet Council Tax payments, you may be eligible for support. More information and an application form is available at www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-support

• Discretionary Housing Payment

This provides further financial help, in addition to any Housing Benefit you may be getting. More information is available at www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits/apply-for-discretionary-housing-payments-dhps

• Energy Rebate

To help people deal with rising energy costs earlier this year, the Government announced a £150 rebate for households in Council Tax bands A to D. Most people who pay by Direct Debit received this automatically, but if you have questions, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/150-energy-rebate

• Household Support Fund

Cambridgeshire County Council administers a fund to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food and household energy bills. More information can be found on the Household support fund page of the Cambridgeshire County Council website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/household-support-fund

• Income maximisation

Our Welfare and Money Maximisation Officer supports people in crisis or distress and can signpost to help with budgeting and making the most of your income. Contact them on welfare.officer@scambs.gov.uk



Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency

Our partners at the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency can help you save money on energy bills. They can:

- Help reduce older and disabled residents' fuel costs by fitting new, energy efficient boilers.
- Use Disabled Facility Grant funding to replace a boiler for a homeowner whose health is impacted by a lack of warmth, and is eligible for a grant because the existing one doesn't work or doesn't work as well as it should.
- Provide Special Purposes Grants, which are means-tested for people on low incomes. They can also pay for replacement doors and windows, roofing repairs, damp proofing or security improvements.
- For a small fee, support those not eligible for grants, but who struggle to organise the work themselves.

For more information and details about eligibility for the above support, email hia@cambshia.org or phone 01954 713330 / 713347.



For general advice on cost of living and support, you can also visit our website at www.scams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support



Save Money and the Environment

• Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP)

This is a free advice service, offering energy tariff comparisons, installing simple energy saving measures like LED lightbulbs and radiator reflector panels, and giving referrals to more complex energy saving measures. To view the qualifying criteria or book an appointment, visit <https://applyforleap.org.uk/> or call free: 0800 060 7657.

• Action on Energy

Fully-funded energy efficiency improvements and low carbon heating is available for those who meet the criteria. For example, homeowners or tenants on certain means-tested benefits or with a total household income of less than £30,000 before tax or other deductions. Visit our website www.scams.gov.uk/action-on-energy for details.



A thermal imaging camera in action



A thermal image shows heat loss from a room



• Thermal imaging

This winter why not borrow a thermal imaging camera to see where your home is leaking heat.

- Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) runs the scheme for us and provides free hour and a half online training sessions. You must complete training before borrowing a camera.
- Why not work with others to investigate several homes in your area? Borrowing a camera is free, but CCF donations are welcome. Find out more at <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/thermal-imaging/>

• Open Eco Homes 12 September to 14 October

- Five homeowners in South Cambridgeshire will show how their homes are kind to the environment in online and in-person tours. Homes include

an Oakington 1970s terrace, a Whittlesford near-passivhaus new house, a Suffolk 1620 listed home and a Cambridge 1905 semi-detached home.

- Open Eco Homes will also host six talks to help you turn inspiration into improvements. Topics include Retrofit, Living with a Heat Pump and Smart Electric Homes.

For details visit:

www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes

Food

Find out the location and opening times of your nearest food bank at www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/foodbanks-and-food-hubs

Water

- Anglian Water's Extra Care Support team can help find the cheapest tariff or flexible payment plans. Visit www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/extra-care-support or call 0800 232 1951.
- Visit www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk for free water saving devices available from companies across the UK, such as aerated shower heads, which give the same shower pressure using far less water.

Supporting your local markets

In line with our Business Plan and its focus on championing local markets and enterprise initiatives, we have been working with markets and stallholders across the district to see how we can help this vital strand of our local economy grow.



Visiting existing events and exploring how they are run has allowed us to gauge the mood for potential new markets across South Cambridgeshire for villages and residents alike.

We have devised an online market toolkit for aspiring marketeers, and a stallholder directory offering a platform for small independent businesses to showcase themselves. We aim to grow the directory and encourage as many local traders as possible to sign-up. Shopping locally is hugely beneficial to our communities and can often be a more cost-efficient and ethical way of purchasing daily essentials and treats.

➤ Visit www.scambs.gov.uk/business/south-cambridgeshire-markets for our online market toolkit for aspiring marketeers and a stallholder directory

Scan me to sign-up to be part of our stallholder directory



Our Lead Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cllr Peter McDonald, explains:



“Our local markets are crucial cornerstones of the community, often bringing people together socially and helping emerging businesses to grow and prosper. We have some excellent established markets but there is scope for many more, and our online toolkit and directory will help grow the local economy as we recover from the pandemic.”

Lot 25 is a bar and café set in beautiful barn buildings in the centre of the village of Willingham. It approached us for advice on plans to host a small craft market. We gave assistance to identify potential stallholders such as skilled local artisan traders. The uptake was excellent with one comment

received saying:

“The footfall certainly increased. We had our best day of takings in the history of the company too. The market and live music aided this greatly. Thank you for all your help!”

Longstanton Village Market is back! With spring and summer markets proving successful, the community has welcomed ‘market life’ back to the Village Green. The market’s ethos is to support independent producers and give space to local charitable causes. It is run by volunteers with money from pitch fees gifted back into the community. The next market will be on Saturday 17 September, from 10am to 12:30pm, and there are plans for a Christmas Market on Saturday 3 December, with further dates planned for 2023. Follow www.facebook.com/longstantonmarket for updates. If you are interested in being a stallholder, contact longstantonvillagemarkets@gmail.com



✉ If you believe your business or market would benefit from assistance from us, email businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk

The success story of a local cheese connoisseur

The success story of a local cheese connoisseur shows how our Business Support and Development team can help companies find resources to launch, sustain, or grow.

The team can also advise on diversifying and recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

Based in Papworth Everard, the Cambridge Food Company, trading as Cheese+ and Rennet & Rind, specialise in British farmhouse cheeses, but lost 99% of their turnover overnight when lockdown restrictions hit.

Before the pandemic, Cheese+ was a multi-million-pound company, supplying cheese to the hospitality sector, including Cambridge colleges and independent food establishments.

As a wholesale and supply business, however, it was hit hard in the pandemic. Owner Mark Hulme had to think quick to devise a new plan to sustain the business and retain jobs.



Mark Hulme

Mark said:

“After exploring every avenue, the Council’s Business Support and Development team came to our aid. I was introduced to a tremendous team of commercially minded people who cared and understood our perilous predicament. It’s an understatement to say we were very grateful. Without the grant schemes and support we would not have survived.

“It didn’t stop there. The Combined Authority’s Growth Works team became involved. With their help we are working on major projects to bring two new industries to Cambridge. Affinage: a French word meaning ‘the art and science of maturing cheese’, and a bespoke cheese cutting and packing facility, to help our aim of being the country’s foremost cheesemonger, bringing employment to the area.

“We’re now in a better position to face the challenges and opportunities of the future, thanks to the amazing ongoing support from the Council’s team.”

