



Cambourne Open Gardens 6-7 June 2026

Find out more about Cambourne Open Gardens and the National open garden event taking place on 24 May, on page 24...

■ SCDC ELECTIONS: 7 MAY 2026

Elections for all 45 seats on South Cambridgeshire District Council will be held on Thursday 7 May. Details of all the candidates standing can be found at scams.gov.uk/elections/elections-2026

As is now normal process for local elections in England, voters will need to show an accepted form of photo ID at their polling station. You can find out where your polling station will be by visiting www.scams.gov.uk and

entering your postcode in the 'In my area' section. Details of polling stations are also included on the polling cards that everyone who is registered to vote receives in the post.

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Cambourne driver Timothy Leonard races to rookie championship lead

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TOWN COUNCIL

■ Music on the Mound Returns

We're delighted to announce the return of Music on the Mound at Cambourne Cricket Pavilion in Great Cambourne. Join us for a fantastic community atmosphere with music, great food, and refreshments. The Third Man Bar will be open, and a variety of local food trucks will be in attendance.

■ The Big Weekender

Looking ahead to summer, we're excited to confirm that The Big Weekender will take place from 26th-28th June. This popular community event promises a full weekend of activities and entertainment for all ages. If you are interested in hosting a stall, please email community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

■ Welcome to staff and councillors

We are pleased to introduce several new members to the Town Council team: Melanie Hadley - Community Development; Emma Smith - Sport Development; Gabby Van Poortvliet - Responsible Finance Officer; and Steph Harden - Office Administrator.

We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the positive impact they will bring to our community services.

We also wish to welcome our new town councillors: Asif Ahmad; Shrobona Bhattacharya; Caroline Deegan; Stephen Drew; Navneet Mangesh Deorankar; Patrick Gavigan; Dalia Heggo; Mahesh Hetti; Clare Jenkins; Helene Leeming; Kevin Mcintyre; Joe O'Dwyer; Madhavi Sandi; Amber Thomas; Sharo Thottathil; and Hassan Tolheed.

■ Successful Easter events

Our recent activities were a great success, with both the Easter Egg Hunt and Art Attack event drawing fantastic

participation. A big congratulations to our four Golden Egg winners and well done to all who took part!

■ Allotment reminders

With the growing season underway, we'd like to remind allotment holders to: Keep plots well maintained and free from excessive weeds; dispose of waste responsibly; be considerate of neighbouring plots and follow guidelines on bonfires and water usage. Working together helps keep our allotment spaces enjoyable for everyone.

■ Join Cambourne Litter Heroes

We are always inspired by the efforts of the Cambourne Litter Heroes, a dedicated group helping to keep our community clean and green. If you would like to get involved, please contact Cedric for more information. New volunteers are always welcome! Find Cambourne Litter Heroes on Facebook or email cedric.jl.foster1944@btinternet.com

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

Members of the public are welcome to observe.

5th May 2026, 7pm
– Planning Committee
– Followed by the Annual Town Meeting

19th May 2026, 7pm
– Planning Committee
– Followed by Full Council

2nd June 2026, 7pm
– Planning Committee
– Followed by Full Council

16th June 2026, 7pm
– Planning Committee
– Followed by Leisure & Amenities

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TOWN & DISTRICT COUNCILS

What does a town council actually do?

A town council, such as Cambourne Town Council, is the most local level of government, focused on improving day-to-day life in the community.

In simple terms, they deal with the things people see and use regularly, rather than big national issues.

Here's what they typically do:

Help look after community

spaces such as parks, play areas, and open spaces; allotments; sports pitches and pavilions; community buildings and halls.

Organise and support events

that bring people together, like

festivals and weekend events; family activities and local markets and entertainment

Keep the area tidy:

supporting litter picking initiatives; maintaining public areas, working with volunteers to improve the environment

Represent the community:

Town councils: speak up for residents on local issues; comment on planning applications and work with district and county councils on bigger decisions

Manage a local budget:

Town Councils raise a portion of council tax (called a precept) to fund local services, staff and community projects.

Support residents:

They can help connect people to local groups and services, community initiatives and support networks.

Use your vote on 7 May: District Council elections

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The candidates for Cambourne Ward are:

- Donavan Michael BANGS (Reform UK)
- Shrobona BHATTACHARYA (Conservative Party)
- Michael Allan BOOTH (Liberal Democrats)
- Gavin CLAYTON (Green Party)
- Rob DENISON (Green Party)
- Timothy Francis Lagé HAYES (Labour Party)
- Dalia HEGGO (Independent)
- Trevor JARMAN (Reform UK)
- Paul Alexander JOBLING (Reform UK)
- Helene Elizabeth LEEMING (Liberal Democrats)
- Marcus PITCAITHLY (Green Party)
- Nick RANA-BEADLE (Conservative Party)
- Amber THOMAS (Liberal Democrats)
- Daniel John WHITE (Conservative Party)
- David Allan WILLIAMS (Labour Party)

■ *Editorial note: We encourage Cambourne residents to research each candidate as local matters differ from national matters and district councils are unable to change national events but they certainly can help locally if they have a real investment in the community.*



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Scouts spring into adventure

2ND CAMBOURNE SCOUTS: At the end of the spring term, before Easter, our Beavers enjoyed an Irish-themed night for St Patrick's Day, Cubs built 'space landing crafts' protecting eggs being dropped from a height, and the Scouts met up for our termly joint session with 1st Cambourne Scouts where they produced and performed comedy sketches for Red Nose Day and competed with team games.

During the Easter holidays, 10 of our Senior Scouts, who had planned an expedition, hiked a 19km rural route from Cambourne to St Neots before staying overnight in the Scout Hall there. It was a really strong achievement from them considering for most it was the furthest they have ever walked, and the first time



fully navigating from an Ordnance Survey map with compass. Managing directions and timings is a real skill, but demonstrating teamwork within their groups of five they managed it.

They also had to deal with changeable spring weather: a cold wet start, warm sunny afternoon and wind!

The evening was a time for them to make dinner before relaxing and playing board games before a well-earned



sleep. The following morning after packing and cleaning up, they headed up the road where they enjoyed indoor crazy golf before heading home to put aching legs up!

Guides rise to the challenge in creative end-of-term activities

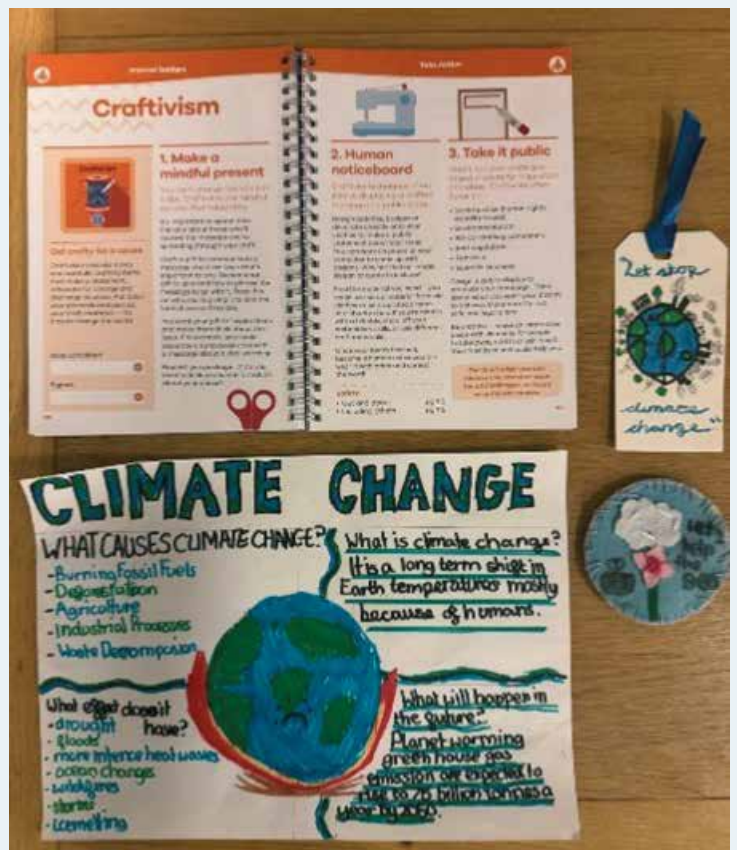
3RD CAMBOURNE GUIDES: We brought our second term to a close with an evening planned by Phoenix Patrol, who chose two creative and hands on challenges for everyone to enjoy.

The first activity asked the girls to produce an A-Z of Nature, encouraging them to think widely about the world around them and to work together to fill every letter with something meaningful. Their ideas were thoughtful and imaginative.

The second challenge aptly named "Get Carried Away" put their teamwork and problem solving skills to the test. The girls designed, built, and then bravely tested their very own stretchers using only the materials available.

It was fantastic to watch their determination and collaboration in action. Every patrol succeeded in creating a stretcher strong enough to carry one or more of their teammates, and the pride on their faces said it all.

We would also like to take a moment to celebrate Isabelle for her exceptional effort this term. All the girls are encouraged to work on interest badges in their own time, and Isabelle went above and beyond. She dedicated real care and creativity to producing a series of craft pieces aimed at raising awareness about climate change. Her work was thoughtful, beautifully made, and carried an important message. Well done, Isabelle!



COMMUNITY

Cambourne students reach for the stars with space engineering challenge

CERC Team recently took an exciting step toward space engineering by participating in an activity inspired by the European Space Agency's CanSat initiative.

As part of their preparation for the ESA CanSat challenge in Buckinghamshire last month, the team conducted a drone-assisted test flight to simulate a real CanSat launch scenario in Cambourne, allowing students to experience how satellites are deployed and how mission data is gathered in realistic conditions.

Three Teams in Cambourne worked collaboratively to prepare and test their



miniature satellite systems, learning key principles of aerospace engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving, and took part in the ESA CanSatellite 2026 competition.

The launch simulation also featured demonstrations using the BBC micro: bit to show how accessible technologies can support satellite-style sensing and data transmission, inspiring junior students to explore science, coding, and electronics in a hands-on way.

The STEM opportunities within the Cambourne community showcased how initiatives like CanSat can bridge classroom learning with real-world engineering practice. Email Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com or message her to join 07852 753216 to join STEM activities in Cambourne.



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Roaring into Spring at Monkfield Park

MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL: Our Reception children bravely took to the stage to delight their families with a fantastic singing performance all about dinosaurs.

The children worked incredibly hard to learn their songs and actions, and their enthusiasm was absolutely infectious.

The performance showcased the children's wonderful confidence and creativity with each one of them bringing their own special energy as they stomped like a T-Rex, swayed like a Stegosaurus or roared with prehistoric gusto!

Year 5 and Year 6 were thrilled to have a visit from Zara Lachlan, the extraordinary adventurer who holds the record for being the youngest person and first woman to row solo and unsupported from Europe to South America.

Year 5 had written to Zara earlier in the year when they were learning about South America and she had promised to visit so she could answer their many questions in person.

The children were captivated as they heard about Zara's incredible journey across one of the world's most challenging oceans.

Zara recounted how she faced and overcame many obstacles, the moments when things went wrong (such as when her boat capsized resulting in the loss of her phone) and how she problem-solved under unimaginable pressure.



Year 6 have been learning about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his incredible survival story during the Endurance expedition so they were excited to talk to Zara about her next adventure to Antarctica and were delighted to share their secret recipes for the delicious energy bars they have been making.



Vine School saluted at Tower of London

VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL: On Wednesday 18th March, Year 2 visited the Tower of London. When we got there we were treated to a gun salute with cannons being fired across the river Thames. We marvelled at the crown jewels including seeing the Imperial crown, sceptre and orb which we have been learning about in our History topics. We visited rooms full of armour which had belonged to Henry VIII, Charles I and Charles II. We got to talk to Beefeaters about their job as a Yeoman

Warden and saw the Coldstream Guards guarding the jewels and the King's House. Our visit truly helped bring our History learning to life and gave us, in the words of the pupils 'the best day of our lives'!

■ Follow our social media pages @thevineprimary If you would like to find out more about The Vine School then Peter Hynes, Headteacher, would be pleased to hear from you on 01954 719630 or e-mail: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Cambourne Youth Partnership seeks volunteer Trustees

Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP), a local charity that enables work with young people, from all cultures and backgrounds, in Cambourne is keen to talk with people who may be interested in joining our existing group of Trustees.

Whether you're considering volunteering as a trustee for the first time or you've had prior experience, we want to hear from you. Being a great trustee isn't about being the expert or always having the right answer. It's about teamworking and a commitment to growing and sustaining CYP's positive, purposeful work in Cambourne.

For more information, please go to www.cambournesoul.co.uk

To arrange an informal chat, please contact any CYP Trustee you know already or message our Trustees at info@cambournesoul.co.uk



This year we are raising money for the children's charity ...

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We are raising funds for Just George at CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association.

George's parents David & Lisa Radcliffe are a true inspiration - suffering the worst loss any parent could experience. And not giving up on life. But harnessing that grief to support and raise money for this charity so that, through research, children like George may survive. Since their devastating loss, David and Lisa have raised so much awareness and money - it is a true reflection of their strength of character.



I am participating in 2 Ultra Marathon Challenges. On Saturday 16th May I am taking on the Jurassic Coast, again! And on 20th June I am running from Scarborough to Whitby in the North Yorks Ultra - the first time this event is taking place. I need help and motivation taking on these challenges - your donations are much appreciated.



Government changes to Indefinite Leave to Remain

I have written before in *Cambourne Crier* about the Government's damaging proposals to retrospectively tighten requirements for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), and I know this remains a big worry for those who will be directly impacted, as well as their friends and family.

I recently held a community meeting that was attended by over 70 people from across the constituency holding many different visas, all of whom had written to me with their concerns. I have heard from hundreds more over email and through letters who are set to be impacted by the proposals. The Government's claim that these reforms will encourage better integration in our communities is absurd. How can people integrate

when they can't commit to buying a house, when their children won't be able to attend university on home fees, and when their finances will be further squeezed by paying further NHS surcharge and visa renewal fees? These are the very real worries that families expressed to me, and they are the questions I continue to raise with the Home Secretary.

We should hear the outcome from the Home Office consultation soon. If the proposals are to go ahead, the Government has significant questions to answer about their implementation. There were many contradictions and unclear rules raised with me at the meeting, and I will be following up on all of them.



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East Anglian Air Ambulance launches £8.2m appeal

East Anglian Air Ambulance has launched an urgent £8.2 million fundraising appeal to build a new air base in Cambridgeshire, after securing planning permission for a new site outside Fulbourn. The charity must relocate before losing its current home at Cambridge Airport which is due to close in 2030.

Without a Cambridge base, East Anglian Air Ambulance's service would be cut in half, leaving just one airbase in Norfolk and dramatically increasing response times to people facing life-threatening emergencies across the region.

The new Cambridge Air Base Appeal aims to fund the construction of a new and improved facility on land at New Shardelowes Farm, ensuring the charity can continue to deliver hospital-level critical care to patients in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk for decades to come. East

Anglian Air Ambulance has made it easy for people across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to support the appeal:

- Call the donation hotline on 03450 669 999 (Monday–Friday, 8.30am–5pm)
- Donate online at eaaa.org.uk/base

■ Return a donation or direct debit pledge using appeal envelopes being delivered to households across the region. Donations of £175 or more will be recognised by adding a supporter's chosen name to one of the charity's helicopters.

Working alongside the emergency services, East Anglian Air Ambulance responds to the most serious one per cent of emergency calls. For more information or to donate, visit eaaa.org.uk/base

Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder is a mental health condition which can lead to extreme changes in mood.

Although there are times when someone's mood may feel stable (often for months or years), they would also experience times of high mood (mania) and low mood (depression).

High mood would include feeling happy and excited with lots of energy and confidence. However, it can also cause people to feel irritable, aggressive, impulsive and unable to concentrate.

People with mania often speak very quickly and may not make sense to others or may say things which seem rude or unusual. They can feel paranoid or hear or believe things which are not real. When experiencing low mood, this can

include the usual symptoms of depression such as feeling sad, tiredness, losing interest in things, trouble sleeping, eating or concentrating and losing hope and self confidence.

If you are concerned someone has bipolar disorder, it is very important to talk with a GP.

The condition can be made worse with smoking, recreational drug use, alcohol and working shifts. However, it can be managed with support and medication and some types of therapy can make a difference.

It can also be helped by having a regular routine, healthy eating and sleeping habits, exercise and avoiding stress as much as possible.

■ *Reference: Rethink Mental Illness; Mind; NHS*



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CHURCHES

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Open arms, open gardens

There is a lovely hymn "All are Welcome" - well worth a look on the internet - "Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach..."

...And so around the church building we've been nurturing the Jubilee Garden hedge, not as a "keep out", but as sheltering arms to make a place for beauty, peace, produce and wildlife.

It takes a village to raise a garden, and we've had so much help, including from the Open Gardeners who've helped fund the rainwater tanks and the blue bench. We shall all be Open again on 6th-7th June. Do come and join us to see how the no-dig veg plot is progressing, the flower beds round the Annexe, and the wildflower

meadows and long grass areas which are buzzing with tiny creatures. On Saturday 6th, refreshments will be available at the church. We are hoping to fund a brassica cage to save the Brussels sprouts from the caterpillars and make harvesting for the Foodbank easier for our volunteers. We'd also like signs to interpret the management of the Garden for wildlife, and more seats for all to enjoy what we've been blessed with.

The Jubilee Garden is work in progress, as the hymn says "Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome in this place".

Pam Thornton

SUNDAY SERVICES AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH

May 3rd	10.00	All-Age Communion Service
May 10th	9.30	Worship Service
	11.00	Worship Service *
May 17th	9.30	Worship Service
	11.00	Worship Service *
May 24th	9.30	Communion Service
	11.00	Communion Service *
May 31st	9.30	Worship Service
	11.00	Worship Service *
June 7th	10.00	All-Age Communion Service

* The 11.00am services include age-appropriate groups for children and young people.

PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral thoughts: The importance of truth

What is Truth? In our services recently we have been going through the gospel of Mark and the time of the crucifixion. Where Pilate had examined the evidence and knowing it was for envy that Jesus was delivered unto him but he decided to act against what he knew was right. In a parallel passage in John he famously said, after Jesus said I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? Knowing what was right and doing what is right are two different things. Pilate said I find in him no fault at all but when the instigated crowd called out he freed a criminal and condemned the just because it was more expedient to him. In reality breaking the

law as it was easier to condemn the righteous than to deal with the whispering deceivers that made backroom deals and threw false charges to the innocent. Now of course this was not only expected but prophesied multiple times. This was for the payment of the sin of all mankind. However we too are often faced with the dilemma of truth. Knowing what is truth is even harder than just a decade ago. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice Jesus said but where do we find truth? The Internet is filled with much truth but is also riddled with lies and fake news. This is why we must study harder, research better and not take things for surface value. In my house we have a saying "Who do we

trust? God. Who else do we trust? Nobody!" We like to verify information. If it is direct scripture then that is great. If not then check a few sources, hopefully neutral sources. Do due diligence with your spiritual life. But after that also apply truth seeking to other things. Your work, is the job done as it should be? Lacklustre, half hearted work or just looking to make a quick few quid? No, believer that is not to be your path. Walk diligently as children of the light. Keep your eyes open and hear the voice of truth like a lifeline. Keep to that which is right and just Cambourne.



Pastor Donovan Bangs



PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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If you could ask God one question

You might have seen Christ Church Cambourne's advert or card asking, "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?"

In ordinary life some questions are easier to answer than others. What, where, when and how questions can sometimes be straightforward to answer whilst 'why' questions demand more complex responses.

Parents are often faced with 'why' questions from their children which reveal children's curiosity. As a parent I remember occasions when due to lack of time or patience my response to "Why do I have to do this?" was "Because I say so". But I knew that my child could trust me and that I was asking them to do something that was right or for their safety.

Unfortunately not everyone is trustworthy. At Christ Church Cambourne some special guest

services were held in April to explain answers to the questions that had been submitted about what people would ask God.

