

County Councillor report - Sawston & Shelford Division

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Cultivate and Innovate Fund – deadline 1 August

Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce that the next deadline for Innovate & Cultivate Fund applications is 1st August 2021. One-to-one pre-application advice will be offered have unfortunately passed.

The aim of the fund is to support initiatives that strengthen our communities and reduce pressure on County Council services, thereby giving a return on investment. Council services that are inviting applications are **adult social care** and **children’s services**.

The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire. Please note that projects serving Peterborough residents are not eligible.

The 1st August funding round is for ‘Cultivate’ grant applications (£2,000-£15,000) for projects that build community support networks for vulnerable people.

Applications and further information about fund priorities and criteria may be found on the [Cambridgeshire Community Foundation \(CCF\) website](#).

Free school meal vouchers

All children and young people who qualify for free school means will be eligible to receive vouchers to support the families during the **summer holidays**. If some families have become eligible recently we would encourage them to apply ASAP to qualify for the Summer Holiday vouchers. There are also **summer camp** places available. More information here: [Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Highways Improvement Board

The new County Council administration has taken immediate action to address the dreadful state of the roads across the County.

The Government has significantly reduced the amount of funding, despite making much of its “pothole repair programme” in budget announcements.

It therefore falls to the County to examine the priorities and determine the best use of funds. By creating a Highways Improvement Board, we will appraise all the programmes of work, and the nature of the capital and revenue budget allocation to ensure we get best value from our contractors and for our Council Tax payers.

Covid

With England due to come out of all lockdown restrictions this month, the support available from local authorities won't cease. If you know people that are still vulnerable, who could use more support, then please do get in touch with Maria and Brian, they will be able to signpost people to the various support channels available at both County and District councils. Please do also encourage people that have been offered the vaccine to have it, either through booking or by coming to any drop-in vaccination centres. All info can be found on CCC twitter [Cambridgeshire County Council \(@CambsCC\) / Twitter](#)

Parliamentary boundaries – deadline 2 August

The Boundary Commission for England has [published proposals](#) for new parliamentary constituencies, which are now open to consultation until Monday 2 August. This is the first stage of a review which will conclude in 2023. For the East of England, the proposals would mean three more MPs, and the effect of this is to create an additional 'St Neots' seat in Cambridgeshire. The proposed new 'East Cambridgeshire' constituency would include the whole of the district and add to this the two South Cambridgeshire wards of Cottenham and Milton & Waterbeach.

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