

Melbourn Parish Council District and County Councillors' Report June 2022

Melbourn Greenway consultation taking place in September

We've been made aware that the Greenway consultation will take place in September but don't yet have a date or further details. I would suggest we request that a consultation event takes place at the Hub. The A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign will be organizing an A10 Awareness Walk and Ride, to highlight the various uses of the path, and this will be timed to coincide with the consultation period. More information coming soon.

The A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign will hold a meeting on July 7th, 6-7PM via Zoom, to share any updates and plan for the September Awareness Ride and Walk. Anyone is very welcome to join.

A10 Underpass

There's been a very strong response to the A10 Underpass consultation, and a couple of sessions at the underpass itself to speak to people walking in either direction. MVC students have been aware of it and gave us many thumbs up on the project.

Community Rail Partnership

The CRP steering group will be meeting on July 12. Parish council representatives have been invited.

County Council focus on Melbourn

The County Council is looking at how to encourage more proactive community development from the ground up, and has chosen Melbourn as a case study from which to learn. This takes inspiration from a wide variety of community schemes in Melbourn, including the fantastic work being done with the Meridien Primary Care network and other groups at the Melbourn Hub. A paper is being developed the draft of which I will share.

Homes for Ukraine – latest stats

As of 17 June, South Cambs have:

- 329 groups/families who have so far applied to the scheme in South Cambridgeshire, who have matched with a sponsor, and have applied for visas. Some groups have not yet arrived.
- 742 guests within those groups that have been matched to sponsors.
- 67 parishes in South Cambridgeshire with Ukrainian guests that have arrived.
- 682 visa applications made in South Cambridgeshire, and 633 visas issued.
- 221 groups/families that have arrived in South Cambridgeshire so far.
- 476 guests that have arrived in South Cambridgeshire so far.
- Completed a total of 445 DBS checks on occupants of sponsor homes.
- Completed a total of 138 welfare visits with groups who have arrived.

The [Support for Ukraine website pages](#) are regularly updated with the latest advice and guidance for hosts and guests.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Cambridgeshire County Council is encouraging take-up of the summer holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education. There are nearly 3,000 free holiday scheme places available with over 130 providers across the county. Families in receipt of income-related free school meals can access up to 64 hours per child, and children will receive a meal as well. They have also opened their eligibility to Ukrainian and other refugee families.

Further details about the programme can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Help for older residents who are struggling with bills

In March, the Government announced that councils would be provided with funding to continue operating the Household Support Fund because of the impact of the rising costs of living. Cambridgeshire has been allocated £3.58million, of which £1.2m will be used to support households that include a person who has reached state pension age (66) by 30 September 2022 and are experiencing financial hardship. Funding will also be used to continue providing food vouchers for eligible families with children and the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme which provides a safety net to individuals and families facing unexpected financial difficulties and hardship.

Under the Household Support Fund, there is funding available via the Council and Age UK to provide financial support within a few days, and help people find longer-term support if needed. This financial assistance is available to people born before 30 September 1956.

To apply call Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 01223 221929 or visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Police and Crime Commissioner survey

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has launched a survey to help understand what crimes are impacting businesses in our county.

Ensuring the voice of the business community is heard by community safety partners is a key priority and feedback from the survey will be used to drive the agenda for a countywide event planned to be held towards the end of the year. The survey will run until 5pm on 6 July and can be accessed via www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk