

Report for Parish Councils - August 2019

A1307

The next public involvement stages of the A1307 LLF (Local Liaison Forum) have started up again, and they are a good opportunity for members of the public to become involved in the process. Please do engage and keep abreast of the process, as the changes to the road will be here forever. https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge_south_east/cambridge-south-east-llf/

Fly Tipping

The District Council, in conjunction with other local authorities, have launched a campaign against fly tipping, this is aptly called S.C.R.A.P. This new scheme included running a mock fly tip at Milton Park & Ride to test public and Council response. You can read more, as well as watch the video, on the SCambs website - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping-footage-released-as-council-launches-campaign-to-tackle-the-problem/>

Greener Developments

The District Council is currently running a public consultation on a draft guide on sustainable design guide for new developments in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. The draft guide's main points focus on carbon reduction, adapting to climate change, resource efficiency and contributing to people's health and wellbeing. More info, and a link to the online consultation, can be found at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/comment-on-greater-cambridge-s-aspirations-for-greener-new-developments/>

Light Blue Fibre

Cambridge University and the County Council have joined forces to attempt to attract fibre networks to expand Cambridgeshire's digital infrastructure. They have started up a new company called Light Blue Fibre. Essentially they are open to leasing their fibre network cables out commercially, as between the two organisations, they have over 100km of existing ducting and fibre.

Social Workers

The County Council has launched a campaign to attempt to recruit more social workers in Cambridgeshire. The campaign includes honest interviews with current social workers and their experiences of working for the Council. More information can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/jobs-&-volunteering/we-love-social-workers/children-s-social-worker-vacancies/>

Street Lights

You will have been contacted by now about the change in street light charging. The County Council used to buy the electricity for street lights in your parishes, then charged for this service, with an admin fee on top. They are now passing this responsibility onto Parish Councils, so there is now an opportunity to broker a better deal than the County Council had. Some villages in the county have clubbed together and purchased a group deal with a supplier, generating a saving overall. I have a good contact at the County Council if there are any questions on this.