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Formal planning permission issued for new village at Bourn Airfield

The planning permission for around 3,500 homes on the former World War Two Airfield at Bourn has been issued by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The planning application from the landowners and developers Countryside was considered by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee in February 2021. However, discussions to agree details relating to infrastructure requirements, and more recent water supply issues in Greater Cambridge, had caused the planning permission to be delayed.

Following a letter to the Secretary of State by South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Council Leaders, and the establishment by the Government of a Water Scarcity Group for Cambridge with £8 million of initial funding, the Council is now able to give the final greenlight for the scheme.

In addition to securing 40% of the new homes as affordable housing, the completed legal agreement with the landowners will provide in excess of £100 million of funding for new health facilities, schools, community and transport infrastructure. More than 45% of the site will be dedicated to open spaces, green elements such as woodlands, footpaths, bridleways and hedges and recreation areas.

During the past year especially, there has been significant activity and focus on addressing water scarcity issues in Greater Cambridge. Local Council leaders have been pressing Government ministers since early 2023 on the need for national support to address the challenges facing the area. In response, the Government established a "Water Scarcity Group" with representatives from the regulator, Environment Agency, Government departments, water industry and the Councils.



Image by Countryside Properties UK Ltd

To date, some £8 million has been earmarked to enable projects aimed at addressing the short- and long-term need for increased water efficiency and new sources of water supply other than groundwater.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Leader, Cllr Bridget Smith, commented: "Our focus has quite rightly been on ensuring that we only issued the formal planning decision for Bourn Airfield once there was more clarity on the sustainable future of Greater Cambridge's water supply.

The progress made to date and the continuing work with Government means we are now satisfied this development, which is part of our adopted 2018 Local Plan, should be allowed to progress.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning is a partnership between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils.

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Dumping rubbish just got expensive

See page 27 for more...

Berry good information



Cambourne has much growing so take a closer look

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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

■ **Cambourne Fete**

The Town Council is planning to hold the Fete at Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion and Outfield on Saturday 21st Sept. The theme will be the 25th year of Cambourne. If you would like a stall at the event please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

■ **Town Council Website**

The current website is running on outdated technology and is difficult to maintain. The Town Council is currently working with a company named Aubergine, that specialises in Parish and Town Council websites, to implement a new website. Until the new site is implemented, please accept our apologise for any inconvenience resulting from issues with the existing site. For more information, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

■ **Cambourne Funfair**

This Summer's Funfair was due to be held on Thursday 18th July until Sunday 21st July on Great Cambourne Green, but when Larry came to the site it was too soft and would have damaged the green, so he postponed the funfair. We hope to be able to hold the fun fair in September.

■ **Community Action Day**

This will be held on Saturday 7th September in the Hub car park, High Street along with the community clean up event. We are pleased to be working with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service again who will be providing the skips. You can bring down your old or unwanted items to recycle – wood, metal and electronic items (some items will not be accepted, see full list of items that will and will not be accepted: www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/community-clean-up-event) Anything deemed in good condition and too good to recycle will be put on the

'Take it or Leave it' stall for someone else to take away and make use of for free!

We are also organising a clothes swap to run at the same time. If you want to take part in the clothes swap, please drop items off to the Town Council office, week commencing Monday 2nd September during office hours. Clothes must be clean and in good wearable condition. Full list of items we will accept and further information can be found on our website.

Alongside all this, we will be hosting a community litter pick so come along and pick up some equipment and help get Cambourne litter free.

■ **Community Grants in Cambourne**

The Town Council sets aside a small budget to offer grants to groups in the Community.

Applications are considered twice a year; the next will be considered at the October Council meeting.

If your group needs support, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or tel: 01954 714403.

BIN COLLECTIONS:

There have been changes in bin collection dates and Cambourne now has different collection schedules for different parts of the town. Please check your collection date on the following link: www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day/

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The Town Council Office:

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COUNCIL (continued)

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■ Sport in Cambourne

Sport in Cambourne was a group made up of representatives from sports groups in Cambourne hosted by the Town Council to promote sport in Cambourne and to support each other.

The Town Council feels it is a good time to restart this group and will be holding the first meeting of this group on 12th November at the Hub. If you belong to or are aware of a sports group who would like to join or know more about the group, please contact the Town Council via office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01954 714403.

■ Dogs on leads - Countryside code of conduct

Due to some recent concerns, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs.

Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of. The Town Council follows the Countryside Code:

The Countryside Code – Protect the Environment

- Take your litter home
- Leave no trace of your visit.
- Take care with BBQS (where permitted)
- Do not light fires.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it, any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature, do not cause damage or disturbance.

CALENDAR of MEETINGS September/October 2024

Council meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre.