The 'why' questions are the hardest ones, but one response could be to reply with another 'why' question: "Why the cross and death of Jesus Christ?" The cross reveals God's character of being holy, just and loving.

John Moore wrote a hymn entitled "Why?" Here is an excerpt: "Why did they nail Him to Calvary's tree? Why? Tell me why was He there? ...

"All my iniquities on Him were laid. He nailed them all to the tree. Jesus the debt of my sin fully paid. He paid the ransom for me".

John Moore could write this hymn because he had experienced the forgiveness of God through the cross of Christ.

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Historic double triumph for Cambourne Netball

Cambourne Netball Club: is delighted to announce that both Cambourne 1 and Cambourne 2 have clinched their league titles – a first in the club's history.

Cambourne 1 – County Premier League Champions. It's official! For the first time ever, Cambourne 1 is champion of the Cambridgeshire County Premier League. It's a monumental achievement for the club and a testament to the sheer determination the team has shown all season. The season has had it all — massive victories with 30+ goal wins, nail-bitingly tight games, and a squad that fought to the end every single time. Every player has made sacrifices to be at training, games, and friendlies; and it's all paid off in the best way possible.

Huge congratulations to the players, captain Sue Cowen, vice-captain Hannah Rust and head coach Catherine Blee, who have put in countless hours to make this team what it is. Thanks also to the C2 players who stepped up when needed and to everyone who's cheered from the sidelines all season.

Winning the league means C1 now has the chance to compete in the regional playoffs at the end of May. If it can secure a spot at regional level, it would be another landmark moment for the club – and we'll be cheering them every step of the way.

Cambourne 2 – Division 1 Champions. Our C2 side has also had a brilliant season, winning the CDNL Division 1 title undefeated and earning promotion to the County Premier League for next season. Captain Helen Cornwell said it best: "What an amazing season – I'm so proud of everyone, real squad contributions from every player."



What's Next? We're now looking forward to the playoffs, our end of season awards evening, and the summer leagues. Next season promises to be an exciting one, with teams competing across multiple divisions, as the club continues to grow. And as always, we're welcoming new players – whether you're looking for competitive netball at the top level or just want to get stuck in and have fun, there's a team and a spot for you.

What a season. Here's to making next year even better!



Appeal to Cambourne residents: dog fouling can increase the risk of serious eye diseases. Help keep our community safe

Following a previous article in *Cambourne Crier* concerning dog fouling, we are highlighting a serious health complication that can result and are requesting all dog owners to take responsibility and always pick up after their pets.

While many people recognise that dog faeces are unpleasant, fewer realise the serious health risks it can pose, particularly to children and older residents. Dog waste can contain microscopic roundworm eggs. These eggs can remain in soil for months or even years and are easily picked up through everyday contact with grass, paths and play areas. If accidentally ingested; often through hand-to-mouth contact, they can hatch inside the body, releasing larvae

that travel through our bloodstream.

In some cases, these larvae reach the eye, leading to serious conditions such as ocular toxocariasis. This can cause inflammation, visual impairment, and even permanent sight loss. Alarmingly, the infection may remain dormant for long periods, meaning symptoms might not appear until much later, making diagnosis and treatment more difficult.

Cambourne's country parks and green spaces are enjoyed daily by families, dog walkers, runners and vulnerable members of our community. Children playing on the grass and elderly residents enjoying walks are especially at risk of coming into contact with

contaminated areas. What may seem like a small oversight can have long-lasting consequences for dog owners themselves and also someone else.

Dog fouling can easily be spread beyond the park. Other dogs may come into contact with contaminated waste and carry it on their paws or fur back into the home. In addition, these microscopic eggs can be unknowingly brought indoors on shoes, pram wheels, bicycles and even children's toys, creating a hidden pathway for infection within our living spaces.






Keeping Cambourne clean is a shared responsibility. By carrying bags and disposing of dog waste properly in the plentiful dog waste bins, we can all help break this chain of contamination and contribute to a safer, healthier environment. **Please pick up after your dog – every time.**

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Tennis Club blooms on and off the court



Cambourne Tennis Club: April brought sunshine (and heavy winds), elbow grease, and plenty of community spirit to the tennis club as some members joined forces for a lively spring clean.

From litter picking around the courts to planting cheerful blooms by the clubhouse, making our corner of the neighbourhood brighter and greener.

Litter pickers swept the perimeter of the courts and the surrounding grounds.

Flower planting took place on Easter Friday, when volunteers potted a colourful mix of spring flowers that now frame the clubhouse and welcome players and visitors. We also cleared out old tennis balls and gave them a new lease of life by recycling them to local charity Woodgreen Pets, that will put them to good use.

National League action started in April, and we fielded our first-ever women's team. The Summer League got under way at the end of April, with three men's teams, two women's teams and ten junior teams taking to the courts. We also held a members-only 1 Point Slam, inspired by the Australian Open format; results and match highlights will be published in the next issue after the May deadline. And finally, don't miss Play Your Way to Wimbledon in May – two

days of great tennis and friendly rivalry. Open to junior and adult members; full details and entry on the club website. clubspark.lta.org.uk/cambourneltc

Coaching news:

We can look back at two amazing weeks of well-attended and exciting Easter Tennis camps!

Our summer term coaching programme is now in full swing for those starting their tennis journey or existing players who want to improve their game further! If you'd like to get involved, it's not too late!

Go to gamesettennis.co.uk or email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk for more information.

Membership renewals:

The season's underway and the nets are up – don't miss a minute.

Please renew your membership via the link on our website:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC to keep your court access uninterrupted and stay part of everything we've got planned this year.

Renewing helps support club activities, coaching, and events – and it keeps you connected to the team you love to play with.



Shed restores treasured items for local residents

Members of Cambourne Shed recently restored a wooden chair and bird table for Cambourne residents Sara and Daisy Hughes. The items were brought to Cambourne Repair Cafe on 28th February, the bird table required a new table top and the chair had a missing rung. Both items were subsequently restored by Shedders, with the tabletop components cut from reclaimed timber.

The items were returned to Sara and Daisy by Cambourne Shed Secretary, John Panrucker, who had built the replacement table top.

■ [Find out more about Cambourne Shed at www.cambourneshed.org](http://www.cambourneshed.org)





StemLearn Club wins prestigious innovation prize

A group of young aspiring scientists from StemLearn Cambourne Club have won the prestigious Frontier Ingenuity/Innovation Prize at the Robocon competition organised by Hills Road Sixth Form College.

The award, sponsored by Frontier, recognises outstanding creativity in both technical and logical design. StemLearn's robot stood out among competitors, capturing the attention of judges and spectators alike with its originality and precision. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that, for every student involved, this was their very first robotics competition.

