



Lights, camera, Cambourne! Community cinema is on the way



Cambourne is making excellent progress towards establishing its own community cinema, thanks to the continued fundraising efforts of the Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust and dedicated volunteers.

Particular thanks are owed to South Cambs District Council which has

dedicated a substantial portion of its Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation to the project.

This means the Trust can now go ahead with the purchase of a high-quality projector, cinema-quality screen, surround-sound system and electrically operated curtains.

The proposed venue is the impressive new Sixth Form Lecture Theatre at Cambourne Village College, which promises to become a welcoming space for families and residents to enjoy the latest box office film releases and other screened events in their own community.

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Our community fund enables us to make grants to local clubs, societies or causes. Do you need new equipment for your group? Do you want to set up a new group and need some funding to get going? Contact pamhume1@gmail.com or download the application form at www.cambournecrier.org

■ AGAR 2024/25

The Town Council continues to work on resolving issues identified. You can track our progress through the Council minutes. The Council has received the external auditor's interim report, which notes that the audit could not be completed at this time. The auditor was required to publish this interim report in accordance with statutory requirements.

A fuller report, along with any questions to the Town Council, is expected in the coming weeks.

■ Miyawaki 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.

We are expecting planting to take place on the 27th and 28th November 2025.

Please contact us at:

office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

■ Staffing vacancies

At the time of writing, interviews for the position of Responsible Financial Officer are taking place, and it is hoped that an appointment will be made shortly.

A staffing announcement will be included in next month's Crier, and, should an appointment be made, it will also be confirmed at the Full Council meeting on 4 November 2025.

All appointments are subject to satisfactory references.

■ Memorial Garden

The memorial garden has been delivered by Cambourne Town Council, with funding provided by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The programme has been administered by South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridgeshire and

Peterborough Combined Authority, which serves as the lead local authority for delivering the fund across the region. The official opening date is on the 9th November 2025 after the Remembrance Parade.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Warren Bourne (Head Groundsman) and the grounds staff team for their hard work, Cllr Helene Leeming for her engagement with veterans, the veterans who did the planting and will continue to help maintain the garden, and Katherine Southwood from South Cambridgeshire District Council for her invaluable help and support and to everyone else who has kindly helped to make this project possible.



Calendar of Meetings

Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at the Hub Community Centre and members of the public are welcome to observe.

4th November 2025 Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

18th November 2025 Planning
Committee Followed by Leisure and
Amenities Committee

2nd December 2025 Planning Committee
Followed by Full Council Meeting

16th December 2025 Planning
Committee Followed by Finance and
Policy Committee

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Remembrance Sunday



This year, the Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 9th November at 10.50am outside Cambourne Church.

Everyone is welcome at this event as we say 'thank you' to all who have served, sacrificed and changed our world and also to those who are currently doing so. There will be the opportunity for the uniformed organisations, community groups, local businesses and individuals to lay wreaths at the foot of the cross during the service. There will be a parade of the uniformed organisations starting at the junction of the High Street and Monkfield Lane (by

the Monkfield Arms) and moving along the High Street, turning in front of Cambourne Church and then into the church car park from Eastgate. After the service, the parade will then move from the church to the cricket pavilion at the junction of Eastgate and Back Lane. After the Act of Remembrance, everyone is warmly invited to stay at Cambourne Church for hot drinks and cakes. The parade route will be closed to all traffic (except pedestrians etc) between 10.00am and 11.45am while the Act of Remembrance and parade take place. Diversions along Broad Street, De La Warr Way and Back Lane will be in place. During this time, the whole of the church car park will be in use for both the parade and members of the public - therefore, please ensure that no vehicles are left in the car park on the Sunday morning. Please contact office@cambournechurch.org.uk for further details.

Community cinema seeks trustees

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The Trust is seeking two additional trustees to join the current board, as well as individuals with the relevant skills to contribute to our development plan. We would be pleased to hear from any potential volunteers with a strong interest and knowledge of film, or with technical expertise in running a cinema, or with general small business experience.
For further details, please contact John Panrucker, Chair of the Charitable Trust, at: cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com
There will be many more opportunities for volunteering once the community cinema is operational.



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Cambourne Library



Calling out to local groups

We are in the initial stages of planning an outreach programme with local community groups. We would really like to hear from you if you are involved in running a local group to see if we can work collaboratively with you to shine a light on what is happening in our local area and how the library can serve the community in addition to the library offer.

Please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with your group's name and contact details.

Knit, Sew and Natter Group Craft Group

The craft group meet every Tuesday 10am-12pm in Cambourne Church. Take along any portable craft you like.

Please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk while we are closed for more information.

Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

If you would like to join in with this friendly group, please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Rhyme time/Storytime

Our Rhymetime/ Story time sessions with our regular volunteers are on **Fridays at 9.30am-10am in the Child and Family Centre Activity room, Sackville House (term time only).**

The Library Presents event at Papworth Library Sea Shanty Workshop

Saturday 22 November 2.30pm (90 mins)

Tickets £6.50/£3

Join Stuart Green for an interactive workshop. Learn the history of shanties and have fun singing along with some. Find out about maritime language, group singing and modern shanties. Maybe try writing your own! No singing ability necessary. Suitable for: Adult and young people aged 12+ years. For tickets, access information and details of The Library Presents events visit: www.library.live/the-library-presents

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.

We're sorry to share that the planned improvement works at Cambourne Library have been delayed and have not yet started as scheduled. We understand this is frustrating and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience.

The library is now expected to reopen in the Winter. As soon as we have a confirmed date, we'll post updates on our social media channels and on our website.

Contact Us : Tel: 0345 045 5225

cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Social Media

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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

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Wednesday: 10am to 1pm
Thursday: 2pm to 5pm
Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10am to 1pm
Sunday: Closed
Closed on Bank Holidays

Cambourne

While the library is closed there will be a **mobile library** visiting The Hub car park, CB23 6GW in Cambourne on Saturdays 8th and 22nd November from 10.00am to 4.00pm

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.

Monkfield Medical Practice

Contact Us button

Don't join our telephone queue, just log on between 0800 - 1830 and submit your need via the contact us button on our website. We cannot accept any urgent requests (those that require on the day action e.g. infections) after 1630, however you can submit a request for an appointment, your prescription, test results, sick note or any other administrative enquiry.

Extended Access

Cambs GP Network provides our patients with GP, Nurse, HCA & Phlebotomy appointments. This is an extension to our service and takes place at weekends and evening at various hub locations across Cambridgeshire, Royston and surrounding villages. You can book an appointment through our GP receptionist here at the surgery. These appointments are for non-urgent, routine appointments only. These appointments may be sooner than at the practice, so if you are able to travel please do consider the flexibility these appointments may offer you in being seen.

PPG update & Advert for Chair

Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) meets quarterly. The group is made up of patients who want to work with the practice to develop services with the patient at the heart of practice. Minutes of our meetings can be found on our website www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/patient-group

Research Update

We are currently embarking on several interesting studies. We have also recruited a Research Coordinator for one year to oversee studies and attract industry studies, alongside a research nurse and administrator to join our current team.

Training work experience

We hosted three students over the summer for work experience, thus giving them a valuable insight into Primary care and the breath of opportunities available, alongside some useful tips for educational routes available to them.

Nursing & Medical students GP Trainees

Trainee GP Dr Dean has been at the practice since August 2024 and will conclude his placement in December. We thank our patients for engaging positively with him and supporting his development as a doctor. Dr Jayawardena is currently leading our next batch of Medical Students in October and November. Tracy Murphy is leading on supporting our student nurse.

Pharmacy first

Many pharmacies are taking part in the 'Pharmacy First' scheme for supporting minor illness's.

For more information see: www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/

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November Wildlife Trust BCN Update

The Wildlife Trust BCN are very keen to encourage people to be more sustainable. The more things we buy, the more energy is needed to make them and move them, which contributes to climate change and affects local wildlife. Consider buying good quality gifts that will last, think about packaging, make something with upcycled materials, and give something that will be cherished.

Here are some ideas for alternative gifts:

Grab a ticket to share a sociable Nature and Natter session with your friend or family member. Coming up, we have an evening of sustainable craft, and another where you can make a willow wreath. wildlifebcn.org/events

Buy something hand-made and local from a craft or farmer's market, or visit our annual Christmas Fair at our head office in Cambourne on Friday Nov 28th 3-7pm

Adopt a species. For the Wildlife Trust BCN you can support our work by adopting a highland cow, beaver, or hedgehog shop.wildlifebcn.org

Give the gift of Wildlife Trust BCN membership and support the local nature reserves you use regularly wildlifebcn.org/become-member

Create a jam-jar full of time vouchers...you could have a token to explore a new nature reserve together, or one where you watch the birds in the garden.

Winter wildlife

Winter is a good time to watch ducks and geese. Many wildfowl are winter migrants, and the Wildlife Trust BCN have a few wetland sites nearby where you can see these more unusual water birds, sometimes as part of large flocks.

Grafham Water: we manage some of the area surrounding this huge reservoir, and there are several hides. There are lots of interested ducks, including pintail, shoveler, and shelducks. There is a charge for parking.

Ouse Washes: An internationally important site for wetland birds. Over winter you might see Bewick and whooper swans here, as well as large numbers of ducks.

Godmanchester Nature Reserve: this smaller site was once gravel pits. Look out for wigeon, tufted duck and teal here.

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.

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3rd Cambourne Guides Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

This term, our evening activities have centred around the theme of ‘Be Well’, encouraging a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. We’ve explored the importance of both physical activity and mental wellness through a variety of engaging and creative sessions.

One of the highlights was an energetic line dancing evening led by professional dance instructor, Emma. The girls enthusiastically took part, learning not just one but two lively dance routines. Their confidence and team spirit shone as they performed together, embracing the joy of movement and the benefits of physical exercise in a fun and social setting.



Creativity was also in full swing during our board game design session, where the girls put their imagination and collaboration skills to the test. From concept to creation, they designed and crafted their own unique board games, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, problem-solving, and artistic flair.

Recognising that wellbeing extends beyond physical health, we also devoted time to nurturing the mind. During our mindfulness evening, the girls explored techniques for relaxation and focus. They created their own Tangrams, using this calming and thoughtful activity to reflect on the value of slowing down, being present, and engaging in mindful creativity.

Through all these activities, the girls have not only had fun but have also developed a deeper understanding of what it means to truly ‘Be Well’ – balancing movement, creativity, connection, and calm to support both a healthy body and a healthy mind.



When needed. Stick to marked paths to protect nature and avoid icy spots.

PROMOTION

Winter dog walking etiquette: Enjoying safe, respectful walks in our community

Walking our dogs is one of life’s great pleasures, especially on crisp autumn and winter days. As evenings grow darker and paths become busier, a few simple habits can help keep everyone safe, comfortable and happy.

Here are our top tips for thoughtful dog walking this season:

Be Seen

With daylight fading, make sure you and your dog are visible. Reflective/light up collars, leads or coats help other walkers, cyclists and drivers see you clearly on local paths and roads.

Pick Up and Take It Home

Always clean up after your dog and use a nearby bin. If there is none, carry the bag home - also keeps your hands warm! Leaving waste or litter can harm wildlife and spoil community spaces.

Lead by Example

If your dog is still mastering recall, keep them on a lead. Always use one near livestock, children or when passing other dogs.



