

## **County Councillor Monthly Report - Sawston & Shelford Division**

(includes Sawston, Little and Great Shelfords, Stapleford, Babraham, South Trumpington, Hauxton, Harston, Newton and Haslingfield)

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### **20mph applications – deadline extension**

The application window for applying for 20mph funding will be extended for 1 additional week. The application deadline shall now close at 5pm on Friday 22nd March 2024.

The website pages are being updated to reflect this change – and we thank you for your cooperation.

As a reminder, when applying please follow the instructions as detailed on the CCC website pages here: [Applying for 20mph funding - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

If any issues arise with submitting your application please contact us directly through the local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk email address.

Well done to all our Parishes which have submitted their application, we appreciate your participation in making our roads safer.

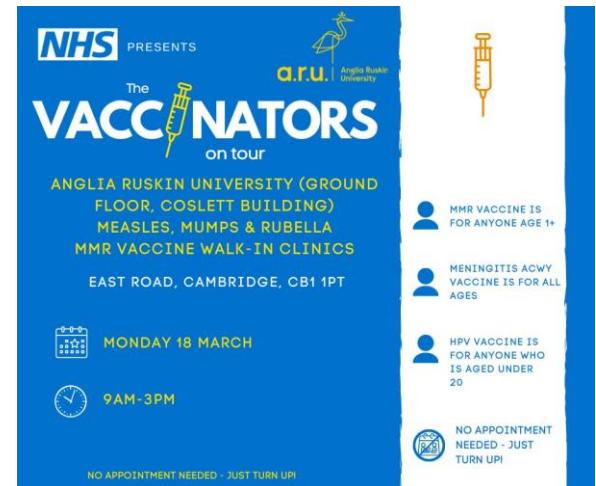
### **Walk-in vaccine clinics available across the County**

The Vaccinators are back! To encourage everyone to be up-to-date with essential vaccines such as MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), HPV, meningitis we are running walk-in, no appointment required clinics. The easiest way to discover the next clinic date and venue is via the Cambridgeshire County Council X account:

<https://x.com/CambsCC/status/1768630688108961920?s=20>

These are for anyone over the age of one year who is not up to date with their MMR vaccinations. More information at <https://www.cpics.org.uk/measles>

Individuals should check their vaccination status if possible before attending one of these clinics. Vaccination records are in a child's personal health record (red book). Adults can check if they have been vaccinated with their GP or vaccination records from childhood.



### **Measles update**

With cases of measles rising in some areas of the country, the council is asking everyone to check their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination status and get vaccinated if not up to date.

Measles is a highly infectious illness which can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Two doses of the MMR vaccination give long-lasting protection against measles.

In the UK, the MMR vaccination is given as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule. The vaccine is free, available from GPs, and anyone can catch up at any age on missed doses. An alternative MMR vaccination is available which does not contain pork products.

### **Have your say on creating Healthy Places**

Cambridgeshire's public health team is inviting residents to have their say on how new and existing communities can be healthy, supportive and inclusive.

Work is currently under way to develop the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. To inform this, the team has launched a survey asking for views on access to healthcare services, inclusive and accessible green spaces, opportunities for active travel and healthy play and leisure, and the provision of affordable healthy food options.

The survey is at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WNC1CB/> and is open until Monday 15 April at 5:00PM. It will take around 10-15 minutes to fill in and may be completed on behalf of yourself or someone you care for. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, you can pick one up from your local library.

If you have any questions about the survey or the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, please email [healthinallpolicies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:healthinallpolicies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **More pupils get first choice of secondary school**

A greater percentage of Cambridgeshire students will be going to their first choice secondary school this September.

A total of 87.9 per cent have been offered a place at their first choice school—up slightly from 87.1 per cent last year. The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third preference school has also risen, from 95.4 per cent in 2023 to 95.8 per cent this year. The total number of places offered this year was fewer than last – 7,220 compared with 7,413.

## **Supermarket vouchers and Easter Holiday Activities Fund (see poster)**

More than 23,000 supermarket vouchers were distributed during the February half term to eligible families in Cambridgeshire. On Tuesday 30 January the county council's Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee made its final budget recommendation for Full Council to debate on Tuesday 13 February.

The county council's various policy committees have scrutinised the draft budget proposals, and three of them—Communities Social Mobility & Inclusion, Environment & Green Investment, and Highways & Transport Committee—have all asked that the Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee give consideration to increasing the funding available for Emergency Planning, in view of the increase in the frequency and severity of extreme weather leading to flooding.

Overall, as expected, pressures on the budget come mostly from adult and children social care, highways and supporting children with special needs and disabilities. However, our prudent financial planning coupled with a maximum permitted council tax rise and a recently announced extra government support gives confidence that the Council will continue to provide all its statutory services.

## **Free data SIM cards for low income households**

A reminder that Cambridgeshire Libraries are part of Good Things Foundation's National Databank, O2 and Vodafone scheme, which makes free data SIM cards or vouchers available to anyone aged 18+ from a low-income household. Recipients can self-declare as eligible, and the support is available for a maximum period of twelve months. The data can be used with any SIM-enabled device.

This offer is available at a range of libraries - please ask library staff for more details.

## **Reporting flooding**

If you are in Cambridgeshire and have experienced flooding, please do report it, even if it is not internal flooding, and even if the immediate danger has passed.

In the event of a flood, if there is a threat to life call 999. To report a non-life-threatening flood emergency to the police, please call 101.

Outside of those events, the County Council's [flood reporting page](#) provides options to:

- Report a flooding problem on roads and pavements
- Report flooding in a property, home or garden
- Report flooding from water pipes or sewers
- Report flooding from surface water, groundwater or ordinary watercourses
- Report flooding from a main river or the sea as well as information on how to prepare for flooding, and flood emergency contacts.

## **Crucifixion remains**

The skeleton of a man who was crucified in Roman-era Cambridgeshire is on display as part of a blockbuster exhibition at the British Museum, after a loan of the remains was agreed by Cambridgeshire County Council. The British Museum's exhibition is called Legion: Life in the Roman Army and will run until 23 June 2024 in the Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery.

Discovered as part of an excavation in Fenstanton, the body is only the second confirmed example of the Roman use of this barbaric punishment ever unearthed, and the first found in Europe. It was possible to prove death took place through crucifixion, as a nail was found lodged in the man's heel.



The find was the subject of a BBC4 documentary The Cambridgeshire Crucifixion which aired in January. It showed a facial reconstruction of the man as well as scientific analyses which indicated that he was likely to have been a lower status Briton who lived his whole life in Cambridgeshire.

Once the exhibition ends, the remains will be transferred back into the guardianship of Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team.

#### **Busway works**

Safety works are under way on the Guided Busway to allow the busway to return to full, two-way operation.

Since February 2022, a section of the Guided Busway in one direction has been closed between Cambridge Railway Station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. A temporary fence was installed whilst an independent safety review was in progress, and following ongoing communications with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and as part of continuous safety reviews on the busway.

Since then, the county council has been working with the bus operators and emergency services to risk-assess and design a fence to be installed next to the upstand along sections of the southern busway. It has been specifically designed with removable sections to allow for safe evacuation. This work is being carried out in sections to minimise disruption to passengers. Contractors are working seven days a week and the busway and maintenance track are currently programmed to re-open on Saturday 30 March.