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## Exclusive: Anthony Browne MP talks to *Cambourne Crier*

In December, Cambourne Crier sat down for an exclusive interview with our local MP, Anthony Browne, and asked him for his views on issues affecting Cambourne and its residents

### What led you to become an MP?

Being scientific and analytical I was offered a place at Trinity College in Cambridge to read Mathematics. I qualified three years later but despite having a plan to be a scientist and mathematician I found I had a wider interest in life than solely mathematics and initially followed a career path into business consultancy and then media and was a journalist for *The Times*, *Observer* and the BBC - including a spell at *The Today Programme*. I was very lucky in a lot of ways and have seen a lot of the world ranging from investigating global warming in the Arctic Ocean to the Iraq



Nicola Neville-Stearn shows Anthony Browne how to pull the perfect pint at The Monkfield Arms

War. I even did a story on the Greenpeace Ship *Rainbow Warrior*.

I have always loved writing and appreciating new ideas and as I did more and more reporting about and around politics and saw how politics worked up close, I decided I would like to become an MP so I could do good for my constituents and for the country at large. There wasn't really a particular event or events, the situation just evolved.

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**“Politicians do listen to public opinion or they don't get elected again”**

### Local artworks on show



Art Exhibition held at The Hub

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### 135 new trees planted



Home Educators get busy digging!

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### Anna takes the gold!



Tennis club salutes stars of 2021

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## CAMBOURNE CRIER

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## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**A look back at 2021**

Despite another challenging year a lot has happened and we would like to share some of the Town Council's biggest achievements:

■ **Skatepark improvements:** In Spring 2021 we received the good news that we had been awarded grant funding towards the skatepark refurbishment by Sport England and Amey Community Fund. At the end of May we started removing the old, unsafe ramps. The start date was delayed due to Coronavirus and availability of materials, but the refurbishment began in October and the contractor has worked efficiently to install the new ramps. We are looking to open the skatepark early this year and will hold an opening ceremony to celebrate completion of the work.



■ **Facilities:** When the restrictions began to lift, we were pleased to reopen our community buildings and sports facilities and welcome back many groups and clubs to enjoy them again. We accommodated the Rapid Testing Centre in the Hub Community Centre from February to July 2021. They now run from the Lower Cambourne cricket pavilion three times a week to serve not only Cambourne but surrounding villages too.

■ **Youth Building:** The main achievement is bringing forward the construction of the new youth building after we successfully obtained a loan from South Cambs District Council and a grant from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Work started on site in August 2021 and is on schedule to be completed by mid-February 2022. We look forward to working with Cambourne Youth Partnership and other youth organisations to extend the youth provision in Cambourne. The new building incorporates a large club room, music suite, quiet rooms, kitchen and a large activity hall.



*Cambourne Youth Building under construction*

**Events**

■ **Cambourne Food Market:** The Town Council hosted one of the first community events of 2021. Cambourne Food Market took place on a sunny bank holiday in May at the Great Cambourne cricket pavilion instead of the Hub car park. This allowed more space for people to sit out on the green and ensure social distancing could be followed. It proved to be a welcome opportunity for families, friends and neighbours to get together after a period of lockdown.

■ **Cambourne Community Fete:** The Town Council's Cambourne Community Fete was hugely supported by residents, community groups and local businesses. It was a fantastic day filled with community spirit and we look forward to hosting an exciting community event next year.

■ **Light Up Cambourne:** Every year we work closely with the volunteers of Light Up Cambourne, the Christmas lights committee. The Town Council grounds team spend about a month installing the Christmas lights and trees in Cambourne in time for the switch on event.

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■ **Football Clubs:** Since 2019 we have supported the football clubs with the formation of Cambourne Town FC. We were heavily involved in the organisation of the football tournament that took place over a weekend in September 2021.

■ **Volunteering:** The Town Council has continued to support volunteers and groups in 2021. We continued to support Cambourne Volunteer Task Force as required, particularly during lockdown when demand for food parcels and collection of prescriptions was high.

■ **Community Litter Pick:** In June we organised a community litter pick to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean and over 50 volunteers came along to join in and help clean up Cambourne.

■ **The Cambourne Food Project:** We have also supported a Cambourne resident with the launch of the Cambourne Food Project - a community shop that opens on Wednesdays at the Hub Community Centre run by Hope CIC. The shop is available for anyone in the South Cambs area to use. The community shop offers affordable priced food and essential products but can offer parcels for free as required.

*We take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers in Cambourne for all their hard work supporting the Town Council voluntary groups and residents within the Town.*

■ **Councillors and Staff:** In February we welcomed Cllr Stephen Drew to the Town Council. In October, Owen Baker joined the Town Council office team as Football Development Officer.

Morgan Groves joined the Town Council grounds maintenance team as an apprentice. Dave Lawrence left the grounds maintenance team in November to begin his retirement. The Town Council wish him an enjoyable retirement and thank him for his hard work with us since 2017.

■ **Volunteers Fair:** We will be hosting the Volunteers Fair again which will take place on Saturday 22nd January 2022 in the Main Hall of the Hub Community Centre between 11am and 1pm. Find out what types of voluntary opportunities you can get involved in around Cambourne. A list of the groups attending will be posted on our Facebook page and website at least a week before. If you are unable to attend but are interested in volunteering opportunities, email: [community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

■ **Christmas Tree Recycling:** The Christmas Tree Recycling point is set up on the ground adjacent to The Hub Community Centre carpark. Christmas trees may be left here until Monday 17th January 2022 after which they will be shredded and used as mulch around Cambourne.

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

## January/February 2022

18th January 2022, 7pm - Planning Committee, followed by Full Council Meeting

1st February 2022, 7pm - Planning Committee, followed by Full Council Meeting

*Council meetings have returned to face to face and are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre.*

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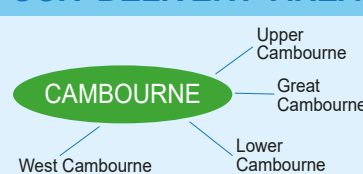
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## COMMUNITY

### Cambourne Library

We hope that you all enjoyed a happy and healthy festive break and wish you all that is good for the New Year!

**Engage** - We are delighted to announce that it is our intention to restart our hugely successful Engage talks soon! Please ask at reception for more information.

**Rhyme time** has now returned in earnest every other Thursday 9.30am – 10am and you can book your slot on the Eventbrite website.

**Harry Potter Night** Thursday 3rd February - look at the website or ask at the library for start times. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, join us in the library for an evening of magical crafts and bewitching activities.

#### Wildlife Trust Story and Crafts Event

**Tuesday 15th February 2022, 2pm – 3pm and 3.30pm – 4pm**

[www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)

Have a look at the website or ask at library reception for details on the newly chosen The Library Presents performances and art workshops and events for the Spring Season.

Cambridgeshire Libraries have created a new **Libraries and Wellbeing webpage**. This provides links to activities, resources and support, both national and local.

Visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing). Your feedback will help us improve our services online and in our libraries.

Global Online Bookclub - would you like to be part of a global online book club? Through our Libby app you can have access to the Big Library Read (<https://biglibraryread.com/>).

#### Current Library Opening times:

**Monday: 9am – 5pm**

**Tuesday: 9am – 1pm**

**Wednesday – closed**

**Thursday: 4pm – 7pm**

**Friday: 9am – 5pm**

**Saturday: 9am – 1pm**

**Sunday – closed**

The library offers a wide range of eBooks and eAudiobooks – please check our catalogue for details [cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/](http://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/). We also add to our book stock on a regular basis, so please do drop in and see what's new.

In order to keep our staff and customers safe we have completed a series of ventilation surveys throughout our council buildings in order to adjust, if needed, our restricted numbers. For everyone's safety and comfort we continue to manage the numbers of people inside the library at any one time and importantly remind you, that as we share the same building as our Monkfield Medical Practice, you need to wear a face-covering before entering the building and maintain social distancing inside. Carbon dioxide monitors will be in place sometime in the new year to monitor concentration to help maintain standards. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**IT Facilities** – access to our computers is available on a drop-in basis, but if you would like to ensure that a computer is available you can book online, by telephone, or directly with library staff. Printing and photocopying are also available, 20p per A4 black and white page and 75p for colour; payment via the linked coin box.

Please note that we have reintroduced late return charges, but only for adult loans – there are no late fees for children's books. Reservations remain at 50p and it now costs only £1 to borrow a DVD or audiobook for 3 weeks. Free services are available if you are housebound or visually impaired.

Contact the library on: 0345 045 5225

#### BIN COLLECTIONS:

(At the time of publication)

Black Bin Saturday 15th January, Thursday 27th January

Blue Bins: Monday 10th January, Friday 21st January

Green Bins: Friday 21st January

Further info: [www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling)

#### MOBILE POST OFFICE:

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But climb inside a brindlet coo**

**And dream o spring**



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[u3a.cambourne.org](http://u3a.cambourne.org)**

## Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force: Continuing to serve the community

CVTF has been serving the local community since the very start of the pandemic. We are a broad group of local volunteers backed by Cambourne Crescent, a local Muslim Charity. CVTF has provided support to the community in a variety of ways.

This includes delivering food parcels to struggling families, helping with grocery shopping (especially during the lockdown days when supermarkets could not fulfil the demand for home deliveries), collection and delivery of medicines for vulnerable or self-isolating, providing a point of contact for people feeling lonely/isolated, supporting other charities through delivery of supplies donated to us in excess of the need, driving people for vaccination appointments etc.

We had, in the past, operated our food bank activity through provision of weekly food parcels that could be collected or delivered.

Thanks to a return to relative normalcy and reduced demand, we moved to an on-demand shop-and-drop operating model for the food parcels. We have responded to a steady number of requests since. Some of these were referred to us by the Town Council or other public agencies while others have come to us directly from people in need of help.



Unlike the typical food bank model of supplying long-life items, we have been supplying food parcels containing typical items that are part of a weekly shopping, including fresh milk, bread, eggs, fruits and vegetables. This has worked well especially with the demand not going back to the soaring levels as in the earlier days of the pandemic. We are also pleased to mention that there have been very few repeat requests from the same recipients which is an indicator to us that our service is being used in the right way ie, a service for short-term help.

■ We are writing to remind our neighbours in the town that we are here for anyone in the need of help. We can be reached via Online contact form at [www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf](http://www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf)  
Email: [info@cambourne crescent.org](mailto:info@cambourne crescent.org)  
Phone: 07593 396855

## Cambridge Country Club

### Welcoming in the New Year at Cambridge Country Club

Following the successful opening of Cambridge Country Club in 2021, guests have been enjoying the brand new luxury health and wellness complex and utilising the superb new facilities. Kicking off the New Year, guests are invited to experience the array of health, wellbeing and leisure offerings at Cambridge Country Club.



With New Year resolutions starting, The Gym offers state of the art equipment featuring the latest Life

Fitness Technology to support a wide variety of workouts and fitness levels. Set across a large open plan workout space, dedicated workout areas enable functional fitness, cardio and strength training. A spin room and private studio offer the perfect setting for group exercising classes.

