

CDO's Report for May 2025

Northstowe Community Forums 2024

The next forum will be on Wednesday 10 September at Western Park Pavilion starting with a drop-in at 6:30pm and presentations at 7pm. Agendas are usually advertised the week before and questions can be asked during the evening by attendees as well as submitted in advance to:

northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk. The meeting will broadcast live on Microsoft Teams, the link will be available on the forum page in due time.

Community Networkers

There was no meeting in June, the next one will be on Thursday 9 July, the agenda will be confirmed nearer the day

Climate Action

We are organising a training session on Climate Action which will be delivered by the Climate and Environment Team at South Cambs on 8 July. This is supported by Sustainable Northstowe. At the end of the workshop participants will have to come out with pledges to support sustainability. A separate workshop will be organised for a local artist to support participants to create an art piece out of the pledges.

60+ Group

The group has met four times in the café area at The Cabin (community centre on Pathfinder Way). The social gatherings are open to all local residents aged 60 and over. The July sessions will be advertised on community noticeboards and on local Facebook pages.

Digital Assistance

The digital sessions take place on the first Wednesday of each month at the same time as the Food Bank. At the last session, two residents accessed the service. The next session will take place on Wednesday 2 July.

Drama Group

The group meet every Thursday evening at The Cabin from 7pm - 9pm. They delivered their first show, Alice in Wonderland, at the Midsummer Festival and will prepare their next play for Christmas time.

Menopause Support Group Meetings

The menopause group meetings are free and take place monthly on a Wednesday evening. The next meeting is on Wednesday 25 June, the guest speaker is Dr Faye Stevens from Willingham Medical Practice. Future meetings will be advertised on Northstowe Facebook pages and community noticeboards.

Social Walking Group

The next walk is on Friday 18 July. Future walking dates, routes and themes will be advertised on the Northstowe Community Facebook pages and community noticeboards.

Meetings with CDOs

We are available if residents would like to set up a meeting, whether this is within working hours or not. Most people drop in on an ad-hoc basis and we are always happy to make time to see them.

Kickstart Fund

No applications at the moment.

Northstowe Community Activation Grant Fund

SCDC are administering the Northstowe Community Activation Grant Fund on behalf of Homes England. This month an application was received from Junior Park Run.

More information about the fund can be found on our website. [Northstowe](#)

[Community Activation Fund - South Cambs District Council](#)

Cognitive Training for the Elderly

Drop-in sessions for elderly focus on preventing cognitive geriatric illnesses with a local volunteer who has previous experience on the topic of cognitive training. Every Tuesday 10-11am in the café area at The Cabin.

Welcome Pack Delivery

We will deliver Welcome Packs to residents on Wednesday 25 June. Where possible, we engage residents in conversations regarding their new community, ask how they are settling in, and provide information on up-coming events.

Marleigh

From July, Mihaela will split her time between Northstowe and Marleigh, a new development on the edge of the city with a view to sharing learning and best practice between the two sites. Mihaela will join Michele at The Cabin on Thursdays.

Hallmaster

All room bookings for The Cabin are made through Hallmaster. If you would like to see room availability, size and capacity or make a booking please go to: [The Cabin - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](https://scambs.gov.uk). We often meet residents and organisations to show them around The Cabin and discuss their option for room hire.

Meetings attended with external agencies

- Attending and contributing to the Northstowe Support Partnership meeting.
- Part of the Northstowe Health and Wellbeing Group.
- Attending Northstowe Open Space and Landscape monthly meetings.
- Liaising with BPHA to support their services in the community.
- Part of the Support Refugees Working Group, liaising with various professionals including the Cambridge City Council Cohesion and Resettlement Team with the view of supporting refugees who have been relocated to Northstowe.
- Part of the Northstowe Tenure Integration Group.
- Recurring meetings with Smart Journeys discussing Sustainable Travel Plan.
- Part of the Northstowe Partners Communications Group which promotes Northstowe and events; this includes Henbe Communications (supporting Homes England).
- Participate in the Proactive Neighbourhoods – South Cambs MAF meetings
- Part of the Northstowe Social Value Steering group.

- Part of the Northstowe Spaces Group
- Quarterly Northstowe Update meeting with Homes England, Northstowe Town Council, Longstanton Parish Council.
- Part of the Pathways for Young Parents Group.
- Supporting Voi with their expansion within South Cambridgeshire.
- Community Development Roadshow: The purpose of the meeting is to exchange best practice in Community Development, uniting Community Development workers from Town, District, County, and the private sector in this region. The next meeting will take place on 1 July at Wintringham, St Neots.
- Meeting with various stakeholders including Urban and Civic and Highways team at County where the delivery and prioritisation of the cycleways in Northstowe was discussed

Meetings with Community Groups

- Supporting and promoting the Social Walks through discussions including external agencies, social media and promotional event materials.
- Northstowe Sports & Wellbeing Committee meetings, the last one attended was on Thursday 12 June at Western Park Sports Pavilion.
- Participating in the Northstowe Youth Partnership, sub-group meeting.
- Working with Northstowe Arts on an Art Exhibition to take place in September 2025 with support from Homes England's Community Activation Fund. There is a free workshop (places limited) on Thursday 26 June with a local artist on drawing techniques.

Other work:

- Participated in the Midsummer Festival on 21 June
- Attending 'Creating Cohesion in New Communities' conference, Saturday 19 July, Northstowe Secondary College
- We will take U3Ac on a site visit in the beginning of July
- We are facilitating the Cuppa with a Cop on 10 July at The Cabin
- Meetings with stakeholders to discuss green space and water use.

- Working with colleagues for the social and economic benefit of the community.
- Assisting with the formation of new community activities.
- Discussing ideas and plans for future events.
- Processing bookings at The Cabin for community groups, individuals and businesses on a daily basis including raising invoices, checking payments and following up requests.
- Part of the SCDC Growth Team meetings and workshops.
- Signing up new keyholders for The Cabin.
- Supporting residents with welfare connections.
- Testing the alarms and emergency lights at The Cabin on a regular basis.
- Part of various community WhatsApp groups i.e. Cabin Keyholders, coordinating out of hours access arrangements for The Cabin.
- Collecting food for the community larder on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and making this available for collection from The Cabin.
- Designing promotional material and updating social media.
- Writing reports and articles for local publication.
- Evening and weekend meetings and events in furtherance of the above.
- Maintenance work at The Cabin – being onsite when work is carried out i.e. 6 monthly lighting test, water testing and Wi-Fi.

Professional Development

Launch of our vision: 21st Century New Towns, webinar

If you would like to get involved in any projects or activities, or help with other volunteering opportunities please contact us on

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