

## **July 2017 parish e-bulletin – news and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Welcome to the latest parish e-bulletin. As in every edition, this one includes information that parish councils may want to discuss, important notices we want you to be aware of, as well as news from around the district.

### **1) Community Chest – limited funding remaining**

Only a small amount of our £55,000 Community Chest grant pot is still available to bid for this year. As most of the money has already been allocated we are advising anyone planning to submit a bid to contact us first. The Community Chest opens each April for voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils wishing to improve the quality of life for residents in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants can apply for up to £1,000 per project, up to a maximum of £3,000 per parish in the financial year. Full details, guidance on eligibility and the application form are on our website – [www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest)

**Contact:** Elizabeth Davy on [Elizabeth.Davy@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Davy@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713111

### **2) Community events – do you want publicity?**

We now include community events in South Cambs Magazine – our residents' magazine sent to over 63,000 homes in the district. To apply to include your event in the magazine visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/form-type/apply-it](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/form-type/apply-it) and click on Community Calendar Listing. We are now looking for events being held mid-December onwards.

Contact: Gareth Bell on [communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713289

### **3) Planning Parish Forum - dates**

The dates for the next parish planning forums held at our South Cambridgeshire Hall offices in Cambourne are:

Tuesday 12 September – 6-8pm

Tuesday 13 February – 6-8pm

**Contact:** Tanya Rhodes-Pitcher on [Tanya.Rhodes-Pitcher@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Tanya.Rhodes-Pitcher@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713267

### **4) Mental wellbeing in the community**

An evening workshop event is being held on Monday 9 October at 6.45pm at Histon and Impington Junior School to share knowledge about mental wellbeing. The event will include local case studies from across South Cambridgeshire with the aim of sharing knowledge, experience and expertise. There will be some short talks from people working to improve

mental wellbeing in their communities, and information stalls run by local charities and organisations whose work helps mental wellbeing. To register please use the contact details below.

**Contact:** Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713070

### **5) Parish council hotline**

If you have a query and you are not sure who to speak to at the Council, your patch-based Development Officer will be able to help you. They work on anything from community rights, phone box adoption and community-led planning, to community transport and a variety of grants. However, they can also point you toward the right person in other teams too. A map showing the contact for your area of the district is on our website -

[www.scambs.gov.uk/content/locality-working](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/locality-working)

**Contact:** Siobhan Mellon on [South.East@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:South.East@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713395, Jason Clarke on [South.West@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:South.West@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713209 and Kirstin Donaldson on [North@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:North@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 712908

### **6) Let's Get Moving**

Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire is a new initiative that will be launched soon across the county to encourage people to become more active. Ellen Bridges, the new Physical Activity Locality Co-ordinator for the project in South Cambs, is asking residents to let her know what activities they would like to see in their area. You can give your views by using our survey –

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/southcambsLGMC](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/southcambsLGMC)

**Contact:** Ellen Bridges on [Ellen.Bridges@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Ellen.Bridges@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713294

### **7) Parklife**

Over 5,000 people enjoyed Parklife this year – our free family fun day of sport and entertainment at Milton Country Park. The event is likely to be held at a similar time of the year in 2018 so look out for details. A video showing the highlights on this year's event can be viewed [online](#).

**Contact:** Kirstin Donaldson on [Kirstin.donaldson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Kirstin.donaldson@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 712908

### **8) Updates from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (formally Greater Cambridge City Deal)**

- **Name change:** The Greater Cambridge City Deal is now called the Greater Cambridge Partnership and has launched a new website at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk). Plans are underway for a 'Big Conversation' with communities across South Cambs in the autumn, with a variety of engagement

events and a survey of all residents on their current travel patterns and future needs to help inform the Partnership's investment in future transport options.

- **Consultation on Rural Travel Hubs – event on Wednesday 6 September:** This event at our offices in Cambourne will be an opportunity for all parishes to hear some initial findings of the feasibility work carried out so far on the Rural Travel Hubs project. There will be a workshop session to gather your views and a chance to ask questions. To find out more about Rural Travel Hubs – which is being funded through the Greater Cambridge Partnership (formally the Greater Cambridge City Deal) – visit [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/rural-travel-hubs/](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/rural-travel-hubs/). For more information on this event contact Kirsty Human on [kirsty.human@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.human@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713297
- **Cambourne to Cambridge:** A consultation is due to take place in September on what route, or routes, should be considered for a fast and reliable bus service between Cambourne and Cambridge, a new Park & Ride along the A428, as well as new cycling and walking routes.
- **Transport options:** The Partnership and Combined Authority (Mayor's office) have agreed to co-fund a high level study into future transport options for the Greater Cambridge area. This will look at overground and underground solutions including light rail, advanced very rapid transport, bus rapid transport and monorail. The report is due to be published in November.
- **Greenways:** Hundreds of ideas on plans for 12 new rural cycling routes called Greenways have been gathered at the first of many community workshops held in Fulbourn and Waterbeach in July. Community engagement will take place in phases on all 12 routes over the next 12 months and the Partnership's cycling team is in the process of speaking with relevant parish councils to agree arrangements.

For more information on all the Greater Cambridge Partnership items, visit [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk), email [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk) or call 01223 699906.