Throughout January, guests are invited to experience the facilities offering a complimentary day pass (worth £25). New gym members can benefit from a limited time offer of no joining fee PLUS a free 30-minute ELEMIS treatment. T&Cs apply.



If more time to relax is your priority then look no further than the luxurious new facilities at The Spa. Seven treatment rooms all equipped to offer ELEMIS® 'No-Touch' Biotech facial technology ensure the best in skincare with each visit. Guests can also relax in the Himalayan salt spa, unwind in the relaxation room and refresh in the Rainforest shower whilst they are also invited to make use of the exquisite new swimming pool with whirlpool complete with poolside loungers. With a selection of spa packages available guests can truly relax and restore in luxury.

Throughout January, guests are invited to experience the Mindful Spa Day Package for just £100 per person, including the use of the stunning facilities, a 1-hour treatment, robe & slipper hire and Champagne lunch. T&Cs apply.

For those wishing to spend more time with friends and family, why not come dine with Cambridge Country Club. With Executive Chef Lee Scott overseeing the dining, guests can visit Spikes

Bar with a dedicated food and drinks menu, The Lounge, serving healthier choices as



part of the club's spa and leisure experiences and launching new for 2022, Azure restaurant will offer 5\* fine dining and bespoke à la carte menus.

The Cambridge Country Club is now accepting bookings for all dining and events, including weddings and Health & Wellness memberships are also now available.



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## COMMUNITY

# CERC registers for ESA CanSat Space Competition

The children of Cambourne are going ahead for the first time in the European CanSat competition which is organised by the European Space Agency (ESA) through the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC). The team is made up of four to six secondary school students, aged 13-19 years old.

The European CanSat Competition is an ESA Education project that promotes STEM literacy amongst young European students through project-based learning. A CanSat is a simulation of a real satellite, integrated within the volume and shape of a soft drink can. The team's challenge is to fit all the major subsystems of a satellite inside this minimal volume, launched by a small rocket.

The mentor of the club, Dr Sujit Bhattacharya, remarked that the CERC team participation will offer a unique opportunity for the

participants to have a first practical experience of a real space-related project. The students will be responsible for all the aspects: designing the CanSat, selecting its mission, integrating the components, testing, preparing launch and then analysing the data.

The founder of the club, Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, wished the team all the success and is confident that the team will achieve all the mission objectives and the participants with their experience will inspire more students in the future to participate in such STEM-related activities.

■ For more information about CERC and its STEM outreach activities, please contact Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)



# Cambourne Art Exhibition by CamCareUK

The second Art Exhibition of Cambourne was held on 26th November at the Hub Community Centre. It gave the artists an opportunity to exhibit their artworks to the local community and network with other artists.

The organiser of the event, Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya said, "We are grateful to the local artists who turned up with their large number of canvases, paintings and jewellerys and

helped the community to uplift the spirit of the residents during this difficult time."

The exhibition was attended by many local residents of Cambourne, and the artworks were highly appreciated.

The event was hosted by CamCare UK and supported by Cambourne Timebank, Hope CIC and Cambourne Town Council.





## COMMUNITY

# New retirement complex opens in Cambourne



There was cause for celebration in December when Councillor Ruth Betson officially opened Uplands Place, the latest retirement living development in Cambourne.

Councillor Betson was joined by the McCarthy Stone team and Uplands Place homeowners to perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Commenting on the opening, Councillor Betson said: "I was absolutely delighted to be asked to open Uplands Place and it was a memorable and fun occasion for everyone who attended. The new development is right in the heart of the community of Cambourne, which I am obviously very passionate about, so it was wonderful to chat with homeowners and discover exactly why they love living here."

Debby Pavitt, Divisional Sales and Marketing Director for McCarthy Stone, added: "It was a real honour to welcome Councillor Ruth Betson to declare Uplands Place officially open. We are thrilled to be able to offer retirees in Cambourne the opportunity to downsize while maintaining an active, independent lifestyle, surrounded by like-minded individuals."

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## COLUMNISTS



### ANTHONY BROWNE

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## A happy New Year to all

I recently visited The Vine Inter-Church Primary School in Cambourne to present an award to the winner of the Christmas Card competition, Lydia, who at only 6 years old, entered this year's competition to design a card for South Cambridgeshire at Christmas.

Lydia's design of a festive-themed Wimpole Hall saw off stiff competition to take the top prize. I was delighted to present Lydia with a certificate signed by the Prime Minister, who was pictured with her winning design, alongside a Houses of Parliament Teddy Bear. She received a photograph of the Prime Minister with her card and Lydia and her class have also been invited to visit the Houses of Parliament in the New Year.

Last month, I launched a congestion charging

survey following the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) 'Making Connections' consultation, which proposed differing levels of congestion charging for vehicles entering Cambridge City. More than 1,800 people responded to the survey and over 100 of those came from Cambourne. The results showed over 80 per cent of respondents do not currently support congestion charges, with just 10 per cent in favour - a ratio of 8:1 against.

Given this result, and my own deep concerns about the unfairness to key workers on low incomes and the inherent problems in implementing such a scheme, I cannot support charging at this time. I am now convinced that congestion charging would split our community in two, this was borne out by many of the comments I received, many from Cambourne residents.



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## Keeping Cambourne safe in the New Year

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Cambourne a Happy New Year 2022.

A safety issue was raised by the Headteacher of Cambourne Village College and I visited the college along with members of Cambourne Town Council and the County Council to introduce more road signage at Swansley Lane and having a special cycle route to reduce risk and increase safety for children.

I also initiated the discussion to introduce the refilling of the food and cleaning materials at the local Council meeting and other community groups which helps less plastic packaging.

I also found that we are still using cash in our

local library to buy the greetings cards or to access the library facilities, I therefore requested that the local council introduce a card reader instead of using cash during the pandemic.

I am also happy to assist residents with various community activities (mainly outdoors and following social distancing) that includes art, heritage, science, technology, food, fundraising, sports, festivals and fairs. Anyone aged 13 – 24 are welcome to volunteer for the Duke of Edinburgh at Bronze, Silver or Gold level for giving back to the community and learning a new skill through these activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for your grocery shopping just in case you cannot go out of the house and need to isolate.

The pandemic is still far from ending so please stay safe and get fully vaccinated asap.



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## Coeliac disease

**Coeliac disease is neither an allergy nor a food intolerance but is an autoimmune condition.** In someone with coeliac disease, gluten (found in wheat, barley and rye) causes the body's immune system to attack its own cells leading to damage to the small intestine. This can stop it working normally and means the intestine stops absorbing nutrients from food properly. As a result, anaemia (low iron) or low levels of other nutrients may develop.

This can also cause weight loss (although not always) or poor growth in children. Coeliac disease occurs in around 1 in 100 people but is more common in those with family members who

are affected. It can develop in childhood or adulthood.

Other symptoms include gut problems, tiredness, headaches, mouth ulcers and skin problems, but also may not cause any symptoms at all. Coeliac disease can be checked (while gluten is still in the diet) with a blood test and may also require an endoscopy. Those who have coeliac disease must follow a lifelong gluten free diet. Eating even tiny amounts of gluten can cause severe symptoms and there are risks of long term health issues; therefore using separate chopping boards and utensils is necessary.

The good news is that once a gluten free diet is followed, symptoms are likely to disappear.

■ Further information: [www.coeliac.org.uk](http://www.coeliac.org.uk)



## COMMUNITY

### New Youth Wellbeing Café

We are all becoming increasingly aware of the importance of supporting young people's mental and emotional health and wellbeing, not least because of the additional stresses that the last couple of years have had. Through the work of Cambourne Youth Partnership and Romsey Mill, youth workers are regularly providing wellbeing interventions with young people in Cambourne, from having supportive conversations with those with low level needs to providing more intensive one-to-one work alongside professional mental health involvement.

As part of our focus on developing this work, we are delighted to be partnering with Cambourne Church to launch a new youth wellbeing café. The café will be open from 3.30-5pm every Friday in term time in the Church Annexe, starting on Friday 14th January. Any young person aged 11-17 is welcome to come along, either to pop in during it or stay for the whole time. There will be healthy snacks on offer, along with a variety of spaces such as conversation tables, chill out zone and a creative area. Different themes will be explored each week with invited guests coming along to share their experiences and skills around wellbeing. Youth workers and volunteers will be available to talk to anyone who would like to have a chat and support with further signposting if that is helpful.

The youth café will be free to attend (including refreshments) thanks to the generous support of Monkfield Medical Practice who have secured funding to enable us to run the group.

More details are available at [www.cambournesoul.co.uk/wellbeingcafe](http://www.cambournesoul.co.uk/wellbeingcafe) or from Emma Slater on 07523518829 or at [emma.slater@romseymill.org](mailto:emma.slater@romseymill.org)

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## INTERVIEW

### Our exclusive interview with Anthony Browne MP continues here...

#### Why become MP for South Cambridgeshire?

I am really pleased to be the representative for South Cambs because I was born in my constituency, my school and my university are in my constituency and I'm especially proud of being the MP for Addenbrookes Hospital, which actually saved my life when I was a teenager.

#### What do you think when you visit Cambourne?

I particularly appreciate the architectural styles around Cambourne, there is such a wide range of different housing which all fit together well. This contrasts with other developments where all of the houses are the same. Cambourne has character. I also like the curvature of the streets, meaning it is not all long straight boulevards - but you do sometimes end up where you started! What is also good is that all of the pavements are pedestrian friendly and the whole town is cycle friendly, which in turn helps the environment and quality of life.

#### What do you think about developing the High Street in Cambourne?

You need a town centre which has character, rather than somewhere that is just glass and steel and tall buildings which don't really have any soul.

Cambourne needs a High Street which is more human scaled and lifts the spirits,

**“Cambourne has character. The town has a nice feeling about it”**

somewhere that you go and think, enjoy and appreciate. This town has a nice feeling about it, there is obviously a space in Cambourne for a High Street and currently there is not a lot there apart from grass. We want a High Street that brings joy to the hearts of the people in Cambourne rather than a High Street that depresses the spirits and I will keep pushing for that positive outcome.

#### How can you assist as our MP?

As an MP I respond to what people write to me about. For example, with planning issues I have influence but I am not the decision maker. With regard to the High Street development this is a decision for South Cambs District Council since they decide what gets built and what doesn't get built, however don't let this deter you from getting in touch because I can certainly express my views like I have with a number of other developments in the region.

With all issues, elected representatives care about public opinion and the more people who express a particular opinion the more politicians listen. So the more people who contact me about an issue,



the more leverage I can give it, since I can state that it affects a significant number of people.

However, people can also help the situation by writing to South Cambs District Council (or whatever is the appropriate authority for the issue in question), set up campaign groups, Facebook or social media pages, write to local media or start petitions to get their point across and be noticed.

