



# CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## A New Hotel for Cambourne!



**Construction began** in early 2019 on the Cambourne Gateway Development Site bordering Back Lane and De La Warr Way in the north eastern location of Cambourne. The Developer for this project, Newcrest have previously illustrated plans to develop our High street area too. The initial planning application, since approved, is for a 144- bedroom Holiday Inn Express (owned by MOLO Hotel Group Limited) with a separate McMullen pub-restaurant overlooking Lambert Lake. Both venues will have their associated parking areas, as well as hard

and soft landscaping. Since 2019, the works appeared slow but measured. Despite the impact of the pandemic throughout 2020, progress picked up pace since the start of 2021.

The construction company secured to undertake this development is Barnes Construction who recently posted their newsletter detailing their building progress on the external hoarding at its periphery. This is a welcome move to keep those interested in what is happening in the construction program and the scheduled milestones. It is clear the clay-like soil seen in many areas of Cambourne comes with its own logistical challenges for the site team. As you can imagine, it sticks to the mechanical parts in contact with the soil. Clay soil also tends to encourage pooling of rainwater that leads to a sludge-like surface residue which makes it difficult to work with. Despite this, Barnes are progressing well with their schedule of works. The construction site is separated into zoned areas A, B, C and by approximately week ending February 26th 2021 all their foundations are to be installed with the ground floor slab casting to follow. The steel building support frames are planned to go up from March 8th 2021. The hotel is planned for completion by the end of October 2021 with its official opening in January 2022. Barnes is not responsible for construction of the pub-restaurant. At the time of publishing this month's copy of the Crier, details of the pub-restaurant build schedule was not yet known but that information will be provided and reported hopefully as we move further into 2021. The pub-restaurant will be another welcome spot to socialise and chat with friends and family like at our other well known community pub at the Monkfield Arms. We will be spoilt for choice as to which one we choose to visit but perhaps we can take a mini pub crawl as both will offer their own unique attraction to pub goers!

### Digital Drive

# CAMBRIDGE



Collaborative Action for Equality

Do you have any unused laptops?

■ See page 7 for full details

### Let's go LEGO!



See the remarkable achievement made by one of our young residents.

■ More info on page 6

### Services Survey

**healthwatch**  
Cambridgeshire

How do you feel about our local health services?

■ Find out more on page 3

## CAMBOURNE CRIER

Cambourne Crier is the only independent, non-profit publication delivered to all Cambourne residents each month. Any profits are distributed to the community through our Community Fund. Cambourne Crier is compiled entirely by volunteers.

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**Covid-19 Test for Key Workers**

Don't forget that all key workers and those unable to work from home are eligible for a free lateral flow test recommended twice weekly at the Hub Community centre here in Cambourne. This testing is provided by NHS Test and Trace and is strictly for those who do not have symptoms of COVID. You can book a test at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting) between 8am and 8pm Monday to Saturday at the Hub.

**Volunteer Litter Pickers**

With the current restrictions in place for the past couple of months, many people are working and schooling from home. This means for daily exercise with fresh air outdoors, many are taking advantage of the many walking routes in Cambourne. Unfortunately, this trend has seen an increase in litter along some of these outdoor pathways. The Town Council grounds team empty the litter bins three times a week and regularly litter pick playgrounds and open spaces. In order to keep the rest of the Town looking tidy, we need the support of volunteers. The Town Council encourages you to sign up to the volunteer litter picking scheme where you will be covered by the Town Council insurance when out litter picking. We will provide you with a litter picker, bag hoop, gloves, high visibility vest and bin bags. If you are interested, please email [community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk) for the volunteer litter picking risk assessment, guidance and sign up sheet.

**East West Rail Consultation**

The East West Rail project will create a direct route from Oxford to Cambridge with a station near Cambourne. Although the exact location is not yet agreed upon, preference is for it to be situated to the south of Cambourne. However, Cambourne Town Council (CTC) is pushing for the station to be located north of Cambourne, directly accessing the

A428, which does not act to erode on our Country Park or generate unsustainable traffic for our surrounding roads. CTC will consult residents by leafleting each household to conduct a survey via Survey Monkey with a few short questions. The Survey Monkey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5LSD259> and is available on the CTC's website and Facebook page. Hard copies of the survey will be available from the Town Council office. For more information on the East West Rail, visit [communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk](http://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk)

**Double Yellow Line Consultation**

For the next phase of yellow lines, the Town Council have been asked to carry out a new consultation on additional single or double yellow lines on the following roads:

- Jeavons Lane extending the existing yellow lines.
- School Lane extending the existing yellow lines.
- Along Jeavons Lane (from the tennis courts down past the turning for Miller Way, Stagwell Road to Sitch Road.

