

## **July's 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) Waste and recycling plant update following fire**

Fire engines recently attended the Waterbeach Waste Management Park operated by Amey to tackle a fire in the Mechanical Biological Treatment plant (MBT). The MBT plant processes black bin waste collected in South Cambridgeshire. The fire was safely extinguished and bin collections were not disrupted. Blue, green and black bins are continuing to be collected and taken for processing in the normal way and we would ask for your support in reassuring residents if you are asked any questions.

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### **2) Consultation on proposed changes to the Local Elections system**

We are asking for your views on possible changes to when district councillors are elected. At the moment we elect in thirds but the change could see 'all-out' elections where all District councillors would be elected together at the same time. This would be once every four years. Moving to all-out elections could have implications for the dates of parish council elections.

Details of the consultation, including an explanation of the current and alternative system, can be found at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-elections-consultation>. The consultation closes on Friday 18 September 2015.

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### **3) Fly Tipping**

We are asking for your support after a recent spate of fly tipping in Haslingfield and Little Shelford. The products being dumped are cardboard packaging and food waste which we believe are associated to a sandwich food outlet. It often includes packaging relating to baguettes, egg cartons and black sacks containing food waste. Whilst parish councils and residents are requested to report any incidents of fly-tipping we are urging people to report anything relating to this ongoing problem as promptly as possible.

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#### **4) Parish Emergency Plans**

Emergencies occur from time to time. They can be on a small or large scale and include fire, transport accidents, chemical incidents, flooding, severe weather, or even in an extreme, a terrorist attack. The immediate response to any emergency should be to contact the emergency services on 999 or the relevant agency or utility emergency contact number. However, not all emergencies require the emergency services and we are encouraging parish councils to produce their own emergency plan and ensure that they have greater local resilience should the unexpected happen. If your parish does not have an emergency plan and you would like assistance, or an emergency plan template to get you started, then please get in touch.

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#### **5) More Support for Local Pubs**

Changes to planning laws mean it's more important than ever to list your local pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Pubs that are listed on our register of community assets are protected by a removal of so-called permitted development rights. This means an owner cannot change the use of a pub, or demolish it, for five years from the date of entry onto the register. Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-right-bid> for more information about our ACV protocol and how to make a nomination.

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#### **6) Changes to South Cambs Magazine distribution**

We have appointed a new company, Smart Distribution, to distribute our residents' magazine. The next round of deliveries will take place between 25 August and 13 September. We are working with the new provider to try and address problems we have experienced recently with the quality of deliveries. If any residents do not receive a magazine by Monday 14 September please ask them to report it. Smart Distribution has confirmed an email address ([scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk](mailto:scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk)) is being set up so missed deliveries and feedback can be reported. The email address is not live as yet but will be before deliveries begin. A Freephone number will also be set up and Smart will provide this to us ahead of deliveries commencing.

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#### **7) Community Chest Grants 2015/16**

The Community Chest grant scheme opened on 1 April on a first come, first served basis. At the start of the year there was £72,000 available for community groups and parish councils to bid for in 2015/16,



with the maximum award for each application being £1,500. An additional £10,000 has just been added to the pot. Applications are assessed on a monthly basis. Details of how to apply and the funding criteria can be found at [www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest)

The table below shows the grants that were awarded in May and June:

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish / Villages</b>	<b>Amount awarded (£)</b>
1	Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council	New village sign	Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth	1,500.00
2	Over Baptist Church	Remove pews and replace with movable chairs to increase versatility for community	Over	1,500.00
3	Milton Football Club	Pavilion upgrade (changing facilities)	Milton	1,500.00
4	St Mary's Church Voluntary Working Group	Purchase gardening equipment and shed	Hardwick	1,500.00
5	Hinxton Parish Council	Repaint and repair exterior woodwork, doors and fascias of Village Hall	Hinxton	840.00
6	Castle Camps Playground	Purchase and install new play equipment	Castle Camps, Shudy Camps	1,500.00
7	1st Willingham Scout Group	Purchase of tents and shelter	Willingham, Longstanton	1,500.00



8	Mary Challis Trust Limited	Purchase of PC and printer	Sawston	500.00
9	Duxford Playgroup	Purchase reconditioned smartboard	Duxford, Ickleton, Hinxton	1,266.00
10	Friends of Girton Glebe Primary School	Replace pool cover and reel with a GeoBubble cover (part of project aiming to open up pool to wider community)	Girton, Dry Drayton	1,391.00
11	Grantchester Cricket Club	Purchase of pop-up gazebo/marquee (4m x 8m) to serve teas and store bags	Grantchester	737.62
12	Steeple Morden Bowls Club	Replace 2nd half of pavilion roof	Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden, Ashwell, Litlington	1,500.00
13	Cottontails Pre-school	Outdoor Learning Project: installation of two benches	Girton	1,349.38
14	Sawston Youth Group	Climbing Equipment	Sawston	1,000.00
15	1st Hardwick and Highfields Scout Group	Camping activity tent	Hardwick, Kingston, Caldecote, Cambourne, Bourn, Toft, Madingly, Coton	1,500.00
16	Linton Village Hall	Lighting renewal: main hall	Linton	1,500.00



18	Mother Goose Pre-School	To purchase and install grass matrix matting around and under outdoor play equipment	Wimpole	1,500.00
19	The Cygnets, Milton Pre-School	To purchase tables and chairs for new building	Milton	1,500.00
20	Friends of Milton Country Park	To purchase marquee and folding tables for regular events	Milton	786.92
21	The Almshouse and Pension Charity of the Julia Norris Trust	Toward the refurbishment and remodelling of four almshouses	Little Gransden	1,500.00
22	Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association	To purchase table and benches	Gamlingay	1,000.00
23	Ladybird PreSchool	To purchase new metal storage shed	Cottenham	1,128.32
24	Litlington Recreation Centre Management Committee	To purchase replacement tables and chairs	Litlington	1,000.00
25	Lolworth Parish Meeting	To purchase road planings, fuel and weedkiller to repair the millennium footpath between Lolworth and Bar Hill	Lolworth, Bar Hill, Boxworth	400.00



26	Little Shelford Bowls Club	To replace badly damaged fencing along one side of the green	Little Shelford	1,000.00
27	Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket Club	To purchase a secure container to store the club's equipment.	Longstanton	1,500.00
28	Cambourne Comets	To purchase gymnastics/safety equipment	Cambourne	1,500.00
29	Caldecote Scout Group	To purchase camping and orienteering equipment	Caldecote	1,500.00
30	Comberton Bowls Club	Towards the refurbishment of toilet facilities	Comberton	1,500.00
31	The Phoenix Trust	To purchase two all-terrain pallet trucks	Milton	1,500.00
32	1st Histon Scouts	To make repairs to the scout hut	Histon, Impington	1,500.00
33	Meadow Out of School Club	To purchase outdoor play equipment	Balsham, West Wickham, West Wratting, Weston Colville	473.51

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