3rd September 7.00pm

Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

17th September 7.00pm

Planning Committee
Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

1st October 7.00pm

Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

22nd October 7.00pm

Planning Committee
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Wildlife Trust BCN West Cambridgeshire

Cambourne Nature Reserve has a lot of hedgerows! The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants deliberately leave them to grow tall and thick because this creates diverse "edge" habitat. They are great corridors for bats, and contain food for shortly-arriving winter migrants, like redwings, as well as our resident blackbirds and thrushes. We cut them back later in the year once most of the berries have been eaten. Please admire the autumn fruits without foraging on our nature reserves. Here are some of the berries you might find in hedgerows this time of year:



Red berries

Hawthorn: Small, dark red, slightly ovoid berries, with a dark circle at the end

Rose: Large, deep red, ovoid berries, on thorny stems



Guelder rose: Bright red, shiny, spherical berries, dangling in clusters

Black bryony: Large shiny spherical berries on a climbing plant

Black/purple berries

Elder: Clusters of small shiny black berries

Sloes: Single purple/blue berries often with a matt coating

Blackberries: Bobbly black berries on thorny stems (if they have especially big bobbles with a matt coating, they may be the closely-related dewberry)

Pink: Spindle Pink and orange 4-lobed berries



Our events are a great way to learn about local wildlife.

Throughout the autumn we have Little Bugs sessions for pre-schoolers and family home-school sessions, in Cambourne, plus a night walk for adults at Waresley and Gransden Woods. You can find these, plus information about volunteering, on our website www.wildlifebcn.org

Local enquiries: e-mail: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

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General enquiries: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org

Wildlife Trust BCN main social media: [@wildlifebcn](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn)

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.

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Thai and Moroccan cuisines

Annual Finale Fundraising Dinner

Hosted by: Cambourne Cookery Club

Date: Sunday, 22nd September 5.00 - 8.00 pm

Venue: Cambourne Hub Community Centre CB23 6GW

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Wednesday closed, Thursday 1pm- 7pm,

Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm, Sunday closed

If your child has taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge, there's still time to finish before the award ceremonies on **Monday 16th September 4-5pm or Friday 20th September 4-5pm** at Cambourne Library. We hope to see you there!

With children heading back to school this month, don't forget that the library is a great place to find books to help with projects. In addition to books, with a library card you can access Britannica Online, on our computers or from home. This amazing online encyclopaedia has information on a vast range of topics, suitable for different age groups and available in different languages. Check our website Libraries | Cambridgeshire County Council our ask in the library for details.

Dates for September

September is East and South-East Asian Heritage Month, so look out for our display of books celebrating this.

Regular Activities in the Library

Digital Assistance - Mondays 10.00 am - 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm.

Our computer buddy volunteers are ready to welcome you at Cambourne Library every Monday. If you, or someone you know, needs any help using a laptop or tablet or with Bus Pass applications etc. then please do come and see us. Drop in enquiries are welcome or you can book a session - please speak with a Librarian at the counter or contact us on the number/email provided.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch - Wednesday 18th September, 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm.

Would you like to join a friendly reading group meeting at lunchtime? Our library-based reading group meets once a month on a Wednesday, normally during the third week of the month, at 12.30 pm. Please ask library staff for more information or come along to our next meeting. You will be very welcome!

Rhymetime/Storytime followed by Duplo play session - no sessions during the school holidays.

We will welcome you all back on Friday 6th September.

Engage Sessions

Wednesday 4th September 2pm-3.30pm. No need to book, just drop in.

Mary Burgess, from Cambridgeshire Libraries, will be talking about the history of the eco movement, from the impact of

draining the fens through to allotments and the wholefood movement. Hear about the various ways people have had an impact on the environment.

Wednesday 2nd October 2pm-3.30pm

Please book ahead in the library, or contact Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

We Need to Talk About Climate Action - How to get started with individual climate action AND look after your wellbeing whilst doing so. With Elisabeth Goodman-Spain of Sustainable Shepreth. There will be opportunities throughout the presentation to talk in small groups about climate action and wellbeing. Stay on afterwards for a cuppa and chat with other local residents. Donations towards refreshments and future events welcomed.

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Enjoy the Silence



One of the many points I enjoy about Cambourne is nature. Often, when you are caught up in the busy times of life, it does you good to step out into a more natural and calmer space. Along the many trails through the woods and improved footpaths in some areas, you can get away from some of the hustle and breathe a little fresher. In just a few minutes, you can be surrounded by trees, in open grass, looking over lakes, or, as in the photo above, seeing Cambourne by moonlight from the hill. Even if it's not completely silent, the sounds are softened, and even the rushing of cars on the A428 seems more like the sound of waves. Maybe take a walk with a friend or family member, or perhaps just sit for a while and allow yourself to be still. Relax in our wonderful slices of nature—it has certainly helped me reset after stress-filled days.

A Cambourne resident.

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Access to GPs and NHS healthcare in our area

After the whirlwind of the General Election, a new government and with the King's Speech, an extensive policy agenda, it has been good to have the parliamentary recess and spend more time back in the constituency.

One disappointment in the King's Speech was that there was no mention of measures to improve the state of health and social care. Many of you will know that my top priority across the constituency is improving our health services - particularly access to our GPs - and with my new Cambridgeshire colleagues I have already written to health secretary Wes Streeting to ask that the funding formula that unfairly penalises Cambridgeshire GP funding is

updated. I have also held meetings with the leaders of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB) that commissions health services across the county to raise the specific issues we are facing here, as well as beginning to meet with GPs across the constituency.

Beyond GPs, the news from the Chancellor that the previous government's 'new hospitals' program will see cuts is concerning for our area, with both Hinchingsbrooke and the proposed new specialist cancer hospital lying just outside the constituency. We have yet to receive confirmation that either will go ahead, though with the presence of unsafe RAAC (the unstable concrete that caused huge concerns in schools across the country) in Hinchingsbrooke, it would be particularly outrageous for the replacement of dangerous buildings to be delayed further.

Cambourne children shine in the sciences

I am planning a follow-up consultation with the bus companies, giving Cambourne residents the chance to ask questions and directly address their concerns about bus services in our area.

The Cambourne Town Council has granted permission to use the Soul Building for children's electronics, robotics, and other technology classes. I am pleased to see significant interest among students, including many war-displaced Ukrainian children.

Cambourne children have shown remarkable academic achievements in Science, Technology, and other subjects.

I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further STEM initiatives for the

community and children, and I organized a Science and Tech Festival at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU).

Cambourne children recently visited a farm in Elsworth, and I am currently working on establishing a rural technology school in collaboration with a local farmer. This school will teach children both problem-solving technology related to agriculture and hands-on farming skills.

I am deeply concerned about the well-being and loneliness of Cambourne's senior residents. To address this, I regularly organise community tea parties and small bus trips for them. If you know someone who could benefit from this, please email me at shrobona@gmail.com or message me at 07852753216.

I worked with the District and Town Councils to reinstate the popular social badminton sessions that were held on Fridays at Everyone Active.

Deep vein thrombosis

A deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is a blood clot that most often develops in the leg.

Symptoms usually affect one leg with throbbing in the calf or thigh when standing up or walking; swelling and warm skin around the affected area and red or dark skin around the painful area (which may be less visible on brown or black skin). These symptoms can also occur in the tummy or arm if a clot develops in these areas.

DVTs are more common in people who are dehydrated, overweight or smoke or people over 60 years old. Those who are pregnant (or recently delivered), who have cancer, heart failure, a history of DVTs or varicose veins

can be more likely to develop a DVT.

Lack of activity means those in hospital, who are confined to bed or those taking a long journey (plane, car or train) are at more risk.

The best ways to reduce the likelihood of developing a DVT is keeping hydrated, keeping active and maintaining a healthy weight.

If someone develops symptoms of a DVT it is important to ask for an urgent GP appointment or call 111 for advice.

Sometimes the blood clot can move and end up in the lungs causing breathlessness and chest pain. This is a medical emergency and you should call 999 for an ambulance.

Reference/further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/deep-vein-thrombosis-dvt/>



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A Planning Supersquad?

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has been allocated up to £650,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to help make the whole planning process even more efficient.

This funding is part of the accelerator project aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of planning services locally, colloquially named the 'Planning Supersquad'. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP), a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City councils, is also contributing money to the project.

The planning service already performs at above target for the speed in which it determines planning applications. This funding is intended to support the service to develop new approaches that will enable performance to be improved further, to help raise standards and benefit planning authorities across the country.

One objective of this Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) funding is to implement a virtual 'development team' approach in a partnership between GCSP and key partners. This initiative is designed to create additional capacity to speed-up the determination and issuing of planning decisions even further. By streamlining processes and using digital tools, the planning service aims to set a new standard in efficient service delivery.

As part of several new projects, the funds will go towards a comprehensive evaluation of all areas within the planning service to look at where processes can be faster or more efficient. The culmination of this effort will be the development of an accelerator model, which will be reported back to central government as a blueprint for potential wider implementation.

GCSP will work closely with development partners, namely Homes England for the Northstowe project and Urban&Civic for the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion.

Senior planners have said that these collaborations are essential in ensuring that the accelerated planning processes meet the needs of everyone involved and deliver tangible benefits.

The idea is that the projects will showcase the successful delivery of accelerated schemes through the planning process, providing valuable insights and lessons that can be applied to future projects elsewhere.

Cllr. Dr. Tumi Hawkins, SCDC Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, said: "We are thrilled to receive this funding from the MHCLG. It provides a fantastic opportunity to revolutionise our planning service and deliver quicker, more efficient outcomes for our community. By working closely with our partners, we aim to set new benchmarks in planning service delivery that can be replicated across the country."

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils.



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As well as this we have a representative of Cambridge Citizens Advice present during alternate Thursday sessions for confidential conversations offering a range of support, including benefit advice (applying for benefits as well as helping direct to the right benefits for an individual's needs), managing bills, debt advice, digital support, etc. etc.

When Citizens Advice is not present our friendly team of volunteers signpost to other long term support as well as giving out food. Of course, there is always a warm welcome and a warm (or cold drink) waiting as well!

For more information about the foodbank visit <http://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk>.

Julie Whitbread

Welcome Centre Coordinator

Sunday Services in September 2024



1	10.00am	All-Age Service
8	9.30am	Communion Service
	11.00am	Communion Service *
15	9.30am	Communion Service
	11.00am	Communion Service *
22	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service *
29	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service *

The 11.00am services include break-out groups for children and young people

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Peacehaven Baptist Church: Pastoral Thoughts

Proverbial wisdom still works wonders.

