



HOPE CIC pop-up food hub opens



The new HOPE CIC Community Food Hub has opened in Cambourne, adjacent to The Hub.

The project was initially set up in 2021 to support people after the financial effects of COVID-19 and the cost of living crisis.

Mahesh Hettiarachchi, founder and managing director of HOPE Against Poverty CIC, said: "This is a huge milestone for us. I started our Food Hub with the support of my friends and family, who volunteered to help get this project

off the ground. Due to high demand, within just one year, we expanded our opening to three days a week. Today, we have more than 2,700 members registered with our food project."

The shop stocks essential long-lasting food items as well as household cleaning and personal hygiene products. Items are all priced at below retail price, and some are free, making it a more affordable way of purchasing essentials.

"I would like to say a very big thank you to South Cambs District Council and



Cambourne Town Council for believing in what we do and funding our brand-new pop-up shop," said Mahesh.

"We have also received support over the years from Cambridgeshire County Council, Clarion Futures, The National Lottery Community Fund and many others. My sincere thanks also go to Morrisons Cambourne, Co-op, Tesco Bar Hill and everyone who has donated food, funding, resources or their time to support our work." Find out more at hopeagainst.org

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TOWN COUNCIL

■ What's happening in Cambourne

There's lots happening across Cambourne over the coming weeks, with community events, markets, fireworks and plenty of festive fun to look forward to!

■ Fireworks on 6th November

Get ready to light up the skies!

Cambourne's Fireworks Event takes place on Friday 6th November, and we're delighted that it will be going ahead thanks to the generous sponsorship of Bowdens Estate Agents and AG Motors.

We would like to say a huge thank you to both businesses for their kind sponsorship and support. Their generosity has helped make it possible for the community to come together and enjoy this much-loved event.

There will be plenty of food stalls, hot drinks and delicious treats available, as well as Larry's Fun Fair, making it a great evening for the whole family.

Come along, enjoy the atmosphere, grab something tasty and get ready for a spectacular fireworks display!

■ Cambourne Community Market

The first Friday of every month.

Don't forget that the Cambourne Community Market takes place at The Hub on the first Friday of every month, from 9am–12 noon.

It's a great opportunity to shop locally,

discover independent traders, pick up some delicious food and treats, and support small businesses within our community.

The next market is on Friday 6th November, so why not pop along before the fireworks later that evening?

If you're a local trader or have a small business and would like to find out about having a stall, keep an eye on the Cambourne Community Events social media pages for details.

■ Cambourne Christmas Winter Wonderland – 28th November

We're very excited to announce that the Cambourne Christmas Market has evolved into the Cambourne Christmas Winter Wonderland!

Taking place on Saturday 28th November at The Hub, this year's event is set to be bigger and more festive than ever, with a synthetic ice rink, a very special Santa experience with his real reindeer, festive food and fizz, craft and gift stalls, Christmas treats and lots of seasonal activities for all the family.

This is growing into a fantastic community celebration, and we're really looking forward to bringing some extra Christmas magic to Cambourne! Keep an eye out for further announcements and information.



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■ **Have you joined the Light Up Cambourne Scarecrow Trail?**

Have you got your creative thinking cap on? The Light Up Cambourne Scarecrow Trail is inviting local children, families, schools and community groups to get involved by creating their very own scarecrow.

Scarecrows will be displayed as part of a trail around Cambourne, creating a fun activity for residents to enjoy while showcasing the creativity of our community.

So, if you haven't joined in yet, there's still time to get creative and make your scarecrow!

■ **Paint and Natter – Every Friday**

Looking for a relaxed way to spend a Friday lunchtime?

Come along to Paint and Natter at the Sports Pavilion every Friday at 12 noon. And don't worry – you definitely don't need to be the next Van Gogh!

Whether you enjoy painting, colouring, doodling or simply fancy having a chat

and meeting other people, everyone is welcome.

Bring along your own painting or colouring equipment and enjoy a relaxed, friendly couple of hours with others in the community.

It's just £2, which includes a hot drink and biscuit.

So why not give it a try? You might discover a new hobby, meet some new people or simply enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

■ ***There's always something happening in Cambourne!***

From markets and community activities to fireworks, fun fairs and our exciting new Christmas Winter Wonderland, there are lots of opportunities to get involved, support local businesses and meet people in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events!

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

Members of the public are welcome to observe.

6th October 2026:
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Drivers wanted for Cambourne Car Scheme

GREAT NEWS! Since our last article we are pleased to say we have a new co-ordinator. However, we would love to recruit more drivers.

Cambourne Car Scheme was set up by Roger Hume, a Cambourne resident, in June 2011 with grants from South Cambs District Council and Cambourne Parish Council.

The car scheme provides a lifeline for those unable to use public transport and do not have access to a car. Without such help they would be unable to get to medical and social appointments except by use of conventional expensive taxis.

Being booked well in advance the scheme provides a door to door service using volunteer drivers who give their time for free. The drivers use their own car and the passenger pays the driver in cash to contribute to their expenses. Most insurance companies cover volunteer drivers for these trips at no extra cost.

