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## **Report for Parish Councils – February 2021.**

### **South Cambs District Council**

Again this month I've now included other major items as well as C19.

### **South Cambs Budget/Council Tax**

The Cabinet approved the increase of £5 to £155.30 or 3,4% for a Band D property. This will go to full Council in February for approval. The County Council proposal is below in my County report.

### **Covid 19 Support for Business in Lockdown 2.**

As of Friday January 29th the business grants made were

- £978, 853 paid out for LRSG Open/Closed schemes to date. 801 businesses
- £242,410 ARG. 155 businesses
- £188,502 Hardship. 79 businesses
- £37,000 Wed Led Pubs. 37 businesses
- Total £1,446,765 to date (includes some payments approved but pending)

### **Grants for Lockdown 3**

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire can now apply for the latest round of Government financial help for closures during the post-Christmas period and through the Spring.

South Cambridgeshire District Council, which is administering the business grants, has opened applications for local businesses suffering from the most recent lockdown restrictions - Tier 4 restrictions from 26 December to 4 January, and the current ongoing National Lockdown.

There are several different Government grants available for these periods.

For the Tier 4 period in South Cambridgeshire, which ran for ten days immediately after Christmas, affected businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) can now apply online for the LRSG (Closed) Tier 4 grant scheme. The eligibility criteria and payments are structured in a similar way to previous grants given during earlier restrictions.

For the current National Lockdown, which started on January 5, three new schemes are now available. Businesses which applied for the Tier 4 grant do not need to re-apply but will be contacted automatically by the Council. Those which haven't applied for earlier grants should fill in an online application form.

The new Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum: 5 January onwards covers the current 42-day period for business closures up until 31 March 2021, with one-off payments ranging from £2,001 to £4,500 depending on the rateable value of a business which must have been registered for business rates on 5 January 2021 and required by law to close.

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Those receiving this grant will also be entitled to an additional one-off Closed Business Lockdown payment for the same 42-day qualifying restriction period which will range from £4,000 to £9,000 and will be paid automatically.

The Council is also receiving additional funding to allocate at its discretion under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme and will make initial use of these funds to provide top-ups to those most in-need businesses in the District which are eligible for the Closed Business Lockdown Payment.

The application closure date for the new grant schemes is 31 March 2021 with final payments being made by 30 April 2021.

In the meantime, businesses can also still apply for various earlier grants via the Council website covering the following: Local Restrictions from November 5 to December 2; Christmas support payments for wet-led pubs (final applications must be received by January 31, 2021); and Tier 2 Restrictions imposed in South Cambridgeshire from December 2 to 25.

### **Waterbeach Outline Approval**

The Committee [met on Friday](#) (29 January) and voted to support outline proposals from RLW Estates for up to 4,500 homes. The application covers land between the former Waterbeach airfield and barracks to the west, and the ‘Fen Line’ railway line which links Cambridge to Ely to the east. 30% of the new homes will be affordable rent or properties that are provided at below market levels - such as shared ownership and intermediate rent.

The development will also deliver a wide range of community facilities including a new secondary school, primary schools, community centres and playing fields. Parks, play areas, allotments and community orchards are also planned, along with natural wildlife habitats and sports pitches.

The plans are associated with significant improvements to public transport, including a relocated, safer Waterbeach Railway Station. Proposals to move the station onto the site were approved by the District Council’s Planning Committee in 2018. They will see a two-platform station with platforms long-enough for at least eight carriage trains, with the potential for expansion to accommodate 12 carriages in future. It will result in a new, modern station that existing and future residents will benefit from.

A network of safe, direct walking and cycling routes will be provided from the start of the development, linking homes with public transport and the town centre, schools, and employment areas as they are constructed. Two local bridleways will be integrated into the new town, providing an attractive route for horse riders. The aim of all of these upgrades is to help reduce car use, providing attractive and environmentally friendly alternatives.

The Council will continue to work closely with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership to progress initiatives to assist with the impact on traffic levels on the A10. This could include the upgrade of the A10 between Milton and Waterbeach, a public transport corridor between

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Milton and Waterbeach and improved cycle connections to Histon, Impington, Stretham, Fen Ditton and Lode.

