



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

Welcome to November's edition of our regular parish e-bulletin. 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) Reminder of winter bin collection changes

From Monday 1 December we will be moving to monthly green bin collections during the winter months of December, January and February. Black and blue bin collections will remain unchanged. Fortnightly green bin collections will resume in March.

Christmas collection changes will affect all residents, with some dates moving forward as well as back. Collections will be made up until 27 December, break until 4 January and return to normal on 5 January. Posters highlighting this change will be sent to Parish Councils to display.

More information on all these changes can be found in the winter South Cambs Magazine and online:

- Christmas collections - [www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-christmas-collection-days-year](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-christmas-collection-days-year)
- Green bin collection changes - [www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes)
- Full collection calendar - [www.scambs.gov.uk/content/find-your-bin-collection-day](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/find-your-bin-collection-day)

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### 2) Parish Precepts – final call

Last month we sent an important letter to all parish councils about your estimated tax base for 2015-16. We are reminding you that the letter asks you to check our estimates and raise queries before the tax base is formally set next month. The letter included a table setting out how the estimated parish tax base for 2015-16 is made up and an explanation of how the tax base is calculated.

This is a final reminder for you to contact us by the end of November.

A second consultation letter will be sent to you in December to confirm the tax base for each parish, and to consult on the parish precepts. Please look out for this and take action when it arrives.

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### 3) Gamlingay Area Designation

Gamlingay Parish Council has resubmitted its application to us to designate the 'Gamlingay Neighbourhood Area' with a view to developing a Neighbourhood Plan. We have re-opened the public consultation using this revised form as it clarifies who has helped determine the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area.



For details of the application, a map of the area, and the opportunity to comment, please visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>. The deadline for comments is 5pm on 16 January 2015.

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#### **4) Shaping our future priorities: Draft Corporate Plan 2015-2020**

A public consultation on our corporate plan is underway as part of our annual review of the Council's priorities. We're suggesting that we keep the same 12 objectives and update the action plan to build on this year's success and reflect where major ongoing projects such as Northstowe and the City Deal have reached. Building productive partnerships with parish councils remains a key objective within the plan. To comment on the draft plan visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives) by 30 January 2015.

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#### **5) WWII Far East Veterans**

Along with Cambridge City Council, we are planning to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE and VJ Day in 2015. As part of the commemorations we would like to invite veterans who fought in the Far East to a remembrance event in August. Can you help us to identify any veterans in your parish who fought in the Far East? Please let us know if you are able to provide us with contact details and/or possible numbers of people to invite.

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#### **6) South Cambs Community Awards 2014/15**

Nominations are now open for our annual Community Awards which celebrate the outstanding achievements of local people and show how they make a big difference in small communities. This year's awards are split in to five categories: Village Hero, Parish Councillor of the Year, Youth Group or Initiative, Businesses Developing Talent and Local Services and Amenities. For further details, and to make a nomination, visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards). The deadline for nominations is Friday 16 January.

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#### **7) Mobile and Community Wardens Scheme: Grant Funding 2015/16**

Mobile and Community Wardens, sometimes called Community Care Schemes, exist in South Cambridgeshire to support older people to live independently in their homes and in the community they



know. We offer a grant to support these community schemes. The annual grant funding scheme will be open for applications from Monday 1 December 2014 until Friday 30 January 2015. For more information and to apply visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/content/mobile-warden-scheme-grants](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/mobile-warden-scheme-grants)

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#### **8) New interactive map honours World War I heroes**

A new interactive centenary map is now available to honour over 2,300 soldiers from across South Cambridgeshire communities who fell fighting for their country during World War I. Visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/content/war-memorials-archive](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/war-memorials-archive) to view the interactive map.

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#### **9) English Heritage changes**

Following a Government consultation, English Heritage will become two organisations from 1 April 2015. A new charity, retaining the name English Heritage, will run the National Heritage Collection of historic properties. A newly-named non-departmental public body, Historic England, will be dedicated to offering expert advice, championing the wider historic environment and providing support for stakeholders in the heritage sector.

**Contact:** You can find the full details of the announcement at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/changes](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/changes)