In short, politicians do listen to public opinion or they don't get elected again. It is difficult to exert influence when there is a lone voice, but when enough people express an opinion, politicians can exert influence based on that public sway of opinion. That is the joy of democracy.

#### Should a swimming pool be built in Cambourne?

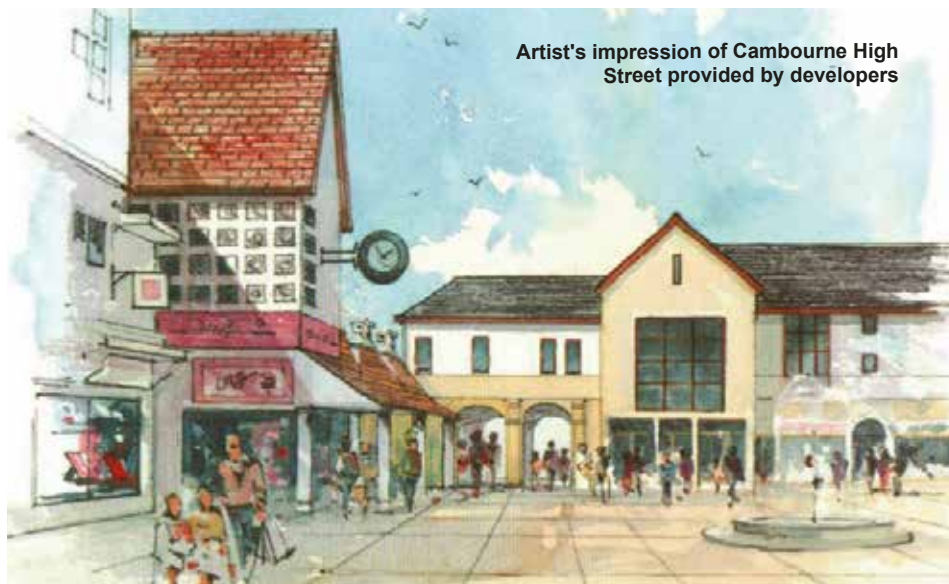
A particular issue I'd like to hear about is swimming pools. I am aware that was a high priority in the Cambourne Town Council Parish Plan and Cambourne does not currently have a swimming pool, yet Melbourne does. There are various debates about where a pool could be situated, however this is something that I would be happy to support, along with more facilities for teenagers in Cambourne.

#### What current issues do you feel strongly about?

I am very keen that local people have more say and more control over what happens in their area, particularly developments in their vicinity. What is clear to me is that many people get angry about developments which affect them but over which they have little or no control.

#### Will East-West Rail be good for Cambourne?

I think East West Rail is good for Cambourne. Cambourne can be singled out as an area which is keen for East West Rail to proceed. It would help commuters



Artist's impression of Cambourne High Street provided by developers



## ANTHONY BROWNE MP

immensely who need to work in Cambridge or even commute to London. The journey from Cambourne to the Biomedical Campus would only take about 10 minutes, which would be amazing. I have also been pushing for the station to be situated in North Cambourne.

Cambourne is typical of a lot of areas where there has been a significant population growth and public transport has not kept pace. I am also aware that the bus routes have not changed following the expansion of Cambourne with the people in Upper Cambourne sometimes having a 20 minute walk to get to a bus stop.

### Tell us about your support for Biomedical Research

I know many people in Cambourne work in the area of biomedical research and what is happening in these companies is incredibly exciting and cutting edge, it really is world leading and in some cases it actually sounds like science fiction. The future is being created here and now. We really are advancing so quickly that in 10 years time we will look back at medicine in the year 2000 like we look at medicine in the Middle Ages. I am Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Life Sciences and spend a lot of time talking to the Government about this subject and I am very supportive of this very important sector.

### What are your opinions about diversity in Cambourne?

Cambourne is a very good example of people living together from different ethnicities and backgrounds in harmony and just getting on with their lives. I am delighted to say as an MP I have had no complaints at all regarding problems relating to diversity. It could be that Cambourne can be held up as a model for other new towns to follow in this area.

### Do you have a New Year message to the people of Cambourne?

I know it has been a difficult couple of years, but I am confident that next year will be much better, with a return to normality with confidence. Hopefully everyone will be able to live the life they want to live.

### Happy New Year!

■ Cambourne Crier would like to thank Nicola Neville-Stearn and her team for their hospitality during this interview, hosted at The Monkfield Arms.



Anthony Browne MP met with Andrea Sisneros, Paula Brown, Paul Jobling and Seema Achall from Cambourne Crier



Cambourne Country Park

**ANTHONY BROWNE** was born in Cambridge and brought up on a farm near to Cambourne in the village of Fowlmere, where his parents grew wheat and potatoes as well as rearing chickens. "I always wished I could have been able to drive the tractor, but never did manage it!" he said. Anthony attended Milton Road Primary School followed by Fowlmere Primary School where he was lucky enough to win a scholarship to Perse School - one of only two available at that time - and then to Hills Road 6th Form college.

### What do you do in your leisure time?

I am married and lucky enough to have twins, a boy and a girl. When I'm not working, I love walking and often spend time enjoying the footpaths around the

nature reserves and country parks in the area. I think the country park in Cambourne is a real hidden gem, that you don't know exists until you become part of the Cambourne Community. I can totally see why the people of Cambourne are so attached to it, it has everything, lakes, hills, wildlife and nature. I have often held up Cambourne Country Park as an example of good planning and biodiversity.