Our Business Support and Development team helped with government-funded COVID-19 financial support schemes. Mark was also supported by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority’s Growth



Perry James Wakeman

Works team, by match funding for companies with a solid business plan, leading to growth and job creation.

The support meant Mark could concentrate on launching ‘Rennet & Rind’, an e-commerce website for customers to order cheese online. Their cheese is lovingly aged in their own maturing room by resident World Cheese Awards judge, Perry James Wakeman, recently crowned the UK’s first ever Affineur of the Year.

Visit their website at www.rennetandrind.co.uk or call 01480 831 112

Business Support

For help starting a business, diversifying, or any other support, email: openforbusiness@scamb.gov.uk or sign up for a regular free newsletter via: www.scamb.gov.uk/business

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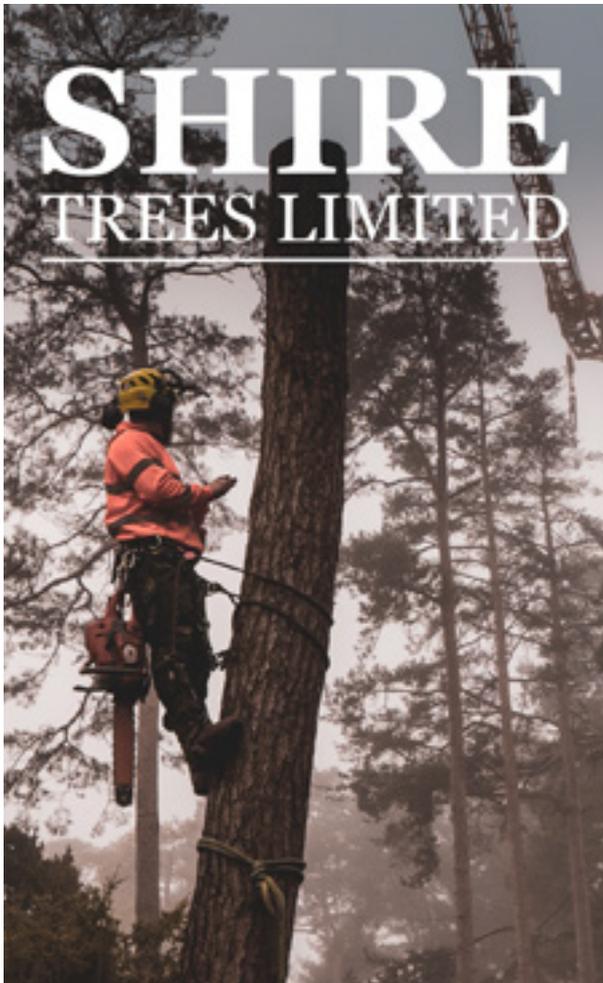
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New homes bring new facilities

Greater Cambridge is a fast-growing area with both a high demand for employment and homes.

To ensure new developments do not overstretch existing services and facilities, our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service with Cambridge City Council applies conditions and legal obligations to any planning permissions granted.

These obligations, commonly known as Section 106 (S106) agreements, secure either facilities on site or contributions towards the improvement of existing, or provision of new, off-site facilities.

How exactly are new services and facilities agreed and funded in the planning process?

Developers must meet the specific needs set out in these S106 agreements. The improvements to be provided can include:

- Education establishments (including libraries)
- Health centres
- Community facilities and meeting places
- Open space (including play areas and sports pitches)
- Indoor sports facilities (including swimming pools)
- Highways (including paths and cycleways)

The delivery of these obligations for brand new or improved facilities and services is key in ensuring that any growth in Greater Cambridge is sustainable and that new and existing communities' needs will be taken care of.

How do developments tie in with new services and facilities?

The contribution may be spent on elements being provided within the development site or on off-site infrastructure already planned, such as school extensions and new cycleways.

It may be a payment of money to a local Council or a third party, such as the NHS, to carry out specific projects. Or it can require the work to be carried out by the developer themselves.

How is the funding required from developers decided?

The needs for each development are assessed by the Planning Service in consultation with key infrastructure providers, on a case-by-case basis. Considerations include the size of the proposed development, how likely it is to impact facilities already in place and existing pressures.

Recent examples of facilities which S106 agreements have contributed funding towards include:

- Public space east of New Road, Melbourn
- A new 3G sports pitch for Melbourn Village College
- The new Sawston Library which forms part of a community hub
- A new multi-purpose pavilion on the site of Cambridge City Football Club in Sawston
- A sports pavilion at Hauxton
- The transfer of land for a new recreation ground in Orwell
- The River Great Ouse improvement project at Over and improvements to Fowlmere Round Moat
- Community facilities at Babraham and Swavesey
- Cottenham Village Hall
- Cherry Hinton Hall Play area

Cherry Hinton Hall Play area



The 3G sports pitch at Melbourn Village College



Cottenham Village Hall



Sawston Library



Children have their say on design of public open spaces

A group of 30 students from Foxton Primary School took part in our fun workshop to help plan new open space.

The children gave their views on the design of a scheme to refurbish and redevelop the Burlington Press premises, fronting Station Road and High Street in Foxton.

The year five and six children looked at plans to create a research and innovation hub for the life sciences sector.

The plans include a publicly accessible café idea in the centre of the village of Foxton.

Officers from our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Built Environment team ran the workshop. The aim was to give children the opportunity to have a say in how the public open spaces in the proposed development should be designed.

Children and their teachers visited the site where they learnt about the history of this former printworks building located at the heart of the village. Council Officers and representatives from the developer's team discussed the specific proposals and spoke to them about good place-making principles with the youngsters.



As part of the workshop, children were given the exciting task of designing some bespoke street furniture for the new development that would meet their specific needs. Their ideas will be incorporated into the final layout of the proposed scheme. Prizes were awarded to those who came up with the most creative designs.



Our Lead Cabinet Member for Planning Cllr Tumi Hawkins attended the event and said:



“It is important that local children are consulted on proposals in their local area and that planning applications consider their views. The workshop enabled the children to have an input into the planning and decision-making process.

“As part of the workshop day, children were also taught the importance of environmental sustainability in Foxton and received career advice on steps to become an urban designer, landscape architect, town planner and Councillor.”

Funding for Northstowe community facilities

We have confirmed that we are contributing around £14.8 million to secure high-quality community facilities for Northstowe residents.

This means plans for the new town's Sports Pavilion and Community Centre on phase one, and Civic Hub and additional Sports Pavilion on phase two, are all fully funded and can progress.

The phase one Sports Pavilion, near the sports pitches, will provide changing facilities for teams and officials and a multi-use club room and catering facilities. The Community Centre will be within the Local Centre, which is expected to contain a mixture of shops and commercial development, and will be a multi-use facility for Northstowe residents.

