

**LONGSTANTON WARD DISTRICT COUNCELLOR REPORT APRIL 2024**

**LONGSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL (1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024)**

**OAKINGTON & WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL (8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024)**

**NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL (23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2024)**

**CLLR NATALIE WARREN-GREEN**

### **General Election 2024**

I am delighted to report that on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 the General Election resulted in a Liberal Democrat win for Ian Sollom who is the new MP for St Neots and Mid Cambs, our new constituency.

The full result details are available in the July monthly report of our County Councillor, Cllr Firouz Thompson.

Many thanks to residents of Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick who contributed to this success. Ian is an exceptional person and will be a very active MP who we can rely on to support us and work with us to manage our local situations.

More details here on our local successes: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg3j6eyyljdo>

### **Adjustments to South Cambs Magazine summer 2024 edition**

With the General Election pre-election period, communications have been restricted in order to comply with election period rules. South Cambs District Council (SCDC) has had to adjust its approach to the delivery of the summer 2024 issue of South Cambs Magazine, to ensure it complies with pre-election period guidelines. Just prior to the announcement, all 73,600 copies of the magazine had already been printed and were due to be delivered to residents, with the majority of the magazines being put through letterboxes during the w/c Monday 3 June. However, this would have fallen inside the pre-election period. It was not possible to allow these deliveries to take place, because the magazine contains quotes and images of many Councillors.

A small replacement for the magazine was produced containing useful information around registering to vote / Voter ID and the usual middle page inserts from the magazine – i.e. the bin calendar and what goes in which bin. It was delivered to residents during the week commencing Monday 10 June. The full magazine, already printed, will be sent out shortly now that the Election is over.

### **Visit South Cambs**

The SCDC website for the local tourism, hospitality, leisure and independent retail sectors offers businesses and event organisers a free listing on the site, which is seen by nearly 2,000 visitors worldwide each month. If you would like a free listing for your events, or know any businesses or organisers who would, please use this link to fill in the submission form or email [visit@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:visit@scambs.gov.uk)

## **Community Cooking Programmes**

SCDC, in partnership with Let's Cook Project, are delivering FREE sessions, aiming to support residents of South Cambridgeshire to improve their confidence and knowledge in healthy eating and cooking. We are looking to deliver 4 cohorts across the district, and we offer 2 different programs for adults and families. All equipment and ingredients will be provided. For more info please contact Emma Jarvis [emma.jarvis@letscookproject.org](mailto:emma.jarvis@letscookproject.org)

## **Cost-of-living information**

Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/> for information on: where to turn for advice; benefits, money and debt advice; help with energy and water bills; help for parents and families; help with food and health costs; help with phone bills; help with making your home warmer; Age UK handyperson service and; support if you are in distress.

## **Community Hubs**

Community Hubs offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost-of-living support such as how to reduce bills and access financial support, as well as how to stay healthy and well.

A full list of Community Hubs can be found at:

<https://www.cambsacre.org.uk/projects/cambridgeshire-community-hubs-network/>

## **Community Vegetable Gardens**

SCDC is awarding small grants of up to £500 to community groups to grow vegetables. Details of the simple application process are on the website. The Community Growing grants will enable local groups to buy equipment and tools to help start a Community Growing Project. It is envisaged that funding will be spent on items such as raised beds, seeds, soil, and gardening equipment. Anyone can apply for this grant, as long as they are able to demonstrate they have brought a group together to look after the project!

## **Police Engagement**

Cambridgeshire Police is undertaking community engagement events with the next on Wednesday 28 August at 7pm. You can register now to receive the meeting link and more details of both the engagement event on the Police website.

## **Have you considered being a Special Constable?**

Cambs Police have just launched a recruitment drive for Special constables - Specials have all the powers of a police officer and work alongside their regular colleagues. It only requires a minimum commitment of four hours a week and is a great opportunity to give something back to your community, while receiving professional training, skills and experience that can be used in everyday life and career progression.

Over the past 12 months, Specials have racked up more than 23,000 hours on the job, launched an impressive 400 investigations and stopped 1300 vehicles. If you, or residents, would like to find out more about becoming a Special, and maybe even apply, please visit the Police website pages: [Apply to be a Special Constable | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](#)

## COUNCILS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

If you have a problem or concern do not worry too much about who can solve it just ask the question and we will endeavour to signpost to the right person. The organisational structure of Cambridgeshire is complex, but it is important to identify where responsibility lies.

<p><b>County Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Education, Transport, Highways, Heritage, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards, - Waste management, Maintaining their estate.</p> <p>Some of these services are shared between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council but any concerns should be directed to the county council.</p>
<p><b>District Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning.</p>
<p><b>Parish/ Town Council</b></p> <p>Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters.</p>
<p><b>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)</b></p> <p>'The local delivery body for a City Deal with central Government worth up to £500 million over 15 years, to vital improvements in infrastructure (decarbonising transport), supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.'</p> <p>Partnership between Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, University of Cambridge.</p>
<p><b>The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor</b></p> <p>'A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries.'</p> <p>What our mayor does – Business support, skills, housing, transport, environment, international, digital connectivity, resilience, research, and strategy. New homes.</p>
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough</b></p> <p>To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.</p>
<p><b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</b></p> <p>The Fire Authority is the governing body responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is made up of Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Peterborough City Councillors.</p>

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above, or any other matters.

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For those on social media we have a highly active Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/> - Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe