



## Windmill replica brought back to life by Cambourne Shed team



**Cambourne Shed were delighted to complete restoration work** on the Bourn Windmill replica in time for the first National Mills Weekend Open Day.

Restoration of the replica has been a challenging but enjoyable project and many Sheddors have contributed since work began in October 2024.

Refurbishment activities included stripping off the old gloss paint, replacing cladding slats using the spare original...  
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**Cambourne Crier funds new bench**  
for Church's Jubilee Garden

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**Don't miss Cambourne Open Gardens**  
weekend: 7th & 8th June

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# TOWN COUNCIL

## ■ Cambourne Community Fete Looking for Stallholders!

The Community Fete is back on 20th September 2025 and we're looking to showcase everything that Cambourne has to offer! If you would like a stall, or know someone who might, email [community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

## ■ Community Support Grant New Policy for Applicants

The Town Council has launched a brand-new grant policy. Grants are now available for up to £500 per application. Applications are considered in June, September, January, and March. This reaffirms the Council's efforts to support local groups and charities. Please see our website to find more about the terms and conditions as well as the application form: [www.cambourne.towncouncil.gov.uk/council-services/grants](http://www.cambourne.towncouncil.gov.uk/council-services/grants)

## ■ Bank Holiday Food Market: 25th August 2025

If you missed the May Bank Holiday food market, don't worry, our next one is in August! Get the date in your diary now to avoid missing out!

## ■ Volunteers' Week: 2nd - 8th June

Volunteers' week is a yearly celebration of the amazing contributions people make to their communities through volunteering, and Cambourne has benefited more than most! From the Broad Street Christmas lights, to the sports coaches and litter pickers who work tirelessly all year round to keep Cambourne clean, their impact is everywhere!

Volunteers' week is almost at an end, but head over to our Facebook or Instagram accounts where we've been sharing highlights, to see the impact volunteers have on your community.

If that inspires you and you'd like to get involved but don't know where to start, send us a message or pop into the office and we'll be happy to point you in the right direction!

## ■ Volunteering opportunity: litter picking

We are urgently seeking more volunteer litter pickers for our town centre! As the weather gets better and more people spend time outside, litter can build up quickly!

If you can help (even if it's just half an hour every couple weeks), please send an email to [community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk).

We can provide all equipment, and there's no set commitment, but it makes such a big difference.

## ■ Formal Garden and Microwoods volunteering opportunities

If you've got time this autumn to help out, we're looking for volunteers to help with planting trees in the new Milwaukee woods and a formal memorial garden on the site of the old Arc.

## ■ Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre

- 17th June 2025 at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

- 1st July 2025 at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by Full Council

- 22nd July 2025 at 7pm

Planning Committee followed by Finance and Policy Committee

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# Cambourne Crier grant helps bring new seating to Jubilee Garden

**Cambourne Crier operates a Community Fund** through which any Cambourne club or society can apply for a grant. We are delighted to announce that we have recently awarded a grant to Cambourne Church to enable them to buy a new bench to enable residents to sit and enjoy the Jubilee Garden at their leisure.

Jubilee Garden at Cambourne church is a community project, with the hedge, wildflower areas, produce plot, with rainwater capture underway. *Cambourne Crier* has previously donated towards this initiative. Currently however, the only seating to welcome people to the Garden is a log circle. The Church successfully applied to *Cambourne Crier* for a grant for additional seating to enable more people to enjoy this vibrant space.

Anne Stephenson and Pam Hume from *Cambourne Crier* attended a ceremony with members of Cambourne Church to hand over the cheque to Church Council member Pam Thornton to enable them to purchase a suitable bench to be enjoyed by all.



Pam Thornton of Cambourne Church is handed a cheque by Anne Stephenson from *Cambourne Crier* within the grounds of the church

The new bench will create a place to appreciate the sights and sounds of nature that the Jubilee Garden provides to all residents. It will be ordered and can be enjoyed by local residents this summer.



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## Cambourne Library

### Rhymetime/Storytime

Thanks to Cambourne Town Council, we are holding Rhyme and Story time sessions at the Blue Space in Cambourne on Fridays from 9.30am to 10am during term time. A wonderful half hour of fun songs and engaging stories with our familiar and fabulous Rhyme time Volunteers. We look forward to welcoming our regular customers and meeting new ones. Make new friends, have fun and enjoy quality time together all while boosting your little one's early literacy skills!

Whilst Cambourne Library is closed, we have extended opening at Papworth and Comberton Libraries, please see below for details.

### Comberton Library Events

Rhymetime/ Story time Mondays 10.30-11am, June 2, 16, 30  
Knit, Sew and Natter Mondays 10.30-11.30am, June 9, 23

### Papworth Library Events

Are you struggling with small print? Meet Camsight Drop into Papworth Library Tuesday 3rd June, 10am-12 noon. Discover the help and support available for people with a vision impairment.

### Apps

You can use your library membership to access e books, audio books, online comics and newspapers. Details about how to download our apps can be found on our website.

### Summer Reading Challenge 'Story Garden' 2025

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading when not at school, so get started on your exciting reading adventure over the Summer holidays. Choose anything that you'd like to read or listen to. Collect stickers and join in with activities along the way. It's free to join - sign up at your nearest Cambridgeshire Library.

We will be having a special visit from the Mobile Library Van at the Hub car park Saturday 28th June 10am-4pm for children and their parent/carer to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge, ahead of the official sign-up Saturday of 5th July.

### The Library Presents

Please see our website for more details or pick up a brochure from a library for what is happening in June.

### Knit, Sew and Natter Group Craft Group

Please contact [cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) while we are closed for more information.



**Rhymetime/Storytime  
@The Blue School**

Whilst Cambourne Library is still closed, why don't you join us for a sing-along at our RhymeTime. It's great fun!

**Fridays 9.30am-10am in term time.**

For children from birth to 4 years. Adults must accompany children at all times.

### Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

Please contact [cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) while we are closed for more information.

### Digital Assistance

Our Digital Buddy volunteers will be taking a break whilst we undergo our refurbishment. Most of our other libraries also have Digital Buddies who will be happy to help you. Please see individual library listings for details. Additionally, our Librarians can help with Bus Pass applications and general queries.

### Access to IT

Access to library computers and the photocopier/printer in the foyer is still available on a self-service basis.

**Contact Us:** Tel: 0345 045 5225

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### Comberton Library

Monday: 10am to 5pm

Tuesday: 10am-1pm

Wednesday: 10am to 1pm,  
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 2:30pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Closed on Bank Holidays

### Papworth Library

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am to 1pm,  
2pm to 5pm

Wednesday: 10am to 1pm

Thursday: 2pm to 5pm

Friday: 10am - 5pm)

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Closed on Bank Holidays

There will be a **mobile library** at The Hub car park in Cambourne on Saturdays 28th June, 12th & 26th July from 10am to 4pm.

**All return dates will be extended** throughout the closure period; however, items can be returned to any Cambridgeshire library, or mobile library should you wish to do so.



## Windmill Replica restored for National Mills Weekend

(continued from page 1) ... venetian blinds slats from the original creator, Michael Dunn's, house; sanding down the cladding and roof then applying primer, undercoat and two topcoats of paint. The ladder has been completely rebuilt including the handrail and supports then painted. A new window shutter was made to match the existing shutters and with new shutter clips. A new crank handle, replacing rotten wood framing and securing the bottom corner posts with brackets. The shutter sail structure and stocks have been completely rebuilt with new wood strips and strengthened then painted. New bolts have also been provided.

Kate Armstrong, Co-Chair of the Bourn Volunteer team said: "We plan to use the replica to demonstrate how the sails move clothed for our visitors on open days, and for those not able to climb the stairs. It will be an invaluable aid and we are most grateful that the Cambourne Shed team have been able to restore it so beautifully."



## Befriending scheme supports older adults with hearing loss

Cambridgeshire Deaf Association (CDA) is proud to launch a new befriending service and monthly wellbeing programme under its Hearing Help banner, aimed at supporting older adults living with hearing loss.

From June 2025, a series of free, monthly community sessions will begin designed to reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing, and reconnect individuals who may feel isolated due to age-related hearing loss.

■ To join a session, request a befriender, or find out about volunteering, contact Marika Newman  
Email: [marika.newman@cambsdeaf.org](mailto:marika.newman@cambsdeaf.org)  
Phone: 01223 416141 / 07379 517633

## Travel into Cambridge on the 4 bus service



Timetable information correct at time of print, April 2025. Some journeys are operated with the financial support of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as part of their Tiger bus network.

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## Spot, snap, submit: your wildlife records matter

Submitting official wildlife records is valuable, and data can contribute to research, direct green space management, and inform local planning.

Anyone can submit records directly to the county-based biological records centres, (ours is Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre), or using the free app iRecord.

Any wildlife record is valid, from the blackbird in your garden, to the orchid in your nature reserve. If you can get a photo, your record is more likely to be accepted.

You need to know the name of the species though, so here are some identification tips:

■ **Fold-out guides** made by the Field Studies Council are great for common wildlife, fairly cheap, and are accessible for children. There are lots of different guides; I recommend: butterflies, garden birds, trees, woodland plants, and bees.

■ **Websites:** The Wildlife Trust BCN's website has guides, biological keys, and information. The Wildlife Trust BCN's Monitoring and Research Facebook page has knowledgeable staff and volunteers who can help identify all kinds of wildlife. The RSPB website has an A-Z of birds including bird songs. The Woodland Trust website has an A-Z of trees.

■ **Free apps:** Merlin is a brilliant app to identify bird song. ObsIdentify uses photos to identify any species with a % confidence level.

Seek does a similar thing to ObsIdentify and Froglife's Dragonfinder app helps identify and record reptiles and amphibians.

Also Google Lens, though this is not as good as other options as it is not regionally specific.



### June events

All events involve a chance to improve your identification skills.

For a complete list, please visit [wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

Sit and Chat in Nature (for adults)

- *Trumpington Meadows:*

Tues 24th June (10am - 12pm)

- *Cambourne:* Wed 25th June 10am - 12pm

- *Wildlife Trust BCN Open Garden event, Cambourne:*  
Sat 7th June (11am - 5pm)

- *Gamlingay Bioblitz (Gamlingay Climate Action Group):*  
Wed 11th June

- *Little Bugs pre-school sessions, Cambourne:*  
Friday mornings (9.30 - 11am-Ish)

- *Seasonal stroll at Trumpington Meadows:*  
Tues 17th June (7 - 8.15pm)

- *Nature and Natter bug hunting for adults, Trumpington Meadows:* Sat 21st June (9.30 - 11.30am)

- *Trumpington Meadows biodiversity event (a council event):*  
Sat 21st June

- *Youth Rangers evening wildflower walk, Trumpington Meadows:* Fri 27th June (6.30 - 8.30pm)

### Further information

[www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org) [cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org) @wildlifebcn

## Cambridge Nature Festival 2025: 24th May – 30th June

**Now in its fourth year, the Cambridge Nature Festival is back!** The festival aims to get us all more in touch with the nature on our doorsteps.

Over 160 events and activities are planned with something for all ages, abilities and interests. There will be guided walks, wild(ish) camping, BioBlitzes, bat punt safaris, tall tree climbing, nature boat trips, guided nature walks, star gazing, wildlife ID workshops, hands-on creative activities such as making seed bombs, and much more. Most of the events are free or low cost

and will take place in Cambridge and the surrounding countryside.

The festival is being organised by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future, in collaboration with The Wildlife Trust BCN, The National Trust, RSPB, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Sports Lake Trust, South Cambs District Council, Magog Trust and Cambridge University Botanic Garden, as part of the Cambridge Nature Network.

