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Report for Parish Councils – May 2021.

South Cambs District Council

South Cambridgeshire businesses affected by the post-Christmas national lockdown can now apply online for the Government’s Restart Grants.

The Restart Grants funding scheme was announced by Government on Wednesday 3 March 2021 and is designed to support businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) that are predominantly reliant on delivering in-person services for the general public.

The funding scheme has two strands. Under strand one, grants of up to £6,000 will be paid to non-essential retail business premises to help them to reopen safely. Under strand two of the scheme, grants of up to £18,000 will be allocated to hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym business premises, which may open but will be more impacted by restrictions when they do reopen. The level of grant that will be paid under both strand one and two will depend on the rateable value of the premises on Thursday 1 April 2021.

All grants require an online application form to be completed. Details on the Restart Grants and how to apply can be found on our Restart Grants webpage. The application process allows pre-payment checks to confirm scheme eligibility and to allow the appropriate level of grant to be identified. The application closure date for the Restart Grant funding scheme is Wednesday 30 June 2021 and final payments will be made by Saturday 31 July 2021. So far we have paid out £2,071,340 out of our £5,814,090 allocation.

Lockdown Grants

With regard to the Lockdown Grants the status is:

As of April 30th, South Cambs had paid out £11,699,086 in total to 4,834 businesses since November 2020 grants opened (LRSG and ARG/hardship).

We have paid £4,243,931 out of our £4,594,889 Additional Restrictions (discretionary - hardship) allocated pot to 1,597 South Cambs businesses (92% of fund).

Positive testimonials continue. One of the loveliest from this week as below - an independent Cruise and Travel Company to whom we awarded a significant 5 figure grant:

“Hello Team. I can’t even begin to tell you how much difference this will make to xxxxx. It is like a life line and will actually make more difference than you can possibly imagine. My day started with about 10 emails, all with cancellations and amends, and having to work on my own due to furlough and sickness, then your email - I actually cried – happy tears. Thank you isn’t enough – our business making it through is! And this is what you will have done for us. Kind Regards,”

Local Plan Responses

In response to false claims by the CPRE, regarding the Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation, the First Conversation, led to more than 5,000 unique visitors to their website,

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6,000 people engaged at events and 30,000 views of our videos online. We know that over 700 different named respondents

Further context

They gathered 226 comments from individuals at events. They received over 1,000 responses via our website (which permitted anonymous responses). Some of these will have been comments submitted by the same person to different questions.

6,500 comments were registered on our online consultation system, Opus 2 Consult. 740 unique respondents had responses registered on our system in this way. 89% of respondents were from a CB postcode.

Cambridgeshire County Report

Vaccination

You can see the daily data here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Primary School Places

More were offered their first choice school – 94.5 per cent – than last year’s 93.7 per cent. This year 99 per cent were offered a place at one of their three chosen schools, compared with 98.6 per cent last year.

The proportion of pupils in Cambridgeshire offered a place at one of their first two choices was also up – from 97.9 per cent last year to 98.4 per cent this year.

Cambridgeshire County Council received 6420 applications for primary school places this year, compared with 6820 in 2020.

If parents have not yet applied for a place for this September, they should contact Cambridgeshire County Council at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place>

Any parents unhappy with the place their child has been allocated can appeal Cambridgeshire County Council at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/admission-appeals>

Foxton Travel Hub

Given lack of progress with officers we are now moving to the campaigning phase i.e. to stop the hub.

East West Rail

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New dates have been announced for our programme of livechat and webinar sessions. The original events will go ahead as planned, with six additional livechat sessions and five new webinars planned over May and June.

- **Livechat sessions** are a great opportunity to ask our experts anything: the team will be on standby to answer any questions you may have, live

In Webinars, the team present prepared information about the project, ending the sessions with a question and answer session, grouping frequently asked questions for ease.

Livechat events	Tuesday 4 May, 6pm-8pm
Public live chat week 5	Wednesday 5 May: 6pm-8pm (new)
Public live chat week 6	Thursday 13 May, 10am - 12pm Saturday 15 May, 11am-1pm (new)
Public live chat week 7	Thursday 20 May, 10am - 12pm (new) Saturday 22 May, 10am - 12pm
Public live chat week 8	Monday 24 May, 2pm - 4pm Thursday 27 May, 6pm-8pm (new) Saturday 29 May, 2pm-4pm
Public live chat week 9	Monday 31 May, 2pm-4pm (new) Tuesday 1 June, 6pm - 8pm Wednesday 2 June, 6pm-8pm (new)

Webinar sessions

Please see below for the full list of future webinar sessions covering each section of the Consultation Document.

Harlton to Hauxton* and The Shelfords to Cambridge

Tuesday 11 May, 11am - 12pm

**Please note that this event was originally focused on Section E of the Consultation Document (Harlton to Hauxton) and will now be a combined event that will also cover Section F of the Consultation Document (The Shelfords to Cambridge)*

The Shelfords to Cambridge* and Harlton to Hauxton

Monday 10 May, 7pm - 8pm

**Please note that this event was originally focused on Section F of the Consultation Document (The Shelfords to Cambridge) and will now be a combined event that will also cover Section E of the Consultation Document (Harlton to Hauxton)*

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Updates as usual here: www.swcag.org.uk

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