In fact, the biodiversity figure for Cambourne is about 40 per cent, which is much higher than most developments and something to be proud of. It is a living model for other developments who want to give access to nature and I have made that point on a number of occasions to DEFRA and the Department for Housing (now DLUHC).

## EDUCATION

### CVC's Class of 2022 Prefect Team

**CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE:** The December term ended with a virtual Christmas concert, and plans are in place for January on-site testing of pupils, as we continue to feel the impacts of the pandemic. However, in spite of the restrictions, a full range of extra-curricular events and activities took place over the autumn term and these are reported in our school magazine, News@Cam, available via our website: [www.cambournevc.org](http://www.cambournevc.org).

As part of these ongoing activities, our prefect team play an important role in school, and Rupesh and Lydia, our head prefects, have provided this report on the team's work: *We are a group of Year 11s, selected to represent our fellow students. We coordinate, plan and organise various activities around the school. The prefect team, consisting of 14 prefects led by two*



*head prefects, works to change and improve the school. There are various roles the prefects hold, in areas such as sport, performing arts, well-being, charity and events. Our aim is to give a voice to the students and to challenge where we believe we can make improvements to the school. Our job is to be a stepping-stone between students and teachers, to understand what it is to be a student, but to be able to communicate to the teachers in order to spark change. We have recently been raising money for charity and school events via fundraising activities and a school council for students; we work to always help and support others. We have tried, and will continue to try to achieve this throughout our year as the Class of 2022 Prefect Team.*

### Monkfield Park goes back in time for WOW days



**MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL:** There was much to fit in to the last few weeks of the Autumn term. Many children have had very enjoyable WOW days which enhance their learning and inspire them to immerse themselves in the topics they have been studying. Year 6 were transported back to the trenches of World War 1 so that they could fully appreciate what life would have

been like for ordinary people living through those difficult times. The pupils learned basic first aid, how to march, perform some authentic drills and make the little known delicacy, trench cake.

Year 3 students travelled back more than 5,000 years to the Stone Age. They enjoyed making clay beads and jewellery, flint tools and a Stone Age menu from foraged foods.

Meanwhile, Year 1 and Year 4 have been bringing the spirit of Christmas to school, filling the halls with joyful songs and Christmas music as they busily prepare for their forthcoming performances to families and friends via Zoom.

This year, Year 1 performed 'A Wiggly Nativity' - a very energetic re-telling of the nativity story filled with dancing camels and sheep and some wonderful, catchy songs, while Year 4 entertained their families and friends with a festival of traditional music, readings and carols in addition to some popular favourites.

### Big Little Nativity at the Vine

**THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL:** In the second half of the autumn term the English focus in Year 2 was recounts. We explored newspaper articles and wrote, as journalists, about how the Great Fire of London started. We stepped into the shoes of Samuel Pepys and wrote an eyewitness diary entry about our day. Now we have written an article about our Christmas Performance "The Big Little Nativity".

In November and December Year 2 were practising for our performance of "The Big Little Nativity". We were very excited to tell the traditional story of the birth of Jesus.

Next, we sorted out our amazing costumes. We had narrators, smartly dressed, helping to retell the story. There was, of course, Mary, Joseph and a cheeky donkey, along with shepherds, sheep and wise men (and women) with camels. Our choir of angels looked lovely in tinsel-covered costumes.



Unfortunately, we could not invite our family and friends into school to be our audience, but we still put up the stage in the hall to record our fabulous performance.

Finally, we dressed in our costumes, walked into the hall and got into our positions. The stage was big!! We proudly spoke our words and tried to use our big voices. Our singing was fantastic!



## Home Educators take advantage of the warm weather to indulge in some tree planting

**EDUCATING OTHERWISE:** We were blessed with blue skies and sunshine for our tree planting event on Monday 22nd November 2021 - a partnership between Cambourne Home Educators and Cambourne Town Council, with free trees from the Woodland Trust.

We had great fun creating a small new wood next to Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion. The land is currently owned by developer MCA and managed by Randall Thorpe, who gave permission for the planting. Soon the land will be adopted by Cambourne Town Council and the Grounds Team will look after the trees.

We planted 135 saplings of a variety of species including hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn and goat willow, which will produce leaves, pollen, fruits and seeds as food for caterpillars, butterflies, bees, aphids, other insects, birds and mammals such as mice, voles, foxes and badgers. Larger trees will provide



nesting sites and shelter for birds and small mammals such as wood mice and habitats for mosses, liverworts, lichens and fungi. The trees will also absorb air pollution and carbon dioxide which affect our climate.

"This wood will create an important wildlife corridor by linking up the patches of woodland either side," said Warren, Head Groundsman from Cambourne Town Council, who prepared the land beforehand and joined us planting trees with his colleague Chris.

It'll be amazing to watch these trees grow over the years and know that we all did something positive for Cambourne wildlife and our planet. Thank you very much to everyone involved!

*Darcy Simpson*

## Community Garden



The Vine Inter Church school are planning to set up a **Community Garden Wellbeing group** based in their school grounds. We have received funding from the Cambourne Crier Community fund and hope to start this project this coming Spring. We are offering a calm, protected and supportive environment where we hope Cambourne residents can reconnect with nature and benefit from the healing power of our grounds. At the Vine we are fortunate to have an orchard, wildflower meadow, vegetable allotment and willow structures and aim to provide a two-hour weekly gardening group.

This may be an opportunity for someone to reconnect with gardening, or an opportunity to learn new skills.

We would welcome enquiries from anyone in the community who feels this is an idea they would like to explore further.

