

Parish Council Meetings OCTOBER 2019

From the 1st October the County Council will be implementing a Van & Trailer e-permit scheme across the nine recycling centres. The scheme will allow the council to better regulate the use of vans and trailers, to ensure only household waste is being delivered to these sites. Any resident planning to visit an HRC site with a van or trailer will need to obtain a permit via the online system beforehand.

Additional Staff will be on hand to assist residents with the changes.

More information is available on the HRC Van & Trailer Permit Scheme Website

Permits will be required for a trailer greater than 1.5m (5ft long) or greater than 570 litre capacity even if the vehicle towing the trailer does not require a permit. Pickups and vans will require a permit.

The County Council is addressing various climate and environmental issues by taking positive action through it's:

Corporate Energy Strategy by reducing carbon emissions, improving energy efficiency and investing in renewable energy to displace fossil fuels.

Development of a Plastics Reduction Strategy to eliminate single use plastics to protect the biodiversity of our oceans and marine life

Adoption of a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which seeks to improve land use that minimises flood risk, and supports better natural management of flooding and improved community resilience to flood risk from climate change

Cycle Schemes to reduce carbon emissions associated with transport

Community Energy Programmes such as St Ives Smart Energy Grid and the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Project. I and the CC are working with Great Staughton to look at a Community Heat scheme for the village.

More information on these schemes and other climate and environmental strategies can be found on: <https://www.mlei.co.uk/climate&environment/>

The County Council is opening a temporary library facility in the Watchtower building at Alconbury Weald by Christmas 2019

The CC would like to hear from local residents re their thoughts on what activities they would like to see and the type of book stock, core opening times, volunteers etc

Please get in touch by email to Julie.kisby@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The Annual Parish Conference is being held at the Marriot Hotel in Huntingdon on Friday 8th November from 9am to 3pm. It will cover topics such as Cambs 2020

The Cambs 2020 project is the County Councils move to Alconbury Weald along with one of the core principles the Community Hubs.

The County Council was pleased to hear about £1.5 bn of additional short term funding from Central Government, for Cambs CC we expect this to be worth approximately £9.6m to be used across Children's, Young People and Adult Services. Whilst it is very welcome news it does not address the longer term budget gaps and continued unfair distribution of government funds.

The council continues to successfully manage the financial situation in Adults Services and most importantly to find opportunities for improved outcomes. One such innovation is Neighbourhood Cares, which has been running a pilot in St Ives & Soham and has had a huge impact on the way people are supported in these communities. A video has been made to capture the outcomes from the pilots and the work is now being taken forward via the Think Communities Strategy to embed the principles and methods of working locally across Cambridgeshire.

You can view the video here :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvyE1HgCMJk&feature=youtu.be>

Please remember to inform residents of the County Councils Free NHS Health Checks for residents aged 40-74 years to help detect early health issues. Call or visit your GP to get a free Health Check

Cllr Ian Gardener

County Councillor Alconbury & Kimbolton Division