



## Championing nature — SCDC names Wildlife Trust BCN its charity of the year

L-R: Nik Shelton, Head of Communications, Wildlife Trust for BCN; Nathan Lang, Partnerships Manager, Wildlife Trust for BCN; Cllr Peter Sandford, Chair of SCDC; Brian Eversham, Chief Executive of Wildlife Trust for BCN

**The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire has been chosen as charity of the year by the new Chair of South Cambs District Council.**

From protecting precious pollinators to restoring wildflower meadows and

safeguarding endangered species, the partnership will shine a spotlight on the vital work being done to protect local wildlife and wild spaces.

As the newly appointed Chair, Cllr Peter Sandford selected the Wildlife Trust BCN in recognition of its vital work

protecting local wildlife and restoring natural habitats across the region.

Cllr Sandford said: "Nature is at the heart of our communities, and the work of Wildlife Trust BCN is more important than ever. From preserving ancient woodlands ... *continued on page 3...*

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## TOWN COUNCIL

### ■ AGAR 2025

The Town Council has been working hard to address issues raised in the Annual Governance and Accountability return for 2024/25. Please read our Council minutes to see the steps the Town Council is taking to address these issues. Several key areas have already been addressed, which included the immediate use of accounting software.

### ■ **Cancelled - Cambourne Community Fete (20th September)**

The Community fete has been cancelled this year - this is due to the amount of work still to do, and with the current staffing levels this was not possible without moving officers from governance matters. It was also felt that following the audit it would not be appropriate to hold the fete whilst officers cannot advise the Council on the total budget.

### ■ **Milwaukee woods – a new volunteering opportunity**

If you've got time this autumn to help, we're looking for volunteers to help with planting trees in the new Milwaukee woods in November. Please contact [Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk)

### ■ **Netball/Tennis Courts resurfaced**

The Town Council has supported Cambourne Netball Club with a successful bid for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Legacy Funds by National Highways. This project included the resurfacing of the old courts and the installation of a KL2 Accessible Waterless Toilet and was match-funded by the Town Council. Planning permission for the toilet was granted and installation took place shortly after.

The works have now been completed, and the courts are being well used!



### ■ **Countryside Code of Conduct: dogs on leads**

As the weather gets better, 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.

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

- 9th September, 7pm:

Planning Committee followed by Full Council

- 23rd September, 7pm:

Planning Committee, followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

- 7th October, 7pm:

Planning Committee, followed by Full Council

- 21st October, 7pm:

Planning Committee, followed by Finance and Policy

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## Protecting wildlife and restoring natural habitats

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...to inspiring young people through education, their efforts make a real difference to both people and the planet. I'm honoured to support them."

Wildlife Trust BCN manages over 100 nature reserves and leads numerous conservation and community engagement projects. The Chair's support aims to help raise awareness and funds for the Trust's ongoing mission to create a wilder future for everyone.

Brian Eversham, CEO of the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants, said: "It's wonderful news to have been chosen as South Cambridgeshire District Council's charity of the year and I would like to thank Cllr Sandford for choosing us. I hope our staff and volunteers take it as a validation for their hard work in the

area. With popular nature reserves like Cambourne, Fulbourn Fen and Beechwoods which are enjoyed by many thousands of visitors each week alongside quieter local gems like Hayley Wood, Shepreth L Moor and Overhall Grange which are vital for several threatened species, South Cambridgeshire has some fantastic Wildlife Trust sites.

"Nature provides space to learn and relax, improves our health and wellbeing, tackles climate change and brings flood relief, pollinators, clean air and water – so our work boosts many of the services councils like SCDC provides for local communities and businesses.

"We look forward to celebrating the area's wildlife with the council and its staff and raising funds to support conservation in the local area."



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## Get Involved: Wildlife Trust BCN offers volunteer roles from practical work to community education

### Want to help make things better for wildlife and people?

Here are some volunteering opportunities in and around Cambourne.

#### ■ Cambourne Work Party volunteer

If you are looking for something outdoors, sociable, and practical, this is the opportunity for you. This group meet on the second Saturday of the month 9.30-1pm. Over the past few years, they have been involved in removing tree guards, footpath repairs, installing benches, pond management, hedge-laying, repairing noticeboards, and mending fences. You can email the volunteer warden directly on: [CambourneNRVolunteers@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:CambourneNRVolunteers@wildlifebcn.org)

#### ■ Cambourne Volunteer Ranger

Help us connect with the community and keep the nature reserve safe and litter-free! These community heroes are more

independent, and simply keep an eye on the reserve whilst out on their regular walk. They might report fallen trees, broken benches, interesting wildlife, or excess litter, keep paths open by cutting back over-hanging vegetation, and help raise the profile of the Wildlife Trust BCN in and around Cambourne.

#### ■ Communities and Education Volunteer

We are looking for more volunteers with experience working with people, especially young people. We run regular activities for all ages and also attend community events, and often need an extra pair of hands.

#### ■ Cambourne Area Youth Rangers

We run monthly activities for secondary-school-age young people, either in Cambourne, Trumpington Meadows, or a nature reserve nearby. Not all activities are volunteering, sometimes we have socials, go on a nature walk, or learn about surveys.

#### September events:

Booking is essential at [wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

Little Bugs pre-school sessions:

*Friday mornings over 5 weeks starting 26th Sept*

Local enquiries:

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### Refurbishment Update

We apologise for the delay in starting building works at Cambourne Library. Our procurement timeline overran, and we were caught out by changes in the building regulations that came into force. As we are changing internal walls the whole building needed to be brought up to spec and this took far more time than anticipated as several other projects countrywide fell into similar issues and expertise to complete the work was in short supply.

We have finally completed the new requirements and contractors are now scheduled to start in early September and hope to complete by the end of the year.

