



Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

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New Parish Councillors

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome two new councillors to the team: Lynne McClure and Phil Winch Furness were co-opted at September's Council meeting. Each brings a wealth of local and professional experience - in areas such as education and building services - to the role and both will be energetic participants in council business. There is still a place for an additional councillor to bring the team up to our full complement of 9 councillors. Contact our clerk, Emily (email parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk) if you're interested in joining us.

Bourn Parish Council would like to give a big thank you to Steve Jones, Helen Heginbotham and Alistair Emmerson for their hard work and dedication as Parish Councillors for Bourn Parish Council and wish them all the luck for the future.

E - Scooters

The more organised among us might have started doing, or planning, our Christmas shopping. With that in mind, one of the big gift requests this festive season is likely to be an electric scooter, or e-scooter.

We are aware that e-scooter use causes concern to residents across the District, and the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership wanted to provide you with some helpful information about e-scooter use.

We also need to highlight to you Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service's current [Take Charge & Be](#)

[Safe](#) campaign: <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/take-charge-and-be-safe/>. This features advice on how to charge, and buy replacements for e-scooter and e-bike batteries as safely as possible and is an important resource.

It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

The only exception to this is in zones where trials are taking place, such as some areas within the city of Cambridge. In these areas, **hired** scooters can be used on the road and on cycle paths.

E-scooters can never be used on the pavement, and e-scooters you may purchase can never be used:

- On a public road without complying with several legal requirements, which users will find very difficult
- In spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes

You can buy e-scooters from many popular retailers, and your children may report to you that all their friends already have one. However, the law is clear - the only

place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. So, right now, you can buy one, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement.

If you are stopped by police while using an e-scooter illegally, they will advise you of the current law about how to use one legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

This is all because e-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle in the same way that motorbikes and cars are. This means they are subject to the same legal requirements, such as MOT, licensing, tax, and insurance. As e-scooters do not have number plates, indicators, and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads. Further details can be found on the following Government website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters

Cambridgeshire Police say: "We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone. The UK Government is currently taking part in "Future Transport Zone" trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. You can find details of the trails closest to you, at www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users"

If you have a question, contact Project Officer – Community Safety Partnership, Beth Watson, on Beth.Watson@scamb.gov.uk

Bourn Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Bournites,

The Parish Council have agreed to embark on a journey to create a village Neighbourhood Plan. Simply put, a Neighbourhood Plan is:

A Plan that gives our community the opportunity to plan for our local area, to decide what the place we live in should look like and define how our neighbourhood should grow and change in the future.

The process of delivering a Neighbourhood Plan requires the collaboration and commitment of the whole community. In order to help us create a plan that truly represents the concerns and aspirations of all residents, we are seeking volunteers from outside the Parish Council to join our Neighbourhood Plan Committee. If you are interested to know more about this exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our lovely village please get in touch with our Parish Clerk, Emily (parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk) or me, Gerhard Smith (gerhard.smith@bourn.org.uk).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Gerhard

Defibrillators

Bourn has three defibrillators in the village: one on the wall of the Village Hall, one on the wall of the sports pavilion and one in the telephone box on Broadway. They are maintained by Cllr Neil Stutchbury. All three are registered with the East of England Ambulance Service, so that when you call 999 in an emergency, they can tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and what the number is to unlock the cabinet.

When we installed the first defibrillator we organised some training for villagers, courtesy of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and this proved very popular. As we haven't done this since before Covid, we have decided to offer the training again. The training will cover basic CPR and use of the defibrillator and is designed to give you confidence in acting quickly and decisively in the event of an emergency. So, if someone collapsed in front of you, apparently needing resuscitation, do you know what to do, or would you panic? Defibrillators can save lives, but only if you are confident enough to get it out of the box and use it.

If you are in the "I'd panic" group, or perhaps had some training a while ago and could do with a refresher, a 1 hour training session on what to do in such a crisis is for you! East Anglian Air Ambulance are providing some free sessions in Bourn in early November.

There are 2 sessions arranged, but you only need to attend one. These will be on Monday 6th November and Tuesday 7th November 6.30pm to 7.30pm, in Bourn Village Hall. Participants will be limited to 12. The sessions are free but donations for EA Air Ambulance be collected.

To attend, email David Cronk on bournppgsecretary@gmail.com, stating which evening you wish to attend.



Bourn's Sand Box

Good news we have a new play item in the Children's area of the Jubilee Recreation Ground.