Over the years the scheme has grown as Cambourne has expanded and now also covers some surrounding villages. Over the last 12 months, 469 journeys have been undertaken covering 10,833 miles. The Combined Authority, who now oversee the scheme, give annual grants for incidental



expenses such as mobile phone costs as well as providing public liability insurance.

It would be great if we could add to our small bank of drivers. We welcome all drivers, whether they can offer their time on any day of the week, or just specific days.

Meanwhile I would like to thank Eric Cawkill who joined the Scheme in 2013 as a volunteer driver and kindly took over as Coordinator in 2015 when Roger passed away. He has done a fantastic job. Without him the car scheme would not have kept going.

Interested in learning more about being a volunteer driver? Then call 07526 998465 or email cambournecarscheme@gmail.com for a friendly chat.

WW2 Aircraft Club covers the Halifax Bomber

At the September 2026 meeting the Halifax Bomber was presented to the WW2 Aircraft Club.

Often outshone by its more glamorous stable mate the Avro Lancaster, the Halifax, although it did not carry as heavy a bomb load as the Lancaster, was a much more versatile aircraft.

Your chance of escaping from a Halifax were also better due to its broader fuselage.

The group was interested to hear that the reason the Lancaster could carry a larger bomb load was that the Avro Manchester, from which it was derived, had a bomb bay designed to hold two torpedoes!

The early marks utilised the Merlin Engine (the same as the Spitfire and Hurricane) but it was the Mark 3 the most produced version, which flew with the powerful Bristol Hercules engine that really put the Halifax almost on a par with the Lancaster.

As well as its role as a Bomber, the Halifax was used in the following roles: Pathfinder, Anti-Submarine, Glider Tug, (The Halifax was the only aircraft capable of towing the powerful Hamilcar Glider), paratrooper transport, Special Operations (Agent dropping), Disrupting Luftwaffe Communications, General Transport.

Having a crew of 7 and well-armed with 10 machine guns,



one group succeeded in shooting down 35 German fighters! The Halifax was also used after the war by several air forces. The presenter was Ian Cameron

The WW2 Club has a website, just type in Cambourne WW2 Aircraft Club for more info.

All are welcome and no previous knowledge of WW2 aircraft is necessary.

Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Cambourne Hub meeting room at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Or email Ian on iancameron692@gmail.com



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Cambourne celebrates its litter heroes!

Around 40 local litter heroes came together to mark one year of keeping Cambourne tidy.

Organised by Cedric Foster, the thank you event was held at Cambourne Cricket Club to reward local residents who give up their time to litterpick our town.

Cambourne Litter Heroes are very grateful for the support of Danny White from Cambourne Cricket Club, who kindly hosted the thank you event and helped with supplies, along with refreshments funded by the Co-op.

Since formation in 2025, the group now consists of around 100 volunteers (including junior litter heroes!) covering the whole town – some volunteers look after an area near where they live with others roaming wider parts of the town whilst getting their steps in.

You may have even seen some green stickers appear locally on bins and high litter areas encouraging you to love



Cambourne and bin your rubbish!

The Cambourne Litter Heroes group has grown from strength to strength making a huge difference to the environment and has obtained vital funding for litter grabbers, bags and other equipment thanks to funding from SCDC Community Chest, Cambourne Town Council, The Hill Group and Taylor Wimpey.

If you would like to join the group and interested in getting equipment to help you litterpick where you live, please contact Cambourne Litter Heroes via their Facebook group or



email Cedric Foster:

cedric.jl.foster1944@btinternet.com

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Onam 2026 – a celebration of togetherness

Cambourne Indian Club celebrated Onam 2026 with a colourful and joyful community gathering, bringing together families and friends to share Kerala's traditions, food and spirit of togetherness.

For many Malayalees, Onam is much more than a festival. It is a celebration of unity, belonging and shared memories. Growing up in Kowdiar, Trivandrum in India, Onam meant illuminated streets, gatherings of family and friends, cultural celebrations and the excitement of the ten-day festive season. Years later, that same sense of community was recreated in Cambourne. The celebration featured a beautiful Pookalam, the arrival of Maveli, traditional music and performances, games, family activities and plenty of laughter. The traditional Onam games were a particular highlight, bringing children and adults together in friendly competition and creating some of the most energetic, entertaining and laughter-filled moments of the day.

One of the highlights was the traditional Onam Sadhya. What made it particularly special was that the food was not simply catered for the event. Club members prepared the different dishes in their own homes and brought them together to create

the shared feast. It was a wonderful example of community participation, with members contributing their time, effort and hospitality.

The story of Mahabali reminds us of a time associated with equality, harmony and happiness. If Mahabali were to visit Cambourne today, perhaps the most important thing he would look for would be whether people are still united. The CIC celebration gave a clear answer.