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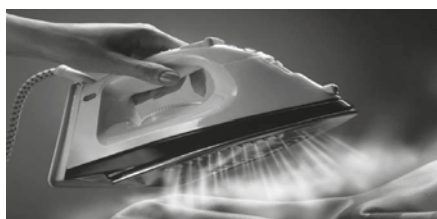
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## CHURCHES

## CAMBOURNE CHURCH

It was a joy to be able to reopen 19 - The Coffee House (the volunteer run coffee house based in the Cambourne Church foyer) last term after 16 months of closure due to the Covid pandemic.

Sadly, due to a shortage of volunteers, we have had to open for reduced hours and days but it has been wonderful to see the return of familiar faces and to welcome some new ones - both in among the volunteers and the customers. We have also been running a reduced menu but, of course, including our trademark bacon rolls.

It would be great to be able to open for more hours and days, but this would require a larger volunteer team. Would you like to see this happen? Could you spare a couple of hours one day a week (or more!) to help this? Would you like to join the friendly and supportive team? No skills are required other than enthusiasm and friendliness!

Members of the 19 team will be at the Cambourne Volunteer Fair on Saturday 22nd January at the Hub if you would like to meet us and find out more. If you can't come along then but are interested in supporting the coffee house by joining the team, we'd love to hear from you. You can pop into the coffee house and speak to Cilla, the manager, or email [19@cambournechurch.org.uk](mailto:19@cambournechurch.org.uk)

The whole 19 team would like to wish you a very happy New Year and we hope to see you in the coffee house at some point.

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## Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

## Take care of the little things.

The Bible says the little foxes spoil the vines. This sometimes is used as an illustration that sometimes it is not the large enemy that causes the problem but the little neglected things. This I rediscovered these past 2 months as illness struck again. And again as a direct result of me trying to get healthier. I started walking 3 times a week both outside and on a treadmill. I would take a break from office things and go for a walk and come straight back after an hour. I developed from what my doctor said was athletes foot and that because of the cracked skin it allowed an infection into my leg and pretty much laid me out for a month and a half. It is like trying to get healthy is killing me. It feels like being in a sit com but no one has told me. Now the reason I mention this is to remind you to not lose sight of the little things that we can deal with that make a difference. These days it is

easy to feel a bit helpless and despondent. You cannot do much about massive global problems. But you can keep your feet dry. You cannot maybe do much for the greater economy but you can show kindness to friends, relatives or even strangers. Do a little preventative maintenance for yourself and others. Now I write this in late December so I have no idea what will be the situation by the time this is delivered. We should be meeting at the Hub at 11am on Sundays but it is all subject to change. Keep safe Cambourne. I continue to upload messages at <https://tinyurl.com/y7saqark> **Pastor Donovan Bangs**



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## Cambourne TKD congratulates Niven on Championship success

**CAMBOURNE TKD:** 2021 may have been a mixed bag for most with a return to work, school and seeing our loved ones again. Hopefully this will continue but we await new guidance.

2021 saw us reopening and enjoying outdoor lessons in the summer sunshine before moving to new premises in CVC. Many old friends renewed their martial art passion in addition to several new members. It has been wonderful to meet and to start them on their Tae Kwon Do journey, learning valuable lifelong lessons to also be used outside of the Dojang.

At the end of 2021 the TAGB held its British Championship, the first national competition in 2 years. The

venue was the Coventry Skydome, which reverberated to the sounds of more than 1,200 competitors competing over 16 rings; and despite the size and competitiveness of the event, Cambourne TKD was very successful. Huge congratulations go to Niven Ilankumaran who won gold for patterns and bronze for sparring. Niven is a young member of our club who has really excelled this year to demonstrate his skills and determination. Keep it up young man!

■ *If you are looking for a new fun, energetic activity for 2022 and looking to join a friendly and successful team, contact Stephen on 07905 744777, [stephenlacey73@gmail.com](mailto:stephenlacey73@gmail.com) or visit our Cambourne TKD Facebook page.*

## CTFC launches inclusive training sessions for children

**CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB** ran two taster sessions during December for inclusive children with SEN or Disabilities with 14 children and their families in attendance. These sessions also supported by the Town Council and sponsored now the sponsor SEN Legal - a nationwide specialist legal practice representing the families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Formal sessions that families can sign their children up to will start in January (date tbc) and will run every Sunday morning 11:30am to 12:30pm on the 3G pitches behind Everyone Active. At each session there will be qualified and experienced coaches with more coaches joining us in 2022. Sponsor of these sessions, Hayley Mason, Director and Senior Solicitor at SEN Legal Ltd said: 'We are firm believers at SEN Legal that every child/young person should be able to fulfil their ability, regardless of any disability. We are delighted to support Cambourne Town Council in launching their disability football sessions to ensure those previously unable to access football as an activity will have the opportunity to do so.'

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## SPORT



## Cambourne's junior basketball teams are unstoppable!

### CAMBOURNE BASKETBALL

**CLUB:** Cambourne Junior Basketball has been busier than ever since September 2021. Our U10 and U12 teams competed in Fastbreak 2021 Autumn League held in Cambourne Village College.

The league had three teams of Northstowe, Cambourne and St Neots. After a round-a-robin group stage where each team played twice against other teams, the top two teams played the final in December.

Northstowe Jets teams achieved a winning streak in the first round of their matches. While Cambourne Raptors teams had a winning streak in the second round of their matches!

Both clubs ended with identical points in the group stage. The U10 final was between Cambourne Raptors and Northstowe Jets on 4th December. Cambourne started in the lead by a few points but the Jets managed to win the final 23 vs 18.

