



January's parish e-bulletin – news and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Happy New Year and welcome to the first parish e-bulletin of 2015. As before, this edition 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) Solid Wall Insulation Funding and Show Home

Work is now complete on the first six privately owned homes in South Cambridgeshire, including a show home, to benefit from a government funded solid wall insulation scheme for Cambridgeshire residents. Dozens more homes are in the pipeline with householders looking forward to work being completed soon. Funding is still available for a limited time. To be eligible for funding, work must be carried out through the council's energy efficiency scheme, Action on Energy, or through another Green Deal Provider registered with the scheme. Up to £6,000 per property is available for the work, which can be as much as 75% of the cost.

If you would like to arrange a visit to view the External Wall Insulation and/or speak to the show home owner in Whittlesford, please contact Siobhan Mellon.

Contact: Siobhan Mellon on Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713395.

2) Social media channels

We are keen to use online and social media channels to help promote the work of parish councils. It would really help us if you could let us know if you have a website, Facebook page and/or Twitter account and the details for each one. Please email your information to communications@scambs.gov.uk

Contact: Kelly Quigley on communications@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713262

3) Public consultation: Should article 4 directions be used to restrict the permitted development rights available to village pubs?

We are seeking views concerning the proposed use of article 4 directions to help retain village pubs. Article 4 directions could be used to withdraw the permitted development rights which currently allow their conversion to other uses such as retail or offices or for their demolition. An article 4 direction does not prevent the development but does require planning permission for the development to be obtained first.

We will use the results of the consultation to help us decide whether we should use article 4 directions to provide an additional safeguard for village pubs and to which pubs specifically they could be applied.

Find out more about when a change of use is considered permitted development [here](#).



You can have your say during the consultation by clicking [here](#). Alternatively you can download a response form: [Response Form for Article 4 Direction Consultation.pdf \[PDF, 155kB\]](#) The consultation closes at midnight on Monday 23 February.

Contact: Clare Gibbons on Clare.Gibbons@scams.gov.uk or 01954 713290.

3) Neighbourhood Planning event slides

The slides from the Neighbourhood Planning masterclass in December can be found at <http://planning.communityknowledgehub.org.uk/resource/presentations-cambridgeshire-masterclass>

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

4) 'Awards for All' Training Event

Book now for the Awards for All funding workshop on 17 March at Bar Hill Village Hall. The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme can give between £300 and £10,000 to projects that can be completed within 12 months. This session will cover: what can and cannot be funded, identifying and evidencing need for the project, setting outcomes and how to improve your chances of getting an award. This is one of a range of training events run by Cambridge CVS for community and voluntary organisations, which cover a wide range of issues - from the duties of trustees to how to make good funding applications. To see the full training programme or to make a booking, follow this link

<http://www.cambridgecvs.org.uk/training-events/training>

Contact: www.cambridgecvs.org.uk or 01223 464696.

5) Community Chest

A further £10,000 was allocated to the Community Chest in November, with a final closing date of 14 January. The table below shows the grants that have been awarded since 27 November 2014:

	Group	Item or event	Parish	Amount awarded (£)
1	Granchester Parish Council	Supply and planting of hedgerow along bridleway to Barton	Granchester	1500
2	Sawston Scene	Late night shopping events	Sawston	600

The final allocation for this financial year will be made on 29 January.

Contact: Joseph Minutolo on joseph.minutolo@scams.gov.uk or 01954 713359



6) Parish & Cabinet liaison meeting

The next parish council and Cabinet liaison meeting will be held on 11 March 2015. It will take place at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, from 6.30pm. More details will be made available nearer the date, however, please let us know if you have any questions or topics that you would like covering.

Contact: Joseph Minutolo on joseph.minutolo@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713359.

7) Could businesses in your area benefit from support?

There are still spaces left on our free business support workshops which are designed to help those running or thinking of starting a business in South Cambridgeshire. They cover a range of subjects focusing on the specific needs of local businesses, including business planning, gaining new customers, as well as doing business online and via social media.

For details of all the workshops and to book a place visit www.exemplas.com/southcambs or ring 0844 346 0755 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm). You can also email

southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com

Contact: Nicole Kritzinger on nicole.kritzinger@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713454

8) Residents' Magazine

Our spring edition of our residents' magazine will be delivered between 23 February and 15 March.

Please ask residents to contact our distribution company on 01904 606300 or

customerservice@teampdc.co.uk as soon as possible after 15 March if they have not received a copy

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