

# South Area Neighbourhood Panel

Ashley • Bottisham • Brinkley • Burrough Green • Burwell • Cheveley  
Dullingham • Kirtling • Lode • Reach • Stetchworth • Swaffham Bulbeck,  
Swaffham Prior • Woodditton • Westley Waterless.



**W**elcome to the South Area Neighbourhood Panel newsletter! It summarises the main topics and points raised at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on **Wednesday 19th June 2013 at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth.**

Neighbourhood Panels are your opportunity to tell agencies working in your area what you would like to see improved and will ultimately make your locality a better place to live. Please come along to the next Panel meeting and help shape the discussions about your community!

Please use the link to access the Neighbourhood Panel webpage, which provides background information and all up-to-date documents  
[www.eastcamb.gov.uk/neighbourhood-panels/neighbourhood-panels](http://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/neighbourhood-panels/neighbourhood-panels)

## Hot Topics

### Chairman and Vice-chairman elected

The South Area Neighbourhood Panel re-elected Cllr Tom Kerby as South Panel Chairman. Cllr Michel Scarff was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.



### Waste Collection and Management

From Monday 2 September, the roll out of the new wheeled bin recycling service will begin in East Cambridgeshire over a ten week period.

Over the last few months, councillors and officers at the District Council have been busy purchasing wheeled bins and collection vehicles, developing a waste policy and surveying homes to see which properties are suitable for the new service.

Work is progressing well and this summer an awareness programme will be rolled out to ensure residents across East Cambridgeshire understand how the new service will work.

The aims of the new recycling service are to:

- Improve the recycling rate from 34% to 45-50%
- Comply with EU targets to recycle plastics from kerbside by 2015, with progress towards 2020 recycling target of 50%



- Wider the range of materials recycled
- Simplify the service for users
- Increase satisfaction with services
- Increase alignment with neighbouring councils

Changes mean that the current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with:

- A new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, food & drinks cans, plastic bottles & hard plastic food containers, cartons and cardboard. This will be collected fortnightly.
- A new wheeled bin collection for organics to include food and garden waste. This will also be collected fortnightly.

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The following table highlights the changes with the new service:

	Current service		New service	
	Container	Materials	Container	Materials
<b>Recyclables</b>	Black box (materials separated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper</li> <li>Glass</li> <li>Cans</li> </ul>	Wheeled bin - blue lid (materials mixed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper</li> <li>Glass</li> <li>Cans</li> <li>Plastic</li> <li>Cardboard</li> </ul>
<b>Garden &amp; Food Waste</b>	Brown sacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden waste</li> <li>Food waste</li> <li>Cardboard</li> </ul>	Wheeled bin - green lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden waste</li> <li>Food waste</li> </ul>
<b>Refuse</b>	<b>No change</b>			

The service will operate on an alternate week basis where residents will be asked to put one wheeled bin out for collection one week followed by their other bin the following week. This is addition to the weekly black sack waste collections.

Properties judged unable to accept wheeled bin services because of space or access issues will be offered an alternative service based on clear sacks for recycling and continuation of the existing brown sack service for food and garden waste.

There will also be a fleet of new vehicles for the new services as well as a rescheduling of rounds to reduce carbon emissions.

These changes are possible after East Cambridgeshire District Council successfully won £5 million from Central Government to fund a new recycling service and retain weekly waste collections last year.

For more information on the waste and recycling service in East Cambridgeshire please visit [www.eastcamb.gov.uk](http://www.eastcamb.gov.uk) or call 01353 665555.

## Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council Introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') on 1 February 2013. It is a levy that is charged on most new development in the District. Proceeds from the levy will be used to assist in the provision of strategic infrastructure required to support development in the District. The CIL rate per square metre has been calculated taking land values into account to ensure that potential development remains viable. The Levy is set out below and applies to developments (including extensions) over 100 square metres.

Development Type	CIL rate per square metre
Residential Zone A- Littleport and Soham	£40
Residential Zone B- Ely	£70
Residential Zone C- Rest of District	£90
Retail Development (A1-A5) and sui generis uses akin to retail (e.g. Petrol filling stations, motor sales units)	£120
All other uses (unless stated above in this table)	£0

Under the Regulations the District Council is required to publish a list of infrastructure that will benefit from CIL funding. For the year 2013-14 the Council, through its Annual Delivery Plan, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders has prioritised the following strategic projects: Ely Leisure Centre; Littleport Secondary School and Soham railway Station. It is likely that the list will widen as the CIL process beds in.

The District Council are required to pass 15% of CIL receipts to the relevant Parish that arises from development in that Parish area, payments will be transferred on a 6 monthly basis to the relevant Parish. Once the Parish receive the 15%, they have full discretion on expenditure so far as it accords with the Regulations. These receipts allow the local community to decide what is needed to help mitigate the impact of development in each of their areas.

Regulation 59C states that CIL monies can be spent on:

*'A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it ...to support development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:*

*(a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or*

(b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

Examples of how the money could be spent include play areas, village halls and affordable housing.

The Regulations require the Parish Council to:

- Produce each year a report that sets out the Parish's:
  - Total CIL Receipts
  - Total CIL Expenditure
  - A summary of what the CIL was spent on
  - The total amount of receipts retained at the end of the reported year
- The report shall be:
  - Sent to the District Council for their information
  - Published on the Parish's website
  - Where the Parish does not have a website, the District Council shall publish the report on their website
  - The report required by the Regulations can be combined with other reports already produced by the Parish.

In accordance with the Regulations, if a Parish has not spent the receipts in accordance with the Regulations (59C); or

has not spent the receipts within a five year period, the District Council can serve a notice on the Parish requiring it to repay some or all the money transferred to it. Should this occur, the District Council is required to spend the recovered funds in the Parish's area.

Where the Parish do not have any projects that they wish to spend their receipts on, or where they share the same priorities as the District Council, it is possible for the Parish, should they wish, to agree not to receive their 'meaningful proportion' and opt to allow the District Council to spend these receipts on the infrastructure set out in the Annual Delivery Plan.

For more information on the Community Infrastructure Levy please visit East Cambridgeshire District Council's Website- [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) Alternatively, you can email your queries to [cil@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:cil@eastcambs.gov.uk) Officers are available to visit individual Parish Council's to advise on the process and procedures of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Should you think that this would be helpful please contact:

Emma Grima- Infrastructure Programme Manager  
[Emma.grima@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.grima@eastcambs.gov.uk)  
01353 665555

## Did You Know.....

**....that your local fire service is asking for community volunteers to step forward and champion fire safety.**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service have rolled out its Community Champion scheme across the county and would like volunteers in every district to get involved.

Community champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

Would you like to learn more about fire safety?  
Could you help your community become a safer place?  
Do you want to gain volunteer experience, get free training and make friends?



Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Ed Aniskowicz at Cambridgeshire Acre, which is running the scheme for the fire service. Call Ed on 01353 865038, email [edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk](mailto:edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk) or log on to <http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/>.

Like our fan page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](http://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs), follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.  
To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

## What we've been doing since the last meeting

### Priority: Shoplifting in Burwell

#### Action taken:

- Regular visits made to shops by uniformed officers
- One offender reported for summons
- Suspects identified for the other 2 offences, and will be interviewed in due course
- 3 offences reported since the last Panel meeting, compared to 4 in the preceding 3 months

### Priority: Speeding (Kirtling, Ashley, Burrough Green specifically mentioned at the meeting)

#### Action taken:

- Speed enforcement conducted at:
  - Ness Road, Burwell
  - Swaffham Road, Burwell
  - High Street, Brinkley
  - Weston Colville Road, Brinkley
  - Bradley Road, Burrough Green
  - Stetchworth Road, Dullingham
  - Townsend, Soham
  - New Cheveley Road, Newmarket
  - Woodditton Road, Newmarket
  - Kirtling
- 41 letters sent out to speeding drivers
- Words of advice given to numerous drivers
- 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued
- Speedwatch activity at:
  - Chippenham
  - Snailwell
  - Townsend, Soham
  - Swaffham Road, Burwell
  - High Street, Brinkley
  - Bradley Road, Burrough Green
  - Stetchworth Road, Dullingham

### Some of the other issues that were addressed since the last Panel meeting were:

#### Issue: Dog Fouling in Ashley

**Action:** Dog Fouling should be reported to the District Council directly with details of the incident location(s), if any resident can provide information regarding the person allowing the fouling to happen this will help the Enforcement Officer to deal with the matter.