We are still progressing with the design as it has been shared and additional works are largely taking place with the fabric of the building, internal fire safety compartmentalisation and use of materials.

The alternative library provision will remain in place until the library re-opens.

### New Cirros Printing

We are now able to offer printing from both our public PCs and remote devices - customers' own laptops and smartphones. In addition, your printing and photocopying is now paid for by credit or debit card on the payment device attached to the printer. While we all learn how to use this new system there are instruction leaflets available in the library to help navigate how to print and photocopy your documents.

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

### The Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the Summer Reading Challenge participants who read six books or more over the Summer Holiday. It was fun to chat with you and give you your collectors stickers. As this year is a little different due to the library refurbishment, you can collect your Certificate and Medal on these dates:

### Cambourne Library Participants

*Thursdays 4th and 11th September 3.30pm- 5pm; Cambourne Library.* Take a photo in front of our lovely display to capture the moment.

*Saturday 13 and 27 September 10am-4pm; Mobile Library in the Hub car park.* Take a photo next to the colourful Mobile Library with your Certificate and Medal.

If none of these dates are convenient for you, please email [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and we will try to arrange an alternative way of collecting your Certificate and Medal.

For those families who signed up at Papworth or Comberton Libraries, here are the days and times for their Ceremonies:

### Papworth Library Summer Reading Challenge Participants

*Award Ceremony Saturday 20 September 10.15-11 am*

### Comberton Library Summer Reading Challenge

#### Participants

*Award Ceremony Friday 12 September 4-5pm*

### Rhymetime/Storytime

Our Rhymetime/Storytime sessions with our regular volunteers will begin Friday 5 September 9.30am-10am in the Child and Family Centre Activity room, Sackville House.

### Knit, Sew and Natter Group Craft Group

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### Comberton Library

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Wednesday: 10am to 1pm,  
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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

### Cambourne

There will be a **mobile library** at The Hub car park on Saturdays 13th and 27th September 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.



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## My tour of Cambourne nature reserve

**I recently enjoyed a tour of Cambourne Nature Reserve, a beautifully designed and maintained area managed by the Wildlife Trust, who have just been named 'Charity of the Year' by South Cambs District Council.**

The main issue we discussed was water supply. New communities like Cambourne are great examples of how both nature and housing can grow in tandem and they must be allowed to thrive for years to come. A positive step in the Autumn Budget was that the Fens reservoir would be prioritised in order to unlock some of the new housing that Cambridgeshire desperately needs.

But we need much more than this if the Government wants to go beyond the already ambitious Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

As we headed into another heatwave in late August, it was disturbing news that these intense weather events may now be our 'new normal'. At the same time, failure to invest properly in renewable energy has led directly to sky-high energy bills that are hurting families and businesses across the constituency.

In July, I met a group of local campaigners in Parliament as part of The Climate Coalition's 'Act Now, Change Forever' lobby day. The huge number of people that came sent a powerful message that the climate crisis is something that the Government must urgently prioritise.

I recognise the crucial role I must play as an MP in stepping up against climate change, and I will continue to fight for our future as best I can.



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## Cambourne - village spirit or concrete jungle?

**At the recent District Council meeting, I raised a question that has been on Cambourne residents' minds for over two decades: After 25 years of waiting, when will we finally see Cambourne's High Street delivered?**

I also asked whether the administration would deliver an urbanised design more like a high rise city development and concrete jungle, or would they provide the village-style community that was envisaged for Cambourne. I continue to press for plans that reflect our town's character, with local shops, a Post Office and accessible amenities.

I attended the High Street update meeting with Planning Director Stephen Kelly and made these points again. I was reassured that there will still

be opportunities for meaningful public consultation.

At the same Council, I also opposed the proposal for four days of work with five days of payment, which is funded by taxpayers' money. Why can't the District Council follow a fair principle of four days' work with four days' pay, or three days' work with three days' pay, just like everyone else in society? By allowing this, the Council risks creating an unfair society, when teachers, nurses, police officers, and so many others are paid only for the days they work.

After 10 years of asking for a bus shelter, I am pleased to say we have a new bench that has finally been installed at the Broad Street bus stop.

## Lupus erythematosus

**Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus) is a condition which causes pain in the joints and muscles, skin rashes and extreme tiredness.**

The rash is often over the nose and cheeks and can come on after being in the sun. It is sometimes described as looking like a butterfly and it is not contagious. Other symptoms include hair loss, weight loss, tummy pain, low mood, mouth ulcers, swollen glands and a high temperature. Symptoms of lupus can become worse for a few weeks or longer (relapse) and then settle down again for a period of time (remission).

For some people their symptoms remain the

same all the time. Lupus can affect the skin more widely and the organs inside the body causing inflammation. In severe cases this can be life threatening. Lupus is not always easy to diagnose but keeping a record of symptoms and blood tests may together help to identify it.

Lupus is an autoimmune condition, which means the immune system in the body is attacking healthy areas of the body. The causes are not known but it is more common in women than men and those from an African, Caribbean, Asian or Chinese background.

Currently there is no cure for lupus, but if treatment starts early symptoms can improve.

■ **Reference:** [lupusuk.org.uk](http://lupusuk.org.uk) / [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



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# COMMUNITY

## Cambourne primary school pupil wins competition to design a dinosaur

**Arya Sareen, aged 11, a recent Year 6 graduate from Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, has won a competition to “Design a Camsaurus” .**

The competition was hosted by the Sedgwick Museum and Grand Arcade. His entry was selected from over 300 submissions for its scientific detail, creativity, and stunning artwork.

Arya’s fictional dinosaur, “*The Camsaurus*”, was imagined as if it was making its habitat along the River Cam.

Camsaurus features a maroon feathered crest for mating displays, insulating plumage down its back, and hooked claws for fishing, making the Camsaurus both anatomically plausible and beautifully marked.

Having nurtured a passion for dinosaur evolution and natural history from an early age, Arya is also a gifted artist. His ability to blend science with art impressed judges and scientists alike.

In August, Arya was honoured at the Sedgwick Museum, where he met Professor Dave Norman and Dr Alex Liu from the University of Cambridge to explore real fossils and discuss evolution with the experts.

“I was overjoyed at the opportunity to speak with prestigious scientists about a subject I am really passionate about,” he said.

His design was transformed into a soft toy, capturing every intricate detail of his drawing.



“When I received the soft toy, it was as if my paper creation had come alive I am incredibly grateful to the Sedgwick Museum and the Grand Arcade for presenting such an opportunity.”

Arya’s achievement is a celebration of youthful imagination, scientific curiosity, and artistic ability and is an inspiring reminder of the wonders that emerge when creativity meets knowledge.

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## ■ CAMBOURNE CHURCH

### 10 years of Cambourne Foodbank

The Cambourne Welcome Centre of the Cambridge City Foodbank is now 10 years old. It is open 10am-12pm every Thursday morning in The Blue Space, Eastgate. It offers emergency food crates for individuals or families for three days in receipt of a foodbank voucher. The need for these food vouchers has increased enormously over the past 10 years as the cost of living has risen.

Each food crate includes basic staples such as pasta, cereal, tins of meat/fish/vegetables/soup, etc. There is also an extras box which includes other food items that have been donated, plus a toiletries box. Clients coming to the foodbank are able to select one or two items from these boxes as well as the staples box. If you would find an emergency food parcel helpful, there are several agencies around Cambourne that can issue vouchers. These include SCDC,

all the schools, Cambourne Church, the GP surgery, or by phoning the Help Through Hardship helpline 0808 208 2138 (open Monday-Friday 9-5). The helpline also offers advice on benefit claims, grants, support with heating and any other financial worries. On alternate Thursdays there is also a Citizens Advice advisor at the Cambourne Welcome Centre.

If you would like to support the foodbank by donating food or toiletries, there is a donations box in the corridor of The Blue Space which is open most weekdays. There is a list of items that the foodbank especially needs at any particular time on [cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-food](http://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-food). Donations of cash are also really helpful. The foodbank is very grateful for the support of so many to be able to continue this important facility.

**Julie Whitbread**

#### SERVICES IN JULY 2025

Sun 7 Sep 10.00am *All Age Sunday One Service*

Sun 14 Sep 9.30am *Morning Worship*  
11.00am *Morning Worship\**

Sun 21 Sep 9.30am *Communion Service*  
11.00am *Communion Service\**

Sun 28 Sep 9.30am *Communion Service*  
11.00am *Communion Service\**

\* The 11.00am services have break-out groups for children and young people  
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## ■ PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

### Pastoral thoughts: Look after the little things

With the start of school, many families find themselves adjusting once again to busy schedules, early mornings, and new routines. For children, it can be both exciting and daunting, new teachers, new subjects, and sometimes new schools altogether. For parents, there are the practical challenges of organisation, the emotional tug of watching their children grow, and often the quiet worry about how they will manage the year ahead.

In all of this, I've been reminded how much the little things matter. A few calm words before the school day, a moment of prayer together, or simply listening when someone wants to talk about their

day, these small acts carry great weight.

The Bible tells us, Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. We don't always need grand solutions to life's challenges; often it is the steady, faithful steps in the right direction that build strength and peace.

A house is not built in a day, but brick by brick. In the same way, our children's and families' lives are shaped by the small habits of kindness, patience and encouragement. It may not seem like much at the time, but these things add up, and the Lord uses them to guide us.

Perhaps you are facing a burden that

feels heavy as the new season begins. Don't be overwhelmed.

Take the next small step in faith, trusting the Lord to help you. And whether you are a student, a parent, or a teacher, or perhaps a mentor or supervisor remember that God is with you in every moment both great and small. And the choices you make are shaping those around you like stones in a riverbed as we interact with each other hopefully we can smooth out the rough parts.

Stay encouraged, Cambourne, and look after one another.



**Pastor  
Donovan Bangs**



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## Time for your seasonal flu vaccine!

**We are now in the flu and COVID Autumn delivery season.** We continue to flu to our younger population and to co-administer flu and COVID to our adult patients locally at the practice our dates for clinics are set as per below and invites have started to be sent.

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*Thursday 9th October* - Adult catch up clinic

Do we have the most up to date telephone number for you? Most of our invites will go out via SMS. If you have changed your number recently let us know through the contact us button on our website!

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# Cambridgeshire drivers scale Mount Snowdon for charity



Three intrepid bus Drivers have completed a remarkable feat of climbing one of the UK's highest mountains - to raise thousands of pounds for a major local medical charity.

Stagecoach East's Adam Backshall, Lewis Freemantle, and Ross Burton climbed Mount Snowdon - at 3,560ft, the highest peak in Wales and the highest peak in Great Britain south of the Scottish Highlands - to raise £1624.52 from donations and a further £1000 from Stagecoach.

The money will support the essential work done by Magpas Air Ambulance, which provides outstanding pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land, including treatments usually only available in hospital. They operate 24/7 and answer an average of four calls for help a day, treating around 900 patients in life-threatening emergencies every year. It is a charity, completely funded by donations.

Handing over the cheque to Magpas, Lewis said: "We were so pleased with everyone's generosity - our friends and colleagues have really got behind us. In addition to this, every year, Stagecoach sets aside a percentage of its profits to help support local charity efforts, and this has made a huge difference.

"We wanted to support Magpas because they provide life-saving emergency care when it is needed most - and recently, they have been there for us.

"Magpas gave exceptional care to some of our very close colleagues during a critical time. They were on the scene quickly, delivering advanced, hospital-level treatment that made a real difference. We will always be grateful for their professionalism, compassion, and speed."

