

County Councillor Monthly Report - Sawston & Shelford Division

(includes Sawston, Little and Great Shelfords, Stapleford, Babraham, South Trimpington, Hauxton, Harston, Newton and Haslingfield)

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Flooding: emergency numbers. If there is an imminent risk to life please dial 999

Division	Contact Number	1 st point of contact	2 nd point of contact	3 rd point of contact
West	07887 634348	West	South	Fenland
City	07721 819811	City	South	East
East	07721 819827	East	Fenland	City
Fenland	07500 816896	Fenland	East	West
South	07887 634289	South	City	West

LHOs: Next year's application round

- Application window opens: Friday 1 November 2024
- Application window closes: Friday 10 January 2025
- Feasibility studies undertaken: February—May 2025
- Panel meetings: June—July 2025
- Report to committee including prioritised list for approval: October 2025

The outcome of 2024 applications will be communicated w/c 7 October 2024.

New Director of Public Health

Cambridgeshire County Council has a new Director of Public Health, Sally Cartwright, who joins us from Luton in January. The Director of Public Health is responsible for identifying and improving the health and wellbeing of residents, reducing inequalities in health outcomes and protecting local communities from public health hazards, such as infectious diseases and environmental threats.

Vaccination update

Vaccinations are now available for eligible people against a range of conditions including Covid, flu, pneumonia, shingles, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Local GP practices are calling up eligible patients, or you can find out more at <https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators/> and book with a local pharmacy or attend a convenient drop-in session without an appointment.

The government has accepted advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation for an autumn COVID-19 vaccination programme this year. All those aged 65 or over, all those in care homes for older people, and those aged six months or over who are in a clinical risk group, will be eligible for vaccination this autumn.

Newly discovered Roman town given heritage protection

A newly discovered Roman small town south of Great Staughton has been given heritage protection as a scheduled monument by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport on the advice of Historic England. Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for maintaining information about scheduled monuments in the county, and requested that test trenches be dug at Great Staughton during archaeology prior to the submission of proposals for a solar farm. As a result of the findings, panels will not be installed on that part of the site.

This site is now Cambridgeshire's second largest Roman Scheduled Monument after the walled town of Durobrivae, five miles west of Peterborough.

Exercise for over 65s

Cambridgeshire County Council and Fitness Rush Mobile are delivering a complimentary exercise initiative for over 65s in your area as part of the Care Together programme. All abilities are welcome, with chair based to more progressive exercises available.

There are 3 locations starting on the 11th October every Friday, continuing weekly for 6 weeks, combining both physical activity for all abilities and social connections.

Sessions run for 45 minutes including a warm-up and cool-down.

The locations will be as follows:

12:30 Harston - Recreation Ground

13:30 Haslingfield - Village Hall

14:30 Barton – TBC

www.fitnessrush.co.uk/care-together

School place appeal panel volunteers

Volunteers are urgently needed to hear appeals when children are not offered a place at their preferred school.

All parents or carers have the right to make an appeal to an independent appeal panel if their child is not offered a place at their preferred school. The role of the panel is to decide whether a child who has been refused a place by Cambridgeshire County Council should be given a place.

All parties involved must be given an appeal hearing that is transparent, accessible, independent and impartial. The appeal panel is independent of the local authority and its decisions are binding on all parties, unless overturned by the courts.

Volunteers will sit on the independent admission appeal panels and ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and have been given every opportunity to put their case and have been taken seriously.

Panel members must be able to listen to two sides of a case and weigh up evidence objectively and impartially. They must also be able to:

- Communicate effectively with a wide range of people
- Read and assess information and identify key points
- Listen to key information
- Ask questions to obtain information and clarify points being made
- Analyse information and use it to form opinions and conclusions
- Obtain and weigh up evidence to reach a decision
- Work as part of a team, take advice and develop their own skills

All volunteer Panel Members receive initial and annual refresher training and will be fully supported by the Appeals Service. The time commitment depends on how much time volunteers are willing to give.

While appeals are held throughout the year, the peak months are between April and July. The appeals are arranged either for half a day or a full day, and hearings are currently held online using Microsoft Teams.

Anyone interested in applying or who would like an informal chat about the role should contact clare.cronk@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Climate change progress report and carbon footprint

The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee will receive on Thursday 3 October a progress report on its Climate Change & Environment Strategy, and the annual Carbon Footprint report.

This is the sixth annual Carbon Footprint report, and covers both the County Council's own carbon emissions, and those of Cambridgeshire as a whole.

Carbon emissions are classified into three 'scopes'.

- Scope 1 is direct emissions such as from gas or oil boilers and vehicles.

- Scope 2 is emissions from purchased electricity.
- Scope 3 is indirect emissions such as those of contractors and suppliers

The Council’s Scope 1 and 2 are 42 per cent lower than in the baseline reporting year of 2018/19. Scope 2 is now always zero as the Council buys electricity through a zero-carbon contract. The Council’s Scope 3 emissions for 2023/24 account for around 99 per cent of its carbon footprint, and were 111,307 tonnes CO2e excluding the Council’s rural estate—39 per cent lower than in 2018/19.

During 2023/24 the Council procured expert support to identify baseline carbon emissions for its rural estate, and more work needs to be done to agree an achievable target.

For Cambridgeshire as a whole, in 2022—the most recent available data—total greenhouse gas emissions were 6.45 million tonnes CO2e, a three per cent fall from 2021. Transport (27%) remains the highest emitting sector in the county, followed by land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) (23%), agriculture (15%) and domestic energy use (13%).

The risk of not reaching the Council’s carbon targets has reduced but still remains considerable. Delivery of these targets relies on collaborating with our partner organisations.

Planned road works and repairs October 2024 (full road closure indicated with *)

Road	Village	Dates	Purpose
Cambridge Road	Great Shelford	8-10 October	Roadworks
Macauley Ave*	Great Shelford	7-10 October	Utility asset works
The Lane	Hauxton	9-11 October	Utility asset works
Church street*	Little Shelford	3-4 October	New service connection
Babraham Road	Sawston	11-29 October	Utility asset works
Edinburgh Ave	Sawston	11-24 October	Utility asset works
Link Road	Sawston	7-9 October	Utility asset works
High Street	Sawston	7-9 October	Utility asset works
Church Street	Stapleford	7 October – 17 November	Utility asset works

*road closure