

Report of County Councillor Matthew Morgan to Great Wilbraham Parish Council in the Fulbourn Division, May 2025

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Great Wilbraham Specific and Related:

Drainage

I have been in contact with the officer involved in the cemetery drainage scheme, and I am waiting for more information. I am looking forwards to my upcoming meeting with Stuart Rushby, a senior officer to discuss drainage projects in Great Wilbraham and the division more generally. In the meantime, regular maintenance continues, with all the gulleys in Great Wilbraham having been cleaned out. There is some work still to be done on Frog End ditch.

Road Closure

Cadent Gas have provided an update on the road closure on Station Road. There have been complications over the last week or so. This means that the road will be closed longer, but they are confident that the closure will be lifted by 23rd May, three weeks ahead of the original stated time. Signs will be put up to indicate that the road is open. Cadent Gas have informed us they will need a relook at some of Teversham/Fulbourn Road, requiring a further closure, and have yet to provide definitive times for this closure. I have contacted the Cadent manager responsible for the works timings, and hope to report back further at the meeting.

Footpath Repairs

Repairs to the Angle End footpath, from the shop to Butt Lane, are due. The dates for the work are yet to be confirmed.

Cycle Improvements

The next meeting about cycling improvements for the Wilbrahams will be held on 21st May. Parish councillors from both parishes are involved along to a meeting with county officers.

County Council Wide:

Brief Introduction

I'm Matthew, a 31-year-old doctor training to be a GP. I was born in Cambridge and have lived here almost all my life. Prior to Medicine I studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge. I am deeply committed to the area and would like to see the County Council improve the quality of life and health of residents. I have moved my training to being part-time to be able to properly represent the people of Fulbourn division. I look forwards so much to working with and helping the Parish Councils and people of Fulbourn division.

Quality of Life Survey

The third annual Cambridgeshire Quality of Life Survey is now live, giving residents a chance to share views on key local issues including transport, health, wellbeing, and council services. Run by independent researchers, the 20-minute survey aims to hear from 5,500 adults across all five districts. Results help shape council decisions and track progress on key priorities. This year includes new questions on Local Government Reorganisation. Everyone aged 18 and over is welcome to take part online or by phone. Share your views here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey.

Countywide Election Results

After the 2025 election results there is a slim majority for the Liberal Democrats (31 out of 61) in the County Council, and a new Conservative mayor for the Combined Authority. These two new blocks will need to develop working relationships, in order to provide the best for Cambridgeshire's residents.

In the next 3 years the County Council will continue to provide services whilst being in a resource constrained environment. The Central government is also committed to the process of unitarization; the merging of the County Council with District Councils, and the likely movement of administrative borders. This complex transformation will need to be achieved despite nugatory Central government funds being provided to administer it.

I will be involved in discussing, setting and voting for County Council budgets and will give updates and feedback on what the council budget decisions will mean, later in the year.