

# South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

(comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe & Little Gransden)

## Councillor's Monthly Report – January 2022

This report of previous month events is for all the Ward, so please be aware that some of the content may not be relevant to your particular Parish.

### General

Please contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight on your own. I am available to help you to get the best outcome possible for your situation.

Check out articles on my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi> and my blog <http://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

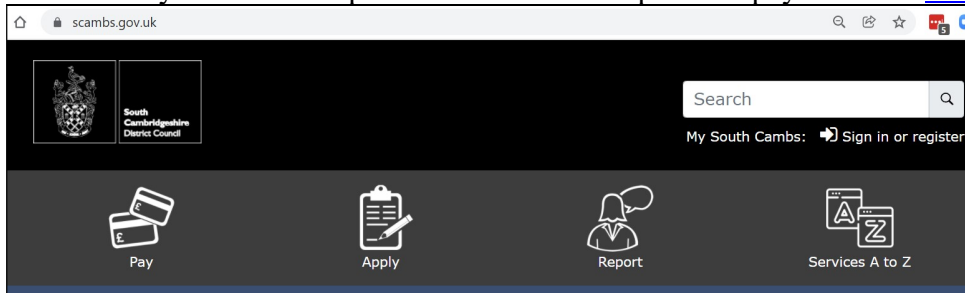
### Welcome to 2022

Happy new year to one and all. Hopefully you all managed to get a few days of rest over the holiday period. I wish you all that you wish for yourself for 2022.

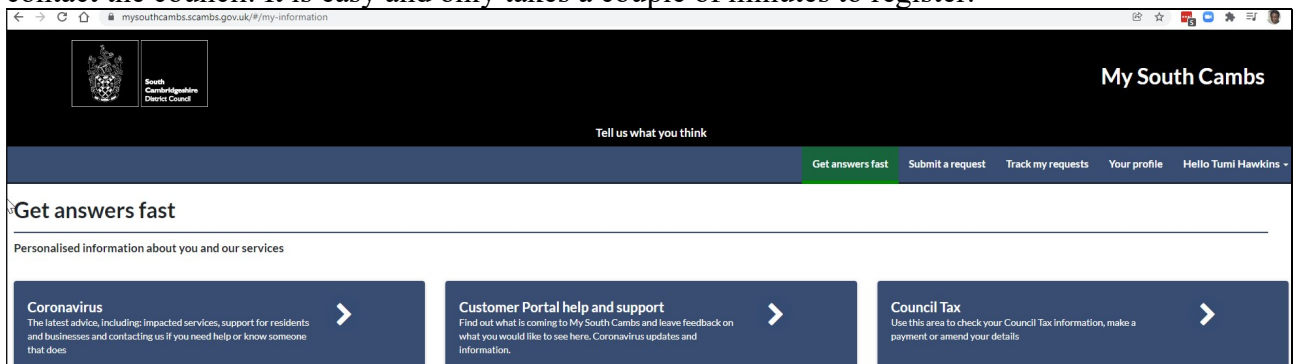
### South Cambs New Golden Telephone Number

South Cambs DC introduced a new single Golden Number to be used to contact the council. Please use this new number **01954 713000** to contact the Council. It should help in directing you to talk to the best person within the council to deal with your enquiry. We have also introduced a call back facility so that you don't have to hang on the phone during busy periods. Do let me know how you get on with this new service.

Please note you can still report issues or make requests or pay online at [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk).



Better still just open a mysouthcams account to help you get answers fast and track your requests. This also means you don't have to keep repeating some or personalized information each time you contact the council. It is easy and only takes a couple of minutes to register.



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## COVID19 UPDATE

COVID case rates are increasing dramatically across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. South Cambs case numbers are currently at 1,384 cases per 100,000 people (compared with 562 per 100,000 as of 26<sup>th</sup> November). The East of England average is 1,617 cases per 100k people. Most cases are now in the working age population as it seems Christmas has likely reduced transmission in schools. There is concern of a rapid increase in rates in those people aged over 60 as children return to schools with potential for Omicron to spread.

The vaccination programme remains key to tackling the virus. All information on when location of vaccination sites, when they are open and what they are offering can be found at [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk) and <https://www.facebook.com/CambsPboroCCG/>

Where possible, continue to work from home and follow guidance Hands-Face-Space-Fresh Air. Please get vaccinated, take a free rapid lateral flow test before going out to crowded places to ensure you are unlikely to spread the virus. Pick up home test kits from pharmacies and libraries, order online. [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device test results for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results> This is a temporary measure.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. The full government guidance is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

### Long COVID - Help and support

On 24 December 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care updated the guidance for those who have long COVID. Also updated is advice for those who have signs and symptoms of long COVID, those who have long COVID and are unable to work, those who have long COVID and need support to find, return to or stay in work, and for those who have a child with long COVID. Guidance. See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-help-and-support-if-you-have-long-covid>

### Green Bin Collections proposed resumption

The Greater Cambridge Waste Service suspended green bin collections on 13 December 2021 due to Covid-related staff shortages (sickness and self-isolation). This was compounded by a national shortage of HGV drivers and demand for agency staff. We are expecting the resume this service on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, but please check the Council website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/> and social media accounts for updates. I will post up as well in the community groups once I have further information.