Their robot was widely praised for its innovative features. Judges specifically highlighted the team's idea of stacking the boxes as unique and not seen before in the competition. The robot's expressive eye design and smooth, controlled movement were also standout elements. The project showcased not only technical ability but also creativity and collaboration, highlighting the potential of young minds when given the opportunity to explore STEM subjects.

This achievement was made possible with the invaluable guidance and

dedicated support of mentors Nishat Akhter, Abdullatif Salah, and Imran Jafri.

StemLearn is a local club, a subsidiary of AI Labs, founded with the vision of promoting STEM education among school students. The club focuses on developing skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), robotics, innovation, patents, and entrepreneurship. AI Labs, in parallel, works with university students and professionals in the field of research and development to further advance technical knowledge and real-world skills. This fantastic achievement is just the beginning for these talented students, who have already proven they can compete and win on a big stage.

■ **Get Involved: School students (Interested in joining or learning more):** stemlearn@ai-labs-uk.com
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Young Cambourne driver accelerates into 2026 Junior Saloon Car Championship title challenge

Cambourne teenager Timothy Leonard, 15, has launched his 2026 campaign in the Junior Saloon Car Championship with his first top 5 finish and a first-place trophy in the rookie championship.

After the first 2 rounds of the season at Donington and Cadwell he now leads the rookie driver standings.

Timothy, a student at Cambourne Village College, completed his debut in 3 rounds in 2025 and now follows this with his first full season in 2026 at 8 race weekends across the UK driving a Citroen Saxo for the OREX Competition team.

"I have been working really hard for the last year on my driving skills, fitness and looking for sponsors whilst also starting my GCSEs and keeping up with my schoolwork."

"It's been an amazing start to the season; I'm especially proud of my races at Cadwell Park which is very demanding physically and mentally, especially with rain that fell in the last race making it very treacherous," he said.

Tim was recently listed in the "ones to watch" by the British Automobile Racing Club and he is aiming to follow in the footsteps of former competitors in this championship who have gone to compete in the upper echelons of motorsport including GT4, GT3 and F1 Academy.

■ *If you want to keep up with Tim's progress or are a local business who could benefit from promotion through motorsport, you can follow his journey on Instagram and YouTube @timothyleonardracing*



Returning to Bourn Mill

Recently we welcomed **Stephen and Christine Hipwell to Bourn Mill**. Born and brought up in Australia, Steve's ancestors worked the mill for a large part of the 19th Century.

Steve's great grandfather was taken to Australia aged just six weeks when his family emigrated. A few generations earlier, in 1841, Joshua Hipwell (born 1793) purchased Bourn mill, he farmed in Bourn and then in Toft. His initials are carved on the central post inside the mill buck. On his death in 1866 the mortgage was recalled and the mill sold to a local landowning family, but Joshua's son William stayed on as a tenant miller until 1875. In 1795, Joshua's older brother, another William, then aged about ten, had been playing in the mill, and was killed when

he accidentally fell into the cogs that drove the millstone.

Steve showed us photographs of his ancient family bible, in which Hipwell births, deaths and marriages had been dutifully written over many generations. It showed connections by marriage to the Bishop family, who are also recorded as running the mill for many years. Steve and Christine were very much affected by being able to stand in the places where Steve's ancestors had worked, to feel the difficult working conditions they must have endured, the dangerous, uncomfortable environment, to appreciate the physical strength that must have been needed to operate such an archaic windmill.

■ See page 26 for details of *Bourn Windmill Open Days*



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■ **Saturday 6th June:**

- 43 Monkfield Lane
- 13 Willow Lane
- 9 Cressbrook Drive
- Jubilee Garden at the church (refreshments)
- 79 Lancaster Gate

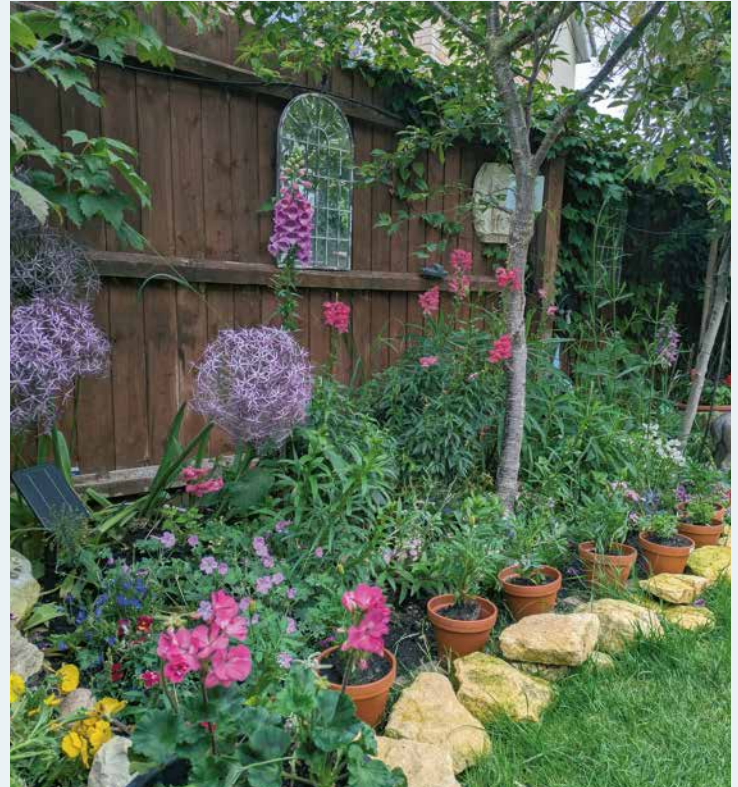
■ **Sunday 7th June:**

- 71 and 55 Brookfield Way
- 2 Bickerley Court
- 13 Fenbridge
- 88 Greenhaze Lane
- 128 Greenhaze Lane
- 128 Jeavons Lane
- 20 Miller Way (refreshments)
- 5 Mayfield Way

Tickets, with a full list of gardens and a map, are available from all the above addresses on the day they are open (£5 per adult, accompanied children free, please bring cash).

There's still time to open your garden too - contact juleshannaford@hotmail.com

Although touching plants is not a good idea, unless invited to do so, seeing and smelling them is a delight.



Whilst some plants irritate, others have a lovely feel and rubbing scent.

So come along to open gardens on the weekend of 6th and 7th June to see beautiful gardens, smell the flowers, hear the chatter, taste tea/coffee and cakes, feel the sacs to identify the mystery objects, be inspired and feel good.

Explore beautiful Cambourne gardens and support nursing

Raise vital funds for nursing while enjoying garden inspiration in Cambourne this May bank.

Five Cambourne gardens are due to open under the National Garden Scheme on 24 May, the Sunday of the late May bank holiday weekend.