For children growing up in the UK, events like this also provide an important connection with Kerala's culture and traditions. Their memories of Onam may be created not on the streets of Kerala, but here in Cambourne - through the Pookalam, music, dance, Sadhya, games and time spent with family and friends.

Like the many different flowers that come together to create a Pookalam, a strong community is built through different people contributing in their own way. Cambourne Indian Club's Onam celebration was more than a festival. It was a celebration of friendship, culture, hospitality and the simple joy of belonging together.

Pastconnect completes 10 years of reminiscences

The story blog, www.pastconnect.net, run from Cambourne, completed ten years in September, having published 156 real-life stories from 23 countries across the world.

It began in 2016 with early contributions from Joan Duncan, Lucyna Jachacy, Judy Opitz, Lucy Purvey, Vilma Giga, Janet Glasser, Dave Ellis, and Manash Chatterjee, who wrote about experiences of war and displacement faced by them or their close families. Their reminiscences struck a chord with readers everywhere, and soon stories arrived from Russia, Mexico, South Africa, Germany, Australia, China, Malaysia, India and many other countries.

As the years went by, the scope of the blog widened to include life in ordinary times. Many wrote to remember and honour their parents, grandparents, partners, and wider families, or to recount memorable personal encounters. These lived stories affirmed what the editors had always believed — that in both ordinary and extraordinary times, the anecdotes of daily life furnish animated chronicles of their times.

Together, these memoirs and personal tales have woven a web of connections that binds a large community of writers and readers.

In the most recent story from Cambourne, Keith Huckle remembered his wife who passed on, and in doing so, relived the years they spent in happiness.

Of the 23 countries represented in the blog, 13 are by people living in this town – a testament to its diversity. The blog continues to welcome new stories.

If you have one to share, please send it to Tapti Roy on taptibr@gmail.com. And if you are a reader, there is a rich collection waiting for you.



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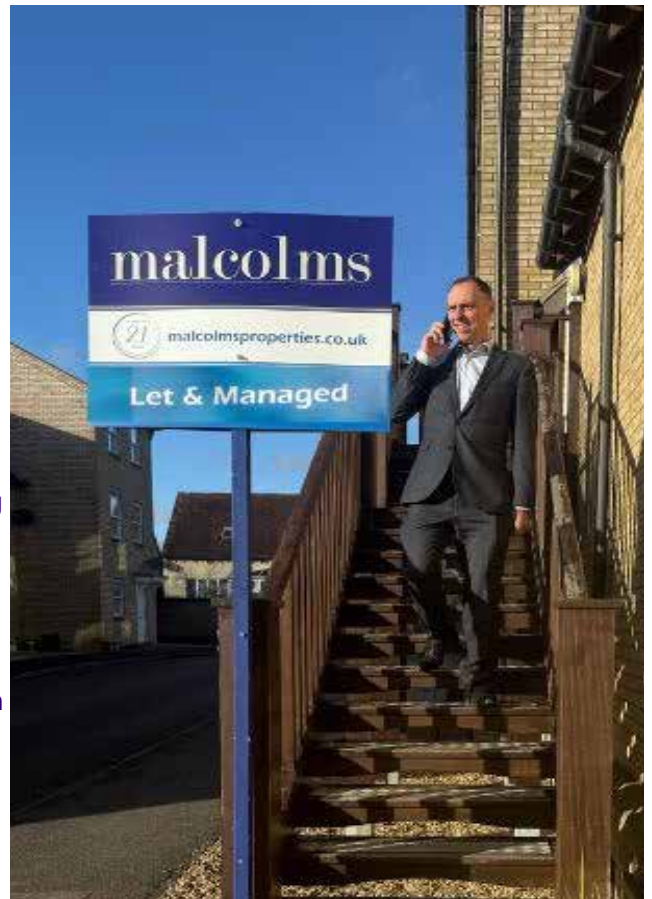
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Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

The approval of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway is fantastic news.

Residents have waited a long time for a reliable public transport link into Cambridge and this gets us a big step closer, as well as providing a dedicated cycle route. I'll be working now to make sure it's delivered well and on time.

I am always impressed with the passion that the Wildlife Trust team in Cambourne has for our environment, and the knowledge it has about how best to protect it. It was a pleasure to catch up with the team recently, as well as the three young people completing work experience there.

I talked to CEO Brian Eversham and

Conservation Director, Matt Jackson, about several topics including how important it is to maintain biodiversity in new development areas of Cambourne, and the threat that changes to planning regulations are to this.

It was also great to meet Becca from the Communities and Education team, which runs a number of activities, including the Youth Rangers Group, with monthly activities for 11- to 17-year-olds in Cambourne and Trumpington, carrying out surveys and looking at habitats and how they can be supported. I look forward to continuing to support the Wildlife Trust and raise its concerns with the Government.



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Preserving the Broad Street trees



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Local Government is going through a period of uncertainty in Cambridgeshire because of decisions made by the national government.

Around two years ago, the government announced they wanted to merge district and county councils together to create new unitary councils, which would combine the services of both organisations. However, in September, the government announced they were putting the decision on ice. We do not know when it will be brought back or when the next elections will be.

