

County Council and local updates from County Councillor Linda Oliver

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Bus service proposals Discussions are taking place with Meldreth Parish Council and residents to consider options for an extension of the new Whaddon service around Meldreth and then into Kneesworth via Chestnut Lane. Regrettably any service will need a parish council subsidy and we therefore have to ensure we settle on a realistic route and service frequency.

Government Inspection result : County Council is top of 388 authorities. Government inspectors from the Audit Commission have named Cambridgeshire as the most improved County Council in England based on its performance over the last three years. Cambridgeshire has been ranked first out of 388 councils with 86 per cent of its performance indicators showing improvement - against a national county authority average of between 67.5 and 72.5 per cent. Particular areas of improvement include regulatory services, e.g. trading standards and planning.

Access for emergency vehicles – parking responsibly The Fire and Rescue Service is asking motorists to be considerate when parking their vehicles by taking a quick look around once they are stationary to make sure that they would not be blocking a fire engine or any other emergency vehicle from getting past. They are urging vehicle owners to consider, where possible, parking off the road and trying not to park too close to junctions or on bends as this prevents fire appliances from manoeuvring. The average fire appliance is 2.6m (9ft) wide and 8m (26ft) long, and one day it could be trying to get to your house

Post Offices Closure Consultation - Cambridgeshire County Council's Research Group has taken an award for the best piece of research undertaken by a local authority. The County Council researchers prepared a 'dossier' of evidence outlining the demography, social impact and alternative provision, of areas where post offices were under threat of closure. The dossier ensured that the closure decisions taken by Post Office Limited were fully informed of all local issues and in fact helped to reduce the number of closures in Cambridgeshire

Park and Ride services into Cambridge All five sites are now open on Sundays, operating a 15 minutes service between 9am and 6pm.

NATS and overflying of the local villages I confirm that NATS have acknowledged the concerns of residents in this area of Cambridgeshire about the noticeable increase in overflying. Please do keep me up to date with any further changes in flying patterns.

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