Garden gates will be open between 11am and 5pm giving visitors the chance to see some of the best that Cambourne has to offer in ideas for creating something beautiful.

■ **The gardens to open, all in Great Cambourne, are:**

- 43 Monkfield Lane
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- 5 Mayfield Way
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- 13 Fenbridge

The famous National Garden Scheme teas, including home made cakes, will also be served at 13 Fenbridge.

Full details are available on the National Garden Scheme website: findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/22878/cambourne-gardens

Visitors can start and pay at any garden, or in advance on the website. Admission is £7.50, children under 16 free.

This will be the 15th National Garden Scheme opening in Cambourne. Since first opening in 2011, the group has raised almost £13,000 for the nursing and caring charities supported by the Scheme.

Major beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice



UK and the Queen's Nursing Institute, as well as charities concerned with gardens and health, community gardens and the support and training of gardeners.

Are you part of a local non-profit group, or organising a free event for Cambourne residents?

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If you are new to Cambourne, explore our events pages and the contacts directory on page 31 to find local events, groups and sports clubs to help you get involved in the community.

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A free bike repair service by Smart Journeys in Partnership with Taylor Wimpey/Vistry is still available exclusively for West Cambourne residents.

The service is located on the green at Dobbins Avenue and delivered by Outspoken Cycles.

These sessions are put in place to support and incentivise the West Cambourne community to be more active, and travel more sustainably.

The next session will be on Saturday, 2nd May 2026 from 10:30am-1:30pm and will be on a booking basis in advance.

A following session will be held on Saturday, 6th June 2026. Please visit www.outspokencycles.co.uk/cambourn-e-dr-bike/ to book a place.

For more information about this free service, please contact westcambourne@smartjourneys.co.uk Terms and conditions apply.

Free Monthly Bike Repair

EXCLUSIVELY FOR WEST CAMBOURNE RESIDENTS

smartjourneys In Partnership with: Vistry Group Taylor Wimpey Outspoken!

Come and enjoy **Bourn Windmill**

CAMBRIDGE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Entry: Adults: £4 Children: £1 Members: FREE

Open Days 2026

Sat 09 May	2pm - 4:30pm	Sun 19 Jul	2pm - 4:30pm
Sun 10 May	11-1:30/2-4:30pm	Sun 23 Aug	2pm - 4:30pm
Sun 21 Jun	2pm - 4:30pm	Sun 13 Sep	2pm - 4:30pm

Find us: Caxton Road CB23 2SU Between Caxton & Bourn villages

Repair Café With Us

Cambourne Repair Cafe is looking for local people to join our repairers register and repair at our events. These are free community events matching people who need things fixed with people who can attempt to fix them.

We are looking for people with experience who would be comfortable repairing items in the following categories:

- Electrical, electronic or mechanical
- Clothing/textiles (sewing)
- Bicycles
- Woodwork
- Sharpening
- Gluing
- Jewellery
- Sewing Machines

SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to find out more information about volunteering as a repairer and to register via our online form

Cambourne Repair Cafe is brought to you by Cambourne Shed www.cambourneshed.org

Repair Café

Do you have an electrical or mechanical item, bicycle or item of clothing or jewellery that needs repair? Book a free slot at Cambourne Repair Cafe

Event: Cambourne Repair Cafe
On: Saturday, June 20th 11AM - 2PM
At: The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne

Walk-in's on the day of the event are accepted, but booking is preferred and will take priority

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact cambournerepaircafe@gmail.com

Visit our webpage at <https://cambourneshed.org/repair-cafe/>

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Perfect for all age groups

Tech Festival

Sunday 10th May 12-5 pm

Cambridge Tech Centre
12-14 Fitzroy Street
CB1 1EW

Technology & Engineering Fest

Hosted by CamCareUK
07852753216

Book your table:
shrobona@gmail.com

Third Man Bar by Cambourne Cricket Club

Cambourne Foodies

On Bank Holiday Monday
4th May, 25th May & 31st August

3pm until late picnic in the park

Music on the Mound

Upper Cambourne Cricket Pavilion
Back Lane
Great Cambourne
CB23 6FY

FAMILY Fun Day

Following the success of last years family funday we have another action packed day perfect for everyone! all proceeds raised on the day will go to our chosen charity of the year The Kitcheners who support our veterans and give them and their family much needed support

SATURDAY 25TH JULY | FROM 12PM

Live DJ | BBQ | Stalls | Bouncy Castle | Family Activities | Classic Cars and Bikes | Raffle | Face Painter

The Monkfield Arms



**Consultation
2026**

Share your views

East West Rail is a major investment in the region delivering a new railway that would make journeys between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge easier. It would bring people closer to jobs, education, essential services and each other, supporting a better-connected future for communities.

You're invited to take part in our consultation and tell us what you think about the latest proposals for East West Rail.

This consultation will run for eight weeks from
14 April to 9 June 2026.



Scan the code or visit our website to view proposals and share your feedback.



eastwestrail.co.uk

Follow us



Cambourne Library: an incredible new start

We have had an incredible start since the opening of the library. We have issued 7,226 items in March 2026 and nearly 10,000 since opening. We have welcomed nearly 8,000 visitors and added over 225 new members! In addition, about 225 members have re-registered. We are the place to be!

We offer a modern space for customers to choose, return and collect books, attend events and workshops, study,

meet friends, book a space for meetings and so much more. There really is something for everyone - this is your local library. Please ask in the library for information about Library membership or see our website. Ask in the library to find out more about Open Plus.

Data SIMS

Speak to a member of staff for more details. The National Databank provides free data if: You're over 18; have a low household income; have insufficient internet access at or away from home; can't afford your monthly top up or contract. 1 SIM per person subject to availability from supplier.

Public PCs

We now offer four Public PC desks in the foyer of Sackville House. One of these is on a rise and fall desk that can be

adjusted to suit the user. Printing, scanning and photocopying is available in and is payable by card. There are several desks in the library for customers to use with their own laptops. Public PCs are used on a first come, first served basis or can be booked in advance by following the links on our website.

Community Meeting Room

We now have a community meeting room available for hire. Please contact SouthCambsSouth.LibraryVenue@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for further information.

Open Plus Access

The library now operates Open Plus extending access during mornings and afternoons to better align with GP centre openings. Adult customers are encouraged to register for Open Plus.

CAMBOURNE LIBRARY EVENTS

Engage - Wednesday 6 May 2026, 2pm -3.30pm

A representative from Green Energy Switch will be talking about the support available to make homes warmer, more energy efficient and more affordable to run. Free talk; donations welcome. Please prebook in the library or email cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Engage - Wednesday 3rd June 2026, 2pm-3.30pm

Water and Dust - Photographing the Wildlife of Africa. Photographer Mark Farrington will talk about his time with African wildlife in Africa. Free talk;

donations welcome. Please prebook in the library or email cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Craft Group for Adults - Creative Crafters. Thurs, 5.30-6.30pm

Come and try our craft group for adults - 'Creative Crafters'. An informal group, bring along any craft or art project you are working on and create with like-minded people. No need to book.