The Civic Hub on phase two is intended to be the landmark building within the Town Centre. This will contain space for community activity and development, a library service, a GP surgery, and other similar services. The Sports Pavilion on phase two is likely to be similar to the phase one Pavilion, but details are still being confirmed.

When developers build new homes that will have a significant impact

on an area or community, they are asked to contribute funding to local services like community buildings through what is known as a Section 106 (S106) agreement. Read more about this process on page 14. Funding arrangements intended to cover the cost of constructing Northstowe's community buildings in phases one and two were outlined in S106 agreements that were signed several years ago. However, in the years that have passed, it became clear that the funding allocated for the community buildings will not cover the full costs of building them.

One of the main reasons for this is because the costs associated with construction have risen significantly recently because of several national and global factors. As a result, and to ensure that truly high-quality community facilities are delivered for current and future residents of Northstowe, at our Full Council meeting in July 2022, councillors confirmed we would step-in and cover the shortfall in funds.



Our Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Bill Handley, said:



“This is our way of showing that we want to do all we can to support this growing new community. New towns and their facilities do not spring up overnight, and indeed take many years to blossom. The plans outline a clear path to getting Northstowe residents the long-term community facilities that they need and deserve.”



Earlier this year, we purchased two homes and a sales office at Northstowe – and are working to modify them for use by community groups. Subject to receiving planning permission, they will be a medium-term replacement for the temporary community facilities which were in place at the Community Wing at the town's Pathfinder Primary School.

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Our shared Building Control team can support each stage of your building project.

If you're making improvements to your home or are planning building work, you can contact our shared Building Control team for help and guidance with building regulations.

3C Building Control is an award-winning partnership covering South Cambridgeshire, the city of Cambridge and Huntingdonshire.

What are building regulations?

Building regulations are minimum standards for the design and construction of buildings to help ensure the health and safety of people in or around those buildings. The regulations are reviewed by building control bodies who check plans and actual work on site for compliance against the building regulations.

When should I submit my application?

You need to submit your application for building regulations approval before work starts on site, preferably at least one week in advance. You can submit the application yourself or appoint someone. Your agent, architectural consultant or builder can make the application on your behalf.

How do I apply?

You can submit your building control application using the online forms available at:

➔ www.3csharedservices.org/building-control/building-regulations-approval

What are the different types of applications?

Building Notice application

This application is generally suitable for small alterations and projects – for example removing an internal wall. This application is best suited if you need to get work underway quickly. There are specific situations where this application cannot be used, such as work that will be built close to or over the top of rainwater and foul drains, or if a new building will front a private street.

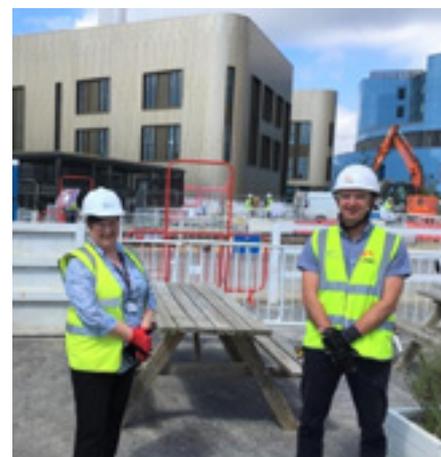
Full Plans application

This application is for all work not covered by a Building Notice application. It requires full plans and construction details to be submitted. This includes drawings, design details, specifications, and calculations, and it is usually submitted by the architect or plan drawing agent who is designing your project. Once received, we

will assess your application and consult with the water and fire services if necessary.

Regularisation application

This application is for works that were carried out after 11 November 1985 but do not have building regulations approval. Please note fees for regularisation applications are non-refundable and are payable when the Regularisation application is submitted.



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Reinventing Council home repairs

We are entering into a new partnership with Mears to carry out repairs and maintenance to our 5,200 Council homes.

From October, the all-new arrangements with our existing contractor Mears will bring a change in how we deliver our repairs service, as well as how we invest in maintaining and improving the quality of homes.

New ways to report and keep track of repairs

Tenants will still be able to report their repairs over the phone, but they will also benefit from new digital arrangements for reporting and checking on the progress of repairs. These arrangements will introduce new technology to improve the tenant experience, including automated text confirmations and updates, as well as access to a live tracking system. This new service will be supported by Mears through the introduction of new IT systems and additional resources.

More energy efficient homes

Mears has committed to helping us invest effectively in our homes, so they meet the future needs and expectations of tenants.

This includes investing in energy efficiency measures that help protect the planet by reducing carbon emissions, as well as minimising the amount of energy that tenants need to use to heat their home.

Community benefits

Mears will also support local employment by providing apprenticeships and work experience programmes, schools' careers workshops and free training, as well as tackling social isolation through offering access to recycled IT equipment and a handyman service for sheltered schemes.



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

“A great deal of thought and care has gone into designing and awarding this significant contract for the Council. Following a rigorous and competitive tender process, we have laid the foundations to help meet our ambitions to provide modern repairs and maintenance arrangements that place our customers at the heart of the service. The new arrangements will reinvent how we do things, with a much better repairs experience for our tenants, along with a positive impact on their lives by providing more energy efficient homes.”



Cllr Brian Milnes (left) and Cllr John Batchelor (right) at some of our new Council apartments in Sawston



Peter Baldwin, Managing Director at Mears, added; “We’re pleased to build on our existing relationship with South Cambridgeshire District Council, taking the opportunity, through the new contract, to transform how we go about providing our repairs and maintenance services for the benefit of tenants and leaseholders.”