The Survey Monkey link is,

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/583W62V>

The link is available on the CTC's website and Facebook page. Hard copies of the consultation will be available from the Town Council office.

Both consultations above are open until Sunday 28th March so take a look to participate.

**Next Council Meeting is 6th April @7pm.**

The link for the meeting is in the agenda posted on the Town Council website.

**John Vickery**

**Cambourne Town Clerk**



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## COMMUNITY

## A Message from Healthwatch concerning your Health and Social Care experiences in Cambourne

**Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough would like you to tell them about Health and Social Care in and around Cambourne.**

For example, have you had your Covid vaccine yet? Visited the dentist or pharmacy recently? Had care at home or a hospital appointment?

Then we'd like to hear how it went for you.

We are Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and our job is to listen to what you have to say about NHS and care services.

We pass on your feedback to the people running services so that they know if things are working well or need improving.

One way to have your say is through our regular Greater Cambridge Health and Care Forum.

Greater Cambridge Health and Care Forum meets every two months to discuss different topics and invites local health and care decision makers to answer your questions.

Our meetings are currently running via Zoom. Please join us on Wednesday 7 April, 2 June and 4 August 2021, from 10am to 12 noon.

If you can't meet online? We still want to hear about your health and care experiences.

You can get in touch in other ways:

To contact Healthwatch for details of how to join the forum sessions or to give us your feedback about the services you or a family member uses.

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### Greetings from Cambourne Library!

#### Current Library Opening Times:

**Tuesday: 10am – 2pm**

**Friday: 10am – 2pm**

**Saturday: 10am – 2pm**

With the continued government guidelines, we temporarily suspended browsing in libraries and our extra session on Thursdays. We are, however, operating the following services.

#### Select and Collect

This enables you to use our online form to request books based on your preferred genres at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library). We choose books based on the information provided and stock available at Cambourne library. Alternatively call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225 to forward your request to the library. We will issue the items to your account and contact you when your items are ready to collect.

#### Reservations 50p charge (adult)

Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way.

We issue your books in advance. This way it enables us to keep safe our staff and customers by reducing the contact time needed for the books to be collected. They will show on your account until you collect them and you may receive an email reminding you. If you do not wish to collect, they will still show on your account until we check them in for others to be able to order.

#### IT Facilities

IT facilities available by appointment only and only for essential use, (i.e. looking at the government website, applying for jobs/benefits etc.) with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customer.

#### Printing

Please bring the correct change to drop into the coin box: 20p per page of A4 black and white and 75p per colour page. To take advantage of the packed online programme of events log on to [WWW.library.live/the-library-presents-events](http://WWW.library.live/the-library-presents-events). There is something for all ages across a range of art forms including; Music, Storytelling, Theatre, Dance, Visual Art, Magic, Animation, Poetry and Craft. Events will be released throughout the season, so keep checking back for new live events and new online activities and workshops.

Also view our weekly online timetable on our Facebook and Twitter pages or see our website.

**www.library.live** is a new digital service offered by Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with Civic. The service is designed to provide a virtual experience of the physical library, including the ability to 'Ask a Librarian' a question, search local events and activities, participate in 'The Library Presents', an arts programme and explores local collections. Civic is a not-for-

profit organization which specialises in community building and is working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Libraries on a project called the Future Libraries Initiative. Take a look at the library website to find more details.

#### The Business & IP Centre Cambridgeshire and Business & IP Centre Peterborough

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#### EngAGE

This is a new offer from Cambridgeshire Libraries and is a programme of talks and interactive events for adults. It's free to join and is hosted on the now popular Zoom platform. Events are held Tuesdays 2pm – 3pm. A virtual ticket is required and full details are available in the 'join in with our online events' listing on the library website.

Follow the link at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries> or take a look at our Facebook page for further details at

<https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireLibraries/>

#### Digital Drive

Cambourne Library is participating in a new initiative to collect old laptops which will then be reused to help children who are learning remotely from home. If you would like to participate please donate your laptop during our opening hours shown at the top of this article. This will enable more children to work more inclusively with online activities, which since the first lockdown last year, so many have had to get used to.

#### **MOBILE POST OFFICE:**

The Hub Car Park Mondays: 1.30pm-4:15pm

Wednesdays: 12.30-4:15pm

Tel: 0345 611 2970

The post office informs the Town Council of any changes and these will be updated on:

<http://cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cambournetowncouncil>

#### **BIN COLLECTIONS:(At the time of publication)**

Black Bin: Thursday 11, and 25 March

Blue / Green Bins: Thursday 4, and 18 March also 1 April.

