



# Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

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## Village Speed Restrictions



Many of you will have noticed the introduction of the 20 mile per hour speed limit in the roads leading to the school. These have been introduced in response to residents' concerns about the speed of traffic around the shop, village hall and the school. The Parish Council will continue to look at improvements to traffic calming during January and we intend to develop a long-term traffic management plan for the village in the first quarter of this new year. At the moment we are particularly interested in residents' views on the

roads leading into the village including the Broadway, Caxton Road and the B1046 Toft to Longstowe road. If you have any comments, or suggestions please contact Cllr. Des O'Brien at [despobrien2@googlemail.com](mailto:despobrien2@googlemail.com).



## South Cambs Local Plan and Bourn Airfield

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was submitted for examination in March 2014. The plan sets out how the development needs in the area will be met to the year 2031. The examination

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### Did you know...

that Bourn Parish Council has its own website?

Last year it received over 5,000 hits so it is a popular reference site for people looking for activities, services and events in the village.

If you are seeking to advertise a community event, service or activity such as a charity fun run, fete or sports day, get in touch with Cllr Rolfe ([les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk)) and he will add your information to the website.

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process is being carried out by independent planning inspectors to determine whether the Local Plan is sound and has complied with the necessary legal requirements.

The plan has reached the next key stage in the process. Overturning an earlier decision that the 'Main Modifications' did not need addressing, the Inspectors have now asked that consultation be carried out on the Main Modifications which may be necessary in order for the Local Plan to be judged sound.

Two of the most significant modifications regarding the proposed development at Bourn Airfield concern the extension of the building boundary nearer to Highfields Caldecote and allowing northbound-only access onto the Broadway in Bourn.

**It is important that the Inspectors are made aware of local opinion on these modifications.**

Bourn Parish Council, along with the wider Coalition of Parish Councils, objects to the proposed development at Bourn Airfield and associated plans and is keen to instigate a further Hearing on these modifications in order that they can be explored appropriately. To achieve this it is important that the Inspectors are clearly aware of the strength of the objections among local people. To make your opinion known, please go to the website - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/mainmods> and have your say.

This consultation period is running from **Friday 5th January to Friday 16th February.**

## Community 'Spring Big Clean' Events

South Cambridgeshire District Council is offering various levels of support to communities who wish to run their own Spring Clean Up event in the New Year, including:

### Community Litter Picks

Organised and managed by Parish Councils with the Council providing litter pickers, gloves, bags and collection and disposal of the collected litter.

### Supported Community Litter Picks

As above with the addition of:

Provision of some operational staff to work with the community volunteers to encourage separation of recyclables by providing clear sacks

A stall to give out food caddies and reuse / recycling advice.

### Supported Community Litter Picks with Environmental Action Day

As above with the addition of:

Additional communication support in advance of the day.

A 'take it or leave it' stall to swap preloved items

Skips for reuse or recycling various bulky materials like electrical items, metal and wood.

Additional deployment of the sweeper to cleanse hot spots within the community.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Parish Clerk before **15 January.**



## Bus Service Changes Stagecoach Route 18

Stagecoach is to alter a number of services from 8 January 2018 including the number 18, Cambourne to Cambridge service. These changes are as follows:

- Existing 07:00 journey between Eltisley and Cambridge will now operate via Great Gransden
- Existing 17:48 journey between Caxton and Cambridge will now start from Eltisley and will no longer serve Caxton, Lower Cambourne or Cambourne
- Existing 16:50 journey between Cambridge and Caxton now extends to Great Gransden and Eltisley

Existing 17:50 journey between Cambridge and Eltisley now also serves Great Gransden.

# NHS and Cambs County Council - Stay Warm this Winter

The Parish Council has requested a number of 'Stay Warm and Well' guides for villagers.

These include a temperature gauge to measure room temperature along with advice and contact information to help you keep warm and well. If you would like one, or know of a neighbour who would benefit, please collect free of charge from the Community Centre in Hall Close or the Doctors' Surgery on Alms Hill.



For further information on ways to keep warm and well this winter go to <http://bit.ly/2yPjvFa>

## High Street Path Improvements

The Parish Council has applied for a grant to finish the work started last year on the path running up the High Street to the war memorial. Cllr Bruce is currently progressing our grant application

## Updates from South Cambs District Council

### Elections 2018

All parish councils in South Cambridgeshire will have elections in May 2018. The elections are taking place for all parishes at the same time as the elections for all seats on the District Council.

### Modern Slavery

Modern slavery is when a person or group of people are made to take part in forced labour. The police are aiming to stop this happening in Cambridgeshire and have lots of information on their website to help you identify types of modern slavery and its effects: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Modern-slavery/Modern-slavery.aspx>

If you are worried about someone or suspect modern slavery activity, you should report it.

Contact: If someone's life is in immediate danger call 999. Otherwise you can use the 'Report a Crime' tab on the Cambs Police website [www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report.aspx](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report.aspx) or call 101.

**South Cambridgeshire Community Awards are open for nominations**

Nominate the people and organisations making an outstanding contribution in your village for a Community Award. Online nominations close on Friday 19 January 2018. The awards celebrate the massive contribution made by volunteers to our communities and will be presented at a celebration evening in the Chamber at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne on Thursday 8 March 2018.

There are six Award categories:

- Village Hero
- Parish Councillor of the Year
- Outstanding Youth Initiative
- Outstanding Local Service/Amenity
- Environment Award
- Wellbeing Award

For more information and to make your nomination please go to: [www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards)

**Contact:** Cecilia Murphy-Roads on [cecilia.murphy-roads@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cecilia.murphy-roads@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713344

### Paper caddy recycling changes from 11 December

Please remember that from Monday 11 December, residents no longer need to use paper caddies as part of their recycling routines. Instead, used paper should be placed directly into blue wheelie bins. It will still be recycled. We are running an 'upcycle' competition for the most imaginative re-use of a caddy. More information can be found about the changes, and the competition, by visiting [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk).

Contact: Izabela Obiye and Vicky Lacey on [refuse@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:refuse@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713611

**New step by step guide for efficient wood-burning is available to improve air quality**

Open fires and wood-burning stoves have risen in popularity in recent years. This means we now see more smoke from chimneys, which can have a negative effect on our air quality. This can cause breathing problems such as asthma attacks and contribute to other health conditions. Defra (the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has published a new practical guide on how to increase the efficiency of the wood-burning stoves, reduce the fuel costs and minimise the human impact. An electronic copy is available on [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk).

**Contact:** Soraya Hashemi on [Air.Quality@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Air.Quality@scams.gov.uk) or 01954 713640

## Security Advice from Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Many of us have taken steps to improve the security of our home but we often forget about our sheds and outbuildings. Not only are their contents of interest to the potential burglar, garden tools make excellent implements to assist the burglar in gaining entry to your or your neighbours' property.

60% of all burglaries are from the rear of the house. When thinking about the security of your property, include the garden, sheds and outbuildings. There are steps you can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a shed burglary.

### GARDENS

#### Perimeter security - The first line of defence

A strong secure fence will make it more difficult for burglars to get into your back garden. This should be at least

1.8m and you should consider fitting trellis along the top. Trellis is an additional nuisance for an intruder and offers another deterrent. Similarly, climbing plants will also act as a deterrent. Don't forget to check your local planning regulations before erecting a fence or wall.

A thick, impenetrable hedge around your garden is just as good as a fence for keeping out intruders. A back garden hedge should be around 1.8m tall and ideally should be dense and prickly – such as pyracantha, hawthorn or holly.

Varieties of roses planted in strategic positions against a fence or wall will look beautiful when in flower and the thorns will deter the potential burglar.

If you are laying a garden path, consider using gravel or something similar. Walking on gravel is noisy and you'll easily be able to hear someone coming.

The garden gate should be of the same height as your fence or wall and be securely fixed and padlocked.

In the front garden, try to keep your fencing and hedges low and keep the front garden open, neat and tidy. The fear of being seen is an important factor when the burglar considers a potential target property.

#### Ten top tips on keeping your shed & property secure

1. Ensure your shed is of sturdy construction and in a good state of repair. Most sheds are constructed with feather-edge or ship-lap timber fixed to a framework constructed of 40 x 40mm timber. Around the door frame – and in particular around the area to which the locks and hinges are fitted – increase the strength of the framework with 50 x 75mm timbers, depending on the existing structure.



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2. Add metal grilles to windows, using non-returnable screws to secure the grilles in place, and consider adding net curtain to prevent an intruder viewing the contents of the shed. Strengthen the existing window frame as described above in order to fit the metal grille.
3. Secure the door with two substantial padlocks, hasps and staples at an equal spacing, fixed with coach bolts. Use backing plates to re-enforce the wooden area around the locks.
  4. Bolt, rather than screw hinges onto the doorframe.
  5. Consider installing an alarm system. There are various types on the market, which would be suitable for a shed – a reputable alarm company would be happy to advise you. There are also DIY products you can fit yourself, which will sound an alarm if movement is detected.
6. Install outside security lighting.
7. Register and mark garden equipment such as lawn mowers and power tools. This makes stolen property easier to trace and it can be positively identified as yours. You can register items for FREE at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
8. Personalising tools and equipment with a coding kit or simple paint pen will make them less appealing to thieves.
9. Ensure that all tools and garden equipment are locked out of sight, and preferably chained to a surface/secured in a storage unit, within the shed.

10. Check that your household insurance policy covers theft from gardens and outbuildings.

Contact your local **Community Safety Unit** for more information and security advice via 101

## Horse and Rider Road Safety



In common with many rural communities, we have a number of horses and riders in and around Bourn, many of whom ride on the road. Although they may prefer not to do so, riders often have no choice in using the road because they need to reach bridleways and other off road facilities. **Horse riders have a right to use the road, and both riders and motorists are responsible for each other's safety.**

An average horse weighs around half a tonne and the consequences of a collision to the driver, car, horse and rider can be catastrophic. Horses are powerful animals that are easily frightened and can panic, especially near fast-moving traffic or at sudden loud noises.

Accidents involving horses are more common than they should be and can be avoided with the use of simple steps on the part of motorists and riders. The Government's THINK! website provides the following useful guidance for motorists and riders:

### Advice for motorists

- Slow down and be ready to stop if necessary
- Look out for riders' signals to slow down or stop
- Watch out for sudden movements - horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable
- Don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- **Pass wide and slow** when overtaking, giving the horse plenty of room. Don't accelerate rapidly once you have passed them
- On roundabouts, horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they will signal left. They will normally signal right only when approaching exits they don't intend to use

### Advice for horse riders

- Always display fluorescent/reflective clothing on both horse and rider whatever the weather or light conditions
- If at all avoidable, don't ride in failing light, fog or darkness. Avoid icy or snowy roads
- If riding a horse that is not used to roads, ask a rider with a horse who is experienced and calm to accompany you
- Never take a mounted group of more than eight horses on the road
- If riding two abreast, move into single file as soon as it is safe for the motorist to overtake. Don't ride more than two abreast on the road
- Always cross major crossings in a group, rather than trickling across one by one
- Leave details of your intended route and estimated time of return with a responsible person

Also see <http://bit.ly/zhVpCL9> for RoSPA's Road Safety Fact Sheet for both motorists and riders.

**THINK!** and the **British Horse Society** have produced this short video showing how to pass horses on the road safely: <http://bit.ly/2CsCt3J>

## 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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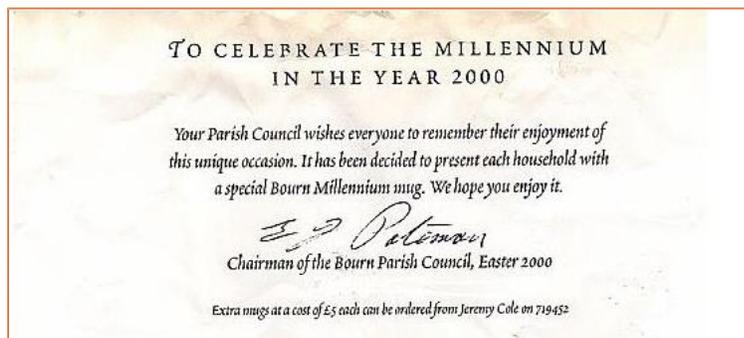
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Alternatively they can be downloaded from the Parish Council website - <http://www.bourn.org.uk>

A limited number of printed copies will be available at the village notice boards, the local shop, the Doctors' Surgery and Knibbs the butchers.

## Images of the Past

Do you remember this?



Cllr Rolfe is gathering images and memories from the village's past. If you'd like to get involved, please do forward him copies of your photos, documents and miscellaneous information (posters, etc) to share on the website. To see what has been collected to date follow this link to our website <http://bit.ly/zEDmoJg>

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