

## **District and County Councillor's Report - January 2022**

### **Covid Booster vaccinations**

There are several walk-in clinics around the county where booster jabs can be had, on the day. Warning though, queues have been notoriously long so far, so expect a wait. Details here - <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/>

### **Innovate & Cultivate Fund**

The Innovate & Cultivate Fund, offered by the County Council, is open for another round of funding. Full criteria and applications can be found here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/innovate-and-cultivate-fund> - but the essence of the fund is to fund schemes that take the pressure off the County Council by funding services that they have a responsibility to provide. This current round of bidding closes on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Community Chest Fund**

Another existing fund that is opening a new round of bidding, with some good news, the amount groups are able to bid for has doubled from £1,000 to £2,000 per group. Full criteria and applications can be found at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants/>

### **Household Support Fund**

There is a support fund available from the County Council that is aimed at supporting families with a below average income, through the more difficult winter months. There is a fair amount of money in the pot at the moment and the fund will remain open until March 2022. Eligibility criteria and application form can be found here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

### **Flood Risk Management Strategy**

The County Council, who in most cases have responsibility for the management of flooding, have published an updated version of their risk management strategy. This can be commented upon until January 23<sup>rd</sup> - <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cambridgeshire-flood-risk-management-strategy> - quite prevalent at the moment, given the amount of heavy rainfall we have had over the last year.

### **Sad News**

We were extremely saddened to hear the news that Muhammad Shaheer, of Balsham Parish Council, passed away over the holiday period. He was an excellent, dedicated councillor and a real asset to the village. He leaves a large hole to be filled in the community and our thoughts are with his family.

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