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# Travel into Cambridge on the 4 bus service

An advertisement for Stagecoach bus route 4. It features a blue and white bus with 'CITI 4' on the front. Above the bus is a route map showing stops: Lower Cambourne, Great Cambourne, Upper Cambourne, Highfields, Caldecote, Hardwick, and Cambridge City Centre. A circular badge says 'UP TO EVERY 20 MINUTES MON-SAT'. A starburst badge says 'OPERATES 7 DAYS A WEEK'. A QR code is in the bottom right. The Stagecoach logo and slogan 'we've got you' are at the bottom left. Small text at the bottom says: '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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# Long-awaited bench installed at Broad Street bus stop

**Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya:** After nearly 10 years of asking repeatedly in Town Council meetings, I am very pleased to share that a bench has finally been installed at the Broad Street main bus stop.

This may seem like a small achievement, but for our elderly residents, it makes a world of difference.

In Cambourne, we have three retirement homes in the town centre. Many senior residents no longer drive and rely heavily on buses to reach Cambridge, Addenbrooke's Hospital, and other destinations. I have often seen how they suffer while waiting for long periods, some up to an hour, with mobility difficulties and no place to sit. This simple bench now provides comfort and dignity to those who need it most.

This moment also reminds me of Ex-Parish Councillor Tom Hudson, who for 16 years tirelessly pressed for bus shelters in Cambourne. Sadly, he passed away before seeing this become



a reality. I remember how he often raised the need for a bus shelter on Broad Street and elsewhere in the village.

I sincerely wish that this humble bench could be dedicated to his memory, as a tribute to his persistence and service to our community. In several meetings over the years in Town Council, I asked that, if not a full shelter, at least a bench should be provided at Broad Street, the busiest stop where all kinds of buses call. It was repeatedly minuted in the Town meeting, and I continued to chase it for nearly a decade. Finally, I am grateful to Dawid Illakowicz and our Grounds Team, whose support helped bring this long-delayed facility to life. A small seat it may be, but for many, it is a long-awaited comfort and a symbol of care in our community.

## Live cooking session inspires confidence

**Meridian Intergenerational Project** hosted **The BIG Community EAT** on Thursday 24th July and welcomed the residents of Cambourne with delicious food and great company. Central Co-op also partnered to bring Spin the Wheel, recipe ideas and banana art!

Cllr Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya conducted the live cooking session, where residents got a chance to prepare some of the dishes under supervision.

This is an interactive, hands-on cooking session; people get a chance to be involved in guided food preparation. Participants choose their vegetables so they can work with ingredients they enjoy. The live cooking session is all about building



confidence, joy, and community through cooking together.

Cllr Bhattacharya said, "We're facing a huge issue around convenience food, burgers, pizzas, chips, and fizzy drinks. These aren't chosen because they taste better or are cheaper; they're chosen because many people avoid cooking altogether. This wasn't a problem in the UK 30 years ago; people knew that soups, lunches, breakfasts, and dinners were made at home. That was family life.

It's not just about food anymore; it's

about loneliness, disconnection, long-term health, and many wider crises. I see all roads, from depression to obesity to cancer, all lead to the NHS. The circle comes back to the NHS. Not cooking at home not only leads to poor health and social isolation, but we're also harming water and land animals by choking them with plastic waste. And on top of that, we are producing millions of tons of single-use plastics on this planet every year. A simple education can be a solution to many things."

# New videos showcase the best of Cambridge on open-top City Sightseeing bus tour



**The City Sightseeing open-top bus tour of Cambridge has unveiled two new videos to show some of the sights and sounds that can be enjoyed from the services.**

The open-top bus is the best way to see the world-famous history and architecture in Cambridge, and the videos aim to give a flavour of what you can expect.

The City Sightseeing timetable sees buses run every 20 minutes, family tickets are just £41 - for up to 2 adults and 3 children - and joint bus and punt tickets are available. The tour allows you to experience the sights and sounds of historic Cambridge, enjoying 360 panoramic views while passing by some of the most beautiful attractions, including historic colleges, heritage sites and retail hubs.

This year, the tour's commentary has been updated to include all the most interesting and accurate facts about the city. It is available in eight languages: English, Spanish, Japanese, Russian, German, French, Chinese and Italian.

David Boden, Business Development Director of Stagecoach East, which runs Cambridge's City Sightseeing bus, said: "Our open-top buses are the very best way to enjoy Cambridge - from the Fitzwilliam Museum to Kings College and the American Cemetery to the University Botanic Gardens, it is all there to enjoy!"

"We hope that these short videos will give a taste of what you can experience. Very often, as people who live in the region, we can forget what a wonder Cambridge is - a place that amazes visitors from all around the world. So, this Summer maybe it is time to enjoy a day going around and finding out for yourself what makes Cambridge so special." - Find out more about City Sightseeing in Cambridge here: [www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/city-sightseeing-cambridge](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/city-sightseeing-cambridge)



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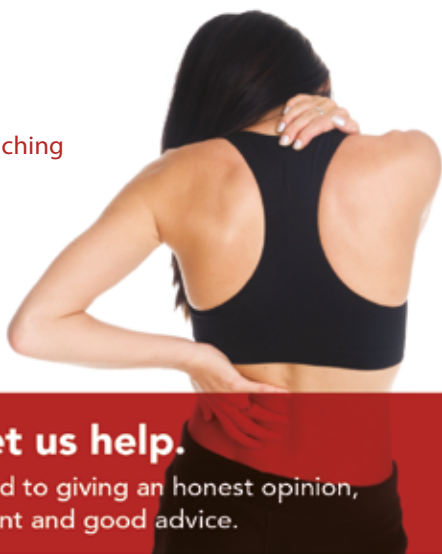
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## Foxton Scarecrow Festival 2025

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As in previous years, you'll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities along the way, including a children's quiz and 'Where's Wally?' Will you be able to find this special scarecrow, hidden somewhere in the village?

