

County Councillor Report to Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council

1. If you are concerned about being flooded, you could phone the Floodline for current flood warnings that are in force or advice on how to stay safe during a flood on 0345 988 1188. If there is an imminent risk to life please contact the emergency services on 999.

Residents need to do all they can to protect themselves and their property. Simple steps include the following:

- Preparation of a Household Flood Action Plan
- Protecting valuables and important documents
- Listening and acting on the advice of the emergency services
- Moving upstairs or to higher ground as soon as is possible and keeping warm.

If you need to leave your home due to flooding and need help relocating or you require an emergency response or recovery advice you should contact South Cambridgeshire District Council on 03450 450 500.

For ponding or flooding to roads and footways please report this to Highways here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-andpathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

To report that you have already experienced flooding within the living space of your home, or if you wish to make us aware of external flooding to outbuildings, gardens and private paths please use the flood reporting form at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/flood-andwater/report-a-flood/>

Further information is also available from other organisations as follows:

<http://www.floodadvisoryservice.co.uk/>

<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>

Please note that Cambridgeshire County Council's Flood and Water Team is not an emergency response service. The team instead works with other flood risk organisations across the County to try to investigate the causes of flooding post-event and develops projects to reduce the long term risk. If you are experiencing repeated flooding issues and would like advice please contact the team at floodandwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

2. Stagecoach has reintroduced the Monday to Saturday commuter bus from Stetchworth to Cambridge City Centre which also calls at Fulbourn. The bus to Cambridge is timed to call at the Six Bells at 7.15am on Monday to Friday and at 8.15am on Saturday and runs via Teversham Road, Airport Way and Newmarket Road Park and Ride to arrive at Drummer Street at 7.42am. It returns to Teversham from Drummer Street stop D1 at 5.39pm arriving at the Six Bells at just past 6pm. This bus is a Newmarket Road Park and Ride bus which displays Stetchworth. This is a commercial service and its future depends upon people using it. Remember you must wear a face protection to use public transport.

3. As part of the governance arrangements for local outbreak control which forms part of the wider national Test and Trace programme, a multi-agency Covid-19 Health Protection Board has been established across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This Board has the responsibility to develop local outbreak control plans this includes local councils such as South Cambs carrying out Test and Trace and other lock down measures.

4. The County Council has prepared a welcome back to school guide which has been distributed to parents and guardians via the school. This guide can be found at the following website: <https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/>

5. Households across Cambridgeshire can now register for the chance to club together to buy and install solar panels at a reduced price. The County Council and District Councils have joined forces with Solar Together as part of the initiative to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

Households and small and medium-sized enterprises can now register - for free and without obligation - for the group-buying scheme by visiting the website www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire. When they register online for their complete solar PV system, applicants will be asked questions about their house, roof, and electricity usage.

The County Council will then arrange an auction with pre-vetted installers on 6 October. The auction is a reverse auction, meaning the lowest bid wins. The winning bid sets the price for all solar systems and battery systems. All installers are pre-vetted and must comply with certain criteria to guarantee the quality of the offer. After the auction, applicants will receive a personal recommendation based on their registration details. They then have six weeks to decide if they want to take up the recommendation and proceed with an installation.

Households that already have solar panels installed can also register to have battery storage added to their ex-isting solar panels to maximise the benefits of their system.

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