Care for Paws and Paths

Cold pavements and salt can irritate paws. Wipe them down after walks and use paw balm



when needed. Stick to marked paths to protect nature and avoid icy spots.

Regular walks are not only good for your dog’s health but also for your own. Spending time outdoors boosts mood, reduces stress and helps clear the mind, a wonderful way to reset during the busy winter months.

At We Love Pets Cambourne, our award-winning team provides safe, stimulating walks for your dog, whether you are at work or simply need an extra hand. Each outing is designed to keep dogs happy, active and engaged while offering owners peace of mind and a little breathing space too.

Amanda Jackson, We Love Pets Cambourne
welovepets.care/branch/cambourne/

Palliative care beds at Arthur Rank Hospice

It came as a shock that Arthur Rank Hospice, our excellent local palliative care provider, would be facing a funding cut which will force the closure of nine of its 23 beds.

There are thousands of people who have been supported through the most difficult time of their and their loved ones' lives by Arthur Rank Hospice – I have heard from many residents over the past few weeks, and visited the hospice myself after news of the funding cuts broke.

The funding crisis is primarily due to Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) being unable to sustain its previous funding contribution due to pressure on its budgets allocated by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System. This is

made even more severe by the government's increase in employer National Insurance Contributions (NICs). I have written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, urging him to restore the funding deficit to ensure that all 23 beds at Arthur Rank stay open.

It is our hospices, not our overstretched hospitals, that should be properly supported to provide the care people need to die with dignity.

We have also launched a petition to show the Government just how much this community-based care means to residents, which gained over 10,000 signatures in the first 24 hours. You can sign the petition by using this link: www.snmclibdems.org.uk/campaigns/save-arh-beds



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HELENE LEEMING

District Councillor
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New war memorial and remembrance garden

At the time of writing this, our new war memorial and remembrance garden is being constructed at the corner of Eastgate and Jeavons Lane, at the site of the old Ark building.

This is something I have wanted for so long and have worked to deliver with District Council grant funding from the Rural Prosperity Fund, the Town Council and the veteran community in Cambourne.

Most older towns and villages have war memorials which were built following the two Great Wars. Cambourne as we know it was not in existence then, although the land it is built on

played an important role as an airbase in WW2. But our residents still wish to pay their respects to those who have served our country and our values, during the World Wars, and also those who have served in more recent conflicts such as Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

As we establish ourselves as a town, it is important that we built civic infrastructure that provides focal points for our community at times when we wish to come together. I hope that this new formal garden will provide a peaceful and reflective space and a place we can honour the service and sacrifice of so many.

We will remember them.

Suffering from Dizziness

Feeling dizzy is unpleasant and can cause difficulty in carrying on with daily activities.

Dizziness can include different symptoms such as feeling the room is spinning, giddiness or feeling light headed. There are many causes of dizziness. Often it can be connected to a problem with the ears, including infections (sometimes related to colds and flu), inner ear problems which may include ringing/ sounds in the ears (tinnitus) and problems with tiny crystals in the ears that help balance.

Dizziness can also occur when we stand or sit up suddenly; this may be caused by our blood pressure dropping (postural hypotension) and can be helped by marching feet on the floor before standing up.

Some medications can cause dizziness and if symptoms start after beginning a new medicine, it is important to report this.

Stress and anxiety, particularly with panic attacks, can also be linked to dizziness.

Other conditions related to dizziness include migraines, dehydration, low blood sugar and anaemia.

Dizziness usually settles by itself, but speak with a doctor if symptoms do not go away. This is particularly important if other symptoms include vision, speech or hearing changes; a high temperature; feelings of numbness or weakness; fainting or a severe headache.

■ **Reference/ further information:**
www.nhs.uk/symptoms/dizziness



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Nursing Service*
nurse@cambourne
church.org.uk

CHURCHES

St John Fisher Catholic Community

In the summer, we celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** ceremony of 12 candidates as they became full members of the Catholic Church. The Mass was led by Bishop Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia alongside our own Father John. It was the culmination of months of preparation and reflection for the candidates and it was a very spiritual and special service.

As we continue through the church year with Ordinary Time leading up to Advent, our community reaches out to involve different groups of people. We have a group that meet mid-week called Wednesday Welcome. It is a group for anyone available during the day to come to the Church Cafe from 11:00 and enjoy some snacks and chat before Mass at 12:30. We have also recently launched a group for young adults called 18UP which is meeting to socialise and bond over a shared faith. For more information on both of these, please email centrally to sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk

Confirmation - If you or your child is in year 8 or above and wish to seek the sacrament of Confirmation in 2026, please drop an email to Paul and the team at: confirmation@cambournerc.com Again, this should be before Mon 11th August so that numbers are known and room bookings can be made.



St John Fisher Catholic Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre: Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00.
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Cambourne Church

I am deeply troubled by the increase in divisive rhetoric in this country. Such language focuses on what divides us from one another rather than on what unites. However, there is a verse in the Bible which inspires me. It speaks of a barrier between people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds being broken down because of Jesus Christ. "He himself is our peace ... and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." For me this sets a standard. While I cannot do the unique things that only Jesus can achieve, I can still seek to live by the values and goals which he embodied. And one of those values and goals is the breaking down of hostile barriers between people of different backgrounds.

It is November - the month of Remembrance - and it is a good time to reflect on actions that divide and on actions that unite. Remembrance Day is a time to pause, calling to mind those who have died in war. It is also a time to reflect on continuing hostilities, and to commit ourselves to working towards a better world. I am reminded of another Bible verse: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

So it is worth asking ourselves afresh,

- What can I do that builds community?
- What binds diverse people together?
- What offers love and hope?

And God will be with us.

Revd Bill Miller

Fix it or Fling it.