Secondly, despite talk of devolution and the importance of decisions made at a local level, the government have created a new organisation called the Cambridge Development Corporation,

appointed by Whitehall to oversee significant development in our area. Although elected local representatives will sit on a board, they will not control decisions.

The Cambridge Development Corporation will have a major impact on the future of Cambourne because it is considered to be a strategic growth site. We will continue to do all we can to make sure that Cambourne's interests are represented.

Finally, thank you to everyone who signed the Broad Street tree petition – over a thousand of you.

It has had a big impact and we have been assured that the possibility of cutting the trees down is no longer an option.

10th October: World mental health day

Many of us experience and live with mental illness, we want to support this day and highlight the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Signs that something may be wrong include being anxious or irritable, mood swings, seeming withdrawn, self-harming, saying or doing unusual things, struggling to cope with work or studies, problems with concentration or memory

Seeking help is often the first step towards getting and staying well, but it can be hard to know how to start or where to turn to. But it's always ok to ask for help.

Please do reach out to your GP.

MMP has a social prescriber who can support social stressors, such as feeling lonely or isolated, low level anxiety/depression, carers support, bereavement, benefit/cost of living

support and housing support. Support can also be found here: keep-your-head.com
cpft.nhs.uk/self-refer-here (for adults)
cpft.nhs.uk/young-people-self-referral (for children)

For any mental health crises there is also the option to call NHS 111 and choose the mental health option 2, a dedicated pathway where you can speak to a mental health advisor who will listen, assess your situation, and provide guidance on the next steps.

You can support your mental health by following the Five Steps to Mental Wellbeing: Connect with other people, be physically active, learn new skills, give to others, pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness).

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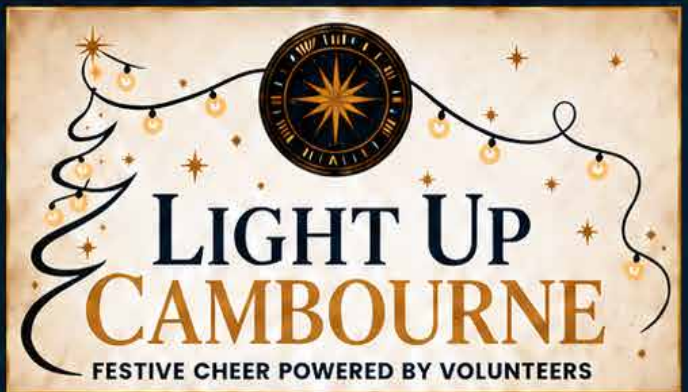
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The Good Samaritan

I read a short article recently which reflected on Jesus’s parable of the Good Samaritan and on the abuse of RNLi volunteers by vigilantes intent on stopping small boats from crossing the English Channel. It is obvious that there is something toxic and warped when a person saving a drowning human being is seen as a villain or a traitor, and such attitudes have rightly received widespread condemnation.

The story of the Good Samaritan tells of a man offering life-saving help to a vulnerable stranger despite differences of culture, religion, and background. Maybe the compatriots of the Good Samaritan could have called him a traitor for daring to show compassion to an outsider, but Jesus says we should copy him rather than revile him. Jesus commanded us to love our

neighbours, and told this very story to answer the question, “Who is my neighbour?” We might be tempted to shrink the circle of people we are called to love. But, in the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus enlarges the circle to include people very different from ourselves.

My life in Cambourne is deeply enriched by friendships with people from different cultures, religions, and backgrounds. Just last week I spent a wonderful evening sharing a meal at the home of some Muslim friends, and we are blessed to have such opportunities.

Some people peddle the idea that the Christian heritage of the country needs protecting by excluding others, but if we abandon the call of Jesus to love our neighbour then our Christian heritage has already gone.

Rev'd Bill Miller

SUNDAY SERVICES AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH

4th Oct	10.00am	All Age Communion Service
11th Oct	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service (with groups for children and young people)
18th Oct	9.30am	Communion Service
	11.00am	Communion Service (with groups for children and young people)
25th Oct	9.30am	Worship Service
	11.00am	Worship Service
1st Nov	10.00am	Worship Service (with activities for children and young people)

Pastoral thoughts: Functional does not mean flawless

There are times when aspects of ministry are practical and we as a church often assist one another. This is a willingness to help if we are able. One single mother came to me with a cracked and split bumper and I had recently gotten a set of cheap plastic repair tools I wanted to try.

So I was able to drill through from the outside and found an existing hole in the frame to secure the part with a carriage bolt that I had been kicking around in my shed for 20 years. I then heat-stapled the crack, snipped off the bits and covered the seam with some melted plastic and ground off the pokey bits. It was not pretty but it would pass inspection as

there were no sharp edges. It was fixed but flawed; there were scars but it was solid. In life we all go through things that leave traces. We have scars or signs of past problems but we are functional. Maybe not as much as we were but we endure. We bind up the broken bits.

That is similar to our lives as believers. We bind up the brokenhearted, and even though we have eternal life and are a new creature in Christ we still bear in our bodies the marks of this sin filled world. Christianity does not expect perfection in our earthly walk. If that were possible, then Christ would never have needed to come. He knows we are but dust. But he loves us

anyway. You can still come to Him regardless of your scars. You do not need to believe the lie because you are not perfect. God cannot use you.

God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; That no flesh should glory in his presence.

You may be a bit broken; we all are, but at least go to the one who can fix you up and give hope for tomorrow.



Pastor Donovan Bangs



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Monkfield Park – learning outside the classroom

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year at Monkfield Park Primary School. Following a period of change, including the arrival of a new Headteacher and children settling into new classrooms, we are delighted with how positively our pupils have embraced the new term. While transitions can sometimes feel challenging, our children have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm, resilience and kindness, alongside a genuine eagerness to learn. Their positive attitude has created a calm, welcoming atmosphere across the school and has been a pleasure to see.

Year 6 have made an especially impressive start and have fully embraced opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Alongside continuing their daily runs, which support both physical wellbeing and perseverance, pupils have enjoyed exploring the local area as part of a maths trail around Cambourne. This practical approach has enabled them to apply their mathematical thinking in real-life contexts while developing confidence and teamwork.

Their outdoor learning has continued with geography activities, where pupils worked collaboratively to create their own lines of latitude and longitude before plotting famous landmarks from around the world. These engaging experiences have encouraged curiosity, problem-solving and discussion, helping to bring



learning to life.

We have been incredibly proud of the maturity, independence and enthusiasm shown by Year 6 and indeed by pupils across the school. Their excellent start to the year gives us great confidence for the months ahead, and we look forward to sharing more of their achievements.

Broad Street trees are here to stay!

Cambourne residents have been reassured that there are no plans to remove the trees adorning Broad Street. Concerns were raised when Liberal Democrat councillors launched a petition warning that developers were “considering the removal of trees to deal with problems related to how they have been managed over the last 25 years”.

MCA Developments, the consortium set up by housing developers Taylor Wimpey and Bovis Homes, told the

Cambridge Independent that it will protect the avenue of trees and is only planning to carry out surveys.

An MCA spokesperson said: “We can confirm that there are currently no plans to remove the mature trees along Broad Street in Cambourne, and that we are committed to protecting and carefully managing these valued trees for the future. Over a number of years, we have worked with Cambourne Town Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, local councillors and specialist arboriculture advisers on a long-term approach to the trees’ care and protection. Further surveys may be undertaken to assess the relationship between the trees, drainage and surrounding infrastructure, but these are

not linked to proposals for tree removal.”

Cambourne’s Liberal Democrat representatives – county councillor Lucy Nethsingha and district councillors Michael Booth, Helene Leeming and Amber Thomas – had warned the London Planes were under scrutiny due to concerns about their roots causing damage to pavements and the road outside some homes and businesses.

They posted an AI-generated image of how the street would look if they were chopped down and stumps remained.

Launching their petition, they said: “We believe that these trees provide an iconic entrance to our town and are deeply valued by Cambourne’s residents. Their loss would be terrible.”

The Cambourne Crier team is made up of volunteers whose goal is to enlighten locals as to what's happening and what's available in the local community.

We meet once a month to discuss the content and forthcoming events which are to be published in the monthly magazine. But once in a while we deserve some time off and recently we had a light soiree at a member's house.

If you'd like to join the team, get in touch on editorial@cambournecrier.org



Freddie pedals 100k for Tiny Tickers

Freddie Derd (7) took on a bike challenge over his summer holiday to raise money for Tiny Tickers.

Freddie's original goal was to cycle at least 60km, but in the end he pedaled more than 100km in total and has raised £570.

It was Freddie's idea to do a challenge for charity. He picked Tiny Tickers after his parents explained the work they do for babies born with CHD. Felix, Freddie's younger brother, was diagnosed with a heart defect at his 20 weeks scan. The family are forever grateful to the sonographer who picked up Felix's CHD as there are many babies who aren't diagnosed until they're extremely poorly. Felix received care from birth had heart surgery at 12 weeks, and today, is a fighting fit 3 year old.

Freddie's family are incredibly proud of his hard work, kindness and determination. His challenge shows that even the smallest wheels can make a big difference. Every donation given will help Tiny Tickers give more babies a better start in life.

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POP Collective CIC coming to Cambourne

New performing arts sessions for young people, including those who are disabled or have SEND, are available in Cambourne, supported by a six-figure BBC Children in Need grant. The funding is helping to provide inclusive, more flexible drama and movement activities for children who may find mainstream performing arts settings difficult.

Sessions are open to young people who'd benefit from a more supportive space, with trained volunteers leading small groups so participants can join in at their own pace. The programme is also taking place in Cambridge City and Chesterton, and early feedback from families has been very positive. Parents say the sessions give their children a chance



to enjoy creative activities in an environment that feels safe and manageable.