August has had its ups and downs. Dealing with the problems people face enables us to become more proficient each time they occur. The circumstances and names may change, but the problems remain the same. As it says in Ecclesiastes, "there is no new thing under the sun." The problems we face are mainly interpersonal—miscommunication or a lack of understanding at best—or sometimes we deal with darker issues stemming from sin and prideful desires. I've been addressing some of these issues in the book of Proverbs. Just as Solomon sought to impart wisdom to his child, we pass that wisdom on to ours and to those around us. These are simple principles that keep us out of trouble and enable us to be productive.

Things like not being a guarantor for someone else's debts, not being lazy, and not engaging in wicked behavior. Other advice includes being careful about who you associate with, as they may lead you into trouble if they are easily angered. Strive to build a reputation for being truthful and honorable. Pay your debts and do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. Guard your heart



Pastor

Donavan Bangs

and your words, for both can get you into big trouble very quickly.

These words may have been spoken around 3,000 years ago, but they still hold true today. Tools that work well for that long should not be disregarded. Many men, kings, and tyrants have tried to silence the wisdom of the ages. They and their kingdoms have crumbled to dust, but the scripture remains. Regardless of what some

petty dictator or scheming minister of some nation may say, the truth remains. Even if they try to suppress it, like Jehoiakim did by cutting bits out or burning it, the truth has a way of enduring. I would encourage you, particularly if you have children, to spend some time studying the book of Proverbs for both your sake and theirs. After all, the people they learn from the most are you, and we need to be decent examples for their little eyes to observe.

Pastor Donovan Bangs

Donavan Bangs on Youtube

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New additions to St. John

In July, a group of 12 teenagers and 2 adults from the St John Fisher Community were Confirmed into Catholic Church. The special Confirmation Mass took place in Cambourne Church and was led by the Bishop of East Anglia: Bishop Peter Collins. The sacrament of Confirmation involves affirming the faith and

devotion of an individual and fully bringing them into the church. It involves an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a mark on the soul. As a community, we are very proud of the candidates and send them many congratulations on this special occasion which was shared with many of our parishioners.





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The Cubs, Beavers & Scouts ended the summer

During July our three groups Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts ended the school year with activities and challenges. The Beavers held an Olympics-themed evening, with sporty games including shot put, and "jumping" over the River Seine. They also designed their own running vest for a country of their choice.

In preparation for our joint Summer Camp the Scouts joined the 1st Cambourne group in an outdoor evening, with blindfold-trail, wide games, fire lighting, and hot chocolate. As we ended our summer term, we said goodbye to several young people as they moved up sections, and we now look forward to welcoming new Beavers into our youngest age group in September.

For more information please email: info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk
Joe Worth Beavers and Scouts Leader, 2nd Cambourne Scout Group



The Scouts Camp



On 12th July, 1st and 2nd Cambourne scouts set off to go on their first joint camp, a great new opportunity for both sections. We started working together straight away, joining forces to put up the tents and set up places to eat. Once the hard work was done, we ate our dinner and made our way to a large field where we played some of our favourite wide games, Manhunt and Glow stick Tag. Once we had blown off some first-night steam, we made our way back to camp and got inside our tents for a good night's rest.

Saturday was far more eventful, with activities planned throughout the day. After a hearty breakfast, we split into three groups and began our activities. These consisted of: Air Rifles, Tomahawks and Raft Building/Paddle Boarding. Being in

mixed groups was a great way to bond with scouts from the other section whilst learning some new skills. By the time the third session was concluded, it was getting late and after a quick dinner, we proceeded to a tremendous campfire pit where we joined many other groups from across the country to sing songs and



watch sketches. With smiles on our faces and tired eyes we drifted away from the campfire and into our comfy tents for a peaceful and relaxing sleep.

On Sunday morning we got up bright and early for another delicious breakfast, before getting straight into a new sort of activity, a timed hike. Our task was to walk an 8km hike, stopping off at different checkpoints along the way, with the aim of

being the first group back. It was a great hike with fantastic weather, and the challenge only made it better. Eventually, all the teams made their way back, having thoroughly enjoyed it whether they won or not. After a speedy lunch break, we worked together to get our tents down rapidly, before gathering to say our thank yous to all of the fabulous leaders who worked incredibly hard to organise and run this camp, before doing flag down to officially end camp. But before we all left, we took a couple of final group photos with the drone. After that, it was time to go home and get some well-earned rest in our own beds. Overall, it was a fantastic camp, which gave us opportunities to try new things and make new friends.



The Vine bid farewell to its Year 6 students



The Vine Inter-Church Primary: Year Six had a jam-packed end of year. After the stresses of SATs both classes' play rehearsals began as soon as they returned from a well-deserved half-term holiday. These practices paid off as the production of

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits sent the audience into hysterics.