Pastoral Thoughts

Last month I spoke of maintenance. Both at home and in the ministry. I also made the application to our spiritual lives. Not neglecting prayer, Bible reading, or fellowship, we may get by for a while, but eventually there will be a breakdown. Well it seems the Lord had a second part to that as even though some things need repair and maintaining at other times some stuff needs straight up replacement. Like my dryer which lasted 20 years but when its belt went it also snapped several components and we also found electrical burns in the cord and some other things that made me feel that reassembly would not be a safe wager. Same is true with the rear silencer on my car. It decided to come along for the ride but not do anything but hang around badly detached from the rest. This caused 2 loud disturbing sounds, one from my engine and the second from my wife about the engine sounds. But at least they sell silencers for engines. In fact a church member needed to borrow a tool that day and picked up the part and swapped it out for me. What I am trying to say is some things you fix some you do not. If the thing is hazardous or detrimental to your life like my broken dryer it needs to be replaced with something better. This could



**Pastor
Donovan Bangs**

be a physical thing or a spiritual thing such as a habit or addiction or even an attitude. We addressed some of this in our addiction recovery ministry. (this should be restarting early next year.)

Do not just remove it as nature hates a vacuum but replace the bad with good if it is harmful or perhaps like the

exhaust it is not harmful but causes difficulties and only needs a partial replacement. This could be a non harmful habit that is a distraction from what is truly important. It is laying aside the mundane for that which is better. Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

You change your thoughts, you will change your actions which will change habits and attitudes and that will change your life. To learn more about a new life in Christ come along sometime.

Donavan Bangs on Youtube

At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub

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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

2nd November

10.00am Sunday One All Age Service

9th November

9.30am Short Communion Service(Annexe)

10.50am Service of Remembrance (Outside)

16th November

9.30am Communion Service

11.00am Communion Service

23rd November

10.30am Joint Service * (Comberton Leisure)

30th November

9.30am Communion Service

11.00am Communion Service

* No service in Cambourne

The Vine's Yr 3 Visits Wandlebury - Iron Age Hillfort



The Vine Inter-Church Primary School had an excited day trip. The excitement started as soon as the kids left school heading off on a double-decker coach to Wandlebury Country Park. Transported back in time to the Iron Age period, they loved adventuring around the site, collecting stickers while learning about the hillfort which stood on the site all those years ago. In

order to experience a bit of prehistoric life, the children were taught how to build a round house, by willow weaving their own small panel. Working together was tricky and worth the effort! They ground corn into flour and then cooked dough on a stick over a fire – delicious! The pupils used slingshots which would have been how Iron Age people hunted their meat. (Using

tennis balls turned out to be a lot more difficult than it looked.) The staff were proud of the children for their engagement in such exciting outdoor setting and they hope it will help inspire them later in the term when they will write a holiday brochure for Iron Age travellers.

The pupils said,
“I loved eating the bread because it was very yummy”
“I learnt to weave with willow. I was very happy with my finished wall”
“My favourite part was doing the slingshot. It would have been tricky to kill animals that way in the Iron Age”
“I learned there was no electricity in the Iron Age. They kept warm by making fires.”
“I learned that archaeologists found bones at Wandlebury!”
“That was the best school trip ever!”



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Monkfield's Park Outdoor Play & Learning Project celebrates its first year



The Monkfield Park Primary School celebrates its first anniversary of its Outdoor Play and Learning project (OPAL) with a 'stay and play' afternoon for families. On a beautiful, Autumn afternoon 150 parents were welcomed to an OPAL playtime with their children. It was an absolute joy to see them building dens, digging in the mud, dressing up and enjoying all the activities.

In addition to OPAL there was lots of exciting learning going on with the children enjoying some very interesting topics. Year 1 visited Hedingham Castle, one of the best preserved Norman



keeps in the country, for an immersive learning day with the historians from Hands on the Past. They loved exploring the castle and learning about what life was like for a knight at this time and the important role that an apothecary played and experiencing the medieval sports of archery and jousting.

Year 4 was engrossed in studying the Romans. From writing their own Roman myths, coinage and Roman buildings; to investigating Roman gods they loved this topic. The highlight of their studies was a Roman WOW day which culminated in the re-enactment of a Roman battle using the amazing shields that the children had created. Do you know what a testudo, a wedge or an orb formation are? Year 4 would be very happy to demonstrate them for you, if you are feeling brave enough!



The Kids at the Learning Centre are settling in well



Monkfield Park Pre-School: kids made a fantastic start to their journey. We are so proud of how well they have settled in, growing in confidence as they interact and develop strong friendships through their mutual interests and play. As

well exploring all of the wonderful resources we have on offer to support child-led learning, the students have been really keen to take part in 'Together Time' - a daily, focused activity in small groups, led by our Early Years teacher. They love singing songs and taking part in a variety of exciting activities, including stories, number games and early phonics in addition to learning about topics such as the seasons and festivals. At Monkfield Park Care and Learning Centre we provide 15/30 hours of funded provision for children aged 3 and 4 years old. We are open from 8.00am to 6.00pm during term time and our provision

is led by a qualified Early Years teacher, supported by an experienced and dedicated team, in a caring and nurturing environment. We currently have places available for January 2026, and will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 22nd November, 10am-12pm, to which everyone is welcome. Why not come and look around and see what we can offer your child. Please contact the school office on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk for further details.