Further info: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/recycling>



## Wildlife Trust Winter Works at the Nature Reserve



The Wildlife Trust's Reserve team carries out the practical work on nature reserves. Trees are managed and cut as part of the nature conservation process (1) to open up targeted areas to permit more light through the canopy of trees (2) to stop wetlands from drying out and (3) give better access for walkers.

Some of you may have noticed significant tree felling in Monkfield Wood over the last month. This essential work has been carried out because of ash die-back in the area. This fungal disease was

brought to the UK through imported trees and wind-blown spores from Europe. Only ash trees are affected, but across the UK ash makes up a large proportion of trees, and over the next few years most of these will succumb to the disease or other secondary infections. Older infected trees can be dangerous for tree surgeons to remove due to the risk of large limbs falling during felling, so it is good practice to manage these before they get to that point. Not all ash trees will be felled, in the hope that some will show resistance to the disease. In managing Cambourne Nature Reserve, the Wildlife Trust have a Tree Safety Assessment Policy used to identify which trees need to be made safe. Work has now taken place in Oaks Wood and Monkfield Wood and will continue to other areas in the future.

The Trust manages more than 100 reserves, many with trees, which, as they die provide valuable deadwood habitat for rare invertebrates such as the stag beetle. Many require expensive work by specialist contractors to ensure the trees don't damage property or cause road accidents. The estimated cost to carry out the plan just for Cambourne Nature Reserve is £20,000. To support the Trust's work please visit [www.wildlifebcn.org/support-us](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/support-us); [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org) and Facebook/twitter @wildlifebcn

For any Cambourne related enquiries please contact Rebecca Neal (Becca Badger), Wildlife Trust BCN Communities and Wildlife Officer. [rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org) Facebook @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

**Kingsdale**

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### Cavendish Court, Cambourne Cambridgeshire

This full service development benefits from a central location in Cambourne. It was built to a high quality by Bovis Homes Ltd in 2003 and comprises of a mixture of 48 one and two bedroom apartments.

It is staffed 24 hours 7 days a week and owners enjoy a wide range of services including a restaurant, owners' lounge, hobbies room, guest suite, lovely gardens and gated parking.

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### Young Cambourne Resident gets Creative with Lego

**"Hello everyone. My name is Krishiv and I am 9 years old who is very passionate about LEGO. During my free time I like getting creative with Lego bricks."**

I can spend hours building with Lego and I am particularly proud of my latest project which is a replica of my own house in Cambourne. This is my first big project which took me nearly two weeks to build. *"This project is very special to me because even though I only had a limited number of Lego Bricks I managed to complete the house."*



I have received very positive feedback on my building techniques/skills from everyone who has seen my work. To see the full video of my project please follow this link which showcases all the stages of building ([tinyurl.com/1h8hgycw](https://tinyurl.com/1h8hgycw)). I have recently created my own YouTube channel exclusively for Lego creations and you can find me on YouTube as "CreativeKrishiv20".

I would definitely recommend other children to be more creative and imaginative with LEGO. It's certainly a good option to keep your mind busy during lockdown, especially as we all are



stuck at home. It also gives us a break from TV, mobile phones, video games or any other gadgets.

You can also turn LEGO TIME into "FAMILY TIME" and the whole family can make endless creations and you can surprise yourself with what you achieve.

*Krishiv Chougala*



### Cambourne Soul's project to support local youth

A group of young people from the Cambourne Soul are undertaking a landscaping and gardening project this spring, after a successful funding bid from The Department for Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund.

Together with a general tidying up of the site, the group of 5 young people, supported by youth workers and volunteers from Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill, are planning to create a new raised bed to the front of the building, repave the existing path in order to make it safe and accessible as well as fitting a new noticeboard.

Emma one of the youth workers at the Cambourne Soul said, "The idea came from the challenges that many of our young people are facing. Some are struggling with their mental health, whilst others have been made redundant from apprenticeships and now have nothing productive to do. I know from my own experience that gardening can be great for our wellbeing, so really wanted our young people to get involved and feel the benefits for themselves. Some of our young people have landscaping and carpentry experience and are taking a lead with the construction side of the project, whilst others are just

happy to have an opportunity to wear their wellies and use a power washer! We know that there plans for a new youth centre and so although the work that is done this spring will be temporary, we hope that the young people are able to learn new skills and feel a sense of achievement for what they have accomplished together."