#### Issue: Would Westley Waterless like to attend Burrough Green Parish Council meetings? Can ECDC investigate?

**Action:** There is no requirement for the areas in question to attend each other's meetings and this

is not a matter that falls with the District Council's powers or remit. Nevertheless, the question was raised and there has been not request from either Parish so far for such action. If both Westley Waterless and Burrough Green would like to be joined as one Parish this could potentially be facilitated through a Community Governance review, if this was requested by the Parishes concerned and this change approved following a consultation that the Parishes would have to undertake.

#### Issue: Redundant yellow signs on various approach roads for the two developments – ancient keys' and 'St Peters Fields' in Bottisham. Developments are now completed so can Highways remove the signs?

**Action:** The County Council's Development Control Team has requested the developers to remove these signs, with the exception of Ancient Keys (the developer is no longer around). The Local Highway Authority will be dealing with the removal of these signs when the locations have been identified. The local Highways Supervisor dealing will seek information from the Parish Council as to the exact locations of the "redundant" directional signs.

#### Issue: The size of agricultural vehicles is causing a problem in Brinkley as if two are trying to pass they have to go on pavements: The Hall and Beechcroft are now damaged.

**Action:** The footpaths in Brinkley have been inspected by the Highways Supervisor for the area and he has identified certain ones which could be considered for future maintenance work.

The footpaths in the High Street which are close to the entrance to St Mary's Church are considered to be in greatest need of maintenance work. The officer comments that Hall Lane is in very good condition; it has no footpaths and no sign of over run. It is acknowledged that Beechcroft footpath would benefit some work; however this is a concrete footpath that has been overlaid so would take more work.

#### Issue: Request for a handrail at the Steps of the junction of New Cheveley Road leading up to Crockfords Park, Woodditton.

**Action:** The new handrail has now been installed.

## What you have asked us to address next

- Speeding in North Street and Newmarket Road Burwell.
- The difficulty in issuing FPNs outside shops due to re-surfacing in Bottisham.
- Query on how the Constabulary decide which Parish Council AGM to attend.
- Litter bin fires in Burwell.

### Priorities for Action

The Panel agreed that the priorities up until to the end of September should be:

- **Anti-social Behaviour in Burwell**
- **Shed/garage burglary across the Panel area**
- **An update on the review of the traffic calming measures at Quy.**

## Did You Know.....

...that **Ely Foodbank** opened last November having been called to serve an area of a 15 mile radius of Ely. Initially, as you may expect, the focus has been the Ely area but the Foodbank has already served more than 250 people from the 2 wards in Soham and several from the villages in the area, including the South Panel area. To date, more than 1,000 people have been served by Ely Foodbank (with the equivalent of 10,000 meals)

Local people have been astonishingly generous by buying additional items of food, with more than 12 tonnes having been given in the first seven months! This generosity, the teamwork of the Foodbank's volunteers and considerable development work behind the scenes has led Ely Foodbank to make further significant steps in seeking to fulfil its remit.

A Foodbank, backed by Churches Together in Soham, the Town Council, the Children's Centre and local traders working in partnership with Ely Foodbank (a Trussell Trust Foodbank) will open in Soham on Thursday, 11th July at the Salvation Army centre in Bushel Lane, Soham. People who are in food crisis

will be able to collect their food in Soham on production of a Foodbank Voucher on Thursdays 1000 - 1100, or in Ely from The Lighthouse Centre on Tuesday afternoons or from The Forum, in Barton Road on Friday afternoons, so clients can make their choice.

The Foodbanks aim to serve people in food crisis in our local towns and villages, and more Foodbanks (in partnership with Ely Foodbank) are planned in the near future. In this way agencies, organisations and all of us as individuals can play our part in working together to ensure that we can look after local people who are going through difficult times, and enable them to get the help they need to get through their crisis with revived hope and dignity restored.

For more information about Ely Foodbank, go to:

<http://ely.foodbank.org.uk/>

[info@elyfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@elyfoodbank.org.uk)

t: **01353 662396** (to speak to Karl Relton, Chairman of Ely Foodbank)

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, but are unable to come to the next Panel meeting, contact your local Councillor or the South Area Neighbourhood Panel Support Officer: Julie Cornwell, Partnerships officer at East Cambs District Council, on [Julie.cornwell@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.cornwell@eastcambs.gov.uk) or 01353 665555.

Alternatively visit [www.shapeyourplace.org](http://www.shapeyourplace.org) and have your say!

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