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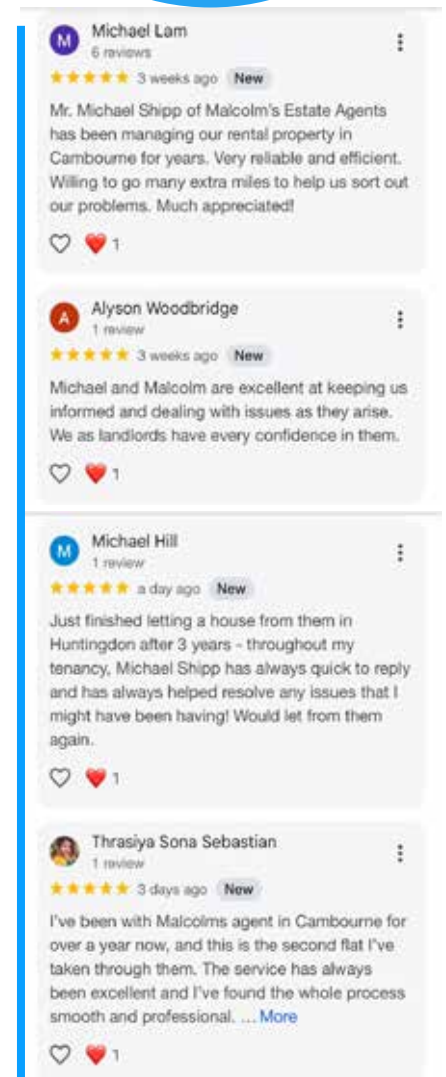
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Light Up Cambourne November 2025 Update

A well attended quiz night at the hub on the 27th of September helped gain valuable funds for LUC. Quiz rounds included ones on biscuits, Christmas, (well we are Light Up Cambourne!!) and another titled WLJTY. We'll leave you to work out what that stands for, or you can always ask someone who attended what was a fun night.

Thanks go to Wood and Slate Ltd, for donating the wooden spoons given to the losing team, K Crafts & More and Jazzercise for providing vouchers for the evening's raffle and all those individuals who continue to donate items to us either for our event raffles or Tombola stalls. By

the time this edition of the Crier is sent out, we will have held our first ever Paint and Sip evening. We have been bowled over by the phenomenal interest in this event, resulting in us having to obtain more stock of the gingerbread houses to meet demand.

Our next fundraiser will be an evening of bingo with a chip shop supper for those who want it, again at the hub on 15th of November, you will only have a few days to reserve tickets after this issue of the Crier hits your door mat and so please act quickly to avoid disappointment. After that we are holding a Tombola stall at the South Cambridgeshire District Council's Christmas Fair on 7th of December, please drop by and support us by having a go. This will be our last fundraising event of 2025 but we are already working on events for 2026, like this year, we aim to bring you some established favourites as well as some new events, given the success of the Scarecrow competition and Paint and Sip evening we will looking to build on what turned out to be very successful first attempts.

After attending the latest full council meeting we are delighted to report that all of the lights/power supplies and accessories have now been ordered, we look forward to them all going up which should really light up Cambourne over the Christmas and new year holiday period.

Thanks go to the town council team who will be putting them up, we're sure they will do their usual first rate job.

Looking forward to next year, we have booked the Bourne Players for one of their truly excellent murder mystery productions for 28th of February, more details to follow, but save the date, these Who Dunit evenings are very popular.

For tickets to any of our events or to get in touch, please contact us via our Facebook page or lightupcambourne@gmail.com



2nd Cambourne Scout Group

As the new school year began, our three sections have welcomed new members, and for older member we have focussed on getting them their Chief Scouts Awards before they move on. At Scouts, Cartography and Compasses was the name of the game for Map Night with map symbol bingo, some OS map challenges, and a compass bearing activity involving bucket heads! These activities were not only fun, but they taught map reading skills and teamwork; all important for



Scouting activities in the future as well as everyday life. At Cubs, with a new leadership team there have been sessions on getting-to-know-you, Wide

Games, and the Collectors badge. Our youngest members the Beavers have enjoyed a nature walk, and sessions on superheroes and healthy living. Most recently, they had a taster session at playing rugby. For most of the Beavers it was their first time even holding a rugby ball, but it was an enjoyable session and some good handling and kicking spotted.



Have a voice in the development of South Cambs

South Cambridgeshire residents and businesses are being asked to outline their priorities for the District Council for the year ahead.

The District Council has begun a six-week public consultation, inviting residents to share their views on its proposed plans for 2026/27. The consultation is based on the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2030, which was agreed earlier this year (2025) and sets out a long-term vision for a fairer, kinder, and greener South Cambridgeshire. It focuses on five key priority areas:

Healthy and supported communities - Supporting and engaging with our communities is key to tackling the challenges we face as a district. Our diversity is our strength and helping everyone live freely and independently is essential to promoting healthy and supported communities.

Sustainable homes and vibrant places - A home is more than a roof over your head, it is the foundation on which people build their lives. An affordable home is essential for people to live happy, fulfilling lives. In light of the housing crisis, we are committed to strengthening our communities by delivering sustainable, affordable homes and vibrant places to live.

Being green to our core - Being green is at the heart of everything we do. We're tackling the climate and ecological crises head-on, ensuring our district is ready for the challenges of climate change.

Helping businesses to thrive - Already recognised as a nationally significant area for development, helping local businesses thrive is key to the development of our district - bringing new jobs and opportunities into people's communities.

Financially secure and fit for the future - We have a duty to provide high quality cost-efficient services. Being open, transparent, and inclusive and letting evidence guide our decisions is critical to putting residents first.

The Council is now asking for comments on how these priorities should be delivered in the year ahead, through its annual Corporate Action Plan.

Every year, the Council sets a budget and Corporate Action Plan which details how progress towards its key aspirations will be achieved. The consultation on these topics will help local communities to have a say in the Council's upcoming priorities.

