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Message from Our Chairman

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of the Parish Council Newsletter for 2021. While the new year has started rather ominously with a new national lockdown, there are reasons for optimism. As I write this, infection rates and hospitalisations are falling and many of the Parish's over 80s have already been vaccinated. As part of the the Meridian Primary Care Network, Bourn Surgery, are leading the vaccination programme currently ongoing at Royston Health Centre. Our own doctors, Dr. Lockyear and Dr. Redwood, are part of the Network's vaccination team. The vaccinations started on January 13th and will continue through the rest of the month and beyond. Bourn Parish Council are involved in coordinating the volunteers who are

helping support the vaccination drive. It's wonderful to see so many Bourn volunteers giving up their time to help and, of course, seeing many of our older residents being vaccinated. On behalf of the Parish Council, I'd also like to thank Bourn Shop, Vanda Parcell and all other volunteers who supported the elderly and vulnerable with grocery and pharmacy deliveries during 2020.

On a separate note, this year the PC are hoping to realise our aspiration for making the village streets safer with the introduction of traffic calming measures and more speed monitoring. We also hope to invest in our heavily used footpaths. I'd like to thank Angela Marcham and Graham Bruce for their sterling work on keeping the footpaths clear during lockdown.

It goes without saying that we all need to continue to stay safe and to look out for one another in the coming months.

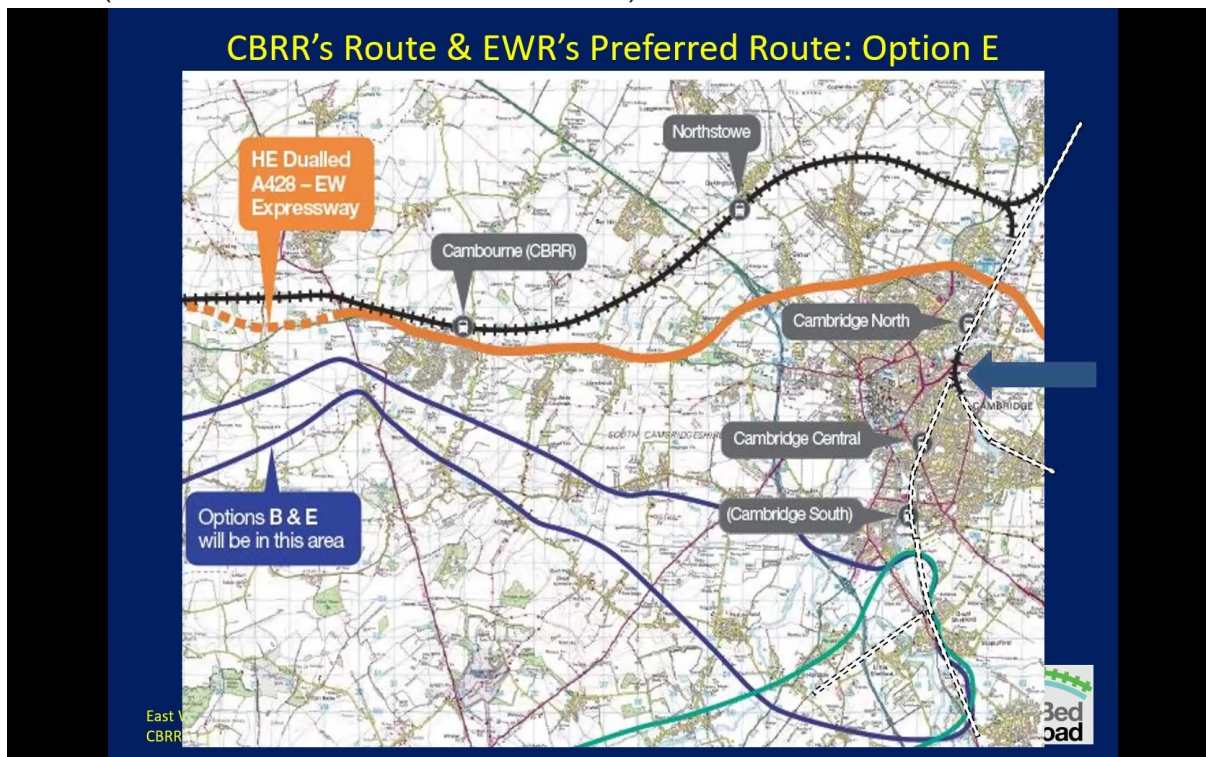
Finally I'd like to introduce our newest parish councillor, Helen Heginbotham, and welcome her to the parish council.

Des O'Brien
Chairman, Bourn Parish Council

East-West Rail Update

At the January Parish Council meeting the council unanimously voted to support CamBedRailRoad's (CBRR) request for East West Rail (EWR) to give equal consideration to a northern approach into Cambridge.

This follows a presentation from Sebastian Kindersley of CBRR on 7 January outlining their campaign to stop EWR driving a railway line right through the middle of Bourn and other villages into a south Cambridge station (known as Route E - see below for details).



CBRR's Proposed Northern Route and EWR's Route E

CBRR have launched a petition requesting that the Secretary of State for Transport gives equal consideration to the CBRR route. You can sign the petition by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y2ou343m>

We understand that our MP, Anthony Browne, is in favour of a route north of Cambourne. The Parish Council is in regular contact with local lobby groups CBRR and Cambridge Approaches and with other local town and parish councils. We are keen to ensure that our voice is heard and will seek to partner with villages who have similar goals.

This is the time to voice your concerns and opinions. For further details about the EWR proposals and our regular updates go to https://www.bourn.org.uk/planning_posts/new-bedford-cambridge-railway-line/ or see these websites:

Cambridge Approaches: <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>

CBRR: <http://www.cambedrailroad.org/>

EWR: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>

Councillors O'Brien, Jones and Stutchbury are representing the Parish Council on this matter.

Covid-19 Updates

Vaccinations

Vaccinations for Bourn residents are being administered from a regional centre in Royston (Royston Health Centre) starting from 18 January 2021.

Vaccinations will be given in the [priority order](#) provided by the government, starting with the oldest and most vulnerable, along with NHS and care workers.

When it is your turn you will be notified by text and you will be given instructions on how to book yourself an appointment. **Please do not contact the surgery to ask when it is your turn** – they simply do not have the staff available to field these calls.

Please make sure your mobile number is with the surgery. If you don't have a mobile number please ensure that the surgery has your landline number or the contact details for your carer. If you are housebound the practice will contact you and discuss the option of administering the vaccine at your home.

You will not be given a choice of vaccine. The product is supplied by the government to vaccination centres and this one will be used.

Volunteers Wanted

Bourn Surgery are looking for volunteers to help out at Royston Health Centre with car parking, showing people where to go and general support. The programme will last for several months. If you are able to help please [see here](#) for details.

Bourn Volunteers

Our local Bourn support group continues to provide support for those self-isolating or in need of support.

If you, or someone you know, needs support, contact Vanda Parcell on bournvag19@gmail.com or **07727 462523**.

See the village website for updates on the coronavirus situation - <https://www.bourn.org.uk/guides/coronavirus-advice/>

For ongoing advice on coronavirus, see the government's information page - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Food Banks and Emergency Supplies

If you are in need of emergency food or baby supplies, a local foodbank may be able to help. Contact <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/> or phone 07772 538628

Bourn Airfield Development

The Parish Council is challenging the recent proposal to proceed with the development of an initial 500 new homes on the airfield without the promised transport infrastructure to support them. The original development was approved on the basis of a series of criteria including the need for a High Quality Public Transport (HQPT) provision. As there is still no agreement for HQPT, the PC argues that this development is premature and inappropriate and will be fighting this development at South Cambridgeshire District Council planning committee.

A Message from the Age UK Community Warden



Hello my name is Paula Rowley and I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Warden for **Papworth, Hardwick, Caldecote, Comberton, Toft, Bourn** and **Wimpole**. Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been delivering these schemes for 27 years and with the funding support from South Cambridgeshire District Council we are pleased to be in a position to expand the scheme to those living within

the above mentioned villages.

I have worked in the health and social care sector in the local area for 22 years and have extensive experience and knowledge of supporting older people in the community.

The Community warden service assists adults over 60 to continue to live independently and safely at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support by a personal visit (COVID19 compliant) or a telephone call to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing. We can help you on a long or short term basis

depending on your needs and wishes. An example of some of the things I can do to help you are;

- Doing small amounts of shopping
- Collecting prescriptions
- Reading post and making phone calls on your behalf
- Spend time with you to have a chat
- Listen to any concerns and help you find a solution

You will receive a 2 week **FREE** trial and after that we ask for a small charge of £9 per week for a single person and £11 per week for a couple. Below are some quotes from people that use our service.

“During Isolation the telephone call and chat is a lifeline in such worrying times.”

“That phone call every day to check on me gives me such a great deal of security. You can’t believe what a phone call can mean at my age”

If you are interested and would like to know more, I would love to hear from you. Please call me on **07812495997**

Bourn Quarter Development



The new Bourn Quarter development has recently been approved. This will provide for a science and high technology business centre to be built on the Gestamp Tallent site at Bourn Airfield (longside the Caldecote Highfields roundabout). This is expected to accommodate 800 employees when complete and will include a gym, restaurant, café, and a day nursery and creche.

Traffic Calming Measures and Speedwatch

The PC has been liaising with County Highways staff over the winter to determine the next stage of traffic calming measures. The road narrowing scheme with a new village gateway has been approved for the Broadway and we are expecting work to start there shortly. In the meantime additional village gateways are to be sited at the Fox Road/Gills Hill and Gills Hill areas along with new road markings to slow traffic entering the village. Additional funding for a new speed reduction platform on Alms Hill (near the Lalbagh) has been applied for.

Speedwatch

We had just organised a series of Speedwatch sessions at the end of October last year when the second lockdown occurred so they had to be cancelled. Whilst we are able to set dates and times to suit ourselves and our volunteers we must be guided by Cambridgeshire Police who have the ultimate responsibility for the entire scheme across the county. They have made it clear that they will not process any reports from sessions which might be held whilst the latest lockdown is in force. We have no alternative but to wait until permission is granted to restart sessions. Rest assured that we will restart at the earliest possible opportunity.



Meanwhile, since last Summer, we have an MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) in position in the village. Currently on Broadway, I hope you have taken notice and driven past at an appropriate speed. Unfortunately there are far too many drivers with little or no respect for the law. In the last three weeks of December there were almost 450 vehicles passing the sign in excess of the speed limit, with the worst offender recording a speed of 65mph between 8pm and 9pm on 19th December. Yes, it can record that accurately. Unfortunately, at present, it can't record the actual vehicle. All this data is collated so that we can use it when asking for more traffic calming from County Council Highways.

We are rather restricted at present as to where we can site this but there are other sites coming on stream in the near future. The MVAS will then be moved around, randomly, across the parish.

And finally, for those Speedwatch volunteers, and anyone else who worries about the speed of vehicles travelling through the village, if you ever pass the sign and it doesn't display your speed (it will record as slow as 10mph) then the battery probably needs a recharge. I can't drive past every day just to test it so I'm hoping that anyone who sees that it isn't operating correctly will contact me so that the battery can be removed and recharged. I'd rather have a dozen messages than not know for several days that it isn't working.

Contact: Cllr Les Rolfe, Speedwatch Co-ordinator, les.rolfe@bourn.org.uk or call 07970 320130

Trees and Wildflowers

In November our group of volunteers planted 420 native trees to form a new area of woodland in the village. These are a mix of species (including common oak, hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, crab apple and dog rose) and will in time provide food and shelter for wildlife and wild harvest for human visitors too!

The planting area can be seen alongside footpath 6 (running from Caxton End to the A1198 - see image below)



We hope that you enjoy watching these new trees grow and change over the seasons in the years to come.

These trees were donated to us by The Woodland Trust.



The council will continue with its tree planting activity in 2021 and have already applied for over 500 additional native trees. If you have suggestions for suitable areas for wide scale tree planting please get in touch - sarah.jaggers@bourn.org.uk

Parish History Project

A reminder that the new **Bourn History Archive**, part of the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network is now live at www.bourn.ccan.co.uk.

This new website is designed to record anything from the history of the area or anything that should be remembered in the future.

It is designed to be interactive. Anyone can upload items of interest – photos, documents, even short audio or video clips. If you do, please add as much information about it as possible. There are administrators and editors in place to check and help where needed.

Do you have any old photographs of the village, places that have disappeared or changed? Did you take photos at a village event in the past, a family event, how about a wedding between the wars? What about old documents, have you found old newspapers under the floorboards? Are you one of the older generation who has lived in the village all of your life?. We have a volunteer who is prepared to come and interview you about your memories of Bourn when you were a child.



Mrs Addy's Class of 1932

Do check out this new resource for the village. There is a limited number of items already uploaded - we're just waiting for you to add yours!

For any further information or advice as to how to get involved, please contact

Les Rolfe - les.rolfe@bourn.org.uk or 01954 718150.

Flooding and Drainage

Following the recent heavy rain the brook has been running high on several occasions causing localised flooding and road closures. Discussions to create a new flood action group are in progress and we will provide updates on this on the village website - www.bourn.org.uk



In the meantime a number of blocked drainage manholes on Alms Hill have been reported (on 5th January) to County Highways who are responsible for their maintenance. We are advised that they will be cleared within 12 weeks.

Bourn Village Website

Sign up for Alerts

Following requests, we have added a new feature to the website which will allow you to sign up for alerts and notifications when new items appear on the website. This is due to be launched in the next few weeks so do keep a look out for it.

If there are topics you'd like to see on the website do contact the Parish Clerk. In the meantime news and updates relating to the village can be found on the home page. You can look for or add village events to the calendar.

www.bourn.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm**. These meetings usually take place in the Village Hall. During the coronavirus lockdown, meetings are being held virtually via the conference platform Zoom. You may attend the Zoom meeting using the link shown on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda notice which can be found on the village noticeboards and the village website's calendar page - <https://www.bourn.org.uk/calendar/>

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 (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress). 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 email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting. Minutes and agendas can be found on the Council's page on the website www.bourn.org.uk and on the village noticeboards.

Newsletter Distribution

The Parish Council delivers a paper copy of the July newsletter to each household in the village. At all other times a limited number of printed copies will be available at the village notice boards, Hall Close Community Centre, the local shop, the Doctors' Surgery and Knibbs the butchers, for collection.

We are encouraging residents to sign up to receive our quarterly newsletters via the village website or by email. You can do this by visiting www.bourn.org.uk and selecting the Parish Council newsletter button.

Alternatively, they can be viewed on the website -

<https://www.bourn.org.uk/newsletter-signup/#Subscribe>

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