For a full list of events see [cambridgenaturenetwork.org/naturefestival](http://cambridgenaturenetwork.org/naturefestival)

The National Trust will be holding craft activities and family trails at Wicken Fen. They are running Mucky Pups nature adventures for children, Big Tree Climbing and a number of guided walks at Wimpole Hall.



The festival also includes, rare orchid walks, astronomy talks, the utopia book club, exhibitions at the Zoology and Sedgewick museums (including Bee School!) and much, much more! We look forward to seeing you at some of the exciting events we have planned! (Please see our poster on Page 30)

The Festival is being run by Cambridge Past, Present and Future as part of the Cambridge Nature Network and funded by the National Lottery Communities Fund.

# LIGHT UP CAMBOURNE

## LUC thanks supporters as quiz night kicks off fundraising drive

A very successful and enjoyable quiz evening was held on 26th April at The Hub, some very close and high scores were noted, but most of all a lot of fun was had.

Thanks go to Cambourne Shed for donating a bird box, Morrisons for the hamper and voucher and all those guests and volunteers who also gave raffle prizes. If you are a business and would like to get involved in something that benefits the residents of Cambourne please get in touch, donations like those above really help us fund raise.

The next LUC event is a night of Bingo at The Hub on 7th June, tickets sales have been fantastic, and we are heading for a sellout evening; thank you to all



those who support us by coming to our events. LUC are hoping to make Cambourne even prettier this Christmas time and everyone's continued support is the reason why it will happen.

We continue to collect items for the LUC Tombola stall at the Cambourne

Fete; please send us an email with details of anything you would like to donate or drop them off at The Hub. Following the Bingo in June our next fund-raising event is planned for 27th September so save the date. More details soon!



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### Meeting the community groups in Cambourne

**It was recently Mental Health Awareness Week, and the theme was “Community”.**

It gave me the opportunity to reflect on the importance of community and the wonderful people, services and organisations within my constituency that contribute so positively to the lives of local people.

Communities connect, support, and give us a sense of belonging and purpose. That can be both in-person, real life communities or those groups and online forums that make a positive difference to many people's lives and mental health.

I will be meeting some of the community groups that make Cambourne such a friendly, varied and vibrant town. I am looking forward to meeting the

Army Cadets to find out more about what they do, what it takes to be a cadet and answer their questions. I will also be getting back to nature with a visit to Cambourne Nature Reserve – headquarters of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire wildlife trust – to talk to staff and volunteers about their important work and to see it first-hand.

Finally, I was very pleased to welcome Lucy Nethsingha as the new Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Cambourne following the local elections. Lucy has been the Leader of the Council for four years and brings a wealth of experience with her. I know she will be brilliant at representing Cambourne and being an important member of the community.



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### Seniors' communities in Cambourne

**I am deeply connected with all communities in Cambourne and continuously making plans for their wellbeing, aiming to make Cambourne a happy place for all.**

I am concerned about seniors' wellbeing and loneliness in Cambourne hence, my efforts for regular tea parties continue along with the small bus journeys. The minibuses seem to be busy for the Cambourne community, especially for the senior members. I am looking for more volunteer drivers if anyone can spare a little time.

At the Cambourne 25 meeting, I emphasised the need for a bus shelter at Broad Street, the main bus stop in Cambourne for seniors.

Currently, I am working on the Science Festival, art exhibitions, sports club, STEM education, chess club, minibus trips, food and cooking projects, and the Cookery Club, which tackles loneliness and helps make new friends.

In early May, I went with a group of children from Cambourne to Harrogate to take part in the National Robotics Competition to compete in the Robotics Nationals for the UK and Ireland – championing young people, promoting science and technology and building a community spirit.

I will also be providing more STEM education in Cambourne. The regular classes will run on Fridays from 6 to 7pm at Cambourne Church.

### Cancer of the oesophagus

**The oesophagus is the food pipe that connects the mouth to the stomach.**

Cancer can occur anywhere along the oesophagus and is most commonly found in men over 75, but can affect anyone.

Cancer of the oesophagus usually causes difficulty or pain when swallowing food with a feeling that food is getting stuck. It can also cause indigestion such as burping, feeling or being sick, heartburn, acid reflux, a hoarse voice, loss of appetite and losing weight unexpectedly. Although there may be other causes for the symptoms, it is important to mention them to a GP who may refer you to have tests that look inside your oesophagus.

Cancer of the oesophagus is more likely in those who have long term, severe acid reflux including those with a condition called Barrett's oesophagus.

Some cancers in the oesophagus are also linked to lifestyle and are more likely in those who smoke, drink too much alcohol or who are overweight. As with all cancers, the earlier cancer of the oesophagus is found, the more likely it can be successfully treated.

Even if things don't seem too troubling, it is important to talk to your GP if you develop new symptoms.

■ **Further information:** [www.nhs.uk/](http://www.nhs.uk/) /  
*oesophageal cancer*



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## Taking time to reflect and refresh

### Over the coming months I will be on sabbatical leave.

What does that mean?

It means that for three months I will not be engaging with ministry as usual in Cambourne, but rather will be stepping back to read, reflect, and be refreshed. I will be visiting a church and school in Kenya with which Cambourne Church has long been partnering. I will go on a pilgrim walk from Melrose to Lindisfarne. I will be spending time in prayer at a retreat house in Devon. And I will be studying more than usual too. I will still be around in Cambourne, but I will not be in active ministry.

Life is supposed to be punctuated with work and rest. The principle of sabbath or sabbatical is laid out on the very first pages of the Bible, and is reiterated many times.

But what about the church community here? What will happen in my absence? Church has never been about the minister. Every member has a role to play. My last active day until mid-September will be Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the fact that God's Spirit works through all kinds of people.