The consultation will run until the end of the day on Sunday 16th November and responses will help inform the final action plan for 2026/27. To find out more and take part, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations



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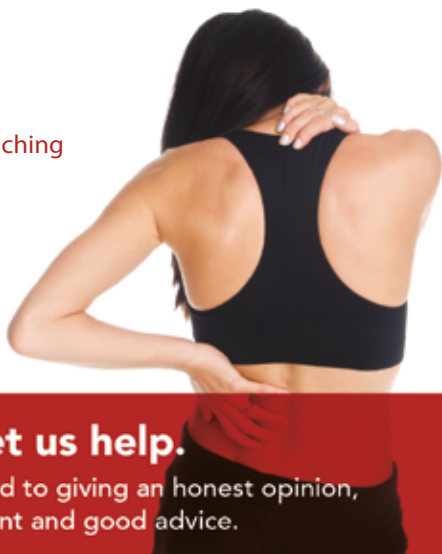


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Diwali, the Festival of Lights, symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, the victory of knowledge over ignorance. The festival was inaugurated by Deputy Lieutenant Mr James Hutt, who lit the ceremonial lamps, followed by Chair Cllr Peter McDonald, Ex-High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya, Cllr Helene Leeming, and Cllr Stephen Drew.

A highlight of the event was the unveiling of Cambridgeshire's first large-scale sand art Rangoli design, a breathtaking creation that symbolised both creativity and cultural harmony.



Throughout the day, 700 visitors enjoyed food from the famous Indian restaurants like Tiffin Truck, UrbanChai, Namaste Cambridge, and other Community food vendors, and did Diwali shopping, while the evening closed with family sparklers and a joyful fashion show that brought laughter and connection to all.

Speaking at the event, Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya, founder of CamCareUK, said: "I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude. Cambourne has truly become our hometown, and we remain dedicated to contributing each day towards making this a better, stronger, and more connected community for everyone. This year's celebration was also historic, as Cambourne Town Council lit the lights for Diwali for the first time in 25 years, a powerful symbol of shared identity and mutual respect within the growing, multicultural community."

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The young minds of Cambourne continue to amaze! Aged just 7–9, children in these classes have shown incredible creativity and problem-solving using BBC Micro: Bit, from designing car parking systems to light sensors and anti-theft solutions. Every project demonstrates how technology can transform lives, leaving audiences inspired.

For the past nine years, Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya has mentored these Friday classes at Cambourne Church, guiding children through ten sessions that end with a public project presentation and certificate ceremony.

The next BBC Micro: Bit Beginners batch starts in November 2025 in the Church annexe. These classes nurture curiosity, teamwork, and innovation, giving children the tools to explore STEM and build confidence for the future.



Wargaming in Middle-earth at Cambourne Church

This exciting class is run by Archie Black, a Cambourne resident and passionate hobbyist who leads the sessions voluntarily. Archie shares his love of wargaming and storytelling to help children learn the basics of play, tactics, and teamwork.

All toolkits, paints, miniatures, and materials are personally provided by Archie, ensuring everyone can join in, completely free of charge.

Every Friday evening, Cambourne Church becomes a gateway to Tolkien's legendary world, supported by CamCareUK. From 6:00 to 7:00 PM, children can step into Middle-earth and command miniature armies in epic battles of strategy and imagination. Under Archie's friendly guidance,

players learn to think creatively and cooperatively while having fun in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

While painting and crafting are part of the wider hobby, the first sessions focus on gameplay so that everyone can dive straight into the adventure. The activity runs every Friday from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at Cambourne Church, with participants encouraged to arrive by 5:30 PM to help set up.

This CamCareUK-supported initiative is free and open to all children, with limited spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. It's a fantastic way to make friends, build confidence, and bring Middle-earth to life, one dice roll at a time.

Cambourne Cookery Club - A Warm Start to 2025 and 2026!

The Cambourne Cookery Club has begun its 2025–2026 sessions with great enthusiasm and warmth.

This friendly community project continues to bring people together through the simple yet powerful act of sharing food and friendship.

We especially welcome new residents who have recently moved to Cambourne and are looking to make new friends and connections.

There is a genuine welcome at the heart of the Cookery Club. In a world where loneliness is becoming a growing concern, each of us who can build connections and bring people together must use that gift. The Cookery Club is more than just about food; it's about community, compassion, and belonging.

Through this project, members invite others into their homes, sharing meals and creating moments of friendship that no public space can quite match. Whether gatherings happen at home or in community halls, what truly matters is the intention to open our hearts and share what we can. Life is too short for judgments or endless opinions; what counts is the love, care, and sincerity we bring to others.

If you'd like to be part of this warm and welcoming community, contact Shrobona at 07852 753216 or email shrobona@gmail.com to join the Cambourne Cookery Club. Come cook, share, and connect, because together, we can make Cambourne an even more caring place to live.



Woodcraft Folk

We are calling all interested families to get in touch to help plan a range of fun activities for our children in the new year! The Soul building was unexpectedly closed – for remedial building work - just after we had produced our autumn programme - so rather than find other venues and re-schedule the volunteers who had offered to come in to run particular sessions this term we decided it would be most productively to collate a list of all those who would like to be part of our clan! Children between 6 and 12 are all welcome to come, as we eventually expect to have an 'Elfin' group (6-9 year olds) and a 'Pioneer' group (10-13). Please see our website – www.woodcraft.org.uk – to find out more about what we do and how we operate.

Woodcraft Folk has a proud history: it is a long-running educational movement for children and young people which aims to develop self-confidence and to encourage friendship, peace, and co-operation, and has always aimed to be very inclusive. In many areas we are popular with families who home-educate. Our members enjoy singing, camping, playing games, and learning new crafts (including bushcraft)! We offer opportunities for young people to grow, explore big ideas, and learn about the world around them. We sometimes go for short breaks at one of our residential centres, and join regional and international Camps.



Soul provides a safe and engaging space for young people – but we do want to encourage parents and other volunteers to collaborate with us to make use of the outdoor spaces here in Cambourne too.