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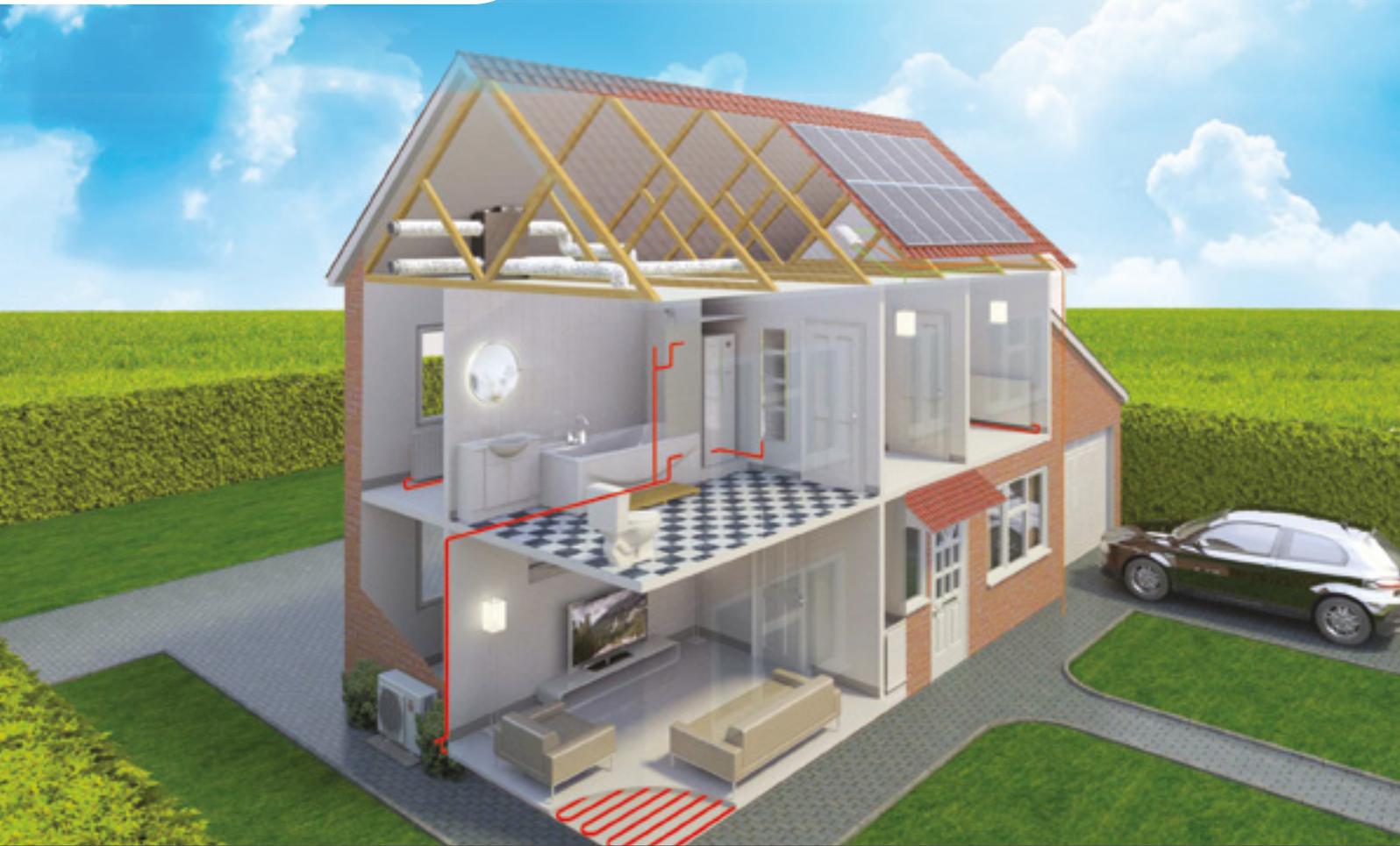
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Flooding: Be prepared

Has your property flooded before? Flooding can occur at any time of the year, so now is a good time to get prepared, especially as the warm weather dries out the land and slows down the natural drainage process.

Make sure you are prepared now to save stress and potential heartbreak in future. Even something as simple as stocking up on sandbags now, rather than waiting, could make a difference.

Everyone can check their risk of flooding by visiting www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk and typing in your postcode.

Additionally, the Environment Agency provides a flood warning service. Find out more and see if alerts are provided for your area at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

In areas of potential flood risk, parish flood groups are often active. It is a good idea to contact your parish council for details of any such group in your area.



Flooding in Cottenham in Summer 2020

Create a plan

Being prepared in advance could make a huge difference if you are unlucky enough to experience flooding.

- Make sure you have the correct insurance cover. Check your building and contents or business policy with your insurance company.
- Find out how to turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies.
- Keep a list of useful telephone numbers (including your GP details, insurance claim line and policy number).
- Put together an emergency flood kit including insurance documents, phone chargers, cash and credit cards plus any medication or repeat prescription forms.
- Think about the needs of children, babies, elderly, the disabled and your pets. Don't forget to check on your neighbours.
- Take detailed photos of your property and contents now, before any flooding occurs.
- Make an action plan to use in the event of a flood. Templates and further advice is available at www.scambs.gov.uk/flooding
- Identify and list urgent actions in priority of value.

Sandbags

It is impossible to completely flood-proof your property, but there are steps you can take to reduce the damage flood water may cause, including sourcing sandbags in advance from a local builders' merchants. We encourage all residents to think about whether they should do this in advance of bad weather.

We don't provide a sandbag service to all residents. However, for vulnerable residents only we have a very limited supply which can be delivered to them, in case of emergency, if they are at imminent risk of flooding only. Please note that this is not intended as a preventative measure days or hours in advance of potential flooding.

As you'd expect, this is aimed at our most vulnerable residents and only intended for people who have no friends, family or neighbours who can assist them fast enough or in advance.

Bearing in mind the above, vulnerable residents requesting sandbags during normal office hours should call us on 01954 713 000 or email streets@scambs.gov.uk

If it is outside of normal office hours and an emergency, then please contact our out of hours number for Environmental Health Emergencies on 01253 501 055.

Get charged-up with electric vehicle knowledge

As we all look to reduce our carbon emissions, one of the biggest contributors to the carbon footprint of local households is transport and how we get around – specifically our cars. For some, electric vehicles (EV) are now a realistic option.

Our Lead Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Brian Milnes, comments:



“Electric vehicles are cheaper to run. The purchase price can be higher but running costs are often lower. There are lower maintenance costs due to fewer moving parts. There is zero road tax and they are cheaper to refuel than petrol or diesel, especially when charging at home overnight.”

There are two types of EVs. One is battery-electric vehicles, otherwise known as ‘pure’ EVs which are powered only by electricity and charged via chargepoints. These ‘pure’ EVs have an average range of 197 miles and many models can go much further on a single charge.

The other category is plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. These contain a battery, electric motor and an internal combustion engine. They can use the engine and motor and be recharged at chargepoints. The typical range for a hybrid when in pure-electric mode is around 50 miles. Once the battery is empty it can continue in hybrid mode, using its internal combustion engine. However, these are only efficient if charged regularly.



Charging an EV

Chargers fall into four groups: slow, fast, rapid, and ultra-rapid. The higher the power (measured in kilowatts or kW) the quicker the charge. Fast chargers are the most common in public places. Rapid and ultra-rapid chargers provide a quicker charge but are more expensive.

Public charging

There are many different public EV chargepoint networks. Accessing these networks usually requires downloading an app. A minority of chargepoints now allow direct card payments. The Government is planning legislation to simplify chargepoint payments this year. Many EVs can direct you to nearby public chargers. Maps showing locations of public chargers are available online. Just search for Zap Map, PlugShare or Chargemap.

Charger sharing

Charger sharing allows homeowners with chargers to rent them to neighbours. This encourages people without driveways to use EVs, by enabling them to charge close to home at cheaper domestic electricity rates. Charger sharing apps include Co-Charger, JustPark, Zap-Home and Book My Charge.