We welcome you to stop at various venues around the village for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes. There will be a variety of musical



entertainment during the afternoon in the Village Hall and 'The Barn', and you'll be able to vote for your favourite scarecrow. This fun event for all ages will finish with prize giving and the raffle draw.

We'll be raising funds for St Laurence Church, Foxton School and Pre-School.

Programmes will be available on the day from the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, email [foxtonscarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:foxtonscarecrow@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.



## South Cambridgeshire supporting vital services

**Residents of South Cambridgeshire are thanked by councillors for their support of vital frontline services** – after the District Council was named the second top District Council nationally for collecting Council Tax.

The government statistics for collection rates show SCDC collected 99.23% of the Council Tax funds it was due to in the 2024/25 financial year – helping to fund essential services such as social care, waste collections, police and fire services, education, homelessness prevention, some local bus services and much more. When considering all councils, the total collection rate across England was 95.88%.

By 31 March 2025, the Council had collected a total of £156,428,000 during the previous 12 months. As a result, South Cambridgeshire District Council is the second top performing District Council out of around 300 tax-collecting authorities in England. Council Tax is collected by South Cambridgeshire

District Council on behalf of the Police, Fire Service, County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Parish and Town Councils. Only around 7.5% of residents' annual Council Tax bill goes towards services which the District Council provides – such as emptying bins, determining planning applications and homelessness support, with the rest being passed to the other organisations.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Cllr John Williams, said: "A huge thank you to residents of South Cambridgeshire for doing their part to keep important local services running. The District Council is the collecting body for Council Tax, but we pass most of the money on to other Councils and emergency services. For the average band D house, South Cambridgeshire District Council retains £175.40 a year from the whole Council Tax bill, which is one of the lowest charges in the country.

We fully recognise the ongoing cost of living challenges and remain committed to supporting our residents. If you're struggling to pay your Council Tax, please reach out to us as early as possible. We can help by arranging payment plans and exploring available financial support, such as our Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for those who qualify. We're here to help, and the sooner we know, the more options we may be able to offer." The Government figures also show that South Cambridgeshire District Council collected 99.2% of the Business Rates that it was due to collect from local companies during the 2024/25 financial year – a total of £122,553,000.

Support is available for residents struggling to meet Council Tax payments. Visit the SCDC website for details. South Cambridgeshire residents can also sign-up to receive their Council Tax bill online.

# Community health initiatives transform lives across the district

**Hundreds of residents of all ages have been supported to live healthier lives** thanks to community programmes and initiatives delivered and managed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

From cookery classes to athletics camps, wellbeing walks and cardiac rehab, the Council is committed to inspiring healthier lifestyles for all.

Some of the successful health and wellbeing activities from 2024 – 2025 include:

Cooking up confidence in the kitchen with three family cooking programmes which brought together 35 residents to learn healthy eating habits and practical cooking skills. Children tried new foods, families cooked together, and confidence soared. One resident said: “Many children tried different types of food for the first time, and because they cooked it, they ate it and enjoyed it!”

Strength and balance for seniors thanks to funding from Care Together. Chair-based exercise sessions were introduced in six sheltered housing schemes, benefiting 59 older adults. One participant said: “I have arthritis pain, but after six weeks, the pain eased, and I feel better for it.”

Health and activity advice talks reached over 175 people across 19 venues, including schools, sheltered housing and libraries. The activity talks included helping young people understand the importance of activity in changing focus, having a positive mindset and controlling stress and emotions during two court experience days on the dangers of knife crime.

Over 2,100 students took part in Healthy You Schools Week, with fun challenges and discussions on food and fitness. Fit ‘n’ Healthy sessions helped 151 Year 5 and 6 pupils understand the link between nutrition and activity.

The Council’s physical activity coordinator supported the annual colour run day and spoke to children about healthy eating, activity. A teacher said: “The colour run, and activity village were a hit – children learned, laughed, and got moving!”

Athletics and netball holiday sport camps welcomed over 775 children aged 7-14, supported by 58 volunteers.



Two new walking cricket sessions were launched in Melbourn and Cambourne, adding to eight regular walking sports sessions across the district, including football, rugby, and netball.

Nine regular wellbeing walks now take place across the district, with three new routes added this year and 37 new walkers joined, enjoying safe, social, and supportive strolls.

Grants of £8,300 supported activities for people with conditions like Parkinson’s, cancer, and anxiety. One participant with Parkinson’s said: “My balance is improved as is my tremor and arm strength. The classes lift my mood and make me feel positive. My consultant said my condition is stable – I believe the classes made the difference.”

Exercise4Fun sessions at local leisure centres across the district saw 91 people join, with 14 achieving significant weight loss. One participant shared: “After a near-fatal accident, I gained weight and lost confidence. Now, I’ve lost over 5 stone and feel healthier and happier than ever.”

A total of 257 patients were referred to the Active & Healthy 4 Life exercise scheme with 102 completing the four-month programme and making exercise part of their daily lifestyle. A new cardiac rehab class in Cambourne supported 18 patients on their recovery journey.

■ To find out more about the Exercise Referral scheme, the Cardiac Phase 4 rehabilitation referral scheme or holiday sports camps for young people email [AandH4L@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:AandH4L@scambs.gov.uk)



## C3 Church launches new location in Cambourne

**The C3 Church is excited to announce the launch of its new location,** The C3 Church: Cambridge West, opening on Sunday 21st September at 10:30am at Cambourne Village College (Coates Theatre). Services will continue every Sunday, with full Kids Church and Youth provision available.

The C3 Church is a contemporary Christian church, passionate about creating a place where everyone feels

welcome and at home. Our vision is to see lives transformed by the love of Jesus, equipping people to live with faith, hope and purpose in their everyday lives. The C3 Church exists to help people know God, grow in faith and make a difference.