Earlier in June, Sports Day provided an opportunity for both pupils and parents to showcase their athletic abilities, which they did with vigour and enthusiasm. The new intake days at Cambourne Village College were a chance for Year 6 to get to know their new residence for September, where they will be educated for the next five years, or more! The Summer Fete and Rumble were enjoyed by the whole year group and the Leavers' Service was a fond farewell to what has been their home for many a year. We wish them luck on their journey through secondary school and beyond, follow your dreams!

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International Triumph : Cambourne's Team Activate Journey in FLL 2023-2024



In the summer of 2024, a group of young, enthusiastic minds, aged 8 to 14 years, from the team "Activate" embarked on an unforgettable journey from Cambridge to Sydney, Australia. Their passion for robotics and innovation led them to many learning and sharing experiences, hoping to motivate future STEM enthusiasts. The team remains committed to their passion for robotics and innovation in the new First Lego League Challenge season, Submerged for 2024-25.

Regional Success:



Under the guidance of coaches Isha and Kinjal Dave, the team designed and coded a robot named "Bumblebee" using Pybricks. The team's hard work, determination, and the amazing support of their coaches helped them win the "Champions Award" in the regional competition in Coventry, setting their sights on Nationals.



Conquering Nationals:

The team created an app called "Fossil Eyes" to identify fossils, impacting over 2000 families. Competing against top UK teams at the Nationals in Harrogate, "Team Activate" achieved "Runner-up" status and paved their way to the Asia Pacific FIRST LEGO Robotics Open Championship in Sydney. They were judged on robotics and innovation, teamwork, core values, and the exceptional discipline demonstrated throughout the competition.



The Sydney Adventure:

This global competition was a whirlwind of excitement and learning for the team. Traveling over 10,300 miles, the team's journey to Sydney was filled with intense competitions and cultural exchanges. Competing against 53 international teams, they secured "10th place" in the Robot Performance competition and received the "Rising-All-Stars Award." Their season was filled with learning, failures, success, fun, and unforgettable experiences, ready to take on new challenges with renewed enthusiasm.



The team's whole journey was a testament to their unwavering hard work, dedication, teamwork, aim for excellence, and the unyielding support from their coaches, mentors, parents, and schools.

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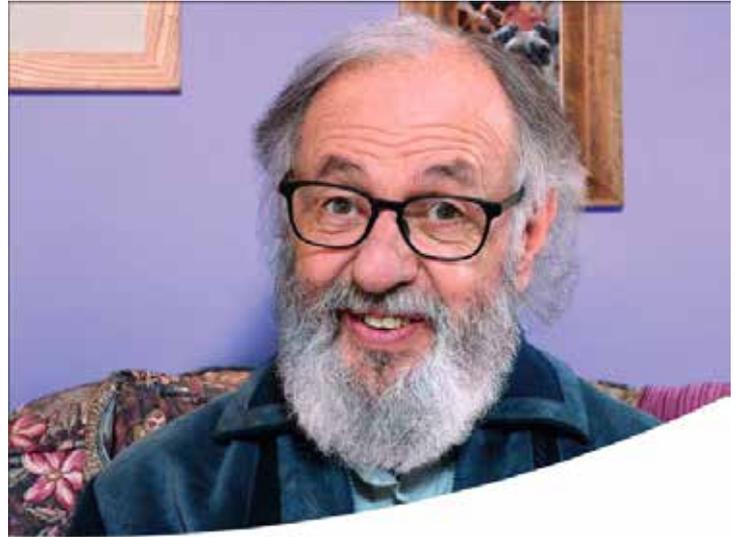


CERC Activate, a dedicated team from the Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC), achieved an impressive second place at the National FIRST Lego League (FLL) Challenge in Harrogate, earning the honour of representing the UK at the FLL Asia Pacific Open Championship 2024 in Sydney, Australia.

The children of Cambourne returned home with Rising All-Star Award and this recognition is a testament to the team's unwavering commitment, creativity, and resilience. In Sydney, team members engaged with peers, educators, and coaches from around the world, enriching their STEM journey. This success was made possible through the generous support of individuals, the Town Council, and leading tech companies like Zeiss, ARM, Meditech, and Qualcomm.

CERC remains committed to inspiring and mentoring young minds, having supported 12 teams last season and expecting over 250 students to participate in the upcoming FLL season in 2025. CERC aims to create more young STEM ambassadors to pass on the baton to new teams, ensuring the continued growth of STEM excellence.

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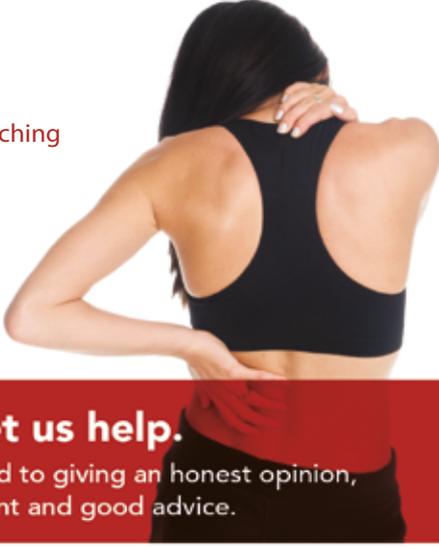