If you think your child would like be involved, please register your interest by emailing cambourne@woodcraft.org.uk or by sending a message through our Facebook page, which is "Cambourne Woodcraft Folk 2025" (the '2025' is vital!). This will allow us to gauge numbers and see how we can all collaborate to shape the groups' future.

Woodcraft Folk is committed to providing a fun, safe, and welcoming environment for all children and to working cooperatively, with the involvement of parents and other volunteers. The Cambourne folk look forward to welcoming new and returning families to explore our way into 2026 together, with enthusiasm and excitement!



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Cambourne comes alive in a Kaleidoscope of Colour



September was a month of spectacular celebration in our town, as local community halls were transformed into vibrant hubs of culture. The Cam Community hosted two magnificent Garba nights on the 20th and 28th of September. Residents were treated to an unforgettable experience, with each wonderfully attended event welcoming around 550 guests.

The evenings were a true spectacle of colour, splendour, and infectious joy. The air buzzed with laughter and the rhythmic pulse of devotional music, a blend of traditional folk and contemporary beats. To complete the festive experience, popular vendors served a variety of scrumptious food, offering everything from delicious finger food to full traditional thalis. Attendees, dressed in dazzling traditional colourful attire such as vibrant chaniya cholis and elegant kurtas, filled the dance floor. The sight of hundreds of people performing the energetic Garba and Dandiya folk dances in swirling, synchronised circles was simply breathtaking.

These celebrations mark Navaratri, a significant nine-night Hindu festival honouring the divine feminine and the triumph of good over evil. Garba is a traditional dance performed in circles, beautifully symbolising the cycle of life. The lively Dandiya dance adds another layer of festivity, where dancers use

decorated sticks to represent the symbolic swords of the Goddess Amba.

The appeal of the events was undeniable, attracting not just families from Cambourne but also drawing in many from across Cambridgeshire and even further afield. It was wonderful to see people from all backgrounds being warmly welcomed into the celebration. The evenings were a resounding success, serving as a cultural bright spot that beautifully showcased the vibrant, diverse, and inclusive spirit of our community.

A huge congratulations to the Cam Community for bringing such a unifying and joyous celebration to Cambourne. These events have truly enriched our local calendar, and many are already looking forward to their return.

Many thanks,

Nikhil on behalf of Cam Community



COMMUNITY

Be protected this winter

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough urging anyone eligible for their COVID-19, flu, RSV or pneumococcal vaccines to make sure they've had them this winter. Each vaccine has a slightly different eligibility criteria:

RSV vaccine – for anyone who is pregnant, aged 75-79, or anyone who turned 80 years old from 1 September 2024.

Pneumococcal vaccine – for anyone 65 or over (only one dose is needed).

Flu vaccine – for anyone aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2025); have certain long-term health conditions; are pregnant; live in a care home; are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance; or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.

COVID-19 vaccine – for anyone aged 75+; those aged between six months and 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment; and people who live in a care home for older adults.

For some people who have got used to have their COVID-19 and flu vaccine together in winter, this might mean a change for them as the COVID-19 vaccine age criteria has changed from people over 65 to people over 75.

To find out more about these vaccines, and how to book them, or find a walk-in clinic, please visit The Vaccinators website <https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators>

Cambourne & District u3a



Monthly meetings
Third Friday of the month
10.30 at The Hub
Cambourne CB23 6GW
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- Anyone for coffee?
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- Bridge
- Classical Music
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- Genealogy
- Intermediate French
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Take Charge and Be Safe this festive season

As the festive season approaches and people look for presents and take advantage of Black Friday deals, many are looking to save money on electrical items. However, we continue to urge people to Take Charge and Be Safe when buying devices, especially items that require batteries or chargers.

You can help keep yourself and your family safe by following a few simple safety measures, including ensuring to buy electrical items from reputable dealers, being awake and at home when using and charging devices and adding safety to your bedtime routine.

Electrical devices are a key part of everyday life and are often bought in Black Friday deals and as presents for family members and friends. Games consoles with controllers, tablets, laptops and e-bikes and e-scooters are on lots of people's present list. All these items require charging as they contain lithium-ion batteries.

Most devices come with failsafe features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged, but rely on the manufacturers' provided charging cables and adapters to work. Also, using the plug and cables supplied with the product rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely.

The Service is reminding people to Take Charge and Be Safe, not only when charging their devices, but also when planning on purchasing devices and presents. Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure they are 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.

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

Disposing of batteries safely

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

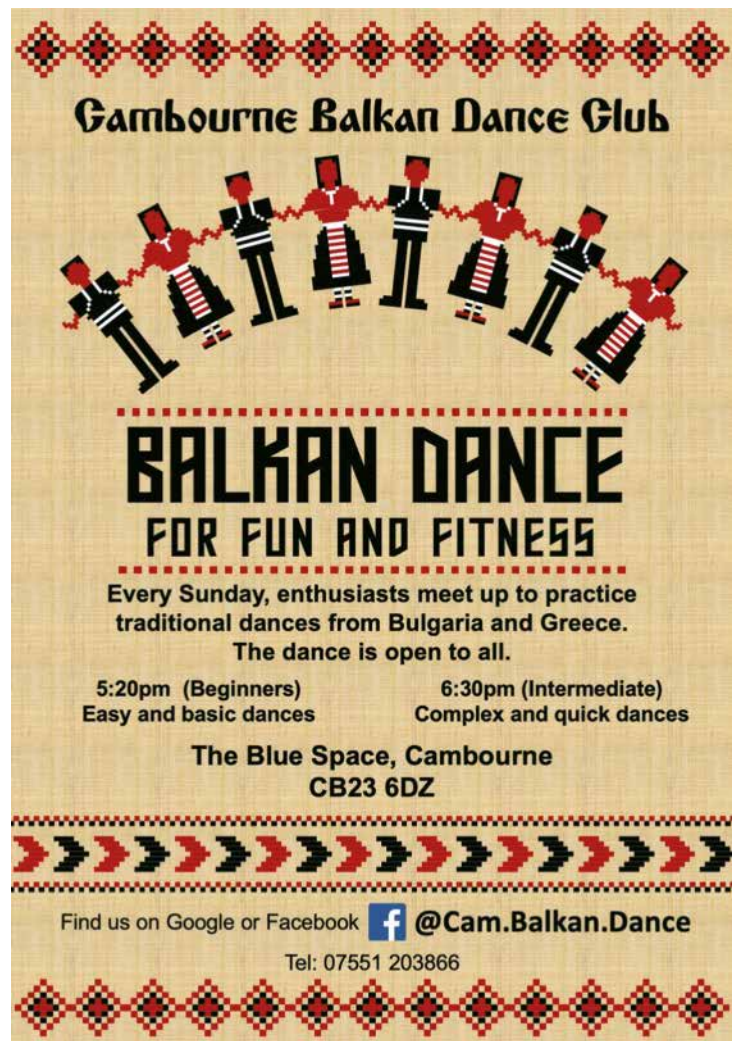
There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either <https://www.recyclenow.com> or <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to check where your closest location is.