Government Grants for EV Chargers

There is an EV Chargepoint Grant available for landlords and private renters. There is a Workplace Charging Scheme for employers. Both grants can pay for 75% of the purchase and installation of a chargepoint, limited to £350 per grant. For further details, search for ‘Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure’ on www.gov.uk



The EV charging point at our Council house scheme in Sawston

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

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MONDAY B

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

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TUESDAY A

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

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TUESDAY B

Barrington, Foxton, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth

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WEDNESDAY A

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

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WEDNESDAY B

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

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THURSDAY A

Bourn, Boxworth, Cambourne (Great, Lower and Upper), Caxton, Childerley, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley, Knapwell, Papworth Everard, Papworth St Agnes

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THURSDAY B

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

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FRIDAY A

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

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FRIDAY B

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

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What goes in your blue bin?

Yes

No

Recycle

✓ Clean ✓ Empty ✓ Don't bag it



Cardboard



Paper & magazines



Tins, cans & foil



Aerosol cans



Wrapping paper
(except foil/plastic)



Glass bottles & jars



Cartons



Plastic pots, tubs, trays & bags



Plastic bottles



Shredded paper
(in envelope or clear sack)

- ✗ 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

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. Do not include mobile phone or laptop batteries. Search online for 'recycle small electrical items' instead.



What goes in your green bin?

Yes

No

Compost



Untreated wood and sawdust



Garden waste



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



Used paper tissues and kitchen paper

- ✗ 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
- ✗ Loose ash (wood ash CAN go in the green bin, but only if enclosed in paper bags)

What goes in your black bin?

Yes

No

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).

- ✗ Rubble/bricks
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Very heavy items
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Loose ash (any ash can go in the black bin, but must be bagged, not loose)

Start composting this autumn

Home composting is a great way to reduce your environmental impact and get free nutrients for your garden.

Research has found almost half of the food waste in the average rubbish bin could have been composted.

You can make your own compost bin from wood, wire or even a plastic storage box, or buy a variety of different kinds. Enter your post code at www.getcomposting.com for discounted composters.



To get started:

- 1 Find the right site. Ideally put your bin in a reasonably sunny place on bare soil
- 2 You need a layered mix of half 'greens' (such as weeds, lawn mowings, fruit and veg peelings) and half 'browns' (such as autumn leaves, shredded paper and card)
- 3 Don't include meat, fish, bones, dairy or bread. These can go into your green bin, wrapped in newspaper or paper liners if you like
- 4 Wait. It takes between nine to twelve months for your compost to become ready. Keep adding greens and browns along the way.

Once your compost resembles thick, moist soil and gives off an earthy, fresh aroma, it's ready. It will look different to shop-bought, but that's fine.

➔ www.gardenorganic.org.uk/compost

Bin it? No way!

What do you do when something you use or wear breaks? More and more people are turning to their local Repair Cafés for help.

These are free events with tea and cake which bring together people who need their things (small electrical appliances, bikes, tools, clothing, toys and more) fixing, with skilled volunteers who like fixing things. You stay with a repairer while they try to fix your item, often learning about how it works, what you can do if the fault returns, and how to keep your item working for longer.

Is there one near me?

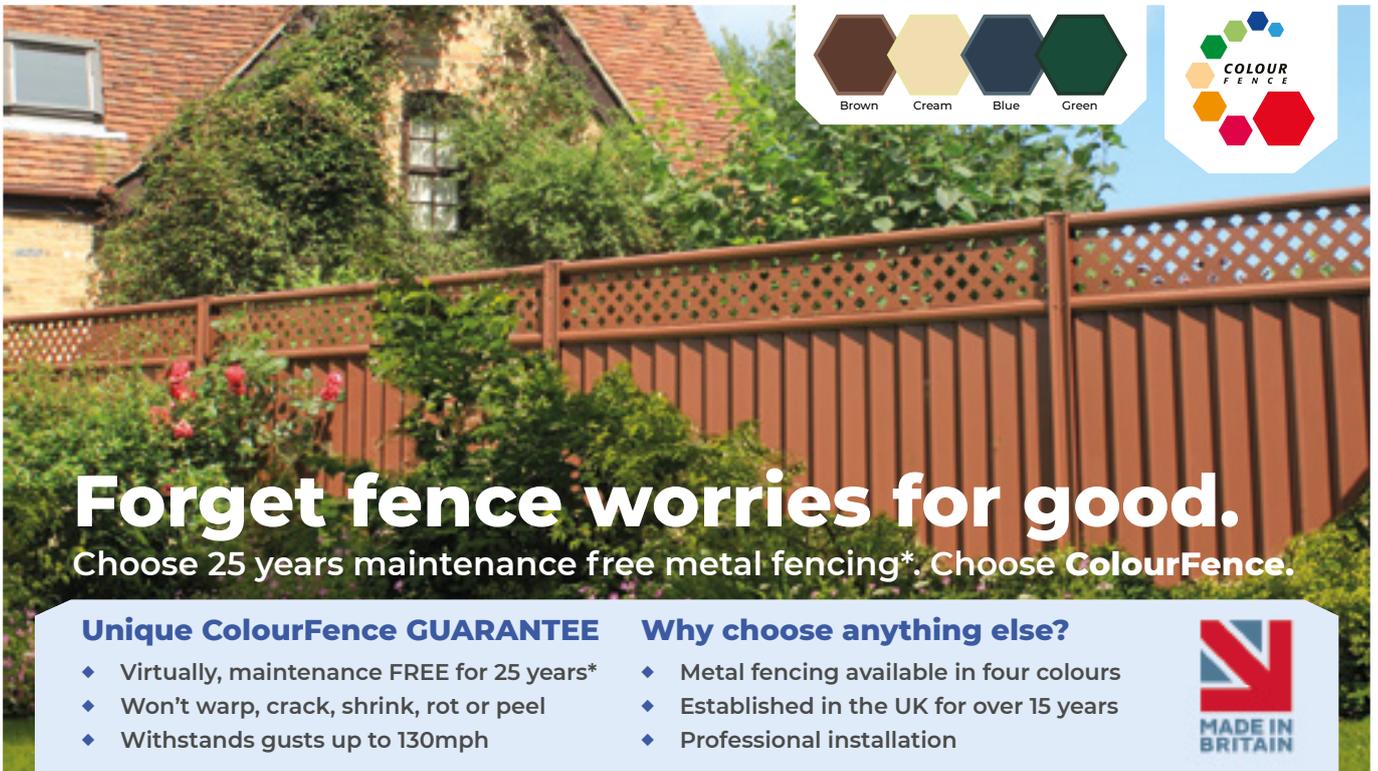
Upcoming events are listed at www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes and include Great Shelford and Bassingbourn. If there isn't one running near you, why not set one up? Get in touch with Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) which provides support and training for communities wishing to run Repair Cafés.

I like fixing things!

If you are an electrical or electronics engineer or experienced in repairing things and would like to help people in your spare time, get in touch with your local Repair Café directly, or with CCF.