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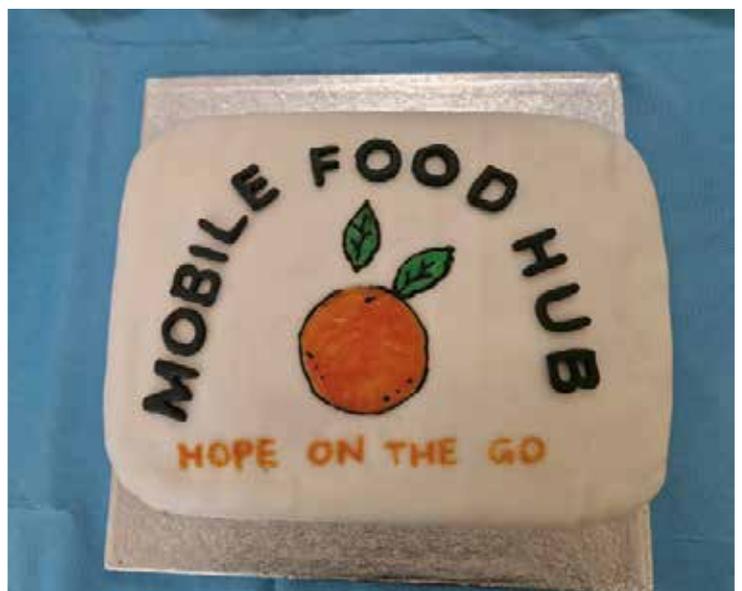
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Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503

www.combertonvc.org

Hardwick and Cambourne Community

Primary:

01954 210070

www.hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary

School: 01954 717 180

www.jeavonswood.org

Monkfield Park Primary

School: 01954 273 377

www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary

School: 01954 719 630

www.thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Educating Otherwise:

www.facebook.com/Home Education

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Arabic Language School:

www.cambournecrescent.org/service

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info@cambournecrescent.org

Cambourne Crescent Science

& Technology Club:

info@cambournecrescent.org

PLAYGROUPS/PRE-

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Cambourne Pre-school:

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www.cambournepreschool.org.uk

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www.facebook.com/Carers and

Tots, Cambourne

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www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Sunflower Nursery:

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www.chsgroup.org.uk/childrens-nurseries/

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www.cambournecrescent.org/service/

foodbank

Hope Against Poverty CIC

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Streetlight faults:

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Cambourne Netball Club:

www.pitchero.com/clubs/

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Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

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Cambourne Tennis Club:

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club:

www.cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

Cambs Tai Chi Club:

www.cambs-taichi.org.uk

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do:

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Cambourne Karate School (AKS):

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www.karateschools.co.uk

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club:

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Cambourne Balkan Dance Club:

cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com

Cambourne Air Cadets:

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Cambourne Army Cadets:

www.cambsacf.com

Cambourne junior parkrun:

www.parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors/

Supporting CERC



The Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) is committed to enhancing STEM education by offering hands-on learning experiences in robotics and electronics. Recognizing that many schools may face challenges in providing such resources, CERC aims to fill this gap by equipping students with the skills needed to tackle the technological challenges of tomorrow.

We are thrilled to announce that CERC has launched many new courses, workshops, and competitions, now held every Sunday afternoon in Cambourne Soul Building. These sessions are open to all primary and secondary schools in Cambourne, Cambridge, and the surrounding areas. Our focus is on providing these students with valuable exposure to advanced technology.

We are grateful to the Cambourne Town Council and its Chairman Cllr Joe Odwyer for their support and cooperation in using the Cambourne Soul Building for Cambourne's children, which has been instrumental in making these workshops possible. We are excited to offer these enriching opportunities, helping to foster innovation and creativity within our community.

We look forward to everyone's continued support as we work together to inspire the next generation of engineers, scientists, and innovators.

For more information or to enroll in our courses in Cambourne, please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com



LUC Looking for support

Light Up Cambourne (LUC) attended the recent Cambourne Community Street Fair organised by the fishing club, serving refreshments in the hub, many thanks to those who supported us



by popping in for a drink and some food, and thanks also to Ellie for inviting us to participate.

We are currently looking into reducing the cost of our biggest annual expense which is the cherry picker we hire to put up and take down the lights, this cost has climbed considerably over recent years and is now coming in at well over £4,000 which means that pretty much all of the money raised from our events throughout the year is being eaten up by this alone.

Thanks are due to Councillor Helene Leeming who is looking at ways to reduce this amount as currently it's unsustainable, If anyone reading this has access or knows someone with access to a Nifty Lift 120T or equivalent cherry picker please get in touch. Thanks to our new volunteers, it means that LUC can continue to light up Cambourne over festive seasons to come.

We are holding our next fund raising event, a silent disco event on October 5th; details will be announced once we have finalised the arrangements; please keep the date free, our events continue to be very popular; we are planning to do something a little different this time so watch this space!

If you have any suggestions for fund raising events that you would like to attend, please get in touch via our Facebook page or email lightupcambourne@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

STEM Magazine for Young Minds



An exciting magazine titled "IGNITE" has just hit the digital shelves, offering children a unique platform to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). What sets IGNITE apart is its contributors: children writing for children, making complex topics engaging and accessible for young minds.