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

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help. Visit https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check to find out more and start your online home safety check.



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COMMUNITY

Consultation about Street Trading in South Cambs

Proposed changes to street trading in South Cambs aim to help small local businesses work in more places whilst giving local communities more of a say. The consultation launched today (Wednesday 15th October 2025) and runs until Monday 24th November 2025.

South Cambridgeshire's local traders in particular are being asked to share their views – although anyone is welcome to have their say. The proposed alterations aim to modernise and streamline the street trading regime across the district, with proposed key changes including:

A new "Ice Cream Trader" consent which would allow ice cream vans to trade anywhere in South Cambridgeshire - where they have agreement from a parish or town council. There would be specific conditions on location, timing, and noise.

Enhanced safeguarding measures requiring basic DBS checks for traders and their employees.

Clearer application requirements, including written permissions from the County Council's Highways team and landowners for trading locations – before a licence application is made.

The recognition of specific food hygiene training standards to ensure food safety.

A more flexible approach to how long trading consents last for, moving away from a fixed expiry date.

A simplified process for revoking consents, with appeals handled by District Councillors.

Feedback can be submitted via the Council's consultation portal at www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations

Responses will be considered by the Licensing Committee before any final decisions are made in the new year.

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Hope growing across South Cambridgeshire

HOPE Against Poverty CIC has become a vital lifeline for residents across South Cambridgeshire - supporting families, older adults, and vulnerable individuals through food access, community wellbeing, and sustainable growth initiatives.

From the bustling Cambourne Food Hub to the Mobile Food Hubs travelling across nearby villages, HOPE ensures everyone can access affordable, nutritious food with dignity. Beyond food, the charity runs Hope Active - a growing programme of social and wellbeing sessions helping older residents stay healthy, confident, and connected.

Now, HOPE is taking its mission further with the development of Hope Farm in Girton - a 4.5-acre community farm designed to serve the whole of South Cambridgeshire. The project will offer inclusive volunteering opportunities, SEND-friendly outdoor sessions, and nature-based wellbeing activities, while championing low-carbon, sustainable food production.



To bring this vision to life, HOPE has launched a community crowdfunding campaign to raise £30,000. Funds will complete essential infrastructure, including accessible paths, rainwater harvesting, wildlife habitats, and community growing areas - all helping local people to thrive while protecting the planet.



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Girton Farm Project



"We may be based in Girton, but Hope Farm belongs to the whole of South Cambridgeshire," says Mahesh Hettiarachchi, Founder & Director of HOPE Against Poverty CIC. "Every village we reach through our food and activity programmes is part of this story. By coming together - whether through volunteering, donating, or simply spreading the word - we can build a stronger, kinder, and more sustainable community for everyone."

"Hope Farm represents what can happen when community and compassion come together," adds Mahesh. "It's not just about growing food - it's about growing opportunity, confidence, and connection. Every seed we plant here is a step towards a fairer, greener future."

How you can help

HOPE aims to raise £30,000 to complete the next phase of Hope Farm Girton - creating accessible paths, wildlife spaces, and inclusive growing areas for the community.

Support the campaign via the Aviva Community Fund:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/growing-hope-haven-1>

(Scan the QR code below to donate)



Cambourne u3a visit to Burghley House in Lincolnshire



We had a really enjoyable and interesting day at Burghley House .

We were lucky to avoid the rain as we toured the beautiful gardens in the afternoon.

The house was built by William Cecil Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth 1st, between 1555 and 1587. Later in the late 17th century the 5th Earl inserted arched windows on the south front to enclose a gallery and to repair damage sustained in the Civil We building.

In 1754 the 9th Earl employed Lancelot Capability Brown to design the garden and parkland and additional buildings including the Orangery. The photos here show the main facade .

We enjoyed an extensive and very informative tour of the interior of the house, starting in the kitchen. There were many shelves full of copper kitchen equipment including a turtle used to serve turtle soup (there were also a row of small turtle skulls on a shelf!). We also saw the largest silver wine cooler in the world!

Also some beautiful pieces of furniture. We then enjoyed a tour of the gardens and park. We walked down to the Lake and then toured the North American garden which where the maples were beginning to show Autumn colour. We walked through the Remembrance garden and where lovely dahlias were beginning to bloom, and then tested our skill in the maze!

Other lovely blooms were cyclamen and colchicum. Altogether we had a lovely visit . The house is wonderfully well preserved and the room stewards were all very knowledgeable and gave us a fascinating account of the history of the house and family.

Words, and photos by Sandra Davies





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