We would love to invite you, your family and your friends to come and celebrate this exciting new beginning with us. For more information visit: [thec3.uk/cambridge-west](http://thec3.uk/cambridge-west)



## Cambridge Fire Safety: Take charge and be safe

**Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries over the last few years.**

Many devices contain lithium-ion batteries. Mobile phones, laptops and games console controllers have these batteries, but so do cordless tools, garden machinery plus e-bikes and e-scooters. These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used correctly.

You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off
- Do not overload sockets
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

### How to dispose of batteries

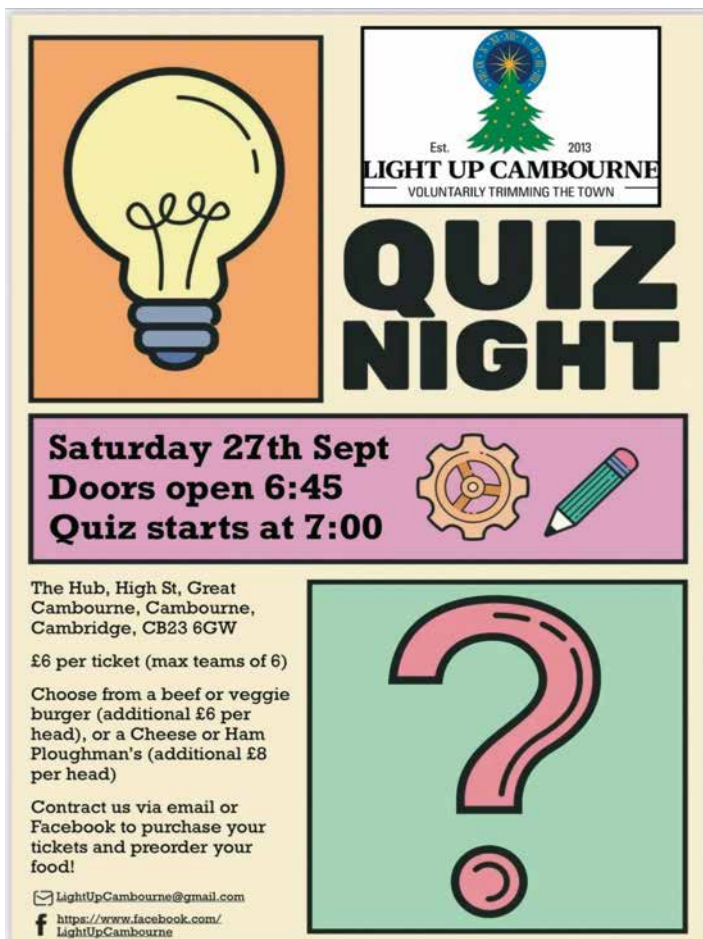
There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

Find out more on our website: [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/disposing-of-batteries-safely](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/disposing-of-batteries-safely)

### Help keep your home and family fire safe - complete our online home safety check

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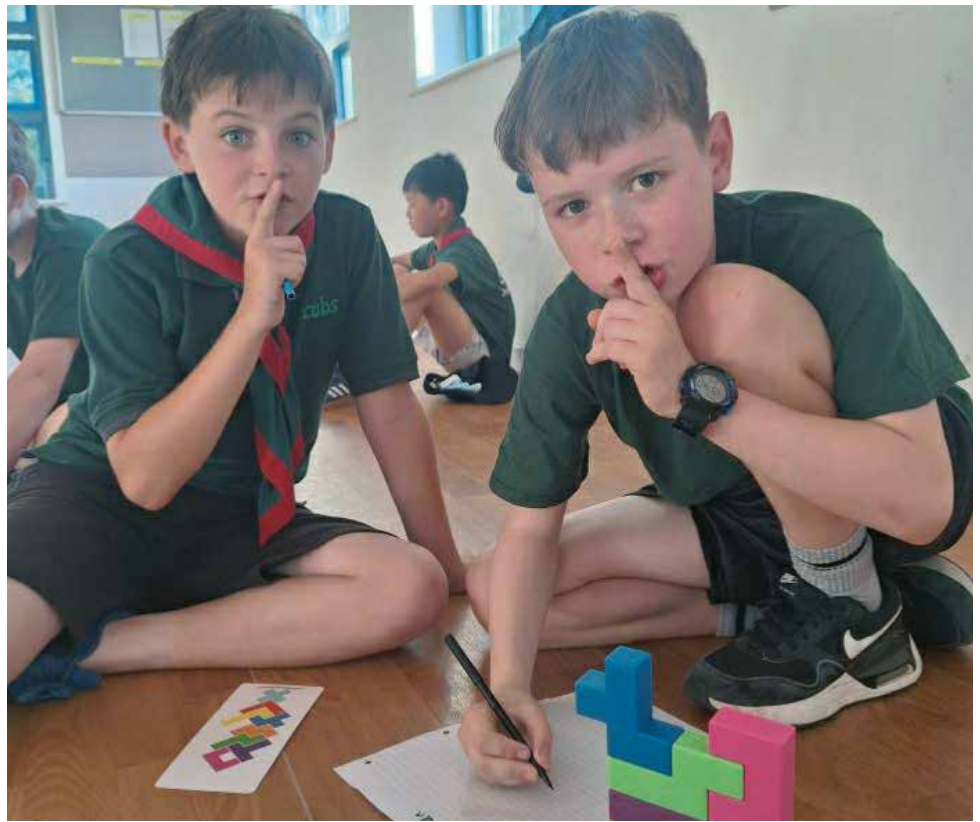
# SCOUTS

## Cambourne Scouts smash £1,000 target with sponsored silence for charity and new camping equipment

**2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUTS:** During the summer term, our Scouts planned a fundraising activity. They decided to hold a Sponsored Silence for one hour during our last session of the term; something that would be hard (especially for the very chatty ones!) but achievable.