### Greater Cambridge Local Plan – First Proposals Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the First Proposals consultation that closed on 13 December 2021. The Planning Policy team will over the next few months be trawling through the responses, collating them and use the information to refine the proposals and turn them into the draft local plan. I will keep you updated on progress as and when appropriate. We expect to be able to consult on the draft local plan later this year. You can still access information and follow updates on the local plan homepage at [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan). The public webinar recordings and other videos are on the South Cambs youtube channel at [SCDC YouTube playlists](#)

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## Area 3 Planning Meeting

Thank you to the Parishes that sent representatives to the quarterly Area 3 Planning Meeting in December. I hope you found it useful. These sessions are an important opportunity for parish councils to interact directly with the Planning officers responsible for dealing with cases in our ward villages, and also to learn more about some of the planning process. At the last meeting, the Area Team Leader gave an update on staff, workload and applications potentially going to committee in the new year. This was followed by various officers of the shared service giving updates and then the presentation on Section 106 agreements which was followed by updates in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Government rules on planning!

I encourage each Parish to make it a point to send representatives (councillors and/or parish clerks). The next meetings should be late Feb/early March 2022.

## Transport

I hope many were able to respond to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) public consultation titled **Making Connections**. I sent in a response and some of my comments included:

- Linking clusters of villages by very good network of walking and cycling routes so that residents can move more freely within them to access local services and other transport. For example connecting Longstowe & Wysing Arts to Bourn, then Bourn to Caldecote.
- Also linking Bourn, Caldecote, Kingston and Hardwick to Toft and Comberton for access to the Village college. This could be achieved by extending the proposed Comberton Greenway westwards
- Return the bus service that went through Caldecote before subsidies were removed
- Gave a preference for low cost flat fares and flexible season ticket options.

Transport is the greatest generator of carbon and so we need to radically rethink how we move about. The more we contribute to the debate, the better we can get what we need for our villages. I should hope that COP26 is still very much in our minds and what we need to do. Now we wait and see what the results of that consultation will be.

## Disability History Month 2021

If you missed this last month, you can still catch up on events on our website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/equality-and-diversity/equality-activities-and-events/> and also check out the short video on digital accessibility at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DZR5U7FCnk>

## South Cambridgeshire Outdoor Christmas market

This much anticipated event had to be cancelled on the day due to strong winds, resultant damage and the high risk due to ground conditions. The council supported stallholders that had websites or online presence by creating an online marketplace. It is still available on the south cambs website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/christmas-online-marketplace/>

## "On Your Doorstep" Promoting Local Businesses

The South Cambridgeshire District Council's 'On your Doorstep' social media campaign is still going on. It showcases local shops, hospitality, businesses, attractions and outdoor spaces, activities and treats that can also help to support the local economy. Please share this campaign on your websites, social media platforms (if you have them) or newsletters to help promote and support our wonderful district. The hashtag is #OnYourDoorstepSCDC.

For more information, please visit <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/reopening-the-high-street/on-your-doorstep/>.

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## Community-led Plan Toolkit

SCDC are delighted to announce that our Community-led Plan Toolkit is live on our website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-action/community-led-plan-toolkit/>. The action plan sets out how local problems and issues can be tackled. This includes actions which the community can deal with themselves, and actions which they need to address in partnership with local authorities or other agencies. If you have issues that may benefit from this approach or know of a community group wanting to take community action in your village, do direct them to the website or contact the Communities team at the Council on [CLP@scams.gov.uk](mailto:CLP@scams.gov.uk) for assistance or if you have further questions.

## Business Support

South Cambs is offering a series of free-to-attend webinars for local businesses. The following are scheduled for the next two months:

- **Looking after your mental health** *Thursday 20 January, 12 noon to 1pm*

This free webinar explores how to look after yourself as well as your business.

- **How can your business make Cambridgeshire safer and more inclusive for all?**

*Wednesday 26 January, 12 noon to 1pm*

At this free webinar we will discuss how your business can benefit from signing up to The Equality Pledge and help identify actions you might consider as a signatory to make Cambridgeshire safer and more inclusive for all.

- **Making your business greener** *Thursday 24 February, 1pm to 2pm*

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the planet. Come and hear how your business can reduce its carbon use and operate more sustainably. This case-study based webinar will feature a panel including speakers from Green Blue You, PECT and Greater Cambridge Shared Waste.

To find out more and to register, go to the business webpage at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/business-networking-and-events/>

## Health and Wellbeing

The Action for Happiness theme for this month is **Happy January**. The calendar is at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/january>. This month's actions are encouraging us start the new year happier by focussing on what we can control, small steps to try and boost happiness and spread kindness. I find this calendar really inspiring and helpful.

## Local Issues

### Bourn: PR0760 Proposed 20mph Zone and Speed Cushions - Alms Hill

Cambridgeshire County Council published this proposal on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It proposes to introduce a new 20mph zone in various roads in Bourn and install two sets of speed cushions on Alms Hill, Bourn. You can read the details on the traffic regulations page at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/traffic-regulation-orders/permanent-traffic-regulation-orders#permanent-traffic-regulation-orders-0-0> and select PR0760. Comments must be submitted in writing, as explained in the public notice, to be received no later than 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Caldecote: Linden Homes Phase 2 Application 21/02265/FUL

This major application for 74 homes on the Phase 2 Linden site is currently undergoing consultation (again) following changes that the developer made to the proposed drainage system and ditches.

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You will find it at Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/02265/FUL>

This application is most likely going to Planning Committee to determine it, so there is still opportunity to comment until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Little Gransden: Application for Self Build Dwelling 20/05251/OUT**

This application went to committee last month but was deferred to January as there had been issues with notification of neighbours and it was felt prudent to ensure all concerned had time to respond.

**Casework**

Irrespective of the current Covid19 lockdown, please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. I will help as best I can.

You will find the current and past reports at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/2021-22-monthly-reports/>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

Please stay safe. The maxim **Hands – Face – Space - Fresh Air** is still very much the rule.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Enjoy the seasons festivities

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