A sand pit in the shape of a boat is now (over) full with sand and awaits children to play in it.

The boat comes from Germany and is made of recycled plastic.

The sand comes from Northamptonshire and is gift from Mr Ken and Mathew Anderton who have a depot on Toft Road.

Many thanks Ken and Matthew.

So bring your buckets and spades and enjoy the new feature



Bourn Neighbourhood Watch

Bourn has an active Neighbourhood Watch group with dedicated representatives covering all addresses in the village. If you're new to the village or haven't signed up with them yet, do check their page on our village website to identify your local contact - <https://www.bourn.org.uk/Clubs/bourn-neighbourhood-watch/>



Mobile Library Service - Bourn

The mobile library service visits Bourn on the 3rd Friday of each month, Meadow Rise 10.30am -10.50am , the school, Riddy Lane 11.00am -11.30am, Hall Close 11.40am-12.10pm.

The mobile library has a great selection of books for all ages.

They also issue free NHS hearing aid batteries and walking stick ferrules.

Bourn Surgery

Bourn Surgery Patient Participation Group:

There is a meeting of the patient participation group at 7pm on 6 December via Zoom. It is our annual general meeting and in addition we will have a presentation from Karen Wharton on group cafés for people going through the menopause, long Covid and one for carers.

Please come along and support your surgery. Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88596506544pwd=Z3hodnBrZ2ILWFhqOVMzL2ZVY0pUdz09>

Eligible patients should have received a text with a link to book a 'flu jab. If you have not, or we have not been in touch already, please call us on 01954 719469. For more information please visit - [Bourn Surgery](#)

Online access:

There are various ways of accessing your medical record and online services. The NHS App is one of the preferred options as this links all of your NHS services in one

place. You are able to access your medical record and order your repeat prescriptions through the App.

We have had positive feedback regarding our new website, and the "Contact Us" option has proved popular for routine queries, particularly those relating to administrative issues such as asking for sick certificates. Please remember that this

option is not to be used for any urgent concerns regarding your health; please contact

us by telephone if you have an urgent need to contact us.

This “Contact Us” function is powered by software called AccuRx, which is available

to GP practices across the country. AccuRx now links directly to the NHS App, so the “Contact Us” service will be available through the NHS App as well. When you use the App, you will receive any replies through the App, but we have been assured you will also receive a text message if you do not read the message on the App within a few hours. Appointments can be booked to see a GP, to see a nurse for smear tests, dressings, asthma or diabetes reviews, contraception reviews, or routine blood tests.

Contact the reception - Monday -Friday: 8.30am-1pm, 1.30pm-6pm

- Appointments: 01954 719469

- Emergencies: 01954 719313

- www.bournsurgery.nhs.uk

Dispensary - Monday -Friday: 8.30am-1pm, 2pm-6pm

Out of Hours - NHS 111

Speed Watch

The Speed Watch team are not there to try to catch any drivers out; in fact a perfect session would be that no driver was recorded as breaking the speed limit. Unfortunately this is a very rare occurrence. However, those spotted speeding will, and do, get reported to the county police force who send out warning letters to the registered owner. That may not be the actual driver, especially if it is a works vehicle (and a lot of companies take exception to getting reports about their vehicles).

At the same time the police are able to check whether the vehicle is taxed, insured and has a current MOT certificate, and take appropriate action.

Meanwhile the two MVAS-SID (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign – Speed Indicating Device) flashing speed signs continue to do their good work. You may have noticed that they are not always in the same place as we have several sites across the parish where we can deploy them. These record every vehicle passing them 24 hours a day. That means we have a record of you driving past one, even in the early hours of the morning. It also records the actual speeds, and the overall reports which can be downloaded from the units, are often taken into account when looking at overall traffic control and calming by County Highways as well as giving the police an insight into problem areas where they are able to allocate additional officers from time to time.

If you are interested in joining the Speed Watch team, please email Cllr L Rolfe les.rolfe@bourn.org.uk or the clerk parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk for more information.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm**. These meetings are now taking place once more in the Village Hall. The Parish Council Meeting Agenda notice 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. If you are looking for an opportunity to influence local decisions and support our village you might also like to join us. The time commitment is flexible to suit your schedule. You need to be 18 years old or over and a resident in the village. If you are interested in joining us to get good things done for our village, please email our parish clerk, Emily, on parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk

Newsletter Distribution

The Parish Council delivers a paper copy of the summer 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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