The summer edition of IGNITE delves into the captivating world of Astronautics and Space, featuring a challenging quiz to engage young readers. This issue covers a range of exciting topics: China's Chang'e-6 mission to the Moon, innovative dark matter experiments, and India's historic Chandrayaan-3 landing. Readers can explore the history of early rocket development, NASA's SOFIA project with its advanced airborne telescope, and the sophisticated mirror system of the Extra-Large Telescope.



The edition also highlights the groundbreaking James Webb Telescope, set to revolutionize our understanding of the universe.

At the helm of IGNITE is Niel Lautenschlager, an 11-year-old student at Trumpington Park Primary School in Cambridge. Niel, who serves as the Editor-in-Chief, is passionate about making the latest discoveries and developments in STEAM accessible to



every child. His enthusiasm is infectious, and his leadership is driving the magazine to new heights.

IGNITE and Niel are part of the Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC), a CamCare UK initiative that aligns with IGNITE's mission to make learning engaging and accessible for children.

"We want to ignite the spark of curiosity in every child," says Niel. "By sharing what we learn, we hope to make science and technology fun and accessible. Our dream is to see IGNITE in print, so every child can enjoy it, even without an electronic device."

The call for more young writers is open, inviting children who are eager to share their passion for STEAM topics. Additionally, IGNITE is seeking sponsors who believe in the power of education and the potential of young minds to help bring the magazine into print and expand its reach globally.

For more information and to access the current edition, please scan the QR code provided or visit the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/yzznb6p6>



SCAN ME

Illegal waste disposal

Two residents fined for dumping rubbish in South Cambridgeshire

Two people have been fined for illegally dumping rubbish following action taken by Environmental Crime officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council. One was fined £700 for fly tipping when they dumped waste next to the clothing banks in the car park near Home Bargains in Cambourne. The other was fined £240 for littering when they threw waste on the car park floor at Longstanton recreation ground, without trying to recover it.



Cllr Natalie Warren Green, Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Waste for South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "The fines serve as a clear warning that illegal waste disposal will not be tolerated, and that offenders will face serious consequences. Fly-tipping and littering is a blight on our communities, turning our shared spaces into eyesores and putting an unfair burden on our residents to report incidences. It's not just illegal; it's a selfish act that devalues our neighbourhoods, threatens wildlife and disrespects the hard work we all put into making the district a great place to live. We are committed to

cracking down on this behaviour and ensuring our community remains clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone."

In the fly tipping incident in Cambourne, a local resident left a cardboard box and personal correspondence next to the clothing banks which was found by a Council Environmental Crime Officer. Enquiries into the waste and how it came to be dumped led to the owners being formally interviewed under caution, where they admitted leaving it next to the bins – which is considered fly tipping.

As a result of the investigation, they were issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £700, reduced to £420 if paid within 10 days.

Cllr Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, District Councillor of Cambourne ward, said: "I have received numerous complaints from residents about the illegal dumping of rubbish at this car park. This has been an ongoing problem, and it's frustrating to see that some people continue to engage in this unlawful behaviour, whether knowingly or unknowingly. I am pleased to see that a fine has been handed out to a fly tipper which I hope serves as a warning to others. Fly-tipping is not only illegal but also harmful to our environment and the health of our residents. It is unacceptable that a few individuals are causing trouble for the entire community by dumping waste irresponsibly."

In the Longstanton Recreation Ground littering incident, a local resident was fined £240 after they were seen by Environmental Crime Enforcement officers throwing waste onto the floor in the car park without trying to recover it.

Fly tipping – or illegally dumping waste on land without a permit is a serious and criminal matter under the Environmental Protection Act for which the courts can impose a maximum fine of £50,000 or an unlimited fine and up to five years in prison. Courts can also order the forfeiture of vehicles used in incidents.

Littering is also an offence under the Environmental Protection Act and carries a fine up to £2,500. As part of the UK's ongoing push to counter the hazards caused by litter, the fines for this offence increased earlier this year with the maximum fine by Fixed Penalty Notice rising to £500. South Cambridgeshire District Council set their upper limit to £400.



COMMUNITY

Never bin batteries or electrical goods



Residents are being encouraged to never bin batteries or electrical gadgets in a new advertising poster campaign on the side of refuse collection lorries.

Bin lorry and recycling centre blazes are becoming increasingly common across the UK as we buy and throw away more electronic items containing batteries, including vapes, e-cigarettes, mobile phones and e-bike battery packs.

Already, seven fires have occurred in the Greater Cambridge area in 2024.

Hidden batteries inside electricals can spark dangerous fires when crushed in bin lorries and recycling centres. Lithium-ion battery fires are particularly challenging to tackle, endangering bin crews, firefighters and local residents. Smoke and fumes can affect neighbouring areas and communities for up to a week. Now, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a service shared by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council, is using a national waste campaign cartoon character - called Hypnocat - on posters on the side of bin lorries to remind residents to safely dispose of batteries and electrical goods.

