

District and County Councillors' Report – July 2023

4 Day Week

The trial of a 4-day working week at the District Council was recently extended by another year for office staff and will also be introduced to the waste service as of September this year. This will mean residential bins will only be collected between Tuesday and Friday each week – meaning our area will have a new bin collection day. This will be communicated, by the council, once the detail has been finalised.

More recently, you may have seen in the news, a junior minister has asked the council to cease the trial. He asked this without giving any real reason for doing so, or with any kind of legal backing – SCDC have responded with a request to meet with him, to understand what the concerns actually are.

A1307 Works

Work continues on the upgrades to the road and the next scheme to be implemented is the roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction, which started in early May and is due to go on for about 40 weeks.

For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes>

The A1307 is also due to be closed between Hildersham and Linton over the weekend of the 15th and 16th July to complete the works to that remodelled section of the road – please do plan your journeys accordingly!

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

The County Council have updated and rebranded the Communities Capital Fund that they ran a few years ago. The fund is designed to support local communities in projects that enable them to upgrade community buildings and assets. There is up to £40,000 available in each bid. The Council are currently asking for an 'expression of interest' from those community groups/parish councils that are thinking of applying. Full information, plus an application, can be found on the website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund>

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Parliamentary Boundary Changes

The Boundary Commission has announced the final proposals for the new parliamentary boundary, which will come into play before the next general election, which is currently scheduled for next year.

Our villages are currently proposed to move from South East Cambridgeshire into South Cambridgeshire, with the exception of Abington, which is already in South Cambridgeshire. This will move them more broadly into line with the District Council's boundary so is generally a good move, in our view.

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