Services will continue - sometimes with visiting ministers, but often led by our own people. Our various groups will still run.

If you have a need or a query then the first point of contact will usually be the staff in the church office, as is often the case now. They will then make contact with the person or people who are best placed to help. The church is still here seeking to serve this community.

**Revd Bill Miller**

### SERVICES IN JUNE 2025

1st June	10am
	<i>Sunday One All-Age Communion</i>
8th June	9.30am <i>Communion Service</i>
	11.00am <i>Communion Service*</i>
15th June	9.30am <i>Worship Service</i>
	11.00am <i>Worship Service*</i>
22nd June	9.30am <i>Worship Service</i>
	11.00am <i>Worship Service*</i>
29th June	9.30am <i>Communion Service</i>
	11.00am <i>Communion Service*</i>

\* The 11.00am services have break-out groups for children and young people

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## PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

## Pastoral thoughts: dealing with conflict

**Normal Sunday services continue** with the occasional battle with Windows not recognising the correct audio output and trying to shove it out of the laptop speakers. Back when I worked in tech support we had a saying 'what is the difference between Microsoft and a virus? A virus usually works'. Of course that was back in the 90s. Now whilst sometimes annoying, it is not a vital conflict.

In our addiction recovery ministry on Wednesdays we spoke a bit about conflict and anger and forgiveness.

Addictions often begin as flawed coping mechanisms. There's a wound or a pressure point in life, and we reach for something - anything - to dull the pain. Maybe the drink to help relax after a hard

day spread to the morning to take the edge off and grew to the lunchtime tipple until you are hiding it everywhere. Or perhaps you suffered trauma or betrayal and you turned to something to help you forget but now you are needing that thing not to feel good but just to survive.

These are symptoms of a deeper conflict - a fight with a false cure. True healing requires us to get to the root of the issue. And that often involves difficult steps. Some people I've worked with had to forgive others before they could move forward. Others had to acknowledge the hurt they had caused. In many cases, bitterness - whether toward others or oneself - had become entangled with pride, keeping them stuck. But when you

push past the anger, pride, defenses and distractions, it becomes just you and the Lord. That's the moment when real change begins - when you can cry out, as the Scriptures say, "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13). That's when healing takes root. When you fix that primary relationship with God, the other relationships in your life can begin to heal as well. The path isn't easy, but the key to victory is surrender. Not to your addiction. Not to your pain. But to the God who loves you and wants to restore you. Have a joyful June - and don't forget Father's Day!



**Pastor  
Donovan Bangs**



### PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school  
11 AM Morning Worship  
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# ST JOHN FISHER

## Seeds of change sprout in Cambourne's Catholic Community

The Seeds of Change team at the St John Fisher community were delighted to welcome Dr Sue Price from the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology for an Enrichment Day. The aim of these days is to provide an opportunity to explore faith in greater depth, looking at it from a new angle and, hopefully, doing something a bit different from what we are used to in daily life. Dr Price delivered brilliantly, leading us through a Godly Play session on Jesus' parable, "the Pearl of Great Price." Godly Play is a well-established method of looking at scripture that uses the spoken word together with carefully-chosen props and visual aids to tell the story; the storyteller then makes some prompts that begin "I wonder..." and teases out some threads of thought from the group before sending



everyone off to respond to the story. Art and craft materials are provided for this, but each participant responds in their own way. Like all good gatherings, the sessions ended with a feast. Godly Play is accessible to people of all ages, and the children and parents who attended all got something wonderful out of the session, with one cynical dad coming away with a bright new insight into a story that he thought had little new to offer him: such is the power of Godly Play. Seeds of

Change thanks Dr Price for sharing her skill with us and making for a very fulfilling afternoon for the church community, young and not-so young.

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## Senior Scouts conquer Ely for Expedition Challenge Badge

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On 17th and 18th of May, we senior Scouts from 1st Cambourne went on an expedition to Ely as part of our Expedition Challenge Badge. It was an amazing experience full of adventure, teamwork, and learning.

We started by catching a bus to the outskirts of Cambridge, then hiked for over an hour to the train station. After that, we took a train to Ely and walked for half an hour to reach the Ely Scout Hut. We were carrying everything we needed, so it really felt like a proper expedition hike!

Once we arrived at the hut, we had some time to unpack and relax before heading out to explore Ely. We visited Ely Cathedral, which was huge and really impressive, and then we went to Oliver Cromwell's House, where we learned loads of interesting facts about his life and the history of the area.



Later, we went back to the hut and had dinner cooked by two Scouts from our group! It was great to eat something warm and tasty after a long day.

In the evening, we played games (mainly one bounce, it got quite competitive!) and spent time chatting and laughing until around midnight when we finally drifted off to sleep.

The next morning, we packed everything up, had breakfast, and sat down for a group reflection. We talked about what went well, what we enjoyed the most, and what we'd do differently next time.

It was a great way to end the expedition and helped us realise how much we'd learned.

We had such a fun and rewarding time. Expeditions like this are just one of the many things that make being a Scout so special.



If you like adventures, making new friends, learning new skills, and having a great time outdoors come and join us!



# A day at Jeavons Wood

**Jeavons Wood Primary School:** The tour starts with a Caterpillar class. Please explore with us.

"Good morning children, I'm glad you came today," sang the teachers. They started with a session of well known Rhymes.

This was followed by serious business indoors. The advice was to proceed carefully as a train track trekked across the dinosaur maze.

The dollies were asleep whilst the Mummies and Daddies made dinner in the kitchen. There was a delicious smell over at the fine motor station - ah, playdough cupcakes.

Look at the art gallery, beautiful work and then a daily phonics class of the students blending sounds before lunch.

The afternoon began with Yoga and then Maths.

Step outside for some fresh air, or a climb on Jeavons Tower or race over to the big tyres? Look out for the cars and trikes on the track, and don't get too close to the muddy kitchen; where they made potions which could turn you into a frog. You can play with the water wall, fill up containers and water plants in the garden.

The day ends with a story and goodbye song.



# Eco day out for Monkfield's Year 5

**Monkfield Park Primary School:** It is always very exciting and rewarding for the children when they are able to put their learning into practice outside the classroom, especially in the wider community.

Year 5 were invited to Cambridge Services by the Ahead Partnership to participate in an ecology and environmental management day. They

had the opportunity to meet people from across the Extra Services group responsible for managing and developing the site's landscape.

They spent some time learning about the local ecosystems and habitats before splitting into groups to take part in activities to improve the grounds of the Services. They had the chance to site birdfeeders and bird nesting boxes

which staff then installed in the woods. Spread wildflower seeds and helped build some very deluxe bug hotels which they named 'Buggingham Palace'.

The day ended with the kids using their knowledge and creativity to design their own unique ecological features, one of which will be selected to form part of the eco landscape at Cambridge Services.

## Year 5 strut their stuff in Spanish fashion show

### The Vine Inter-Church Primary

**School:** Languages are an important part of our curriculum at The Vine, and this term Year 5 have been learning about La Ropa.

We studied the vocabulary for different items of clothing, discussed the colours and the agreement of adjectives.

Our study isn't just theoretical, we also want to put it into practice. So our pupils hosted a fashion show, where they got the chance to show off their favourite outfits.

There was a catwalk, chilled music and expert compères who described their friends' clothing while they strutted their stuff and demonstrated their best



supermodel poses. Everyone agreed that it was a brilliant way to finish off our unit of learning.

We are now learning about Spanish

food and drink in our new topic, La Cafetería. The children would certainly be happy if the practical element of this unit involved churros!

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# Stagecoach East offers bus fare discount to Cambs care workers



**Stagecoach East** is set to offer additional support to staff working in care organisations across the county, thanks to a unique new partnership.

The agreement, between Cambridgeshire's biggest bus operator and the Care Professional Academy, will see care staff who are members of the academy, receive a 10 per cent discount off one-, seven- and 28-day tickets across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (as well as Sheffield).

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Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East said: “At Stagecoach, two of our key values are that we will support our local communities and that we are stronger together, so working with the Care Professional Academy and the wonderful professionals in Adult Social Care is a great opportunity to show that the bus is an essential part of our local communities, ready to get you where you need to go, whether that is for leisure or to get to work.”

The partnership will help to recognise and reward the incredible contributions made by care professionals every day.

Jodie Young, Care Professional Academy, Engagement and Benefits Specialist, added: “Care professionals are the backbone of our communities, and we're thrilled to partner with Stagecoach to deliver real, practical support.

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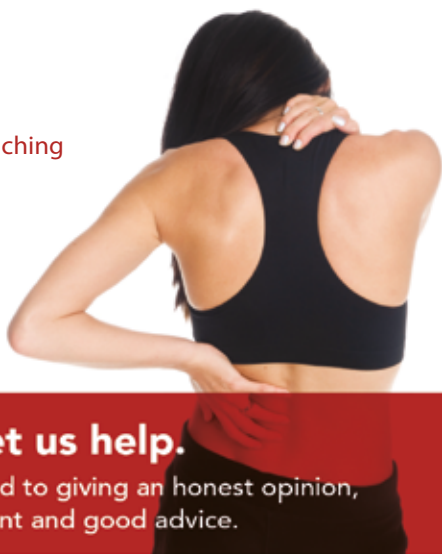


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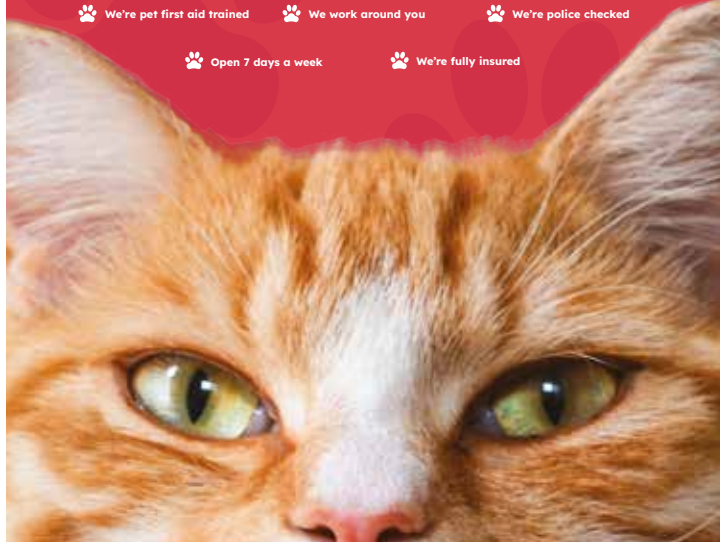
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# Cambridgeshire Fire Service issues warning after battery blazes

**Charging batteries have already caused several fires in homes across the county so far this year.**

Firefighters have been called to fires involving batteries being over charged, resulting in thermal runaway from the lithium-ion contained in them and causing significant damage to homes.

Crews from Wisbech and March, along with crews from Norfolk, recently attended a well-developed house fire in Wisbech. They arrived to find the battery from a DIY home conversion e-bike kit had exploded, with the fire spreading throughout the property causing significant damage. One of the residents was treated for burns at the scene.

At the start of April crews from Cambridge attended a fire on the ground floor of a house in the Chesterton area of the city. They arrived to find an e-scooter, as well as several other items including power tools, on charge in the living room, with one of the batteries having exploded. Luckily the residents closed the doors while evacuating the property, which limited the damage.

At the end of March crews from Ely and Burwell, along with Newmarket from neighbouring Suffolk, attended a fire in Soham. They arrived to find a fire in the kitchen resulting from two devices being charged, a games console controller and a portable power bank.