✉ To get involved with Repair Cafés as a repairer or find out about setting one up, contact CCF at nicole@cambridgecarbonfootprint.org



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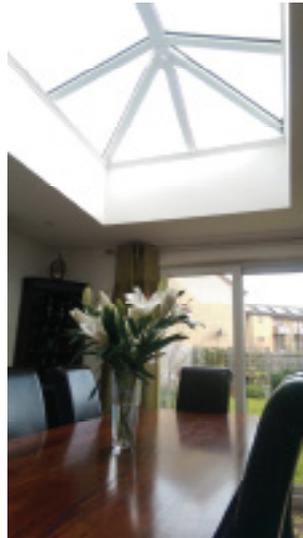
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Providers can apply for up to £300 per programme and can run more than one programme in a village or across numerous villages.

We have already awarded this grant to more than 10 successful applicants. Some of these include fitness classes in Orwell and Cambourne, yoga in Balsham and strength and balance classes in Girton.

We value applications that will target communities which have fewer opportunities to be active and aim to promote participation, enjoyment, and inclusiveness through their programme. More information including eligibility criteria can be found online.

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/lets-get-south-cambridgeshire-active-grant



Community-led plan funding

Parish councils and community groups can apply for a grant to fund costs involved in the creation or the refreshing of a community-led plan, through our Community Chest Grant. A total of £48,000 has been ring-fenced for this purpose until October 2023, with each group able to apply for up to £2,000.

Community-led plans help bring together different people, groups, and organisations to produce high-quality action plans for changes that are based on a sound understanding of local needs and expectations.

Heydon Parish Council were awarded £2,000 from our Community Chest Grant fund to create a Community-Led plan, which has recently been published. This is available on their website: www.heydonparishcouncil.com.

To find out how you can apply for one of these grants, visit our website.

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Safer Communities Fund

The South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has appointed a Project Officer, Beth Watson. We are part of the CSP and work with Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, the NHS and Probation Service to deal with local crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

Beth will listen to residents, businesses, and community groups, working with them to develop targeted projects that address community safety. If you have concerns about issues in your area, please email Beth at communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk

Beth also coordinates applications through the CSP to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund. Examples of funding include:

- Local initiatives to reduce anti-social behaviour
- Days of action within specific community locations
- Tackling fly tipping.

This fund is open to bids of up to £5,000. Applicants must contact Beth and work with the CSP who can make an application on their behalf.

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As we grow older, we can't always keep on top of the chores we used to easily complete, or we may struggle to remember important appointments and birthdays.

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Especially tricky, are things like completing information online, in particular for those who don't have the experience or confidence to use mobile phones and computers for form-filling.

As things become more challenging with age, some people may find themselves under pressure to move into care by worried relatives concerned for their safety.

This doesn't have to be the case. There are alternatives to ensure older people can remain living in their own homes for longer, with the support of services that we offer.

Mobile/Community Warden schemes

This can be a short or long-term form of support. Wardens can help with a range of tasks around the home to ensure you remain living independently, things like making a light lunch, delivering fish and chips, helping to complete forms, bringing a newspaper or a pint of milk. They can make a daily check in by phone for a chat, to ensure you're ok and have everything you need. This service incurs a small monthly fee.

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South Cambridgeshire residents have come forward in their hundreds to open their homes to provide a place to stay for those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, many residents have signed up to be 'hosts' for guests from Ukraine for an initial minimum period of six months.

At the time of going to print, around 770 visas had been issued for South Cambridgeshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This was the highest number for any District Council area, and the seventh highest figure for any area in England. Only bigger Unitary Authority areas, and some London boroughs, have larger numbers.

We are working hard to ensure that, at the end of this initial six-month period, there are local options open to guests from Ukraine who wish to stay in South Cambridgeshire. This is where Shire Homes, our private sector leasing scheme, comes in.

Shire Homes offers homeowners a hassle-free way for owners to rent out their properties for a guaranteed income. For several years, they have managed good quality properties, in a lettable condition in South Cambridgeshire. This need is even more pressing now, given that many guests from Ukraine are likely to want to stay within the district and will be looking for a place of their own.

If you have a property that you let out, please consider renting it out via Shire Homes. Whatever size property you have, from a bedsit to a four-bedroom house, we want



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Our Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Bill Handley, said:



“Our communities have stepped forwards in a truly wonderful way to provide a place to stay for hundreds of people from Ukraine. I am humbled and truly grateful. We now want to ensure that, when and if the time comes for our guests to move away from their hosts, they have some options. Increasing our stock of homes available to let via Shire Homes does just that. I’d be thrilled if anyone with a property to rent out considers this.”

➔ www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/shire-homes-lettings

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Contribute to local Greenways routes

You can help to shape the designs for the Greater Cambridge Greenways.

This is a new network of walking, cycling and, where appropriate, equestrian routes linking surrounding towns and villages to the city.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), of which we are a voting member, launched a rolling programme of public engagement on the Greenways in the summer to give communities an opportunity to shape how each route will look and feel.

When complete, there will be about 150km of new Greenways links to provide new and improved opportunities for active travel. The aim is to deliver better connections to more than 50 communities and public transport hubs across the Greater



Cambridge region.

The public engagement programme kicked off in July with people invited to share their views on the options for the designs for the Comberton and Haslingfield Greenways.

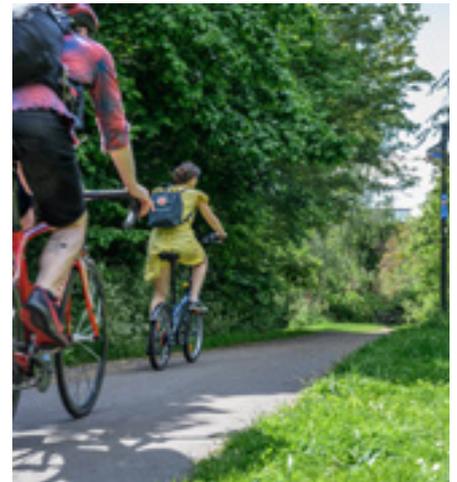
The Comberton route will connect the village with the city centre via Coton, and the Cambridge University West Campus, with a spur to Hardwick. Meanwhile, the Haslingfield Greenway route links the village with Cambridge via Grantchester and a link to Hauxton.

The GCP is planning to present designs for the other routes as the rolling public engagement programme continues during the rest of 2022 and into 2023.

These routes will provide links to other villages such as Horningsea, Sawston, Fulbourn as well as making better use of the active travel path that runs parallel to the busway to St Ives.

The public feedback will be considered as part of further design and planning work and engagement with landowners along the routes.

The Greenways form a key part of the GCP's plan for an integrated transport network that provides first class active travel routes and vastly upgraded public transport to cut congestion on the roads and improve the quality of the air we breathe.