There will be access to the development via the A10 – avoiding the need to pass through the village of Waterbeach. Measures to mitigate the traffic impact on surrounding villages such as Waterbeach, Milton, Landbeach, Horningsea and Fen Ditton will also come forward as part of the subsequent discussions between RLW Estates and the Council.

The plans also include shops and employment space, such as offices and space for light industrial, storage and distribution use. The plans are in-line with the Council's current Local Plan which allocates the site for a new town.

### **Winter Support Grants**

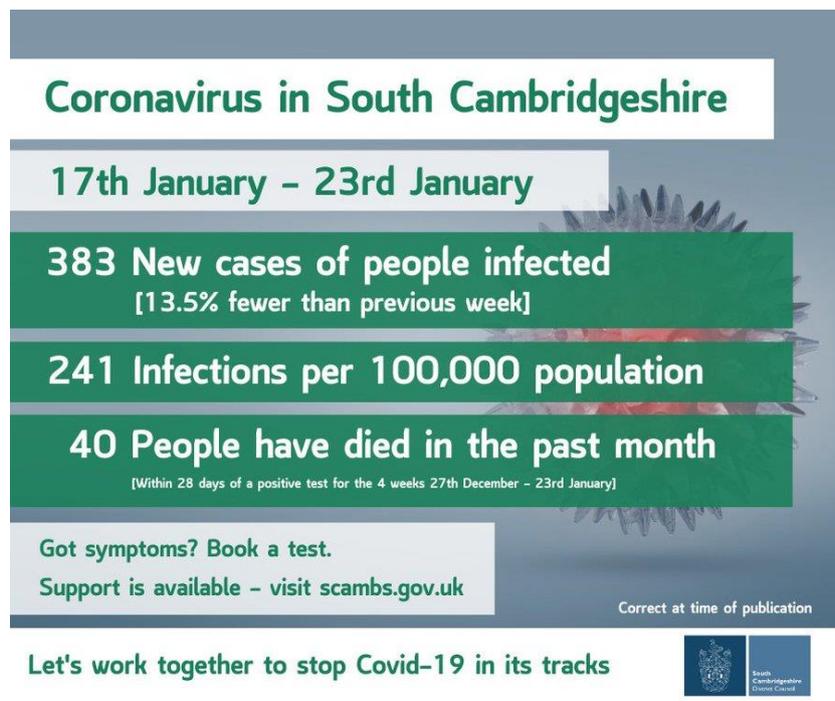
Reminder of this: a £5,000 payment from the Winter Support Grant, awarded via the District Council, it will be able to provide devices and data to children who have been particularly affected. For more details, see [Cambridge Online](#), email to [help@cambridgeonline.org.uk](mailto:help@cambridgeonline.org.uk) or call the Cambridge Online helpline on 01223 300407, quoting 'South Cambs Winter Support Grant'.

### **Cambridgeshire County Report**

#### **County Council Council Tax increase**

The proposal from the Leader is for an increase of 2.99% (1% Adult Social Care and Council Tax increase of 1.99%). This will be debated Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **C19 Case Numbers Cambridgeshire**



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**Vaccination Here is the status as of Jan 28<sup>th</sup> on vaccination which shows 81% of > 80's receiving first dose in Cambs/Peterborough.**

**Title:** COVID-19 Vaccinations By Integrated Care System (ICS) / Sustainability Transformation Partnership (STP) of Residence and Age Group  
**Summary:** The number of people who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, split by ICS/STP of residence and age group. All figures are presented by date of vaccination as recorded on the National Immunisation Management Service (NIMS) database.  
**Period:** 8th December 2020 to 24th January 2021  
**Source:** National Immunisation Management Service (NIMS)  
**Basic:** England  
**Published:** 28th January 2021  
**Status:** Published