If you have a passion for gardening and landscaping and would like to help in any way, contact Emma or Jonathan at [info@cambournesoul.co.uk](mailto:info@cambournesoul.co.uk)



## Digital Drive!

### Digital Drive Donations Off to a Flying Start

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust has donated 200 laptops, tablets and PCs, together with 100 new 128 GB SSD hard drives and 35 17" monitors, to the Digital Drive Cambridgeshire and Peterborough campaign, launched by Cambridge 2030, Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, the Cambs Youth Panel, Cambridge Digital Partnership, and Cambridgeshire Culture Foundation.

The Trust also pledged to donate a significant number of its computers that are to be replaced across the organisation from May 2021.

Richard Matt MBCS, Associate Director, Business Technology at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust said: "We're delighted to support this vital initiative, ensuring our local children have access to technology. We know the toll this pandemic has had on our young people and keeping them connected to their friends and online learning has never been more important."

The Digital Drive Cambridgeshire and Peterborough campaign aims to find 8,000 laptops and provide internet access so that every single child across the county can access their school work from home. The second-hand laptops donated through the campaign will become the child/young person's own to keep. Cash donations will result in purchases made to allow for laptops and internet access to be provided. These will be donated to schools for an immediate onward loan to families with children who need them.



Alison Taylor of Cambridge 2030 said: "Digital Drive has got off to a flying start with this wonderful donation. Thank you so very much on behalf of the children and young people who will

benefit from the Trust's generosity."

"I hope that other public and private sector organisations will follow this fine example and also donate their unused laptops so that children across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can access their school work from home."

If you want to get involved with Digital Drive Cambridgeshire and Peterborough please do the following:

**Donate all unused laptops** - take your laptops to your local library where you'll find a drop-off box just inside the entrance. Please make sure any laptops are at least capable of being used. That it will power on and no leaking batteries. Also really old ones would not be viable so anything before windows Vista cannot be used. The devices need at least a 1.8ghz processor and 4gb RAM. All donated laptops will be collected and delivered to the Cambs Youth Panel which will remove and destroy all

hard drives, delete data and refurbish laptops so that they are in good working order before they are given to schools across the county for distribution to the children and young people who need them.

### Make a financial donation – though either:

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council's joint Go Fund Me pages below:

[gf.me/f/cambridgeshire-laptops-for-children](https://gf.me/f/cambridgeshire-laptops-for-children)

Cambs Youth Panel:

[gf.me/u/zfuj78](https://gf.me/u/zfuj78)

Purchase and donate an item or items from the Cambs Youth Panel's Amazon Wish List at the link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FCVZUSB9TZVC?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FCVZUSB9TZVC?ref_=wl_share).

### About Cambridge 2030

Cambridge 2030 was founded in 2019 with the mission of uniting the Cambridge community in action to fight inequality and create health and prosperity in the city for everyone. It aims to bring together public, private, voluntary and community sectors in collaborative action to bridge gaps in provision and resources, increase local progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and create a more equal and inclusive city, where everyone can achieve sustained happiness.

Cambridge 2030's Ambassador is Julie Spence OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. Cambridge 2030 committee members are Alison Taylor of Conscious Communications, Simon Humphrey of Arm, Gavin Howard of The Howard Group, Jonathan Martin of YMCA Trinity and Tariq Sadiq of Cambridge Commons and Form the Future.

For detailed information about Cambridge 2030 and to pledge your support, please visit [www.cambridge2030.org](http://www.cambridge2030.org).



## COLUMNISTS



### ANTHONY BROWNE

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## Your Opinions on South Cambs Housebuilding

**I recently launched the South Cambridgeshire Development Survey to find out what you think about all those issues so I can best represent you at this crucial time.**

As I said in the Cambridge Independent this week, I believe in open consultation - our council should be focusing on what residents really want and need in our district. That's why I'm asking what your priorities are. So please, click the link below to fill in the survey and let me know what you think, especially about planning and housing development in South Cambridgeshire.

Where and how we build new houses in South Cambridgeshire is being worked out right now,

but we need to cut through the numbers and listen to those who will be most impacted by any proposals.

Growth is to be expected and encouraged, but it is essential that residents' views are heard when it comes to the level of that growth. We need to seek sustainability, so everyone has total confidence that our area can cope with levels of development - so we won't face water shortages, congestion or any other irreparably adverse impact on our quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

I'm asking everyone to please fill in this survey, so I can best represent your views and ensure your voice is heard in this important debate.

To access the survey, which has around twenty questions, please click on the following link:- <https://www.anthonybrowne.org/form/planning-survey>



### GAVIN CLAYTON

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## A Positive Legacy from the Pandemic?

**I have had my vaccination, (I work in mental health and social care and volunteer at Cambourne Food Bank), birds are in their breeding plumage, trees are budding and as I write this we await further announcements on a roadmap for a route out of a long and isolating winter hibernation.**

I want very much to be able to travel to see my daughter, but I do not simply crave 'getting back to how things were'.

Some lessons the pandemic has taught us are:  
- Differences in ethnicity, housing, health and economic status are important factors for COVID19 patient outcomes.

- The availability of computers/IT for home learning as well as free school meals impact children's ability to learn.

A small step to address this locally is my securing of a budget for South Cambs District Council to once again appoint a Visiting Benefit & Welfare Officer to support families experiencing economic hardship, sometimes for the first time. I will make sure the responsible officer's name and contact details are circulated once they are in post.

I also stopped the 'saving' of £150,000 of Health & Wellbeing budget which will now be available to the voluntary sector and neighbourhood groups in 2021/22.

*So, let's look forward to better times so compassionate change will be a positive legacy of the pandemic.*



### CATHERINE PRICE

CAMBOURNE PARISH  
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## Get Moving and Keep Moving!

**For several reasons, exercising may have been difficult for many of us in recent times.**

However, regardless of your age, exercise can make you not only physically healthier but mentally healthier too. Exercise can reduce your risk of major illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, Type 2 Diabetes, bone fractures and some cancers. Research also shows that physical activity can increase self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, along with reducing stress and depression.

Adults should aim to achieve at least 150 minutes of moderate activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity over a week.

In moderate activity you need to be moving quickly enough to raise your heart rate, breathe faster and feel warmer. You can tell if you're achieving this if you can still talk but you can't sing the words to a song.

In vigorous intensity activity you won't be able to say more than a few words without pausing for breath and this can bring more health benefits.

Muscle strengthening exercises are also recommended twice a week such as using resistance bands, weights, yoga or pilates.

It is important to do what you enjoy and factor exercise into your day.

Some exercise is better than nothing and finding something that is sustainable is the key to all changes which improve health.

Reference/ further information: [www.nhs.uk/Exercise](http://www.nhs.uk/Exercise)



## EDUCATION

### Educating Otherwise:



#### Thoughts on Exams - Bea Naylor-Bower, age 15

'In October 2020 I wrote an article for the Crier regarding my fears when exams were cancelled. Now a year later I have sat both my English Language and Mathematics 'I (International) GCSEs', I may sit two more IGCSEs in the summer, and I have submitted an application to my college of choice.

However, the fear of exams being cancelled and education suffering is a horrible reality for those who attend state schools. With GCSEs being cancelled, some private candidates – those who choose to sit IGCSEs – have thankfully been spared from the chaos. Whilst home educated students have dodged the repeated shifts in and out of school (since learning at home is the norm for us) those who attend state schools have had to endure the constant switching. In short – education is hectic at the moment. Not even those sitting IGCSEs are safe: whilst the exams are currently set to go forward, exam boards are allowed to cancel IGCSEs right up until the exams are actually sat.

Whether you are a student, a parent or a teacher, whether you are delighted at exams being cancelled or horrified, we must all keep each other safe whilst working on our education. Wear a mask, social distance, and if you are lucky enough to be sitting exams this year, please follow the rules that your exam centre has set out. Good luck with studies in 2021 – and stay safe.'

Addendum: Since writing this article Bea's exam board, Pearson announced that it is cancelling the IGCSEs and A-Levels for June 2021. Bea is waiting for the result of the Ofqual consultation and hoping for herself and others that her exam centre may be able to have assessed grades.

To connect with other local people educating otherwise than at school please join the Facebook group 'Home Education – Cambourne'.



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## EDUCATION

# Positivity Reigns at Hardwick & Cambourne School



**Hardwick and Cambourne Community School:** What a start to the New Year it has been. We have been so proud of all our children whether at home or in school, for the way they have all put their best foot forward and dealt with lockdown life so magnificently. We have all worked hard to maintain our school community with the children's efforts highlighted best during Children's mental health week. Here, we saw the best of us- with our children reflecting on their own perspective of lockdown and discussions of how to support each other. Our Pupil Governors came up with the idea of designing a 'positivity poster' and we have been impressed with the responses, all of which are now printed and adorning the walls of our schools - a small taste is shown below.

We cannot wait till our school is full again this March, bursting with the voices of children eager to learn, share and enjoy each other's company.

Finally we are currently accepting places in our Cambourne site nursery for children wishing to start after Easter or September. If you have a child who will turn three in April or afterwards, please contact the nursery office for further information at [nursery@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk)



## The Village College wants to get back to business

**The Cambourne Village College** has been remote. The January half term was a tough but rewarding one as pupils, their families and staff worked together to achieve the best possible remote-learning experience. We don't underestimate how hard this has been for everyone. We have daily log-in levels of almost 97% for online learning which is a testament to just how hard everyone has worked to be engaging 'remote' lessons that staff have prepared so hard to produce. We continue to feel for and to support our Year 11 students who, at the time of writing continue to anticipate the finally agreed form they will be assessed this summer.