The sessions are run by POP Collective CIC, a Cambridge-based organisation focused on inclusive performing arts. More information is available at: POP-collective.co.uk



Christ Church looks at proverbs

"Too many cooks spoil the broth" and "many hands make light work" are both examples of everyday proverbs in the UK. Proverbs give advice or practical wisdom in the form of a short memorable saying.

These are often in a traditional format with images or illustrations. The two previous examples seem to contradict each other, with many cooks spoiling the food whereas the other proverb says that many people make the work easier! The wisdom of these proverbs

is to apply their advice at the appropriate time and place. At Christ Church we are looking at the book of Proverbs in the Bible. This book is in a part of the Bible which we call the wisdom literature. One key proverb is: "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy one is understanding" (Proverbs chapter 9 verse 10). There are two sides to this proverb like the two sides to a coin: wisdom and understanding. Here true wisdom is only found in God

and knowing God more is understanding. God has his wise plan in sending Jesus to earth to live a perfect life and to die a death for the sin of others. Jesus has come to show or reveal God. Jesus has in fact explained God (John's Gospel chapter 1 verse 18) yet remains God himself. Christ Church meets at Cambourne Campus, Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane, on Sundays at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New online tool helps residents judge whether they need planning permission

Residents across Greater Cambridge can now access an online tool to help them decide if they are likely to need planning permission before carrying out building works or making changes to a property.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) has launched the "Do I Need Planning Permission?" service, a free online service that guides users through a series of questions about their proposed project and provides tailored guidance based on planning legislation and local property constraints.

Planning permission may be required for a wide range of developments, but some proposals can be carried out under permitted development rights without the need for a formal planning application. The new service has been introduced to help residents access clear guidance before starting a project,

at a time that suits them.

"Do I Need Planning Permission?" will help householders and those considering small-scale developments understand whether planning permission may be needed for their building works or change of use. It can also identify planning restrictions that may affect a property, such as whether it is a listed building or located within a conservation area.

To use the service, residents simply need the address of the property and details of the changes they are considering. Through a series of structured questions, the tool then provides guidance based on the answers given. Results are for guidance only and do not constitute an official planning decision or legal advice, and users are advised to apply for a Lawful Development Certificate before starting work on more complex proposals."

The new "Do I Need Planning Permission?" service is available now at: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/check-if-i-need-planning-



110 years of Cub Scouts

Just as our new Autumn term began, a group of 14 from 2nd Cambourne Cubs joined more than 100 other Cubs from the local area for the biennial Craft's Hill District Cub Camp. This took place at Hallowtree Scout Activity Centre near Ipswich for a full weekend of activities, challenges, and fun.

Friday began with pitching tents, followed by hot dog supper and a disco. Saturday started with cooked breakfast in the hall, and then an activity day with bouldering wall, go karts, construction building, pyrography and archery.

After a hearty pasta bake dinner and our walk down to the River Orwell, there was the big campfire celebration with songs together before bed. Overnight there was quite a lot of rain and this continued into Sunday morning, but spirits were not dampened and another cooked breakfast got the Cubs ready for tackling the assault course. Then it was time to pack up tents and enjoy free time climbing trees and making dens before a big picnic lunch to celebrate the 110th Birthday of Cub Scouts.

As the Cubs made their way home with parents in the afternoon they had grubby knees to wash and many memories to take away from a brilliant weekend!



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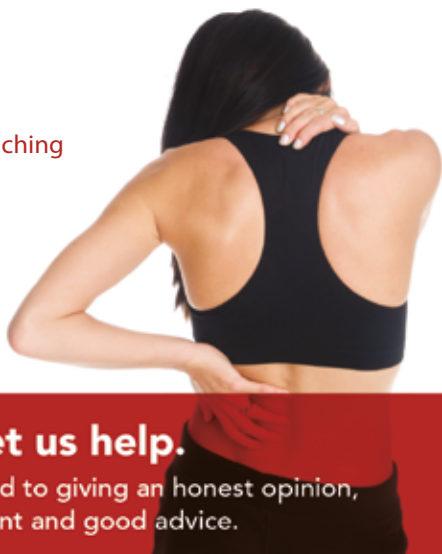
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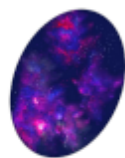
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Cambourne Act of Remembrance: 8 November 2026

The Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 8th 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 opportunities 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.

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Remembrance Garden poppies

Wow! I have 26 poppies already for the Remembrance garden, and lots of people have said they'd love to join in.

In case you missed the original article, the aim is to make one poppy to each prong of the fence surrounding the Remembrance garden.

The poppies can be knitted,

crocheted or sewn, but please leave two tails so I can tie them to the fence.

The red shoe box is now in the library, and will be there until the deadline of 5th November, so there's still time to join in.

