



May 2017 parish e-bulletin – news and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Welcome to the latest parish e-bulletin. As in every edition, this one includes information that parish councils may want to discuss, important notices we want you to be aware of, as well as news from around the district.

1) The Great Get Together

The Great Get Together is inviting people to get together with their neighbours between Friday 16 June and Sunday 18 June to share food and celebrate all that we hold in common. It could be a street party or a shared barbecue, a picnic or a bake off www.greatgettogether.org/. Although the County Council usually asks for 12 weeks' notice if a road closure order is required they will try to accommodate requests within a shorter timeframe for this purpose, preferably with requests received by Friday 2 June.

To apply for a street closure, visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-licences-and-permits/>

Contact: Cambridgeshire County Council on Highway.Events@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 01223 507176

2) Let's Talk

We are undertaking a listening and engagement exercise exploring the things that we love about our communities, what makes them great places to live in and looking at what we should preserve and enhance whilst the district is changing. Over the next two months we will be holding informal conversations with residents in some of our villages, gathering views via an online [comments form](#) and also encouraging people to send in photos or videos that show what is important to them. The information gathered will help councillors and officers to draw up a plan for the next year five years.

Contact: Richard May on richard.may@scamb.gov.uk or 01954 713366

3) Community Chest 2017/18

The Community Chest grant fund re-opens on 1 April with £55,000 available to help voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils wishing to improve the quality of life for residents in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants can apply for up to £1,000 per project, up to a maximum of £3,000 per parish in the financial year. Full details, guidance on eligibility and application form can be found at www.scamb.gov.uk/communitychest

The first round of awards were made at the Finance and Staffing Portfolio meeting on 16 May. A total of £24,735

was allocated across 29 projects. More information on the awards can be found on our [website](#)

Contact: Elizabeth Davy on Elizabeth.Davy@scams.gov.uk or 01954 713111

4) Parklife - free family fun day

Parklife, our free family fun day at Milton Country Park is taking place on Sunday 25 June. Please spread the word and come along! More information, including advance bookings for some watersports slots can be found by visiting www.scams.gov.uk/parklife

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5) Community Right to Challenge

A national initiative called Community Right to Challenge was introduced under the government's Localism Act and gives voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils the opportunity to make formal expressions of interest in running council services if they believe they can provide them in a more efficient, responsive or cost-effective way. The period to put forward an expression of interest is now open and local groups have got until the end of July to challenge for the running of our services.

services. Visit www.scams.gov.uk/content/community-right-challenge for more information.

Contact: Kathryn Hawkes on kathryn.hawkes@scams.gov.uk or 01954 712932

6) Cabinet and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting

The next Cabinet and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting will be on Tuesday 27 June from 6.30pm to 8pm at our offices in Cambourne. The agenda will be emailed to parish clerks shortly. Contact us to book a place (maximum two per parish on first come first served basis).

Contact: duty.communities@scams.gov.uk or 01954 713070

7) Elections

James Palmer was elected as the first Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough combined authority. More information about devolution and the combined authority can be found by visiting <http://cambspboroca.org/>.

Contact: james.palmer@eastcamb.gov.uk or 01353 665555

8) Bin collections thank you



**South
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Thank you for all your support following the changes to bin collections at the end of February. The changes went really well in the vast majority of cases but we recognise a small number of customers were impacted heavily as we did not collect their bins when we said we would during the transition. Collections in the district are back to the level they were before the changes and the crews are continuing to work very hard to make sure they do not miss bins. When human error takes place, please encourage your residents to report the issues as quickly as possible. Our website is the best route – www.scambs.gov.uk and click on the report it button.

Contact: Izabela Obiye on Izabela.obiye@cambridge.gov.uk or 01954 713611

9) South Cambs Magazine

The summer edition of South Cambs Magazine is currently being delivered to all homes in the district. The distribution will be complete on 11 June. Thank you to parishes who have provided helpful information where delivery issues have been identified. Please continue to encourage residents to flag any issues to Smart Distribution as soon as possible after the delivery window.

Contact: scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or 0800 6444 011