Since January, in addition to remote-learning, the College has been open daily for up to a hundred pupils in Critical Worker School. Regular weekly testing and very strict anti-Covid

measures have helped to ensure that for this period, we have had no reported cases of the virus.

Alongside all this, normal activities for this time of year have continued. Our Year 9s have chosen their Key Stage 4 courses, supported by a virtual Options process and individual guidance interviews as usual. We have had a successful round of teacher recruitment for September as the school continues to grow and balancing the school budget for the next three years remains extremely challenging.

Most exciting is the ongoing development of plans for the schools' expansion and the opening of our 6th Form Centre from September 2023. As the evenings grow brighter and the Spring flowers brighten our days, we're looking forward, eagerly to future!



## EDUCATION

# The Vine made Cambourne 'extraordinary' - literally

**The Vine Inter-Church Primary School** has seen some fantastic story writing skills from Year 5.

*"As the venturesome pair approached what once was the park, it now felt like they had entered into a mysterious jungle. They could smell the fresh air and felt the tropical breeze against their faces. They stopped and had a huge epiphany, they realised this was no longer the park, they were actually in the heart of the Amazon Jungle."*

Without a doubt, we have some budding authors in our midst. With lockdown making every day feel very similar and 'ordinary', we decided to use our imagination and make Cambourne extraordinary. We began

by getting our inspiration from the local area by drawing a map and gathering ideas on our daily outdoor exercise.

Our stories all began and finished in Cambourne but with exciting adventure and danger along the way. Year 5 really let their imagination run wild with this activity: from the woods turning into a jungle to the lake becoming a mystical swamp. We focused on how to describe our story settings and plot in detail to transport the reader into this fantastic world of imagination.

Amazingly, reading and writing can be an excellent escape as well as a great unplugged activity during this current lockdown!



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## Cambourne Town Council

### LATE BREAKING DEVELOPMENT NEWS UPDATES

There has been some confusion concerning the McCarthy Stone retirement home development having 3 shop units at street level. A representative at McCarthy Stone confirmed the following:

"There has always been 3 retail units proposed as part of our development and can confirm they have already been constructed. We are currently finalising lease terms with tenants at the moment but cannot confirm with whom yet." McCarthy Stone will will conduct their own internal investigation into the transfer of misinformation and seek to put a stop to it .

We recently got in touch with McMullens to find out when they plan to start work on building the pub-restaurant in Cambourne proposed to be located next to the new hotel. A representative said:

"The pub was delayed due to the non-development of the hotel. The previous developers had not fulfilled their obligations to prepare the site and we were unable to start until this was resolved, then Covid hit. We have 8 other developments which have subsequently been delayed due to Covid but we are back on site and working through those in 2021. With a fair wind, we would hope to be on site in Cambourne, late 2021 or in 2022."

McMullens will provide an update for their build commencement and build-stage timelines at a later date.



## CHURCHES

### CAMBOURNE CHURCH



I have never run a marathon, although in my younger days I did complete the Exeter half marathon. At the start of that race I knew the distance ahead of me and had trained accordingly. But in March last year when the pandemic hit this country, none of us knew the length of the race ahead ... and the race is not yet over. There are no clear mile markers to help us to pace ourselves and to encourage us on our way. In March 2020 I do not think that many of us expected still to be following pandemic measures in March 2021. The race continues.

I thank God for the COVID vaccines which have been produced and currently being administered. They offer a way out of the lockdown and a return to the way of life that has been

disrupted for more than a year ... but we must remember that the race is not yet over.

As a Christian this reminds me of a biblical instruction, which says "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." (Hebrews 12 v.1-2). We do not know how far it is to the finishing line but we do know the direction we should take, and that the race requires perseverance. That is true for our journey through this pandemic, and it is true for our journey through life with God. So keep on pressing on and fix your eyes on Jesus.

Rev Bill Miller

#### Services and events for March

At the time of writing we are unable to confirm what services we will be able to offer through March due to changing restrictions and the local COVID infection rates.

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

### More of the Same.

Prayer is communication. In a small group it is communication not only of your concerns to the Almighty, but it also communicates your heart for others to them if they are present. Often when praying with people you show that love. Even simply the fact someone else would take the time to show that concern for you is a special thing. I have even had atheists who profess no belief to thank me for taking time to pray for them when they were afflicted. Knowing someone cares is vital. In these troubled days it is a bit more difficult with personal meetings being a bit sparse. But we can call one another and express our concerns. I have been able to pray with and for many of the people in our church and several who were not part of our church, but they reached out in concern. People from literally all around the world can come together in this more intimate communication not just between them but reaching out in faith and it strengthens those bridges of fellowship.