Stay and Play- Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30am

Join other families for chat, play and interaction. We will provide baby and toddler toys. Suitable for 4 years and under. This is a drop-in activity, no need to book.

Rhyme time and Duplo Fun (term time only)

In the National Year of Reading there's no better way to get little ones off to a flying start than with stories. Bring your children along to our free and fabulous Rhymetime sessions. Every Friday 9.30am-10am in Cambourne Library. Stay on afterwards for half an hour of Duplo play. No need to book - these are drop in events.

Lunch Bunch Book Group

If you would like to join in with this friendly group, please contact cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May at 1pm, in Cambourne Library.



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Nature loves to be untidy

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants manage much of the wilder green spaces in Cambourne. The type of management follows a plan devised by our conservation team, that balances the needs of wildlife and people, and the capacity of our dedicated staff and volunteers. Many areas are left, or actively managed sporadically, but this doesn't mean they are not valuable. Nature loves to be untidy, and long grass, wilder hedgerows, and scrubby areas are all important habitat that we are keen to encourage. These wilder areas are great for foraging hedgehogs and amphibians, which thrive in Cambourne but are struggling in other areas, as well as providing food for garden birds. Transitional "edge habitat" like hedgerows, scrub, and the borders of woodlands, are especially diverse, and important for wildlife. They provide nesting sites, feeding areas, and refuge from predators. There are a lot of threatened birds found in Cambourne that rely on this kind of habitat including grasshopper warbler, yellowhammer, linnet, and greenfinch.

Every year we find residents managing areas of the nature reserve adjacent to their property - cutting down hedges to improve their view, or mowing grassy areas for access or neatness. Everyone has the right to cut branches from neighbouring trees, but only if they over-hang your property, and you can do so without trespassing. By doing anything more, you are potentially negatively affecting wildlife.

If you feel there are areas of the reserve that our team should pay closer attention to then please do get in touch. If you do want to do more to help then please consider joining our regular volunteer work party to help keep Cambourne's green spaces thriving for wildlife and accessible for people.



UPCOMING WILDLIFE BCN EVENTS

- Sunday 3rd May 7-8.30am: Seasonal stroll (bird song) at Trumpington Meadows
- Wednesday 6th May 7.30-9am: Seasonal stroll (bird song) in Cambourne
- Monday 11th May 9.30am-12: Monthly meander (bird song) at Trumpington Meadows
- Wednesday 27th 11-1ish: Family walk and bring-your-own-picnic in Cambourne
- Thursday 28th May 11-1ish: Family walk and bring-your-own-picnic at Trumpington Meadows

Local enquiries

- Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org
Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN
- TrumpingtonMeadows@wildlifebcn.org
Facebook: @TrumpingtonMeadowsNatureReserve

General enquiries

- cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org
- [@wildlifebcn](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn)
- www.wildlifebcn.org

Have fun and learn at Blossomify!

Blossomify CIC Continues Free Boardgames, Learning Sessions & Family Activities in Cambourne.

Blossomify CIC is making a meaningful difference in Cambourne by offering free, engaging sessions for young people and families every Saturday.

Held at Cambourne Soul from 11:00am to 12:00pm, these sessions are open to children aged 6–14 and provide a welcoming, SEND-friendly environment where every child can thrive.

The sessions combine free literacy support with exciting, curriculum-designed board games that make learning enjoyable and interactive. Alongside numeracy and literacy, young people also benefit from life skills workshops that help build confidence, communication, and problem-solving abilities.

All sessions are delivered by DBS-checked volunteers and

experienced staff, including qualified teachers, ensuring a safe, supportive, and high-quality experience for every child.

Families have already shared positive feedback, highlighting the impact these sessions have had on their children's confidence and engagement with learning.

This valuable community initiative has been made possible thanks to the generous support of National Lottery funding, helping ensure that no child is left behind.

In addition to the youth sessions, Blossomify also offers a free family fitness activity at the Cambourne Sports and Fitness Centre every Saturday from 12:15pm to 1:00pm.

Families are invited to come along and enjoy fun, inclusive group workouts led by fully trained instructors. These sessions have already received fantastic testimonials for being both enjoyable and impactful.

These have been made possible by Sport England and we are grateful for this impact in the community.

Whether you're looking to support your child's learning or enjoy quality family time through fitness, Blossomify offers something for everyone.

■ *For more information or to register, please email info@blossomify.org. Few spaces remaining.*

11th Anniversary of Cambourne Mela

Cambourne marked the 11th anniversary of its Annual Mela on Sunday, 12th April 2026, at Cambourne Hub Community Centre, bringing together residents from across the diverse community to celebrate the spirit of the Indian New Year Celebrations observed in different parts of India.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances, traditional music, community participation, and opportunities for families and children to experience the richness of Indian heritage and seasonal celebrations, the New Year of India. The celebration reflected Cambourne's growing multicultural identity and strong community cohesion.

The event included stage performances by local children and adults, traditional drumming, dance presentations, community stalls, and festive food, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere for residents of all ages. Organised with the support of local volunteers and community groups, the celebration once again highlighted Cambourne's strength as a place where diversity, inclusion, and shared celebration thrive together in the town.



Holi: a day of colour, community and celebration



The Annual Colour Festival in Cambourne Celebrated its 11th anniversary in a day of Colour, community and celebration

Holi brought a joyful splash of colour to Cambourne this year as more than 700 residents from Cambourne and surrounding villages gathered to celebrate Cambridgeshire's largest open-air colour festival. Over 200 children took part, filling the air with vibrant clouds of pink, yellow, and blue while families laughed, danced, and enjoyed the festive spirit together.

In its 11th year since 2016, the much-loved community celebration created a welcoming atmosphere for people of all ages. Throughout the afternoon, music played as local families enjoyed dancing, conversation, and colourful fun. Food from popular Cambridge restaurants, alongside delicious dishes prepared by talented Cambourne community chefs, added to the celebrations.

Visitors were also treated to energetic performances from Cambourne dance schools, which

brought extra excitement and creativity to the day's programme.

A strong community spirit where friends, neighbours, and newcomers came together to celebrate spring with warmth and joy.

■ To take part in future CamCare UK community events or explore volunteering opportunities with us in Cambourne, please contact Dr Shrobona Bhattacharya at shrobona@gmail.com or 07852 753216.

