

Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

December 2015

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Planning Update

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Update: A modified Local Plan has now been released by South Cambs District Council in response to the issues raised by the Inspector at the Examination in Public. A consultation period on these modifications begins on 2 December and closes at 5pm on Monday 25th January. You can see the modifications and have you say by visiting the website www.scambs.gov.uk/localplanmods-dec2015. The Parish Council will provide further information and advice on the modified Local Plan over the coming weeks on the http://www.bourn.org.uk website.

Bourn Parish Council convenes a coalition of 16 parish councils concerned about the likely impact of the Local Plan on our villages. We are especially concerned about unsustainable housing developments, such as Bourn Airfield.

Get in touch

Website: www.bourn.org.uk

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please contact Cllr Jaggers.

Village Footpaths

You can now find maps and information about local footpaths on the village hall notice board and on the Bourn website.



Speed Limits

As you may be aware the Parish Council is seeking to implement 20 M.P.H. speed restrictions on Short Street, Hall Close and Riddy Lane and applying for a Small Highways Improvement Grant to achieve it. We have set up a petition for residents to support the application. If you would like to sign the petition please see the notice board in the village shop.



Cambridgeshire County Council Updates

Tough choices for Cambridgeshire to meet £41 million savings

This month Service Committees will look at proposals to meet the major financial challenge of £41 million savings this year and more than £100 million over the next five years. This follows cumulative savings of £218 million since 2009. The scale of savings means that proposals will have an impact on all services, from how the Council looks after roads, manages libraries and cares for the most vulnerable.

Councillors will be looking at initial proposals of how these savings may be achieved and, with officers, will be working to change or mitigate these options to reduce the impact on communities. Service Committees will comment on the proposals which will then go to the General Purpose Committee for consideration before the business plan is discussed by Full Council early next year.

For more information see our website -

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/article/373/tough_choices_for_cambridgeshire_to_meet_41_milli on_savings

There is also a link on our website to have your say www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/challenge Amanda.Silvester@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (Cambridge City & South Cambs)

Youth Grants

Legally constituted organisations with an income of less than $\pounds75,000$ a year can apply for up to $\pounds3,000$ to fund projects that benefit young people, aged 10 - 18 years and living in Cambridgeshire or up to 25 years if a young person has a special educational need or is disabled.

Projects should contribute to at least one of the Area Partnership Priorities (improve emotional health & wellbeing, increase work readiness or reduce the number of young people who are not in education employment or training, support new communities, reduce the impact of child poverty, encourage young people to be involved in decision making, raise awareness of or reduce incidents of child sexual exploitation) and do one or more of the following: help young people: develop their own initiatives, participate in their community, motivate other young people to take part, develop opportunities for young people to explore, be creative and play.

The deadline is Thursday 31 December 2015. For a grant form contact Amanda.Silvester@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (Cambridge City & South Cambs)

Streetlight consultation

We are urging residents to have their say on proposals to further dim or turn off some streetlights at certain times to meet tough saving targets. We're looking to follow the lead of more than 60 councils across the country, which have already turned off or dimmed street lights, which should save around £272,000 from an annual cost of over £1.4m a year. The savings made would help reduce the impact of £41 million of cuts on other frontline services.

For more details please visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambridgeshireStreetlightConsultation/ or contact research.performance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The closing date for responses is 11 December 2015, paper copies are available.

We've already been talking to parish, town, district and city councils to explain the proposals for their areas. This has also included looking at any concerns they may have as well as local solutions they may wish to propose, including funding for some lights. A recent report shows that where this approach of dimming or turning off streetlights has been taken elsewhere, there is no evidence to suggest a link with increases in crime or detrimental impact on safety.

Scams in our county

We've unfortunately had reports of two particular types of scams that residents in our county are being targeted by – both claim to be from Cambridgeshire County Council.

In the first, someone is phoning residents claiming to be from Cambridgeshire County Council and asking about their recent fall. The person calling tries to engage the resident in conversation with the aim of finding out personal details.

Cambridgeshire County Council Updates/Continued

If you ever receive a call from someone you don't know saying they work for us, get their name and tell them you will call them back. Phone our General Enquiries line 0345 045 5200 and ask to be put through to that named officer.

The second is a rogue trader scam from someone claiming to work for our Highways or Streetworks Team. They are approaching residents to say they are doing safety markings in the area and are offering their surplus thermoplastic paint to refresh any markings you may have (for example parish council owned recreation car parks) for a fee. Our officers would never do this. If you receive any approaches of this sort please decline the work, you can always check the authenticity of one of our officers by calling our telephone number above.

For further advice and guidance on scams and rogue traders please see our website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scams

Loan Sharks

A loan shark is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000. It may be tempting to borrow from rogue money lenders who won't ask questions about your financial situation. These people may call at your door or you may hear about them from others, and it might seem like an easy and quick way to borrow money. At first they will seem very friendly and trustworthy. They will charge you a huge rate of interest, meaning you have to pay back far more money than you borrowed and that you can afford. They often keep increasing the amount you owe and may ask for security on the debt such as your passport, bank card or driving licence.

Victims of loan sharks are not only charged astronomical rates of interest, but very often face violence, intimidation or blackmail if they fall behind with their payments. The average cost of borrowing from a loan shark is three times the price of the highest cost of legal credit. The highest interest rate the team have come across so far was 131,000% APR.

If you or someone you know is a victim contact Trading Standards Illegal Money Lending Team in strictest confidence, 0300 555 2222, reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk or text 'loan shark + your message' to 60003. For more information visit www.gov.uk/stoploansharks

Give sport a try, join Sport England's Stepping Stone project

Over the last two years, Stepping Stone has helped nearly 130 disabled people and those with long term health needs to take part in over 2000 activity sessions in 23 different sports including golf, paddle boarding, boxing, archery, shooting and trampolining.

Do you fancy giving sport a try? There's an opportunity to join the growing success of Stepping Stone which supports and encourages regular sports participation, coaching, refereeing or officiating for adults and young people aged over 14.

Funding by Sport England for the project, delivered by Living Sport, has recently been extended and direct financial support for individuals is still available.

For more information contact Rebecca Gilbertson, 01487 849929, rebecca.gilbertson@livingsport.co.uk

Village Carol Concert and Advent Calendar

The Great Barn at Manor Farm, Alms Hill will be hosting Christmas Carols at 4:30pm on 19th December. See the poster below for details. You might also like to see the advent calendar on the Bourn website - http://bit.ly/1Qp4met

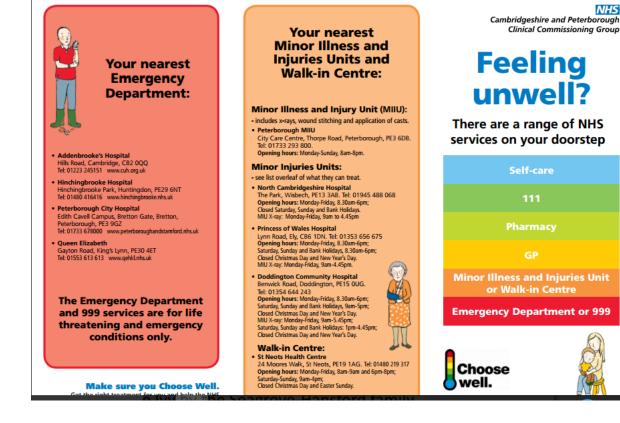


New Bench at Alms Hill

The new bench for Alms Hill arrived a couple of days ago and is now in place. Ably assisted by Councillor Rolfe, the delivery driver caused chaos with the traffic as it was unloaded! Weighing in at an impressive 155kg it proved quite a feat to install but should withstand years of use. The bench was purchased following a donation and the Parish Council wishes to thank **Bourn To Run** for their generosity.



Important Information from NHS Cambs and Peterborough CCG



Self-care

There are lots of minor conditions you can treat at home with your medicine cupboard and plenty of rest.

ic fil You can treat these things at home: Cold, Cough, Headache, Sore throat, Cuts and grazes. Bumps and bruises. Hangover.

Indigestion. Diarrhoea. Your medicine cupboard can include: Painkillers, Anti-diarrhoeal/rehydration medicines, Plasters. Bite and sting relief spray or cream. Antiseptic cream. Indigestion remedies. A thermometer. Cough medicine. Antihistamine medicine.

Your GP

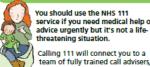
If you have an illness or injury that won't go away make an appointme with your GP or telephone for advice. They provide a range of services by appointment and when absolutely essential can make home visits. Some things GPs can help with

are: Flu jabs. Persistent ear pain. Persistent back ache.

Persistent vomiting or diarrhoea. Allergic reactions. Long-term conditions. Counselling. Emotional problems. To find your nearest GP service, visit www.nhs.uk

If you need to see a GP urgently in the evenings or weekends please call your GP practice as normal or call NHS 111 by dialling 111 for information on how to access the GP out of hours service.

NHS 111



You should use the NHS 111 service if you need medical help or advice urgently but it's not a lifethreatening situation.

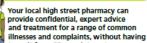
who are supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. They will ask you questions to assess the symptoms, and give you healthcare advice you need or

direct you to the most appropriate and available

You should use 111 if:

It's not a 999 emergency. You think you need to go to A&E or another NHS urgent care service but you're not sure. You don't think you can wait for an appointment with your GP. You don't know who to call for medical help.

When an ambulance is required, they will dispatch one immediately – just as if you had originally dialled 999.

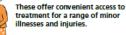


to wait for a GP appointment Some of the things pharmacies can help

with include:

Aches. Pains. Stopping smoking. Emergency contraception. Medicines advice. Hay fever, Coughs, Colds, Diarrhoea, Allergies, Skin conditions. Flu jabs.

Minor Illness and Injuries Unit or Walk-in Centre



Conditions that can be treated at the Minor Injuries Units and Walk-in Centre include

NHS

X-rays are available on weekdays (see overleaf for details). Wounds - cuts and bruises (Tetanus immunisation can also be given). Bites – human, insect and animal. Minor burns and scalds. Muscle and joint injuries - strains, sprains, limb fractures. Sports injuries. Emergency contraception. Eye problems eg. removal of foreign bodies, conjunctivitis. Earache (patients aged two years and over). Cystitis (not children or male patients). Minor head injuries (with no loss of consciousness).

Emergency Department or 999 (A&E)

You should only go to the Emergency Department or call 999 when it's a critical or life-threatening emergency. Dialling 999 and stating an emergency situation will result in a response vehicle being sent to your ation

Emergency situations include

Stroke. Overdose. Choking. Blacking out. Open wound blood loss. Loss of consciousness. Acute confused state and fits that are not stopping. Anaphylaxis or severe allergic reactions. Breathing difficulties. Persistent severe chest pain.

You should expect to be discharged from hospital as soon as you are medically fit and that staying in hospital beyond this point is not in your interests. It reduces beds availability for patients who are ill and in need of a bed. On behalf of everyone on the Bourn Parish Council, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Bourn matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting, otherwise the matter may be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting. If you want to raise a matter with the Council please write to or email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.

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If you require this newsletter in large print please contact Cllr Jaggers on 07555 650443