Prayer also is done in private, completely alone with just you and the Lord. I had a small time of prayer this last month about 2am one morning trying to fix a misbehaving sunroof that kept opening on its own in the snow. Actually, now that I think about it a lot of my private prayer is when I am trying to fix something. Perhaps it is because sometimes it is those times that remind us we are not all knowing and we are lacking in strength or wisdom.

But it is precisely those times that is the best time to pray as it is without pride, without pretence or any of the junk we stick into our lives that hinder clear communication. Sickness or pain is another time that I find greater purity in prayer. I hope you all have people that will pray for you and that you will pray for as



**Pastor Donovan Bangs, Peacehaven Baptist Church**

well. We are exhorted to pray for one another *1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.*

Indeed we should pray for all people including those who do not like us or that we may like.

And if you cannot find anyone to pray for you, you can always email us and I will pray for you. Take care Cambourne

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## Plans for new village at Bourn Airfield backed by South Cambs District Council Planning Committee

**Plans for a new village of around 3,500 homes on the former World War II Airfield at Bourn have been supported by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee.**

These homes will be a mixture of affordable rent, shared ownership, rent to buy and discount market sale with 40% of the new homes classed as affordable. A wide range of new community facilities will come forward, including a new secondary school, two primary schools, community centres and playing fields.

A £20 million package to support local transport upgrades is part of the plans and includes walking, cycling and bus routes and electric car charging points. There will be woodlands, wildlife habitat areas, grassland, allotments and community orchards.

The Committee met on Friday 19 February to discuss the application from developers Countryside. They voted to support proposals for the new community on 210 hectares of land between Cambourne and Caldecote. The site is one of the new settlements that was allocated for development as part of the

Council's 2018 Local Plan, with this application being the next stage in bringing the plans forward.

As part of the development, there will also be shops, offices, healthcare, nurseries, library, place of worship and a hotel.

The development will be governed by a range of conditions covering transport, protecting the environment and ecology, the quality of the buildings and more. Additionally, the Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority continue to work on delivering a new public transport system that will link the development with Cambourne and Cambridge.

Earlier this year, the District Council's Planning Committee approved plans for new commercial buildings on the former Gestamp Factory on the airfield. The applicant estimated that the redevelopment of this old factory site would create up to 800 new, full time jobs.

*For further information contact Tom Horn in South Cambridgeshire District Council's communications team on [tom.horn@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:tom.horn@scambs.gov.uk) or 07704 072 548*

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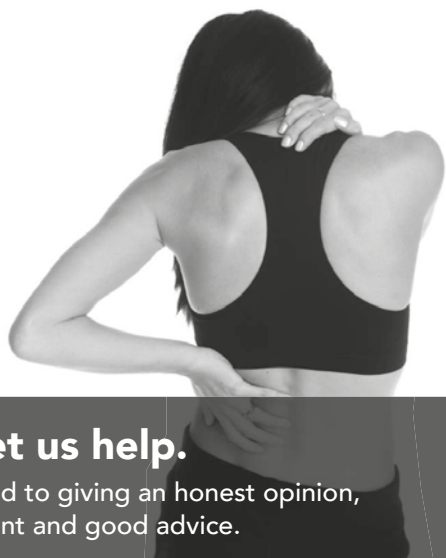
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## BUSINESS

### South Cambridgeshire District Council's latest budget proposals have been approved.

The latest budget plans have been approved by Councillors.

Full Council met (Tuesday 23 February) and discussed the budget papers. This followed earlier discussions at the Council's Cabinet and Scrutiny and Overview Committee. These discussions resulted in an addition to the budget in the form of a new job of Welfare and Visiting Advisor within the Council's Benefits Team, to improve support for those most in need of help. The latest budget also provides extra funding for the Council's homelessness team as they advise residents facing economic hardship, and land drainage department to help deal with recent heavy rainfall.

Councillors voted to approve the budget plans and heard how the Council, despite the Coronavirus pandemic, has an ambitious 4-year plan to transform service quality, ensure financial resources are fully aligned to business plan priorities and improve customer service.

The latest budget highlights commitments to:

Continuing to lead South Cambridgeshire's response to the Coronavirus pandemic, helping communities to recover

Continuing to do everything possible to support South Cambridgeshire's businesses via a fully operational new Business Support and Development Team, which was formed last year

A transformation programme across the Council, with a key aim being to improve customer service for all residents – especially via an improved digital experience

Like all businesses, the Council has faced challenges in drawing-up its budget due to the uncertainty over the economy and continuing impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic on residents and businesses.

South Cambridgeshire District Council estimates that the cost of dealing with the pandemic so far has been approximately £2.35 million. This is mainly due to increased spending on PPE, additional staff members to help in several areas such as community response, processing business grants and Council Tax support and new software for administering grants. Also, some savings that the Council had envisaged making during the past 12-months have not been possible due to Coronavirus, and income from fees, such as planning and licensing charges, has dropped.

The Council has received £1.9 million in Government grants to help it deal with increased spending due to Coronavirus.

Due to the continuing financial pressure on the Council, the proposals include around £5.1million worth of savings during the next four years, with £2.2million in savings and income already identified.

Around half of the Council's annual budget of just under £20 million comes from local Council Tax, and a £5 per year increase for the average band D home was agreed for the next financial year. The increase will see the average band D home charge for South Cambridgeshire District Council increase to £155.31 per year. This is a rise of around 10p per week. Despite the rise, the Council retains its position in the lowest 25% of taxing District Councils in the country.

### Census day is coming

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021.

Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare.

This can be a great tool for the government and others to figure out what they need to do next according to population densities and getting an overall picture of any given area.

Like If a new medical facility is needed in an area they can tell if the area has grown or shrunk since the last census in 2011. Some businesses use this data to plan for new stores. Emergency services also use this data for planning, as well as for educational facilities. Is a school or college needed? All kinds of things can be improved with this information. Charities for certain peoples can find out where the needs are. Really it is facinating just how much can be gleaned. However it is important to know this is just statistical and not personally identifiable information. They say "The personal information you put on your census is only used for statistical purposes. Our statistics don't contain any information that will allow you or anyone you live with to be

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Your personal census information cannot be used by government Only carefully selected and approved staff can see your personal census information. Approved staff use the information for statistical purposes only." And they state it is all confidential.

Now what differs from the surveys and questionnaires we often receive as public consultations in that this is actually

**MANDATORY** meaning if you live there you need to answer the questions. According to the government website

"After Census Day, at the end of March and into April, our census field officers will be visiting households from which we've not received a completed census form. They will encourage people to complete the census and help you to access further help if you need it. Our field officers will never need to enter your house." This is all run by the Office for National Statistics. Who in 2011 actually took people to court for non compliance with a maximum fine of \$1000. But those were very few.

Now some questions are voluntary and are labled as such and do not have to be answered. This census can be done online or on paper. To find more information see.  
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## SPORTS

## The Cricket Club has gained new sponsors

**CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB:** is preparing for the 2021 season with a brand new batting cage ordered, ready for when the Club can return to outdoor nets practice sessions in line with government guidelines.

As we look forward to a potential full season, we are pleased with the latest investment in our facilities, ensuring that our players are best-equipped to succeed.

Following last month's article, we would like to remind residents that we will be running the very popular ECB All Stars (5-8 years old) and Dynamos (8-11) programmes. Registration for the two courses has been postponed pending the government's February 22nd announcement, but the courses are still anticipated to start from 8th May.

The next step up in our player pathway, the Academy, has secured a partnership with Barons Cambridge BMW-Mini, which will see their logo displayed as the principal shirt sponsor for our U11, U13 & U15 teams. We are delighted to have reached this agreement with Barons, and are now seeking sponsorships for our Senior XIs.

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We cannot wait to welcome players old and new to the Club in the run-up to the 2021 season - up the Bombers!

*Darren de Souza*



## Cambourne Tennis bids farewell to its Club Secretary David Cansick



The tributes are continuing from the tennis club committee for club secretary David Cansick, who after 14 years of service will sadly be stepping down at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

David joined Cambourne Tennis club in 2005, in the early days of the club when only two tennis courts were available. He began his stint on the committee as competition's secretary in 2007 and became club secretary in 2010. During this time the club has seen 5

chairpersons, 10 different coaches as well as the Women's and Men's 1 teams go from the lowest to the top Division.

An important highlight has been the creation of the 3 new courts in 2016, which has enabled the club to expand its membership from under 100 members to over 300. As club secretary, David's contribution to the club has been essential in achieving club mark accreditation, raising over £70k in grants and obtaining planning permission for a club house. As a player, he has captained a variety of teams including men's, mixed and vets doubles. In 2016, he was part of the team that won the Men's Grays Cup for Cambourne. We thank David for his massive contribution to the club and we look forward to seeing him around on the courts, once conditions will allow this again.

As a final note, our 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held online on March 14th from 7-9pm. Members will receive an invitation by email. General

information about the Tennis club can be found on our website:

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