Cllr Rosy Moore, Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment at Cambridge City Council, said: "Hypnocat is part of the national 'Recycle Your Electricals' campaign and is a fun influential character helping us to get residents' attention and shine a spotlight on the important message to keep batteries and electronic or electrical items out of bins."

Research from Recycle Your Electricals found that over 1.1bn electricals and 449.9m loose batteries were binned in the last year. UK adults admitted that on average they'd binned at least 24 batteries, including fifteen electricals containing batteries and 9 loose batteries.

Natalie Warren-Green, Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Licensing at South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Batteries, vapes and small electrical items like phones, toys or hairdryers can be recycled at various local collection points including shops, recycling banks and larger Recycling Centres. In addition, homes with their own bins in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City

can recycle small household batteries by leaving them in a small, sealed bag on top of any of their wheelie bin lids."

Research from Recycle Your Electricals shows that:

Battery fires in bin lorries and at waste sites in the UK have reached an all-time high - over 1,200 in the last year, an increase of 71% from 700 in 2022.

1.6bn batteries were thrown away in the last year, over 3,000 a minute - including over 1.1bn electricals containing hidden lithium-ion batteries.

National Fire Chiefs Council says "fires involving lithium-ion batteries are a disaster waiting to happen."

Battery fires cause air pollution levels to spike in local areas, breaking WHO limits, affecting the health of local communities.

Cost impact of battery waste fires could also be significant - Zurich UK has seen some insurance claims range up to £20 million.

Scott Butler, Executive Director of Recycle Your Electricals, said: "With more and more products containing lithium-ion batteries, and battery fires on the rise, it's vital that we stop these fires and reduce the air pollution impact that they have on our local communities and the dangers they present to fire fighters and waste officers. We are also throwing away some of the most precious materials on the planet which are vital to our economy. We are calling on everyone to make sure that they never bin and always recycle their electricals and their batteries. Just search recycle your electricals to find your nearest drop off point."

Group Commander Rob Olivier, head of Community Fire Safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, added: "Batteries can be a fire hazard, especially when they are compacted and damaged when mixed in with any household or recyclable waste. A damaged battery can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting. We would urge residents to make sure they dispose of batteries correctly at an appropriate recycling facility."

- Help prevent fires in bin lorries by checking out www.recycleyourelectricals.org for local collection points where you can safely dispose of batteries and electrical goods.

For further information contact Kath Sansom in South Cambridgeshire District Council's communications team on kath.sansom@scambs.gov.uk or 07704 072 548, or the political contacts below:

Material Focus

Material Focus is a not-for-profit organisation whose goal is to stop the nation throwing away or hoarding all their old, small electricals. Material Focus is delivering the UK-wide Recycle Your Electricals campaign. The campaign is revealing the value hidden in electricals and is making it easier for us all to recycle and reuse the small electricals we no longer need by providing more recycling points as well as providing practical information on how households can reuse and recycle.

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From 1.30 - 4.30 p.m. in Buckden Village Hall (PE19 5UY)
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Do feel free to just turn up on the day but we recommend booking to avoid having to wait. Of course, tea, coffee, cakes and other sweet treats will be available to make any time waiting very worthwhile! Nothing to be mended but want to see what is going on? Please feel free to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Bookings for repairs can be made via e-mail to buckdenrepaircafe@gmail.com or online by following this link <https://forms.gle/3NjojcPWCLyMcVQ7>. Any queries: please mail buckdenrepaircafe@gmail.com

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The weekly programme could consist of group activities including:

- Wellbeing walks
- Yoga
- Swimming
- A motivate and inspire session
- Cricket
- Football
- Badminton
- New Age Kurling
- Boccia



For further information and to register for the programme visit www.scambsgov.uk/exercise4fun



SPORTS

Tennis is available during autumn 2024. Sign up!



Cambourne Tennis Club: On Sunday September 15th, we will host the finals of the Club Championships. After a summer of matches this is a final chance to see our star players in action. Refreshments will be provided. The action starts at 9.30am with the junior events and the adults make an appearance around midday.

Bookings for the regular Autumn lessons are also open! Sessions begin on Monday September 2nd and run until December 21st (15 weeks), excluding the October half-term (28th October to 3rd November). Please log and secure at spot at www.gamesettennis.co.uk.

Like to start playing tennis? We are a friendly, inclusive club offering plenty of tennis options for ages 5 to 105 at all levels, including social play, team matches, and coaching (coaching fees apply). Our annual memberships are great value, ranging from £16 for 'Mini Members' up to £152 for a Family. These give access to 5 floodlit courts and use of our Clubhouse facilities for a whole year. For more information about the Tennis club and how to join, please visit <http://www.cambournetennis.co.uk>. (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC>).



Join Comberton Ramblers for Sunday walks



Comberton Ramblers: if you like walking and enjoy the countryside then this is the walking group for you. Comberton Ramblers walk an average of 5-6 miles every fortnight on a Sunday. To view our walk programme and photos please go to our web-page. <https://www.combertonramblers.org.uk>. So why not give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk

plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people. You can have 2 free walks before becoming a member. Membership fee is £10.00 per person. For more information please contact the Secretary Stella. Email Stella.hardwicke2274@hotmail.com