A matter of days later the Peterborough Volunteer Fire Brigade and a crew from Yaxley attended a fire in Orton Malborne in Peterborough. This again involved a battery used in a DIY home conversion e-bike kit, bought in an online market place. One of the residents sustained burns that required hospital treatment.

Both of these fires caused significant damage to the properties.



Soham

Station Commander Gareth Boyd, one of the Service's community risk managers, said: "These incidents highlight the potential risks that lithium-ion batteries can pose and how it is vital for people to be alert when charging any kind of device. Electrical devices are a key part of everyday life. Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and games console controllers, as well as vehicles like e-bikes and scooters are used daily and need to be powered to do so.

"Most devices come with safety features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged. Using the charging packs, cables and plugs provided by the manufacturers, rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely. Replica replacement chargers sometimes don't have these features and can end up overcharging the battery, which causes thermal runaway leading to explosions and rapidly intense fires. We have seen items for sale, at car boot sales as well as online, that people can use to convert a standard bike into an e-bike. These whilst seemingly a cheap alternative can be highly dangerous and do not conform to the required standards to be sold in the UK."

Residents are being reminded to Take Charge and Be Safe, remembering some simple tips to help keep themselves and their families safe.

Gareth added: "Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure they are



Wisbech

the right voltage and are fully compatible. Other things like charging a mobile phone while you are awake and alert, rather than while sleeping, means the device won't be overcharged and risk overheating the battery. This can be the same for any device."

The Service is encouraging people to plan a good bedtime routine. Things like making sure all internal doors are closed, electrical sockets are switched off, any candles or heating appliances are off and keeping hallways and stairs clear of obstructions. This will not only help prevent a fire from happening but also ensure an easy escape if one does.

Gareth said: "Many fires in the home start at night while people are asleep, but can be easily avoided by following a few simple tips, as well as having working smoke alarms on each floor of your home. Residents can also use our online home safety check to carry out their own fire risk assessment. This simple to use tool generates a safety plan for the occupants to follow."

■ *More information and safety tips on how to Take Charge and Be Safe can be found in the Community Safety section of [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.*



## CIC unites community with vibrant Vishu-Easter celebration

The Cambourne Indian Club (CIC) brought the spirit of unity, culture, and celebration to life on May 10 with a vibrant Vishu-Easter celebration held at the Papworth Village Hall. With over 125 attendees, the event was a dazzling display of tradition and talent, marking one of the most successful gatherings in the club's history.

The evening unfolded with a

captivating lineup of performances, where community members across generations showcased their passion and creativity. Two engaging dramas kept the audience enthralled, while spirited group dances by both ladies and gents lit up the stage. Children and adults alike delivered standout solo acts, proving once again that the CIC is home to a wealth of artistic talent.

No celebration is complete without food - and CIC didn't disappoint. Guests were treated to a sumptuous South Indian feast featuring string hopppers, flavourful mutton and vegetable stew, aromatic biryani and crispy samosas. To round off the culinary experience, delightful home made caramel pudding was served, offering a true taste of home and creating a heartwarming sense of togetherness.

The event was proudly sponsored by Rhythm & Pulse Entertainments, whose generous support played a key role in bringing the celebration to life. It stands as a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of the CIC team, volunteers, performers, and sponsors—all of whom contributed to making the

CIC is excited to continue the momentum with two major community events: **CIC Summer BBQ Party** in June and **Grand Onam Celebration** in September.

Everyone is welcome - come experience the color, culture, and camaraderie that define the Cambourne Indian Club.

■ For future event updates and participation details, follow CIC on FB and Instagram





# Cambourne Open Gardens: 7th and 8th June, 11am-5pm

**Hopefully, as this issue of *Cambourne Crier* pops through your letterbox, Open Gardens will be just about to happen or may be happening!**

The details were printed here last month, to give you the information in time, and just as a reminder the gardens open this time are shown below.

There is also a lady bird hunt for the young with a

prize for the winner. All this for £5 an adult (accompanied children free). Tickets are available at any of the gardens listed below on the day they are open. Please bring cash for the tickets and Sunday's refreshments.

Money raised will again go to help develop Cambourne's Jubilee Garden at our Church.



## **Saturday 7th June**

30 Gladiator Road  
74 Blenheim Close  
79 Lancaster Gate  
Jubilee Garden at the Church (refreshments)  
9 Cressbrook Drive  
13 Willow Lane  
43 Monkfield Lane  
Wildlife Trust, Manor House Broad Street

## **Sunday 8th June**

2 Bickerley Court  
23 Orchard Way  
13 Fenbridge  
8 Langate Green  
14 Kemmann Lane  
5 Mayfield Way  
20 Miller Way (refreshments)  
128 Jeavons Lane  
128 Greenhaze Lane

# CamCareUK disco boosts wellness for over-40s

**Local Charity CamCareUK hosted a vibrant Disco Night** on Friday 16th May at the Cambridge Tech Centre, coordinated by Cambourne resident Ambika Rana-Beadle, with lively DJ support from Jordi Hernandez-Estrada, also from Cambourne.

This unique wellness initiative was specifically designed to support the physical and mental well-being of the aged 40+ population in Cambourne.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from a diverse crowd, with a particularly strong turnout from the Hong Kong community. Community transport was arranged from Cambourne to Cambridge, thanks to the efforts of Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya, who helped organise the community minibus.



The evening provided not only a space for joyful dancing and music but also a valuable opportunity for social interaction, contributing to the overall health and happiness of those attending.

Encouraged by the positive response, Mrs Ambika Rana-Beadle has begun to investigate future opportunities and the viability of hosting the disco regularly in the future.



## Cambourne Community Minibus needs more volunteer drivers

**The Cambourne Community Minibus relies on the kindness of local volunteers**

If you have a few hours to spare and a standard driving licence, come and be a part of something meaningful.

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed to help support local events, local groups, and elderly transport. Your time can make a big difference!

Please contact Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com) or message her on 07852753216



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# CERC shines at LEGO finals

For the eighth consecutive year, the **Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)**, Cambourne's premier STEM initiative under the charity CamCare UK, has continued to empower young minds through its remarkable participation in the UK's National FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competitions. Since its inception in 2017, Cambourne's children have consistently clinched regional championship titles and advanced to the UK and Ireland Nationals, where over 75 top teams from five nations compete in a rigorous test of robotics, innovation, and teamwork.

Beyond the classroom, CERC plays a transformative role by offering professional mentorship, free access to robotics kits, and a safe, inclusive environment where students—regardless of background—can thrive. With over 25 dedicated mentors, strong community support, and a vision to bridge educational gaps, CERC ensures that every child has the opportunity to innovate, lead, and shine on a global stage.



## CERC empowers Air Cadets with robotics workshop



On 12th May, **Cambridge Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC)** conducted an engaging workshop for the Cambourne 105 Air Cadets. Dr Sujit Bhattacharya mentored the cadets, guiding them in building, programming, and demonstrating innovative projects using the BBC Micro:Bit.

CERC, a Cambourne-based STEM club, is dedicated to empowering children with technical skills beyond the

classroom, enabling them to compete in national and international competitions representing the UK in STEM fields.

■ CERC's regular Robotics classes will resume from 6th June, held every Friday from 6 - 7 pm at Cambourne Church. For new enrolments, please contact Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at [shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)

## YOUTH GROUPS

# Scouting into summer: outdoor adventures and new skills for all

### ■ 2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUT GROUP

**As the Summer term began, our three sections have been busy building skills and gaining new experiences.**

Our Beavers enjoyed an evening making fires in the fire pits before cooking damper dough sticks which, when browned, are filled with yummy golden syrup. The week after that, they celebrated World Bee Day by learning about bees' habitat and lifecycle and then went to throw seed bombs to grow wildflowers that attract bees.

The Cubs have been planning their long hike for the term as well as getting outside for team challenges and games like rounders.

The Scouts have completed an escape room, learnt to sew, been on a chip hike on National Fish and Chip day, and have been planning a fundraising event (raising

funds for camping equipment and charity).

At the start of the term, half the troop went on a spring camp to a campsite near Bury St Edmunds. It was a really enjoyable weekend, with activities including archery, climbing, and go karts, as well as campfire cooking and an evening hike.

The majority of the Scouts agreed though that the best activity was the cresta run - a kind of tracked toboggan that raced down a wooden slope!

Over the weekend, the Scouts learnt skills and grew friendships as well as taking an active part in cooking, cleaning, and the team challenge. We remember this camp as a fun weekend away and look forward to many camps in the future.

■ *For more information email: [info@2ndcambourne-scoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@2ndcambourne-scoutgroup.org.uk)*



## Boxing in the Youth Centre

**A group of year 7s** are currently participating in boxing sessions in the Cambourne Soul Youth Centre. The sessions are running for eight weeks and being led by a boxing instructor from MittFit Boxing.

The young people are enjoying learning a new sport and building positive relationships with each other.



## South Cambs leads the nation in boosting Healthy Start uptake

South Cambridgeshire has seen the biggest increase in NHS Healthy Start claims in the country, following a targeted campaign by the District Council encouraging eligible parents to sign up for free food and milk support.

The three-week campaign is projected to have distributed nearly £60,000 of previously unclaimed funds.

The campaign used the District Council's innovative new Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) software to identify families who were likely to be eligible for this support. These families were then sent a letter or text encouraging them to apply if they had not already done so.

The NHS Healthy Start scheme provides vital help for pregnant women as well as parents with children under four, offering free fruit, vegetables, milk and infant formula to those who qualify. It can be worth up to £8.50 a week depending on the age of the child - however many people are unaware of their eligibility.

Thanks to the Council's proactive approach, the number of people claiming from the NHS Healthy Start scheme in the district jumped by over 12 per cent between February and March - from 526 to nearly 600 residents.

This increase is higher than any other district in the country for this time period and compares to a national increase of just 1.4 per cent. Using average claim figures, this increase is projected to be worth a total of £42,858.40.

The Council also used the campaign as an opportunity to increase uptake of the Household Support Fund, a one-off payment of £110 to eligible families. 137 Household Support Fund applications were completed as part of the campaign, valued at over £15,000. This takes the financial impact of this three-week campaign to £57,928.40.

The Healthy Start scheme is offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but were estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38 per cent) of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire which is why the District Council campaign was launched.

The Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) identified 377 households who were likely to be eligible for the Healthy Start scheme. All these households were contacted by letter and text where possible encouraging them to apply if they had not done so already.

Parents are eligible for the NHS Healthy Start scheme if they have a child under the age of four and are on certain benefits. If eligible, parents will receive a Healthy Start card that can be used in most UK supermarkets, like a debit card.

The card will be pre-loaded with £8.50 a week for children aged under one, and £4.25 a week for children aged between one and four years old.



### The Healthy Start Card can be used to buy:

- Fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- Fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- Plain liquid cow's milk
- Infant formula milk based on cow's milk

### The card can also be used to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support a parent during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

**A household must be claiming one of the following benefits to quality:**

- Universal Credit with earned income of less than £408 per month from employment
- Child Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (not contributory benefits) and have a household income below a specified amount

### The easiest way to apply for the Healthy Start scheme is online.

If residents are unable to apply online, they can call the Healthy Start helpline on 0300 330 7010 and a member of staff will help complete an application.

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## SPORT

# Smashing success: Girls' First Badminton League delivers healthy competition

The inaugural **Girls' First Badminton League 2025** enjoyed resounding success, showcasing the burgeoning talent within the sport.

Held at Everyone Active Cambourne, the league hosted 16 enthusiastic participants. The matches were held against an invigorating backdrop with supportive spectators who cheered the players on.

