

July 2016 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) Local Plan hearings resume

Government planning inspectors have published details about when certain topics will be looked at as they continue their examination of our Local Plan. Could you help us to let interested local residents and community groups know that hearings about issues specific to our district will start on 1 November 2016 at our offices.

Further information about the examination is available to view on our [website](#).

Contact: Gloria Alexander is the programme officer who is assisting the Government inspectors – programme.officer@scambs.gov.uk or 07803 202578

2) Community Chest 2016/17

A total of £28,545 was allocated from our community chest to support 24 projects in June and July. Our website has more information on the grants awarded in [June](#) and [July](#).

The Community Chest grant fund is available to help 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 £1,500 per project, up to a maximum of £4,500 per parish during the year. Full details, guidance on eligibility and an online application form can be found on our [website](#).

Contact: Nutan Patel on nutan.patel@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713461

3) Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - slides available

Andrew Ashcroft, independent examiner and Neighbourhood Planning consultant, gave a comprehensive, informative and engaging presentation to parishes on Wednesday 20 July. For any parishes that are interested in Neighbourhood Planning but were unable to attend, the slides are available on our [website](#).

Contact: Kathryn Hawkes on kathryn.hawkes@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 712932

4) Cabinet and Parish Councils liaison meeting - notes available

The notes from the Liaison meeting held on 13 July can now be found on our [website](#).

Contact: Gemma Barron on gemma.barron@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713340

5) Repair cafés

Following on from a very successful Repair Café in Histon in June, we have Repair Cafés coming up in the Memorial Hall, Fulbourn on Saturday 24 September, 2 pm - 5 pm, in the Salvation Army Hall, Waterbeach on Saturday 22 October, 10 am - 1 pm, and in Cottenham Community Centre on Saturday 5 November, 10 am - 2 pm.

Bring something which needs fixing from home such as clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, crockery, bikes and toys and experienced volunteers with repair skills will do their best to fix it. These are all free events. Donations to cover costs are welcome.

We are looking to grow our pool of volunteer repairers, so if you know someone with repair skills who might be interested in helping out, please put them in touch.

Contact: Siobhan Mellon on siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713395

6) Cambridgeshire Handyperson Scheme

We part fund the Cambridgeshire Handyperson Scheme, which aims to prevent falls and accidents at home by offering a free personal assessment, home safety check and arranging small jobs to be carried out. The service is run by Age UK Cambridgeshire and is for people aged over 65 years, or those with a disability. More information can be found on the Age UK Cambridgeshire [website](#).

Contact: Age UK Cambridgeshire on 01480 700205 or 0300 666 9860

7) South Cambs Magazine deliveries

The autumn edition of South Cambs Magazine, our quarterly residents' publication, will be delivered between 23 August and 11 September. An independent audit of deliveries is part of the contract but local feedback on any delivery issues as soon as possible after deliveries are completed is really useful. Please contact Smart Distribution on scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or 0800 6444 011. You can also contact us using the contact details below if necessary.

Contact: Gareth Bell on Gareth.bell@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713289

8) Road Safety

Funding is now available to local community groups for road safety initiatives. The Police and Crime Commissioner's Casualty Reduction Support Fund is being administered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership. The application form and guidance notes can be downloaded on [Cambridgeshire County Council's website](#).

Contact: Clair George on 01733 453576 or clair.george@peterborough.gov.uk



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9) A14 community grants

Highways England has grants of up to £10,000 available for activities which focus on bringing communities closer together. The grants are being administered through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. More information is available by visiting Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's [website](#).

Contact: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation on info@cambscf.org.uk or 01223 410535