

Report for Parish Councils - November 2018

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We need some action on this now, the money from government will be taken away unless some work is started. For this to not happen, we need shovels in the ground this financial year. We have been promised a prioritised bus lane going into Linton on the dual carriageway, more bicycle racks at the Babraham P&R and 'smart' traffic lights at LVC.

Local Plan

Whilst we now have adopted the current local plan, work on the next one isn't very far away. The parish input section will likely be early summer. This will include SHLAA assessments, so areas allocated for development, so maybe get a head-start in identifying areas for this.

Athletic Referrals

Active & Healthy 4 Life is South Camb's exercise referral scheme for residents with medical conditions. It operates from sports centres across the District and is a 12-week personalised fitness programme, which is drawn up by supervised trainers. <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/community/health/exercise-referral-active-healthy-4-life-scheme/>

Emergency Plans

The District Council is looking to update its Emergency Plan in case of any unforeseen disasters in the District. For this they do need the support of local knowledge, mainly in the form of Parish Councils. You should have had a request recently from SCDC asking for input into the Emergency Plan. For example, if you anyone in the village that has a chainsaw or a tractor and would be willing to assist moving fallen trees if they are blocking the road for an ambulance, that information will be extremely welcomed by SCDC. Also, for those villages that regularly flood, SCDC does have a small stock of sandbags and would consider storing some locally, if there was a secure location the village could provide. If this is the case, do let us know.

Universal Credit

This month saw the introduction of Universal Credit in South Cambridgeshire and SCDC has been working hard for quite some months to try to smooth effects of the introduction on residents. We urge that any residents that feel they are not coping, particularly council housing tenants worried about getting into rent arrears should contact SCDC at the earliest opportunity rather than letting problems build up.

The Pear & Olive

The pub in Hildersham has, after many years of non-operation, re-opened. Albeit in the slightly different guise of a gastro-pub, with the emphasis on the food rather than the drinking. It's another local pub that does need all of the support it can get, so please do go there and back them by using it, nobody wants to see the place close again.

(The Pear Tree's original listing as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) expired recently, after five years, but re-nomination has been accepted and it is now back on the list of ACVs)