The U12 final was also between Northstowe Jets and Cambourne Raptors on 11th December. They were level until the second quarters, which Cambourne dominated winning 24 vs 15.

U10 and U12 teams will play in a new Fastbreak League from January with Cambridge Cats, NH Knights, Kings Lynn, Northstowe Jets and St Neots.

Cambourne and Northstowe have 'united' to field U14 and U16 teams in

Nene Valley Peterborough League. It is an early stage of the league and we will report results later in 2022.

'Fastbreak United' girls team - Cambourne and Northstowe girls, played a couple of friendly matches against Kettering Phoenix in December too. We invite all Cambourne girls to join our friendly teams and we are hoping to report more about these teams in future.

■ *Cambourne basketball junior sessions are run by Fastbreak Basketball on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Matches are held on Saturday or Sundays and optional only for those who would like to compete. New players are welcome for all age groups.*

*Please visit our website [fastbreakbasketball.co.uk/clubs/cambourne-junior-basketball](https://fastbreakbasketball.co.uk/clubs/cambourne-junior-basketball) or email [cambourne@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk](mailto:cambourne@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk) for more information.*





## Soccer School returns for Reception and Year 1

### CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB:

The Cambourne Town FC Soccer School takes place every Saturday 9am-10am at the Everyone Active 3G pitches.

Boys and Girls are welcome to attend the Soccer School, although we recommend that girls attend our Sunday Wildcats sessions.

We currently have space for girls aged

4-9. Wildcats session take place every Sunday at 10am on the 3G pitch behind Everyone Active.

If you have enquiries about the Sunday Wildcats sessions for girls please contact [wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:wildcats@cambournetownfc.org.uk)

If you have a Reception or Year 1 child that would like to play please email [soccerschool@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:soccerschool@cambournetownfc.org.uk)



## Recycle old gloves and boots with the CTFC

You can recycle or upcycle used football items that no longer fit or are needed anymore thanks to Cambourne Town FC's private Facebook group.

This is for players, parents/carers and coaches to swap unwanted items such as football boots and goalkeeper gloves that typically children grow out of quickly!

This group isn't a selling page, but has been set up to enable FREE recycling of used items.

We hope you will find it useful and save some £'s! Just search for group 'CTFC Boots and Gloves exchange' on Facebook.



## Attention! CTFC needs more coaches

**CAMBOURNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB:** As a club we have huge amounts of interest from children who want to play with many more teams in spring 2022. We are oversubscribed in terms of the number of players and interest is growing all the time. All of our teams have qualified parents - Mums and Dads just like you who coach their teams. As a club we will pay for your coaching qualifications and support is given to newly qualified coaches. It's easier than you think, and volunteering this way will open up opportunities for your child and others to train and play. If you're interested in this please contact us for a chat: [minisec@cambournetownfc.org.uk](mailto:minisec@cambournetownfc.org.uk)



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## SPORT

## CCC dominates in Bedfordshire Indoor League

**CAMBOURNE CRICKET CLUB:** The wickets at Lower and Great Cambourne may have been put to bed for the off-season, but that hasn't meant a winter without cricket for Cambourne. The Bombers have entered the Bedfordshire Indoor League, with a six-a-side team taking on all comers as they look to gain promotion at the first time of asking.

Cambourne's inaugural game was an instant classic; young gun Callum McLean fell cheaply, but Matt Bridge and Ryan McAlister both powered their way to 25 and retirement, whilst Darren de Souza steadied the ship to end 19\* giving Cambourne 138 to defend. A sharp catch from McAlister off de Souza's bowling gave the Bombers their first-ever indoor league wicket, with Ryan getting a wicket of his own and yet another catch. McLean atoned for his batting by striking twice with the ball, as he and Darren also displayed deadly accuracy in the field with a run out apiece. In the end, Callum's tight bowling in the last over



meant that the Bombers secured a 6 run win over Olney Town CC and got off to the best possible start.

Cambourne's batting performance in the second match was nothing to write home about save for McAlister adding to his infinite average with another 26\*, as 81 extras gave CCC 131 to defend. Henry Ashman took a lightning-fast catch off McAlister, with Jonathan Gadbsy, Durrani Sr. and Jr. providing some wonderful bowling to restrict Ampthill Town CC to two figures, finishing on 92/1 and giving Cambourne a 39 run victory. Cambourne will look to continue their fine indoor form in the New Year!

## Cambourne Tennis salutes its rising stars

**CAMBOURNE TENNIS:** We look forward to another year full of tennis fun and hope to see many of you during social sessions, matches, coaching sessions, or for a simple hit with friends or family. Before we start 2022, we want to highlight a few 2021 successes of our junior players. For example, Anna Byron, one of our under-12 players, has been successful at various tournaments. In the final months of 2021, she won Gold at Huntingdon (G5), took Silver at Royston (G5) and Haverhill (G4), and Bronze at Cambridge (G3). G is the tournament grade, where lower numbers indicate a stronger tournament, e.g. G3 is Regional. Anna is pictured to the right, with her gold medal.

In addition, our junior teams ranging from 8Us to 18Us have been competing in the Cambridgeshire Winter National League, with some very promising results. We have two Cambourne teams in the 16 and under boys league, with our A-team currently in second place behind Fen Drayton A and our B-team in fourth, after three matches. Meanwhile, the Cambourne 18 and under team has won their first match against Cambridge LTC. Latest results can be found at [competitions.lta.org.uk](https://competitions.lta.org.uk)

■ We offer spring coaching sessions from 10th January to 2nd April (11 weeks, excluding February half term). As always, both group and private lessons at different levels are available.



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