**Breakdown by ICS/STP of Residence and Age Group**

Region of Residence	ICS/STP of Residence	1st dose			2nd dose			Cumulative Total Doses to Date
		Under 80	80+	Percent of all 80+ population*	Under 80	80+	Percent of all 80+ population*	
<b>Total</b>		3,530,752	2,261,407	79.7%	111,442	328,983	11.6%	6,232,584
East of England	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	67,614	36,335	81.1%	1,003	4,842	10.8%	109,794
East of England	Cambridgeshire, Ely and North East Cambs	66,916	34,688	80.8%	999	4,788	10.7%	109,000

**You can see the daily data here:**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

**Rapid Testing for Key Workers or Unable to Work from Home**

**Key worker?**

**Unable to work from home?**

**No COVID-19 symptoms?**

**1 in 3 people have no symptoms. Book a rapid test to help us break the chain of transmission.**







**Find your nearest rapid result testing centre** ⓘ

<p><b>The Hub</b> High Street, Cambourne, South Cambridgeshire, CB23 6GW            ⓘ Launches 3 February</p> <p><b>Queen Mary Centre</b> Queen's Road, Wisbech, Fenland, PE13 2PE            ⓘ Launches 4 February</p> <p><b>Soham Town Rangers Football Club</b> Julius Martin Lane, Soham, Ely, East Cambridgeshire, CB7 5EQ            ⓘ Launches 5 February</p>	<p><b>The Coneygear Centre</b> Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon, PE29 1PE            ⓘ Launches 11 February</p> <p><b>The Meadows Community Centre</b> 1 St Catherine's Rd, Arbury, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ            ⓘ Launches 12 February</p> <p><b>St Mark's Church</b> Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2SN            ⓘ Already operating</p>
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Book your rapid test at  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting)  
 or [www.peterborough.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

Help us **stop the spread** of coronavirus

Rapid testing for key workers and all those who cannot work from home is set to launch across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from this weekend to help track cases of Coronavirus and drive down transmission rates.

A number of sites are being set up across the county offering rapid tests to people aged 18 and over who have no symptoms of Coronavirus. It follows a commitment from the Government to test as many people who are key workers and/or cannot work from home as possible.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council have been allocated 100,000 tests in the next six weeks, with the potential for the pilot to be extended.

Around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers

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showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

Initially there will be six sites across the county, with the potential to set up pop-up sites in areas of high need if required. Tests will be offered at no cost to the public.

Tests will be available in the following locations:

- Cambridge, The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catherine's Rd, Arbury, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ – launches Friday 12 February.

Each site will be open 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday, apart from the Peterborough site which is open every day from 9am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm.

To book a test, people need to visit [the Cambridgeshire County Council website](#)

Lateral flow tests are a new kind of technology that can be used to test a higher proportion of asymptomatic people and do not require a laboratory to process the test.

The process of taking a test takes on average 15 minutes from arrival to departure.

People with symptoms will not be tested at the rapid testing sites. Anyone with one or more of these Coronavirus symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – should book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119.

### **Foxton Travel Hub**

I chaired a meeting between Foxton & Fowlmere PC's, Neil Gough (S Cambs GCP Board Member) and officers from GCP. I think it was productive - next steps are a full engagement with officers.

### Site Design



- 'Roman road' layout
- Reduced A10 speed limit
- 52 Cycle parking spaces
- 500 Car Park spaces
- 25 Disabled parking bays
- Improved bus waiting facility
- Ped, cycle and equestrian routes
- Solar panels
- Biodiversity Net gain
- Pedestrian refuge crossing point
- Platform to platform bridged crossing
- Improved level crossing design



### **Thakeham Development – Proposed 25,000 homes Development**

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We (the action group) held an open meeting with 70 attendees on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. The presentation is here:

[https://17a4c9c5-bc96-42ff-89cb-56a5069d86b6.filesusr.com/ugd/11c8bf\\_ccf8e8132aae4c47b861942733784a5c.pdf](https://17a4c9c5-bc96-42ff-89cb-56a5069d86b6.filesusr.com/ugd/11c8bf_ccf8e8132aae4c47b861942733784a5c.pdf)

The FAQ's from that meeting is here

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Subsequently we had a response to our FoI to the Ministry where they refused information as it was "not in the public interest"!

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