

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Harston & Comberton Ward

Report to Haslingfield Parish Council August 2020

Priority food delivery for Tesco and Iceland

South Cambs District Council now has access to a system set up by DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to allow us to add residents to receive priority online food delivery slots from Tesco and Iceland. This new scheme could help people who need to isolate due to the Track and Trace system; it could help people manage in the case of a local lockdown; or it could support vulnerable residents who need to be protected from Coronavirus and have ongoing issues with securing a supermarket delivery slot.

The priority access could be granted for between 2 and 40 weeks (up until 31 March 2021). The systems for the two supermarkets work slightly differently, but are both applied for by completing [the online form on our website](#). A member of the Sustainable Communities team will get back to the resident with details once their application has been assessed and processed. The resident will need an online account for either supermarket to place their order.

If you have any queries about this scheme or need any support to help residents sign up, please contact the duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk team.

Upgrading streetlights to low energy LEDs

The works to change all South Cambridgeshire District Council standard streetlights to low-energy LEDs begins this month and be completed by March 2021. This includes replacing entire streetlights where required.

The upgrade will benefit communities and the environment by reducing the energy used by our streetlights by 60%, improving the quality of the lighting and reducing light pollution.

There are [further details](#) about the scheme, including a [current timetable](#) for the works.

Community Safety Partnership survey

The [South Cambs Community Safety Partnership Survey 2020](#) closing date has been extended to Sunday 16 August.

This survey aims to collate information from the public on perceptions of safety within their communities. This survey is extremely important in the current climate where the Covid-19 pandemic prevents face to face community engagement. Please help us gather views by sharing far and wide and encouraging involvement from residents.

Community defibrillators

The charity London Hearts (Charity Number 1180901) have contacted us to say they would like to work with more organisations to place additional lifesaving defibrillators in communities. They work with lots of other Councils with whom they have agreed a heavily discounted special package in order to assist and support them in obtaining this important equipment, particularly in the wake of a pandemic. If you wish to find out more, please contact the charity direct: kym@londonhearts.org or 0207 043 2493 or www.londonhearts.org/apply-online

Green bins return to fortnightly collection

Green bin collections have now returned to their normal fortnightly collection arrangements. Previously, we had been guaranteeing a monthly green bin collection, while advising residents to leave their bins out every fortnight as crews were collecting more if they could. This was part of a phased resumption of the green bin service following disruption caused by Coronavirus.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service has now returned to regular, fortnightly green bin collections. The online bin calendar for residents has been updated to reflect this, and residents can once again report missed green bins every fortnight, if necessary. Our webpages have been updated, and we will be carrying messages on social media and in the next edition of South Cambs Magazine.

Used PPE to be put in black bins

Residents are being asked to make sure disposable face coverings and masks are put in their black wheelie bins at home, to help control the spread of Coronavirus. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is expecting a rise in disposable face coverings in waste collections now they are mandatory in shops. The service has already seen disposable PPE such as face coverings, masks and gloves in the blue recycling bins, despite none of these items being recyclable. Disposable PPE can be put in litter bins outside of shops, but if there isn't one nearby, they need to be taken home and put in the black bin.

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