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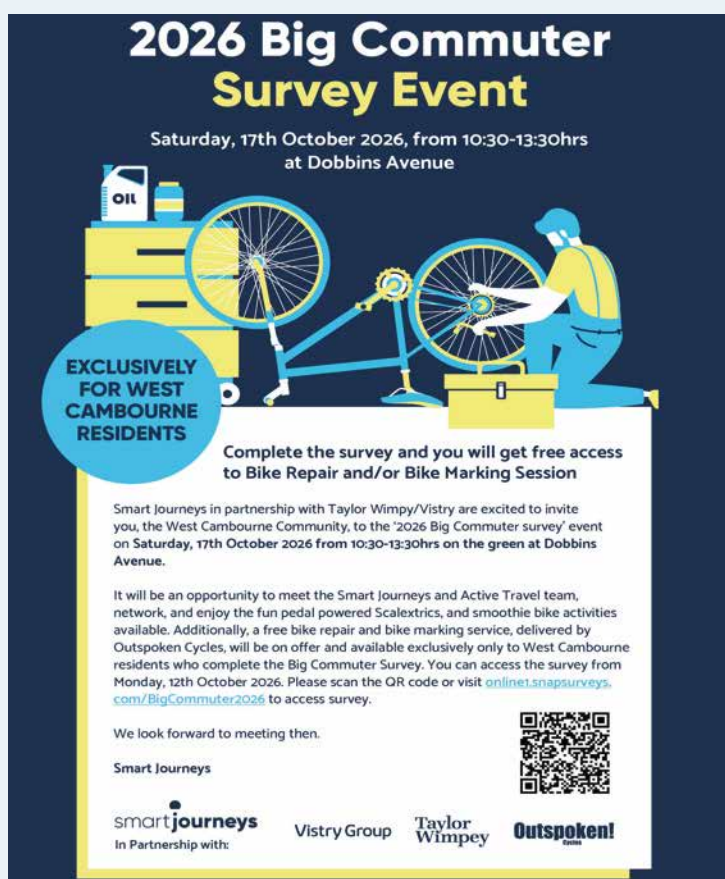
To book a free bike repair or bike marking session for Saturday, 17th October, you will be required to complete the online survey form first. You can access the survey from Monday, 12th October 2026 to Sunday, 25th October 2026, please scan the QR code or visit online1.snapsurveys.com/BigCommuter2026.

Your participation will support future plans to improve transport facilities and infrastructure in your local and surrounding areas.

We thank you in advance and look forward to meeting you on Saturday, 17th October.

For all survey enquiries, please contact info@smartjourneys.co.uk.

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It will be an opportunity to meet the Smart Journeys and Active Travel team, network, and enjoy the fun pedal powered Scalextrics, and smoothie bike activities available. Additionally, a free bike repair and bike marking service, delivered by Outspoken Cycles, will be on offer and available exclusively only to West Cambourne residents who complete the Big Commuter Survey. You can access the survey from Monday, 12th October 2026. Please scan the QR code or visit online1.snapsurveys.com/BigCommuter2026 to access survey.

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There will be Autumn themed crafts for our younger customers to enjoy on Monday 26, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October, 2pm-4pm in the meeting room. These are drop-in sessions so no need to book. Suggested donation of £1 cash per child. Parents/ carers to stay with their children, please. Keep an eye on library posters and our Cambridgeshire Families Facebook page for other activities.

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Cambourne Library opening hours

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Friday	9am-5pm
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Saturday	9am-1pm – No Open Plus
Sunday	Closed – No Open Plus




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The Harbour Bereavement Café:

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Community First Responder:

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Cambourne Netball Club: [www.pitchero.com/clubs/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/cambournenetballclub)

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Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club:

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Cambourne Runners: cambournerrunnersarc@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

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

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Cambourne Bowls Club under threat

Cambourne Bowls Club's celebrated a successful season recently, which included Stuart Palmer winning the internal cup competition, and our competitive inter club team who finished 4th in the BH Open Bowls league. The club (located next to the Sports Centre) has been running successfully for over 20 years

and enjoyed by many local residents. It was extremely disappointed to hear the latest Town Council proposals to close the club and turn the area into Padel Courts (for substantial financial rewards). This has been done without consulting the Bowls Club.



Cambourne Raptors promise a night of excitement!

Cambourne Raptors Basketball Club is an established local club which competes in the Cambridgeshire senior league division 1. As a newly promoted team we invite all residents of any age to watch our home games at Cambourne Village College sports hall. We promise an exciting evening of sport and look forward to hosting any/all local residents.

All games tip-off at 7.30pm in the sports hall at Cambourne Village College.
2026 games: Thursday 1st October, Thursday 29th October, Thursday 10th December.

2027 games: Thursday 7th January, Thursday 4th February, Thursday 25th February, Thursday 11th March.

County Cup fixtures to be announced.

Email cambournebasketball@gmail.com for more information



Cambourne Doctor's running journey continues

Dr Daniel Rajan – a Cambourne resident for the past 18 years – has turned long-distance running into a remarkable personal journey.

Alongside his 158 marathons, he has completed 54 ultra-marathons, including a gruelling 24-hour nonstop event covering 131 kilometres.

The latest remarkable chapter to his journey was completing the Sydney Marathon, number 158. The Sydney Marathon was particularly memorable because of its spectacular course which took runners through the heart of Sydney and across the iconic Harbour Bridge, with thousands of competitors from around the world.

For Daniel participating is about the privilege of promoting healthy life style and doing injury-free marathons all across the globe.



Cambourne Tennis club enjoys more triumphs!

Cambourne Tennis Club: September has been another busy month, with our annual Club Championships taking centre stage. After weeks of close contests and some fantastic tennis, Finals Day brought the Championships to a brilliant conclusion on Sunday 13 September. A huge congratulations to all our finalists and, of course, to our 2026 Club Champions:

- U8: Ritika Das & Sanjith Sampath
- U10: Charlie Forbes & Ayaansh Kansal
- Boys' Singles: Rishabh Das
- Women's Singles: Anna Byron
- Men's Singles: Rishabh Das
- Women's Doubles: Keiko Yanagawa & Tammy Wong
- Men's Doubles: Ping Ooi & Maciej Kowalski
- Mixed Doubles: Maciej Kowalski & Karolina Lepkowska

Summer BBQ Success

Our annual Club summer barbecue held on 29 August. Members and their families turned out in force for a day of tennis, food and plenty of socialising, and a little rain was never going to spoil the fun. Huge thanks to Emma and Mel from Cambourne Parish Council for their support on the day and especially to Emma, who took charge of the cooking! It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the club and a great way to



round off the summer.

Christmas is Coming!

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday 5 December at Greens in Cambourne, and we have booked the whole coffee shop exclusively for the evening. Full details and booking information will be released shortly so for now save the date. We're looking forward to ending the year with a great evening.

Our new Head Coach, Jedran Saric, has started his coaching programme, which is already having an impact. Jed has wasted no time getting involved in the wider life of the club. As well as delivering his new coaching sessions, he joined members at our Sunday mix-in during his very first week and was back on court again for the Wednesday evening session. His enthusiasm for tennis is infectious, and it has been fantastic to see our new coach not only teaching, but also playing alongside members, getting to know people and becoming part of the club community. The early feedback from parents has been equally encouraging. There is already a real sense of fresh energy around the coaching programme.

Coaching Update

There is exciting news for our youngest



tennis players in Cambourne.

From November, Red Stage coaching for children aged 5–8 years will

move indoors to the Everyone Active sports hall in Cambourne. For the first time in around six years, the youngsters will be protected from the elements. It's important that the kids have a warm, safe and enjoyable environment where they can develop a love for the sport. If your child is aged 5–8 and would like to try tennis, taster sessions are available. Full details of the coaching programme and how to book can be found by scanning the QR code.



Cambourne running club welcomes new members

Cambourne Runners have seen new members over the summer. It has been enjoying a variety of routes on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings including:

Knapwell via Cold Harbour Farm – Childerley - Cambourne Caxton footpaths and back into Cambourne. Heading out to Bourn returning to Cambourne.

We welcome runners of all abilities and ages, minimum age 16. On Wednesdays meet at The Hub at 6.45pm, with a fortnightly session of either a hill intervals or a fartlek session.

On the following week is a steady run. On Saturday mornings there is a longer off-road run between 8km and 12km, with a few stops to check everyone is okay. Meet at Greens Coffee Shop, Cambourne for 8.45am, after which we usually pop into Greens for a drink, piece of cake and a chat.

If you are interested in joining or would like to come along to see what the runs are like, please email: cambournerunnersarc@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook, just search Cambourne Runners.

Cambourne women & girls blaze a trail

Cambourne Cricket Club: The rise of women's and girls' cricket ends after a remarkable season, with five major league and cup titles; alongside several players progressing through the Academy.

The Trailblazers: The Women's Team is only in its second year of competitive action, and has shown what can be achieved through hard work, belief and commitment. The team entered two Cambridgeshire Women's and Girls' League competitions — the Women's Softball T20 League and the Women's Club World Cup — and won both, completing a perfect season. For a team still at the beginning of its competitive journey, this is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the



players' determination and belief.

The Next Generation: The Girls' Teams have enjoyed an equally impressive season. The U13s won both the League and Cup, while the U14s were League Champions, completing a historic girls' treble. Many of the players have also represented Cambridgeshire in County Age Group teams, demonstrating the depth of talent developing within the club. They have also taken on challenges beyond their own age groups. The U13s reached the Vitality Cup Midlands Region semi-finals, while our U14 squad stepped up to compete for their school in the U15 Knight and

Stokes Cup, reaching the national quarter-finals.

Behind the Trophies: These achievements reflect the work of the Academy's coaches, players, volunteers and families who have created an inclusive environment where girls can develop, compete and enjoy their sport. The Academy Day exhibition match between the Girls XI and Women's XI was a perfect example of this pathway in action, bringing together the current team and the next generation. The rise of Cambourne women's and girls' cricket is well underway. With this foundation in place, the future looks brighter than ever.



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