The funds were to be split 50/50 with half going to our group to purchase new camping equipment like an event shelter and tables and half going to a charity which the Scouts voted on, Woodgreen Pets Charity.

Next up was to set a target: £1,000 was chosen and then the Scouts designed posters which they then sent to



family and friends to ask for sponsorship. Sponsorship came rolling in and when the event itself happened, we were at about £700.

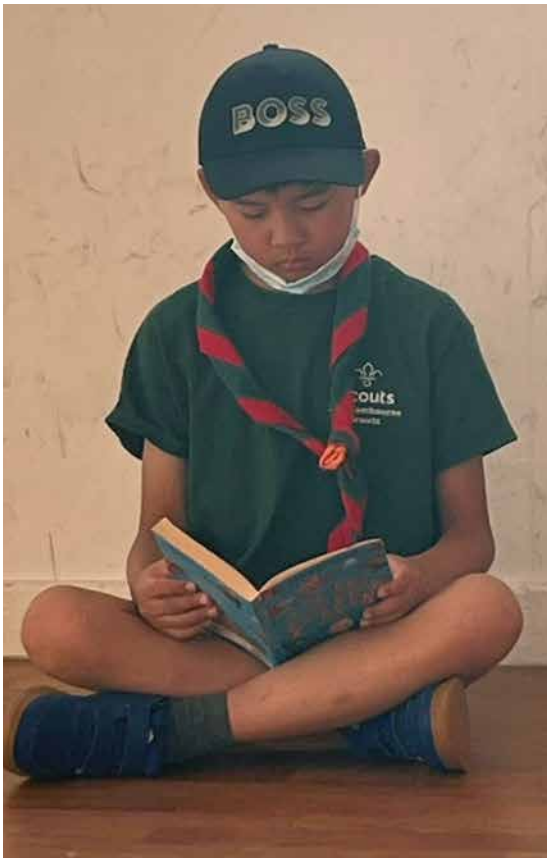
The silence went really well with the Scouts managing to keep silent for the whole hour(!) helped by some reading books, silent games, and challenges.

When the hour was up there was an explosion of relief from the whole troop

as they were allowed to talk again! As a reward they got to enjoy a water fight in the sunny evening.

A week after the silence, the £1,000 target was achieved which is fantastic as both the Scouts and Woodgreen will benefit from the efforts the troop put in to this activity.

■ For more information please email: [info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@2ndcambournescoutgroup.org.uk)





## Scouts walk through the night for MAGPAS Air Ambulance

**In July, during the shortest day, the young adventurers of 1st Cambourne Scout group laced up their boots, shouldered their packs, and took to the Cambridgeshire countryside for an unforgettable overnight hike—all in aid of MAGPAS Air Ambulance.**

There was a festival atmosphere at the start/finish line, with games, archery and charity hot dogs, welcoming the parents and supporters and entertaining the young people.

The challenge began in the early evening, starting with our Squirrels, the youngest of our group, setting off full of energy and determination. As the sun

dipped below the horizon, headtorches lit the trail. The baton was passed first to the Beavers, then Cubs, until finally the Scouts and Explorers pressed on through the night. By dawn, tired legs were met with a real sense of achievement - not just for completing the trek, but for the impact their efforts would have. The last group even finished with a run!

Thanks to the generosity of family, friends, and the wider community, the Scouts raised an incredible £2,200 for MAGPAS Air Ambulance. The charity provides critical pre-hospital emergency care by air and land, saving lives across the region.

We're so proud of our Scouts. Over 60 young people participated in the event, along with dozens of parents and leaders. Hiking overnight is no small feat, and they showed amazing resilience,

teamwork, and spirit. Raising such a fantastic amount for MAGPAS Air Ambulance means our adventure will help keep this vital service running for people in need.

A spokesperson for MAGPAS Air Ambulance expressed gratitude for the donation, saying: "We're hugely thankful to the 1st Cambourne Scouts for their support. Every pound raised helps us continue delivering life-saving care, 24/7."

The hike wasn't just about fundraising - it was also an opportunity for young people to push themselves beyond their comfort zones, build confidence, and create memories they'll carry for years. And judging by the smiles at the finish line, it's safe to say the experience was a resounding success.

Well done, 1st Cambourne Scouts - and here's to the next adventure!



# Max's journey beyond cancer and the charity giving young people hope

**Max was just 15 when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.**

After a year of treatment and recovery, he was finally ready to get back to life. Today, we are thankful to say he is cancer free. Yet, as with many children who face serious illness, his recovery has involved more than just pills and rest. Rehabilitation is also about regaining confidence, building new experiences, and reconnecting with life.

That's where certain charities step in, organisations dedicated to helping young people who have been through cancer. These groups provide experiences and activities that not only bring joy, but also give young people the chance to bond with others who truly understand what they've endured.

One such organisation is the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust. This national charity works with young people aged 8–24, taking them on sailing and outdoor adventures to inspire them to believe in a brighter future, living through and beyond cancer. Every day in the UK, around 12 young people under 25 are

diagnosed with cancer. When we spent time at the children's cancer unit, it was an eye-opener to see just how many children, many younger than Max, were facing such battles.

As the Trust explains, young people remain vulnerable after treatment, as it comes during a time of rapid physical, emotional, and social development. The challenges don't end when treatment stops, many face lasting effects such as fatigue, infertility, osteoporosis, thyroid issues, or hearing and vision loss. Cancer can also affect education, friendships, relationships, and self-image.

Through their free sailing and outdoor adventures, the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust helps young people laugh again, rediscover independence, and gain a renewed sense of purpose. They realise they are not "the only one" and begin to re-establish their confidence, self-worth, and belief in a brighter future.

