

July 2026 South Cambs District Councillor Report – Fen Ditton & Fulbourn Ward

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South Cambs Neighbourhood Police Community Engagement Event

The next South Cambs Neighbourhood Police community engagement event is on 6th August 7-8pm online. A presentation from the local Police team is shared with the work they have been doing and you have a chance to shape their local policing priorities for the next 3 months, highlighting to them any local issues you are experiencing.

To register for an online link to attend, please email communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk and quote 'SouthCambs'

Mobile Warden Schemes – Helping Residents Stay Independent

South Cambridgeshire District Council is encouraging more residents to make use of its Mobile Warden Schemes, which provide practical and social support to older and more vulnerable people across more than 50 communities. The service helps residents remain independent in their own homes through regular visits, wellbeing checks and a friendly face, reducing loneliness while providing reassurance to families and carers. Wardens can also identify potential issues early and signpost residents to additional support where needed. Around 260 residents currently benefit from the scheme, which is an affordable way to help people stay safe, connected and independent for longer.

To find out more or refer someone, visit: www.scambs.gov.uk/mobile-warden-schemes

Local Bus Network Review

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has launched a public engagement on proposed changes to the local bus network. Some of the proposals would affect communities within or close to our ward, including changes to services serving Fulbourn, Great and Little Wilbraham, and the Fen Ditton/Newmarket Road corridor, as well as other parts of South Cambridgeshire. As these are proposals rather than final decisions, I would encourage residents, parish councils and regular bus users to review the plans and have their say. Feedback received through the engagement will help shape the final network.

The consultation closes at 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 July 2026. Further information and details of the proposed changes are available at: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/>

Local Government Reorganisation: Where Are We Now?

The process of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is moving forward. A decision announcement from the Government is expected in July 2026. If confirmed, a Structural Changes Order would follow in late 2026, with the legislation needing to pass through Parliament. This will formally establish the new unitary authority, setting out names, boundaries, electoral arrangements, and the vesting day for new councils as well as the abolition date for existing ones, which would cut current councillors' terms short by two years. Elections to a “shadow” authority are anticipated for 6 May 2027, with the shadow authority meeting and appointing its executive and interim statutory officers by 20 May 2027. The expected vesting day, when the new authority becomes fully operational and South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridgeshire County councils are wound up, is 1 April 2028.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant is open, with Parish Councils or local community groups invited to apply. Grants of between £2,000 and £19,500 are available. Feel free to contact us with questions or visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant>. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 24 July 2025.

Community Pantry Grant

South Cambridgeshire District Council has launched a Community Pantry Grant, offering grants of up to £400 to help establish new community pantries or expand existing food hubs. Funding can be used for shelving, storage, fridges, freezers, minor venue adaptations and signage. Community pantries provide free food and household essentials, helping to reduce food insecurity and food waste. Parish and Town Councils, constituted community groups and informal groups (with Parish/Town Council or District Councillor support) are eligible to apply. Funding is available until 31 March 2027, or until the budget is fully allocated.

Further information and applications: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-pantry-grant>

Local Validation Checklist consultation

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has prepared a new Local Validation Checklist, providing a single checklist for planning applications across both the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Council areas. The checklist sets out the supporting documents that must accompany planning applications. Some documents are required for all applications, while others depend on the type and scale of development proposed. A six-week public consultation is now underway, and residents, applicants and agents are invited to comment on the proposed

checklist. The consultation closes on Tuesday 28 July 2026

<https://engage.scambs.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/local-validation-checklist-consultation>

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