

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward

Comprising Barton, Coton, Comberton, Grantchester, Harlton,
Harston, Haslingfield, Hauxton, and South Trumpington

District Councillors' Monthly Report – May 2025

District Councillor contact details

If you have any questions or concerns relating to SCDC services, please contact us using the details below. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc.

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Cost-of-living information

Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/> for information on: benefits, money and debt advice; help with energy and water bills; help for parents and families; help with food and health costs; help with phone bills; help with making your home warmer; Age UK handyperson service and; support if you are in distress.

Community Hubs

Community Hubs offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost-of-living support and how to stay healthy and well.

Local Community Hubs include:

- Grantchester Communal Hall, Tabrum Close, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NW
Opens: Friday, 10am – 12pm
- Toft Community Hub – Toft Methodist Chapel, High Street, Toft, Cambridge, CB23 2RL
Opens: Monday, 10am – 12pm.

Find out more at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/community-hubs>

Discounted menstrual cups available via Recap

Residents from South Cambridgeshire are eligible to buy a Mooncup for £5 rather than the usual £23.50 at: [Get a Mooncup for £5 with Recap](#). This discount is provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (Recap). Recap partners work together to improve waste services, increase recycling, and reduce waste. You can find out more at: <https://www.recap.co.uk/>.

Healthy Start vouchers for parents of under 4s

Parents of under 4s may be eligible for free Healthy Start vouchers to help buy food and milk. The vouchers are offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but are thought to go unclaimed by 38% of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire.

You can find out more and apply at <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>.

Help for people working with health problems

The WorkWell programme offers help to anyone struggling to find or keep a job due to a health problem. Find out more at: <https://www.growthworkswithskills.com/employer-hub/workwell/>.

Council to host webinar for Parish Councils on their Biodiversity Duty

The Climate and Environment team are hosting a webinar to support parish councils in their response to the Biodiversity Duty (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-biodiversity-duty>). This online session will provide a clear explanation of the Duty's requirements, practical tips for ensuring your compliance, case studies of good work, and the opportunity to ask questions. Anyone interested in the requirements of the Duty are welcome to attend:

- Date: Wednesday 28th May
- Time: 5 - 6:30pm
- Email zcc@scambs.gov.uk to sign up for this session.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant open for applications

The popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant is open for applications, closing Tuesday 1st July 2025. Parish councils and voluntary/community organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 for projects that either:

- Reduce carbon emissions e.g. from a community building
- Foster greater community engagement on climate issues and encourage sustainable behaviour change.

For full eligibility criteria, please consult the guidance documents at:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant>.

The grant team will be running an online application workshop where you can ask any questions and discuss project ideas:

- Wednesday 21st May 2025
- 5 - 6:30pm
- Email zcc@scambs.gov.uk to sign up to this session, or for any further info.

Allotment Improvement Grant is open for applications

The grant provides up to £10,000 in funding to support projects that enhance the productivity, sustainability, and social value of allotment spaces. Key priorities include:

- Improving water access through reliable connections and rainwater harvesting
- Implementing pest control measures, such as fencing
- Upgrading facilities such as waterless toilets
- Delivering measurable social benefits, such as promoting mental well-being, outdoor activity, and community engagement.

Other allotment improvements will also be considered, ensuring that allotments remain thriving, inclusive spaces for all.

For more information, visit the <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-and-people/community-action/allotment-improvement-grant>.

Cambridgeshire Community Lottery launch - fundraising opportunity for local organisations

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is launching a community lottery for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is confirmed for Tuesday 20th May. The lottery will offer a new fundraising opportunity for local charities and community organisations.

- Tickets cost from just £1 per week
- 60p from every ticket goes directly to good causes in Cambridgeshire
- Players can choose which local cause receives 50p from their ticket
- The remaining 10p supports other community initiatives across the county through Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- Weekly draws with prizes ranging from £25 to a jackpot of £25,000

Local good causes can attend Cambridgeshire Community Lottery's online launch webinar at 11am on Tuesday 20th May to find out how they can benefit from this free fundraising opportunity. You can find out more and register for the webinar at:

<https://www.cambscf.org.uk/lottery/>.