This summer, Max was offered a place on their under-18s trip near the Isle of Wight. The charity arranged travel,

providing a taxi from Cambridge and back again, all free of charge. He spent days sleeping on the boats, sailing, learning to tie knots, pulling ropes, even taking the helm. There were sports, cooking sessions, shared meals, and more.

"There was always something to do," Max told me. The trip had a powerful effect on him, boosting his confidence and reminding him that he is capable of more than he realised.

And on a personal note: many may not know that Max has been one of the editors for *Cambourne Crier* since before his diagnosis, and he continues that work faithfully to this day.

As a family, we are deeply grateful to the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust for their work and the impact they have had on Max. We also thought it right to share this charity with our wider community, in the hope that more people will be encouraged to support them. You can learn more at [www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org](http://www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org)



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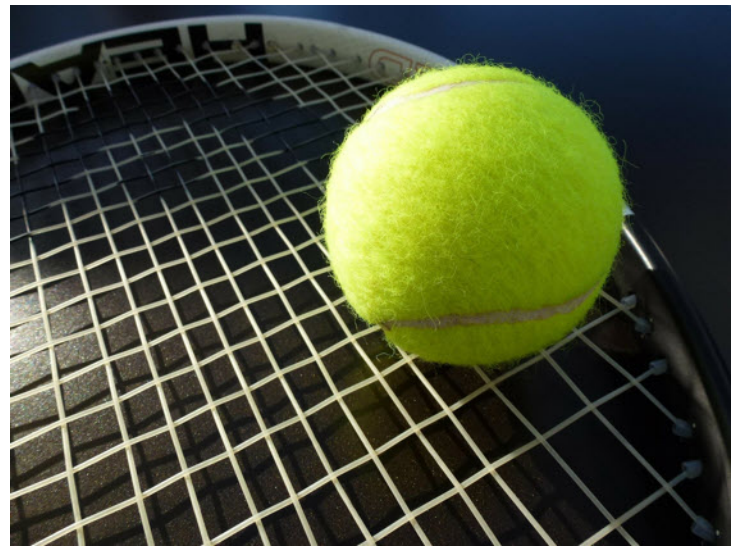
# SPORTS

## Cambourne Tennis Club unveils resurfaced courts and welcomes new coach

**New courts:** In August the resurfacing of Courts 4 and 5 were completed. We are very grateful for the generous funding from the A428 Social Value fund and the Town Council, without which this would not have been possible. As before, these are multipurpose courts for Tennis and Netball and we pleased to offer our members five high-quality tennis courts again.

**Club Championship finals:** After a summer full of exciting group and play-off matches, all finals of our 2025 Club Championships will be played on Sunday, September 14th, from 10:30 am. We invite you all to the courts to watch our very best adult and junior players defend or challenge the titles.

**Coaching news:** Autumn Term bookings: begin on Monday 8th September and run until Saturday 20th December (14 weeks!), excluding October half term (27th October to 2nd November). Please go to [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk) to secure your place now. It is with deep sadness that Charley will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to coach abroad. We would like to offer him a huge thanks for his past and future endeavours. We are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited a



new coach. Gemma is an LTA Accredited Coach and has experience coaching at other big venues in Cambridgeshire. She is not only a coach but also has a media role, which allows her to regularly travel to report on the four Grand Slams each year! We are thrilled to have Gemma on board and can't wait to see her throw herself into coaching life at Game Set Tennis!

**Racket restringing:** We offer a professional racket stringing service for tennis rackets. We can provide guidance on string and tension. We aim to string most rackets within 2-3 days, or sooner. Please contact Toby at [toby@gamesettennis.co.uk](mailto:toby@gamesettennis.co.uk). Please see our website for more information about the Tennis Club, our activities, and how to join: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC)



# Cambourne Cricket Club Celebrates first women's team, and youth success



**Cambourne Cricket Club** will celebrate 2025 as a memorable year. From record-breaking performances on the pitch to vibrant community events, CCC is thriving both on and off the field.

We are so proud of our first-ever Women's side, marking a huge step forward for the club.

During the team's inaugural match, the women were awarded their caps for representing Cambourne. This included Cap #300, ensuring that these players rightfully take their place in the proud lineage of our club. Caps #1-11 were awarded during the Club's first match in over 20 years ago!

May also saw our annual charity match in support of the ACE Programme, with a brilliant celebration for all; followed by our much-loved annual Caribbean Night, spectacularly catered by Kerief Catering who provided an irresistible spread

accompanied by music and great vibes.

Off the field we also hosted a successful wine tasting evening in partnership with TJ Wines – a great social night, bringing together local residents, carefully selected tipples and expert guidance.

The highly anticipated Cambourne Cricket Club Schools Tournament 2025 came to a thrilling conclusion in July, showcasing the competitive spirit and camaraderie among local schools.

In the final match, The Vine Inter-Faith School faced off against Jeavons Wood. The Vine won the Cup in a thriller, marking a wonderful end to the day and the second schools' tournament in support of our sponsor The MindEd Trust.

Our youth engagement continued with the latest cohort of ECB All Star and Dynamos, which finished on 12th July. A

total of 48 players (6-10 years old) participated highlighting the growing enthusiasm for the sport.

Cambourne's 2nd XI also took part in its first-ever Finals Day - travelling to Burwell & Exning CC for the semi-finals of the CCA T20 Walker Cup!

In the semi-final, Cambourne faced Sawston whose overseas professional players proved just too strong. A fantastic day was capped off by watching Ramsey CC emerge as deserved winners in the Final, and we have no doubt that Cambourne will be back.

From our Academy to our Women's and all other Senior teams going from strength to strength, Cambourne Cricket Club is buzzing – and everyone is welcome to be part of it.

Do keep an eye out for off-season developments and the chance to participate. Up the Bombers!

