

District Councillors' Report for Dry Drayton Residents, January 2024

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Rail Station ticket office closures

Government has announced a welcome abandonment of this plan.

Frozen bins

Some people did not have their bins emptied during the cold snap at the end of 2023. The Waste Department have some useful tips for next time which may help:

Wrapping food waste in paper Putting a piece of cardboard at the bottom of the bin when empty (in cold spells only - normally cardboard should go in the blue bin)

If possible, store the bin somewhere less likely to freeze in cold weather. e.g. a garage or sunny spot

Put your bin out at each collection even if it is only half full. This reduces the likelihood that you will be left with a full bin.

Civil Parking Enforcement update

From 1 February 2024, Cambridgeshire County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers will issue penalty charge notices which include a fine for parking on restrictions such as double yellow lines The fine will be between £50 and £70, depending on the severity of the offence. For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cpe

The Girton Road /Huntingdon road Junction.

When becoming a District Councillor, my main objective was to make this junction safer, having observed near misses with families crossing Girton road. With the help of the County Councillor, Edna Murphy, the junction is being improved. The road will be closed during this time, I am sorry for the inconvenience but the junction will be safer.

Bus Survey

The Combined Authority would like your views on how the buses could be improved:
<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/better-buses/#questionnaire>.

Give your You Feedback on the Combined Authority

If you'd like to offer an opinion on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's strategy and budget, please take a look at: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/yoursayyourfuture/>

South Cambs Hall

Like most local authorities South Cambs now encourages hybrid/home working which means that

large offices are no longer needed in the way they were. Therefore all of Council staff will be moved on to the first floor of the Cambourne offices and are converting the ground floor as space for businesses and community groups to conduct their businesses and hold events. It is hoped that this will encourage new start-up new business as well as helping existing businesses through a programme of support events as well as networking. The new space will be open on 24th April 2024.

Could you be receiving benefits that you're not aware of?

South Cambridgeshire District Council is making a big push to raise awareness of benefits entitlement. It's estimated that around 25% of benefits go unclaimed. Here's an easy-to-use on-line Benefits Calculator: <https://entitledto.co.uk>

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!