

District and County Councillor's Report – September 2023

New bin collection days

As of September 19th, we will be getting a new bin collection day – which, for most in our area, will be changing from Monday to Wednesday each week.

The reason for this is that the District Council hasn't optimised its collection routes in some years, meaning that the routes aren't likely the most efficient. This change reflects the new route optimisation work that has taken place.

The second reason is that the Council is extending its 4-day working week trial to the waste collection service. The only change that we will see is the new collection day, the level of service will remain the same – a collection every week.

The bins will still be collected on Monday up until September 19th, when the new rota will come in. It's important to know that everyone that will be affected by a change will be written to directly. If you don't receive a letter from the Council, nothing is changing for you. New collection days can also be checked here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/bin-collection-changes-from-september>

Greater Cambridge Partnership STZ update

The proposal by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) that we had put to us last year, which offered vast improvements to our public transport network being implemented now, with the caveat that it would eventually need to be self-funded. This was proposed to come in the form of road-charging in Cambridge City, coming into force in 2-3 years' time after the bus improvements. There was a, very lengthy, public consultation undertaken at the back end of last year and the results of which have formed an updated proposal, which was published at the end of August.

This can be seen here - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/news/making-connections-revised-proposals-to-keep-cambridge-moving>

The next steps are that the GCP Assembly and then Board need to make a decision on whether to take these new proposals forward to the next stage of the process. This will be decided on September 28th.

A1307 Works

The works to the A1307 continue and the work on the new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction are proceeding. To complete these works there will have to be another weekend closure of the A1307, with the end of September/beginning of October being mooted as a possible date. Once this work has been completed then the roundabout will be able to open and there won't need to be any further road closures.

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>

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

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>

Community Gritting Scheme

Each year the County Council offers communities the chance to volunteer to assist with gritting the roads in our area. The scheme allows people the chance to identify specific roads/paths in their parishes that might benefit from some gritting, which currently aren't. Full detail of the scheme can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow>

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