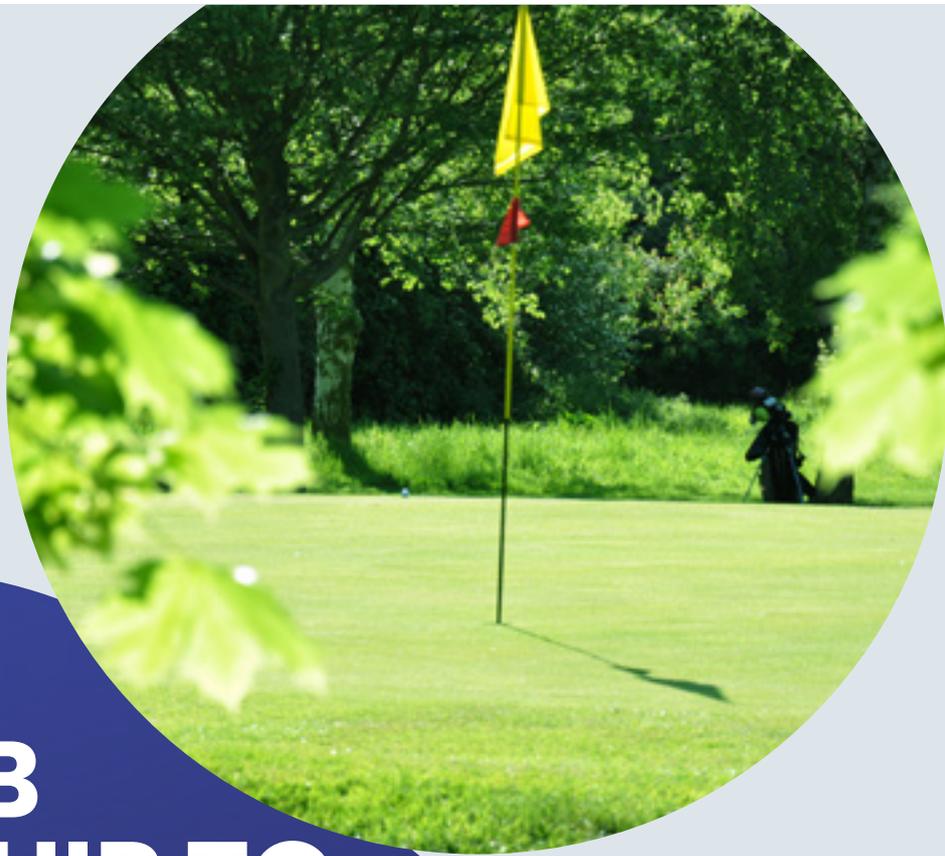


Construction is already underway on the Linton Greenway as part of phase one of the Cambridge South East Transport project and the GCP has completed a number of 'quick wins' across the Greenways network to make immediate improvements to people's journeys.

For more information about the Greenways network and the autumn public engagement visit the GCP's website at www.greatercambridge.org.uk

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Community comes together to preserve Gamlingay gym

Residents in Gamlingay now have their village gym and outdoor facilities back up and running, following the formation of a community-based charity.

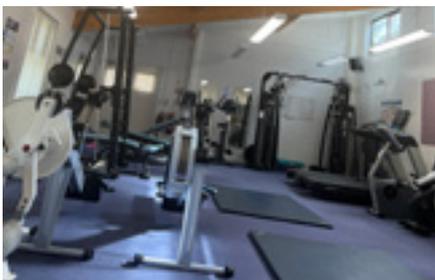


After 25 years of providing a physical and psychological boost for residents of the village, the facility was faced with permanent closure.

We have been working with The Cam Academy Trust to find a way of keeping a community gym running in Gamlingay since the Trust took the decision that it was not financially viable for them to reopen it following the forced closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following a call-out from us to explore whether a group of local residents might like to take it on, Gamlingay Leisure was formed to operate as a registered charity on a not-for-profit basis. Taking advantage of post-COVID-19 recovery grants, along with donations from local businesses, it reopened in June with a fresh look and feel.

Any surplus income will be invested in additional or replacement gym equipment, maintaining the exercise referral scheme programme which we run (find out more at www.scambsgov.uk/active), or improving the general facilities within the gym.



Left to right: Scott Cousins, Hugo Katz (both from Gamlingay Leisure), our Lead Cabinet Member for Communities Cllr Bill Handley, Gamlingay resident Nancy Chisholm and Bob Petch from Gamlingay Leisure.

Council Leader and District Councillor for Gamlingay, Cllr Bridget Smith, said:



"I am so incredibly proud that, together, we have managed to secure a long-term future for the gym in Gamlingay. It has taken a lot of effort and goodwill on the parts of all three parties, but we have all been working with one goal in mind; to ensure that Gamlingay residents have somewhere local and indoors where they can exercise throughout the year."

Could your village benefit from a community-run project like this?

We can help in several ways including finding funding, providing advice on recruiting volunteers, consulting with your community and signposting to other sources of support to help you establish your group. We can also put you in contact with other groups who have set up similar projects. Whatever your project might be, you can fill out a short form with your idea so far, and our team will send you personalised recommendations to help get started.

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Improving our health and wellbeing

What is wellbeing? The World Health Organisation says wellbeing helps us to realise our potential, cope with the normal stresses of life, live productively and contribute to the lives of others.

There are five ways of doing this: **Keep learning, connect, take notice, give and be active.**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust's website www.haysouthcambs.co.uk brings together wellbeing activities going on in your local community, such as friendly cafes, yoga classes and nature reserves, plus information if you need professional or specialist support.

If you aren't online or don't want to use a website, call a Care Network Community Navigator on 01954 212100 or email SouthCambs.Navigators@care-network.org.uk who can point you in the right direction.

Here is how Care Network helped Sue

Sue was recently bereaved, facing eviction, worried about money and struggling with loneliness. With the support of Care Network, she was able to contact organisations which helped her find somewhere to live and sort out her finances, while encouraging her to attend a support group for people living with bereavement and access Care Network's one to one wellbeing support. Sue is now re-housed and part of her new community, feeling life is worth living again.



Connecting communities

The role communities play in improving health and wellbeing is receiving greater attention in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have an idea for something that would make a difference to the wellbeing of your community, help is available.

Here is how this worked in Gamlingay

Gamlingay didn't have any groups or activities for people living with memory loss and dementia, or for their carers. Kate (who manages Gamlingay Eco Hub) and Hilary (a local vicar) contacted Think Communities South Cambs and How Are You South Cambs to get help setting up regular Memory Lane get-togethers. They were introduced to the organisers of other dementia support groups and Think Communities South Cambs provided information about help to cover start-up costs.

Kate said:

"It gave us great ideas and the confidence we were lacking to get a group going."



Next steps

If you have an idea that will make your community or village stronger, healthier, safer or will bring people together, contact Think Communities South Cambs on community.southcambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Care Network has grants of up to £300 to help get your idea off the ground. Call 03300 945750 or email wellbeing@care-network.org.uk

If you know of an activity which more people should know about, share it with How Are You South Cambs by emailing HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk



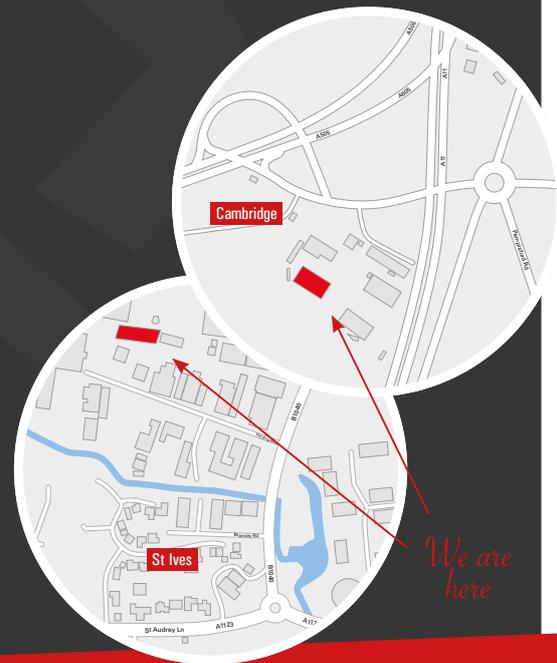
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We have teamed-up with the Cambridge Corn Exchange to offer one lucky reader the chance to win a pair of top price tickets, to three concerts.

A total of five concerts are taking place as part of The Orchestral Series 2022/23 at the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

The winner of our competition will be able to take a friend or family member to three of them. Be swept away by great orchestral music when you select a pair of tickets to three of the following five performances:

- Prokofiev and Sibelius with the Philharmonia Orchestra (Monday 19 September 2022 at 7:30pm)
- Shor, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov with the Malta Philharmonic (Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7:30pm)
- Holst, Mozart, Haydn and Bartok with the European Union Chamber Orchestra (Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 7:30pm)
- Khachaturian, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky with the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra (Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 7:30pm)
- Linde and Tchaikovsky with the Swedish Philharmonia (Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7:30pm)

Find out more about the Cambridge Corn Exchange at www.cambridgelive.org.uk/cornex

The Cambridge Corn Exchange dates to 1875. It was indeed a 'corn exchange' - a building for farmers and merchants to trade cereal grains. It was built as a replacement for an original corn exchange in Cambridge which was built in 1842 on St Andrew's Hill in the city, in a position now occupied by the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Downing Street.

To enter

To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

How much of the food waste in the average rubbish bin could have been composted?

- a) Almost half
- b) Around a quarter
- c) About a third

You can enter the competition online.

Find out more at www.scambs.gov.uk

Click 'Apply' and then 'Reader's competition'.

Don't have Internet access?

You can enter by post. Send your name, address and telephone number, along with your answer to the question, to:

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

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 30 September 2022.

Terms and conditions are available at www.scambs.gov.uk/t-c or can be requested by calling the Council. Winners will be notified in early October and announced in the winter issue of South Cambs Magazine.



Winner's spotlight

The winner of our previous competition was Wendy Burkin from Cottenham. Wendy won two walking tours of Cambridge for up to six people, delivered by Hidden Cambridge. Wendy said "I'm thrilled to have won this prize. I look forward to the guided walk and learning more about Cambridge, which is steeped in history."



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Photo: Enron, May 2022
Credit: Scarlett Ryan



CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL OF DRAMA

Comedy, farce, drama: the **Cambridge Festival of Drama** provides an opportunity to see the best of local amateur drama presenting a wide variety of plays in a mix of new writing and established pieces.

THU 15 - SAT 17 SEPT AT 7.45PM

SAT 17 SEPT AT 2.30PM

TICKETS: £10 | £30 FESTIVAL TICKET

Bawds and Corkscrew Theatre Company

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

By Tom Stoppard

A surreal comic masterpiece, **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead**, is listed by the *New York Times* as one of the greatest plays ever written. Two minor characters of Hamlet take centre stage.

TUE 27 SEPT - SAT 1 OCT AT 7.30PM

SAT 1 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

TICKETS: TUE-THU £11-£15, FRI-SAT £12.50-£16

Cambridge American Stage Tour

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

By William Shakespeare

Is *All's Well That Ends Well*? For Shakespeare's characters they have to save a King, run away to war, deceive a married man, disown a son, and kidnap their own soldier before things look brighter.

TUE 4 - SAT 8 OCTOBER AT 7:45PM

SAT 8 OCTOBER AT 2:30PM

TICKETS: TUE-THU £11-14 FRI-SAT £13-16

Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

By Emily Brontë

Adapted by Andrew Sheridan

Cathy and Heathcliff are a pair whose very names are synonymous with passionate desire: the ardent flame of their love, set against Gothic mists and earthy, rugged moorland, effloresces with fresh vibrancy in Andrew Sheridan's entrancingly poetic rendering of **Wuthering Heights**.

TUE 11 - SAT 15 OCTOBER AT 7.45PM

TICKETS: TUE-THU £11-14 FRI-SAT £13-16

Cambridge University Musical Theatre Society

CHESS

By Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus and Tim Rice

When the arrogant American chess grandmaster, Frederick 'Freddie' Trumper, faces off against his Russian challenger, Anatoly Sergievsky, these games form a backdrop for heated romantic rivalries, constantly flip-flopping intentions, and competitive gamesmanship. Featuring the hit song *I Know Him So Well*, in this story, it is not just the chess pieces that are used as pawns in a far bigger game.

TUE 1 - SAT 5 NOVEMBER AT 7.45PM

SAT 5 NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM

TUE-THU £11-£14, FRI-SAT £13-£16

CUADC/FOOTLIGHTS PANTOMIME 2022: TREASURE ISLAND

By Niamh Howat, Christian Longstaff and Beck Walker

In the midst of woeful underfunding and ridicule from local private school St Perfectton's Prep, join the students and teachers of Grove Park Secondary as a mysterious pirate offers them the geography field trip of a lifetime. Will they find Billy Bones' lost treasure?

WED 23 NOV - SAT 3 DEC AT 7.45PM

**SAT 26 NOV, TUE 29 NOV, THU 1 DEC,
SAT 3 DEC AT 2.30PM**

TUE-THU £13-£16, FRI-SAT £15-£18

Cambridge University Musical Theatre Society

TICK, TICK... BOOM!

By Jonathan Larson

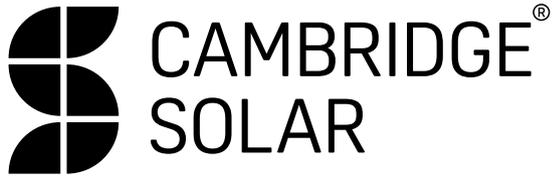
Johnny, a struggling theatre composer, waits tables at the local diner and watches his New York life tick by. His best friend is making corporate money, his girlfriend wants to get married and leave the city, meanwhile he can't give up on his stagnating dream of writing the next great American musical.

WED 19 - SAT 22 OCTOBER AT 10.30PM

WED-THU £8.50-£11, FRI-SAT £9.50-£11.50

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