The league's smooth execution was

significantly aided by the dedicated efforts of volunteers, who provided invaluable support across various aspects, including assisting with refereeing and ensuring the event ran seamlessly. Their commitment played a crucial role in the positive experience for both players and attendees.

The level of skill and sportsmanship on show was commendable, hinting at a bright future for girls' badminton. The

league not only provided a platform for competitive play but also fostered camaraderie and a spirit of healthy competition among the participants.

The organisers are hopeful that this successful first edition will pave the way for an even larger and more impactful league in the years to come, further promoting girls' participation in badminton within the Cambourne community and beyond.



A vibrant green poster for the Cambridge Nature Festival 2025. At the top, it says 'Cambridge Nature Network' with a logo of a tree and a bird. Below that, 'Cambridge Nature Festival 2025' is written in large white letters, followed by the dates '24th May - 30th June'. Three green circles contain text: 'A festival to celebrate and explore all things nature!', '160+ exciting events and activities for all ages, abilities and interests', and 'Most events are FREE OR AFFORDABLE'. The bottom half features a large image of a blue butterfly on a stem, with smaller images of people on a boat and a dragonfly. At the bottom, it lists 'Events include: bat punt safaris, wildlife camp out, Festival of Plants, hands on creative activities, wildlife walks, nature talks with experts, pond dipping and much much more!' and the website 'www.cambridgenaturenetwork.org/naturefestival'.

A poster for the Gambourne Balkan Dance Club. It has a yellow background with a red and black diamond pattern at the top and bottom. The text 'Gambourne Balkan Dance Club' is at the top. Below it is a row of stylized figures in traditional Balkan dance costumes. The main text 'BALKAN DANCE FOR FUN AND FITNESS' is in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'Every Sunday, enthusiasts meet up to practice traditional dances from Bulgaria and Greece. The dance is open to all.' There are two time slots: '5:20pm (Beginners) Easy and basic dances' and '6:30pm (Intermediate) Complex and quick dances'. The location is 'The Blue Space, Cambourne CB23 6DZ'. At the bottom, it says 'Find us on Google or Facebook @Cam.Balkan.Dance' and 'Tel: 07551 203866'.

A row of logos for the Cambridge Nature Festival 2025 sponsors. From left to right: Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs &amp; Northants; ABBEY PEOPLE; Cambridge University Botanic Garden; National Trust; COFARM; giving nature a home; Cam Catchment Partnership; and The festival is hosted by the Cambridge Nature Network and supported by the National Lottery Community Fund.

## SPORT

### Cambourne Falconers celebrate standout year and launch new girls-only basketball sessions

**Cambourne Falconers Basketball Club :** reflects on an incredible year of junior basketball, with community sessions for ages under 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 18. These sessions have brought together local youth eager to learn the sport, have fun and build lasting friendships. In addition to these vibrant community programs, the Falcons proudly hosted Under-16 and Under-18 National League teams. The latter which featured many younger players, had a standout season, and anticipate even greater achievements in the coming year.

Looking ahead, the Falcons are excited to launch a new girls-only basketball session on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, offering a welcoming space for girls to try out a new sport. The club hopes to continue this initiative from September onwards and encourages more players to join the Falcons family.

■ For more information, please email [info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk](mailto:info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.fastbreakbasketball.co.uk](http://www.fastbreakbasketball.co.uk)



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# Cambourne Tennis Club serves up freshly renovated courts

**We are thrilled to announce that we have upgraded the courts at Cambourne Tennis Club.**

The courts (1-3) were professionally cleaned and repainted last month, making the lines crisp and clear again, and giving the courts a new lease of life for the next 8-10 years.

On Sunday, May 18th, we said goodbye to our all-green courts 1-3 in the last social mix-in session before they were sprayed in their exciting new purple-green colour scheme.

**Coaching news:** Our summer term coaching programme is in full swing... for those starting their tennis journey and



existing players who want to further improve their game. If you'd like to get involved, it's not too late! Go to [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk) or email [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk) for more information.

**Team news:**

National League - <https://rb.gy/pzsp57>  
Cambs League - <https://rb.gy/ajwr5m>

**Membership renewals:** The new tennis season is well underway, and we ask all members who have not already done so to renew their membership using the link on our website so that their access to the courts is not interrupted. Please see our website for more information on our activities and how to join: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC)

## Fancy a summer scrimmage?

**Join Cambourne Raptors** for any of the summer scrimmage sessions as this is an opportunity to enjoy two hours of friendly, competitive full-court basketball (only £6 per session) – all welcome.

Scrimmage sessions take place until September at Cambourne Village College, on Monday and Thursday 7.30 - 9.30pm. We will always welcome newcomers who are at least 18 years old – just get in touch if you would like

to be added to our scrimmage Whatsapp group, and keep up to date with what's going on.

We welcome new team players or 'training-only' players - get in touch now if you would like more information. We compete in the Cambridgeshire Senior First Division and Second Division.

Email: [info@cambournebasketball.org](mailto:info@cambournebasketball.org)

Instagram: [@camraptorsbball](https://www.instagram.com/camraptorsbball)

Website: [cambournebasketball.org](http://cambournebasketball.org)

## Cambourne's Sunny Mayo qualifies for British Championships

**Cambourne resident, 17 year old Sunny Mayo, won Gold at The British Powerlifting Competition and qualified for the British Championships.**

Having won Silver in only his 2nd Weightlifting competition he has also

qualified for the British Championships in Olympic Weightlifting.

Sunny was previously a competitive gymnast for 12 years in the Performance Squad at Huntingdon Gymnastics Club and has competed and won medals at many Regional and National competitions.

In November 2023 he progressed into powerlifting and then in December 2025 started Olympic weightlifting at Nova Performance Barbell Club.

For Olympic Weightlifting, Sunny currently ranks 4th in England.