CONTACTS

LOCAL SERVICES & ORGANISATIONS

To update or add a contact, email delivery@cambournecrier.org

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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01954 714 403

office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

District Councillors for Cambourne:

cldr.bhattacharya@scambs.gov.uk
cldr.drew@scambs.gov.uk
cldr.leeming@scambs.gov.uk

SERVICES

Cambourne Crescent Food Bank:

cambournecrestent.org/service/foodbank
Community Car Scheme: 07526 998 465

cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

Cromwell Veterinary Group:

01954 715 161

Hope Against Poverty CIC:

hopepic.uk@gmail.com
hopeagainst.org

Streetlight faults:

cambourne.info/street-lights

Wildlife Trust: Rebecca Neal

01954 713 516 wildlifebcn.org

CHURCHES

Cambourne Catholic Community:

cambournerc.com

Cambourne Church:

cambournechurch.org.uk
Foodbank: Julie Whitbread
julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

Christchurch Cambourne:

christchurchcambourne.org.uk

The Harbour Bereavement Café:

theharbour@cambournechurch.org.uk

Peacehaven Baptist Church:

peacehavenbc.org.uk

HEALTH CARE

Cambourne Dental Practice:

colosseumdental.co.uk/practices/cambourne-dental-clinic

Community First Responder:

Mark Taylor 07858 394 719
mark.taylor@inheritancewills.co.uk

Jardines Pharmacy: 01954 718 296

Monkfield Dental: 01954 774 540

monkfield.dental

Monkfield Medical Practice: 01954

282 153 monkfieldpractice.co.uk

EDUCATION

Arabic Language School:

cambournecrestent.org/service/arabic-school
info@cambournecrestent.org

Cambourne Day Nursery and Pre-School:

01954 719 440 kindrednurseries.co.uk

Cambourne Village College:

01954 284 000 cambournevc.org
Children's Centre: 01954 284 672 or
childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Comberton Village College:

01223 262 503 combertonvc.org

Cambourne Pre-school: 01954 715 150

cambournepreschool.org.uk

Carers And Tots: facebook.com/Carers and Tots, Cambourne

Educating Otherwise: Facebook.com/Home Education - Cambourne

Hardwick and Cambourne Community

Primary: 01954 210070

hardwickandcambourneprimary.co.uk

Jeavons Wood Primary School:

01954 717 180 jeavonswood.org

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre:

01954 273 301 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Monkfield Park Primary School: 01954

273 377 monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Vine Inter-Church Primary School:

01954 719 630 thevine.cambs.sch.uk

JOIN A LOCAL GROUP OR CLUB

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Blossomify CIC: (Boardgames & Learning sessions)

info@blossomify.org

Cambourne & District U3A: u3a.chair@cambourne.org

Cambourne Air Cadets: 105@aircadets.org

Cambourne Army Cadets: cambsacf.com

Cambourne Art Group: pat.goatly@gmail.com

Cam Care UK: camcare.org.uk

Cambourne Community Theatre Group:

info@cambournecommunitytheatre.org

Cambourne Community Website:

hello@cambourne.info or cambourne.info

Cambourne Crescent: cambournecrestent.org

Cambourne Experimental Cookery Club; Cambourne Electronics & Robotics Club; Come Cook Dine with Me;

shrobona@gmail.com

Cambourne Repair Café: cambournerrepaircafe@gmail.com

Cambourne Shed: cambourneshed@gmail.com

Cambourne Woodcraft Folk: Cambourne@woodcraft.org.uk

CamSight: www.camsight.org.uk/peer-support

Chess Club: (up to Year 11): cambourne.chess@gmail.com

Community Gospel Choir: cambournegospelchoir@gmail.com

facebook.com/Cambourne

CommunityGospelChoir

Crafty Ladies: Maureen 01954 718542 or

craftyoldladies@gmail.com

Crescent Science & Technology Club:

info@cambournecrestent.org

Light up Cambourne: lightupcambourne@gmail.com

Photography Group:

Nicola Marriott 07811 154 901 www.flickr.com/groups/cambournephotographygroup/

Reading Groups: Cambourne.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Sunday Walks: Sandra 07747 012 245 or scalcraft@gmail.com

Words for Pleasure Writers' Group:

Pat Callaghan 01954 715 106

WW2 Aircraft Club: 01954 716817 or iancameron692@gmail.com

SPORTS & LEISURE

Cambourne Balkan Dance Club: cam.balkan.dance@gmail.com

Cambourne Bowls Club: Stuart Palmer 07860 654 057

Cambourne Comets Trampoline and DMT Club:

cambournecomets@gmail.com

Cambourne Cricket Club: cambournecc@gmail.com

Cambourne Fishing Club: www.cambournefishingclub.com

Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre: 01954 714 070

Cambourne junior parkrun: parkrun.org.uk/cambourne-juniors

Cambourne Netball Club: www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambournenetballclub

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

info@cambournebasketball.org

Cambourne Runners: cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com

Cambourne Tennis Club: clubspark.lta.org.uk/CambourneLTC

Cambourne Town Football Club:

hello@cambournetownfc.org.uk cambournetownfc.org.uk

Cambourne Women Runners: information.cwr@gmail.com

Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club: cambschargers@gmail.com

Cambs Tai Chi Club: cambs-taichi.org.uk

Cambourne Tang Soo Do Club: cambournekarate-tangsoodo.co.uk

Cambourne Tae Kwon Do: stephenlacey73@gmail.com

Cambourne Karate School (AKS): 07929 100 612

karateschools.co.uk

Pilates: faybpilates.co.uk

COMMUNITY BIG WEEKENDER

26th - 28th June 2026



★ You're Invited to Our 1st Annual Community Big Weekender ★
Join us for a weekend of fun, connection, and celebration at what will become the
Annual
Community Big Weekender

17 Date: Friday 26th June 6pm onwards for music, food and family fun

★ What to Expect

🎵 Music

🍷 Licensed bar and food
💃 Dancing and family fun *family time*

17 Date: Saturday 27th June 🕒 Time: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

★ What to Expect: 🎵 Music & entertainment 🍷 Licensed bar and food

🏆 Bakery & Photography competitions

👶 Kids' crafts & face painting 🏠 Local vendor market 🎁 Raffles

- Fun games & family activities 🐾 Dog Show

with

⚽ England V Panama showing on outside screen
KO 10pm



17 Date: Sunday 28th June Cambourne Sports Day 🕒 Time: 11:00 AM - 16:00 PM

Come down and meet the sports communities in Cambourne and see what is on offer.

Beat the Goalie at Cambourne Town Football Club.

From First Catch to First Century - meet the Cricket club.

Bounce a Netball or do you have an unstoppable serve for the Tennis club.

★ What to Expect: All of the Cambourne Sports clubs will be showcasing what they can offer.

📍 Location: Sports Fields Back Lane

This FREE event is open to everyone —
bring your family, invite your friends, and come meet your neighbours!

Let's celebrate our amazing community together ❤️

For more information or to become a vendor, contact:

✉ community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk