

Fraudulent fallout from Cambs Water data hack

A DATA breach at South Staffs water, parent company of Cambridge Water, appears to be causing a feeding frenzy for scammers. Many Linton area residents have received letters explaining that South Staffs Water fell victim to a cyber attack back in Au-

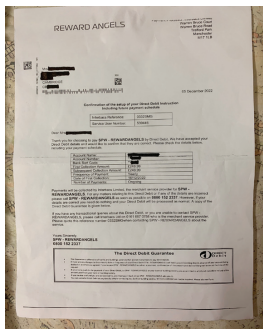
been placed on her bank account without her knowledge. Set up by a company called *Reward Angels*, the payment was authorised using data likely to have been lost in August's leak. A conversation with her bank revealed how easy it is for a direct debit to be set up, and how little can be done if the account owner doesn't notice it.

The resident has asked to remain anonymous, but urges anybody whose details have been involved in the leak to be extra vigilant for suspicious activity.

Statements should be carefully checked, with anything that isn't recognised immediately reported. If you are going away for a period of time, consider having a TRUSTED friend or family member open your post.

Staffs water advised customers to join Trueidentity, an online data protection service, and some financial advisers are recommending the same course of action, though independent professional advice should always be sought.

Linton News Team



Letters may be from genuine companies who have been instructed by fraudsters

gust, with customers informed that sensitive financial data, including bank account details, had been illegally obtained. Whilst these letters are genuine, other may not be. One homeowner contacted the Linton News to say that a direct debit had

Village College selected for school rebuilding programme



Despite new additions, many College buildings are tired and outdated

building programme. This application was initiated and developed by our Trust Central team, who will continue to support the school as plans progress. This is exciting news for Anglian Learning and Linton Village College, and will further empower learners to thrive and succeed as part of our strategy of enabling excellence for all."

Helena Marsh, Principal of Linton Village College said "Finding out that we have been selected for a significant rebuild and refurbishment project to improve the condition of our facilities is a fabulous way to end the term. This investment in our school, which currently includes a number of old temporary buildings, will have a significant impact on students' learning environment at Linton Village College."

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Anglian Learning

Calling local artists - Public Arts Grant funding available

LINTON Parish Council are calling on the village to find budding artists or event organisers who would like to put forward Public Arts projects within the parish. These can be a permanent feature or time limited.

Due to the S106 agreements from development sites within the village over the past several years, the Parish Council have been provided with a funding pot to be specifically allocated for Public Arts within the Parish. The Parish Council wants to hear your ideas and project plans; whether it be sculptures, memorials, murals, community art, integrated architectural artwork, landscape architectural projects or performances and festivals. Submissions for the grants can be made via email to the Parish Council offices on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk and should include all the below information. The deadline for the completion of the project is January 2024. Please include the following

- Title and type of project (i.e. event, mural, sculpture etc)
- Location of the project
- Details on how long the project would last, who would run the project and the level of support and involvement you would like from the Parish Council
- Overall expected cost of the project and the amount of funding you would like to apply for
- Estimated completion date
- Who would benefit from the project
- Full contact details.
- Any additional permissions that would be required
- Any other information that should be considered when reviewing the grant application.

Applications should be received by the Parish Council office by the 28th February 2023.

No idea is too big or too small to be considered. This is your opportunity to put forward and run a project for the benefit of the parish- so let's get creative and breath some artistic life into Linton!

Kate Dyer
Linton Parish Council

'Miracle' Austin turns one

WHEN Austin Groenhart was born three months premature (25.4 weeks) at the Rosie, he only weighed 560 grammes. Parents Ed and Jo were told the first three days would be crucial, but he managed to fight through them. After two weeks, it was discovered that he had a life-threatening infection of his gut.

Emergency surgery was the only option, and he was fighting for his life for weeks. A further surgery revealed the impact of the damage, and it was discovered that Austin had lost much of his digestive system to the infection. Dad Ed said "Thanks to the amazing work of the surgeon, Mr Aslan, and all of the incredible NICU staff, Austin began to improve."

Months of medication and intravenous feeding followed, and the result of this was a strain on the liver that could have ended up needing a transplant, but again he defied the odds and is currently not a priority for a new organ.

Ed and Jo and brothers Isaac and Oakley have expressed their deepest gratitude for the help and support of neighbours and friends, and especially the community at Linton Free Church, describing them as "superstars."

Austin turned one on the 14th of December and Ed said: "we are so thankful to all the staff at NICU and the Charles Wolfson Ward at The Rosie, who saved Austin's life not once but twice, and we thank God every day that we are able to see and live with our little soldier".

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Ed Groenhart



Austin with Mum Jo Groenhart

Help is at hand with ACE

MOST residents will know about ACE, the local organisation that has for over 20 years provided support for elders, helping them to continue living in their own home as long as they wish to do so.

Working with Age Concern, and with support from the parish and district councils, it offers the services of a local warden, who keeps in touch on a daily basis and helps with simple tasks that might otherwise be difficult for people, particularly if they don't live near the centre of the village and have mobility problems. Some people find the warden service particularly helpful if they have recently come out of hospital. There is no formal lower age limit for users.

Not everyone knows that they would be eligible for this support, or how to obtain it. Some people, particularly after the pandemic, are also hesitant about contact with a person they don't already know, even once they are

assured that this is safe. So if you, or someone you know, think you could benefit from the support of Chrissie Sayer, our local warden, please ring her for a chat on 07931 852019. To help with expenses, there is a weekly fee of £9 for a single person or £11 for a couple. If you'd like more details, or would be interested in ACE social activities, please contact me on 891069. Our social activities are in full swing once again, with a garden party, kindly hosted by Jan and Mike Sheppard, a coffee morning and a pre-Christmas lunch.

Committee members are also happy to provide other forms of assistance, such as help with choosing computer equipment and advice on local services. We know we are facing difficult times, and will need to look out for each other. ACE is part of this picture, and welcomes new members and volunteers.

John Bald, Chairman, ACE

Friends of St. Mary's



St. Mary's under the stars

JANUARY can seem a very dull month. Christmas is over and it is dark and cold. However, the Friends of St Mary's want to brighten and warm things up a bit. We will be holding a New Year Coffee Morning with mince pies and savouries on Saturday, January 7th 2023 from 10.30am to noon, in the Pavilion behind St Mary's church. There will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy stall and entrance is £4. All are welcome.

Margaret Wichelow
Secretary tel: 891231
Photo: David Donnan

Linton Free Church ART GROUP
Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon
Church Hall, Horn Lane.
We are an amateur group who meet to support and encourage each other's creative journey. Come and have fun! We start in the New Year on the 10th January 2023! For more information ring Jane C. 894160

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Cost of Living drop-in events
FREE drop-in event
Organisations will be gathering together, all in one place, to provide advice and support to help you through this winter and beyond.
Call in for a warm welcome, a hot drink and a chat

Friday 20th January 10am-1pm - Cambourne Library
Monday 23rd January 2pm-5pm Sawston Library
Tuesday 24th January 11am-2pm Linton Library
Wednesday 1st February 10am-1pm Papworth Library
Tuesday 7th February 12-3pm Cottenham Library

A Crafty Cafe Christmas

ALL ages enjoyed making festive decorations and gifts at the Christmas Crafty cafe on the 4th Dec in the village hall. Fifty people aged 2 to 90 took part in activities such as making crackers, cards, and hanging decorations, as well as small tissue pouches as gifts. There was also a delicious Christmas afternoon tea served on vintage china. Participants really enjoyed mixing together side by side, choosing whatever activity they wished, moving round the tables - each with a volunteer lead to help. The event was free to all and the resources paid for by council funding to support community engagement. Young and old enthused:



"wonderful," "more please," "made to feel so welcome," and "really therapeutic". The event was hosted by a community led group set up through the Creative Communities wellbeing project. At its heart is a love of art and crafts, chatting over a cuppa and cake and the desire to bring all ages together to share and learn.

We love to see new faces and are always looking for people who can share their hobby or skills or wish to learn one. If you are looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon why not join us? The Crafty Cafe group meets on the last Saturday of every month 2 - 3.30pm. To find out more contact lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com or drop into one of our events.

Linton Community Help

Crafty Café @Chalklands
Share ideas, skills and a cuppa
Last Saturday of the month
2pm-3.30pm
January 28th learn to crochet
February 25th
March 25th
April 29th
May 27th

The Golden Age of Dutch Art with LALA

LINTON Area Learning Alliance (LALA) starts a new 10-week course called The Golden Age of Dutch Art, on Tuesday mornings from 10th January 2023. We meet in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane from 10.00 to 11.45. We are pleased to welcome back Deborah Monteiro who has presented very informative and well-illustrated art courses in previous years.

Deborah says 'The history of Holland in the 17th century is a unique success story of a newly independent country giving birth to a flourishing culture and wealthy society that can be understood perfectly through its artistic production. This golden age sees artists of different classes catering for its own people and creating a variety of art that reflects the new ethos and interests of the time.

This will provide a vital legacy for developments in European art in the future'. Please contact me for more information or to register interest. Cost for the 10 weeks is £50 and includes a coffee break.

Sue Mudge, 892737
mudges.linton@btinternet.com



Dutch artists are responsible for many of the world's most famous paintings

Nichols Court raises £300 for Children in Need



ON Friday 18th November, the residents of Nichols Court held a fundraising tea party to support Children in Need and raise much needed funds for this worthy cause. Around 25 of the residents attended the event which included afternoon tea, with a variety of delicious sandwiches and cakes. The communal area was decorated accordingly, with an impressive homemade Children in Need Pudsey wall hanging. There was a raffle with prizes that included Christmas chocolates, beverages and other goodies. The main raffle prize was a large Pudsey Bear won by resident Joan, who is looking forward to sharing it with her grandchildren. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and raised £300 for Children in Need.

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Linton Speedwatch - Monthly Summary

Month:	December 22							
Date:	Time:	Location:	Traffic Direction:	Speed Limit:	Traffic Volume:	Vehicles Speeding:	Speeding %:	Avg. Excess Speed
1st December	8.00am	Hatchbrook Road	outgoing	30mph	122	22	18.02%	42.95mph
10th December	10.15am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	161	8	4.97%	25.50mph
17th December	10.30am	High Street	incoming	20mph	147	3	2.04%	26.33mph

Source: Linton Speedwatch Team

Contributor: Haris supports Linton Speedwatch

Drop by in 2023!

Happy New Year! You'll always find a warm and friendly welcome in your library. Drop in just to choose books, or stay to read, relax with a jigsaw puzzle or use our free WiFi or a library computer. If you are looking for advice on cost-of-living support, staff will be happy to signpost you to information.

We have the following social events in Linton Library this month, all are welcome:

Our new monthly Read a Little Aloud session is on Friday 6th, 10.45-11.30am. Relax and listen as library volunteers and staff read from a variety of stories, poetry and literature for adults. Join in if you like!

Knit and Natter will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 10th and 24th. Bring along your latest craft project.

Rhyme and Storytime will be 10.30-11am on Tuesday 17th and 31st.

If you need help with a Bus Pass renewal, our Digital Buddy is happy to help – appointments are available on Thursday afternoons from 2pm; please book at the library.

Ann King, Community Library Assistant, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm
 General library enquiries: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
 Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 522

Warm hubs up and running

At the time of writing, two warm hub sessions are now up and running in the village. Tuesday afternoons, from 1pm to 4pm at Linton Free Church Hall; and Thursdays from 11am to 2pm at St. Mary's Church Pavilion. The library is also available to be used as a warm space, during opening hours.

Warm hubs have been funded by South Cambs District Council and set up by local communities with support from Cambridgeshire Acire. We offer a warm place to come, have hot drinks and light snacks, and find good company, help and advice. We're run entirely by volunteers.

We've started by offering a few simple activities such as board games, puzzles, knitting and some simple crafts. This may develop into spots for guest speakers and activities, such as armchair dance classes. It can also be used as somewhere warm to work. The Free Church Hall offers wi-fi which may also enable us to offer some after school activities.

We hope to increase the number of sessions over the winter. Keep an eye on social media, the Church websites and notice boards around the village for any changes to the sessions available.

For further information or to ask about volunteering:

Email david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk or hello@lintonfreechurch.org.uk
www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/

Ian Burns (Linton Free Church) & David Watts (St. Mary's)

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January bin collection dates (Linton)

Black bins: Monday 5th , Monday 19th

Blue bins: Monday 12th , Wednesday 28th

Green bins: Monday 12th

Camp, crafts, Christmas dinner and the panto for Linton district Girlguiding

IT'S been a fabulous year for all our units, culminating in a winter camp for 1st Linton Guides, held outside in the woods at the Jarman Centre. They even had a bouncy obstacle course.



Guides tackling the bouncy obstacle course

They also made some wonderful gnomes with bobble hats for Christmas. (pictured right)

There was a visit to the pantomime for some of our Guides and Brownies too. Oh no there wasn't ... oh yes there was ... etc etc!

Our Trefoil Guild enjoyed their Christmas dinner night out together. Many more badges have been earned and presented too. Some of our leaders are finding it difficult to sew their badges on as their camp blankets have so many now.

We are celebrating the end of a year of county events bringing us closer together: meeting new faces and making new friends from around the whole of Cambridgeshire, stretching from Wisbech to Melbourn.

Don't forget you are always welcome to come and see what we do. The units which meet for different age groups are:

Linton Rainbows 5-7 yrs;
 Linton, Balsham, Burrough Green and Horseheath Brownies 7-10 yrs;
 1st and 2nd Linton Guides and Brinkley Guides 10-14 yrs, and Linton and Brinkley Rangers 14-18 yrs;

INSPIRE 18-26 yrs and Trefoil Guild for adults only.

We are a busy district but we do have a lot of fun.

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Christmas Gnomes keeping warm in their cosy hats

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Linton Gardening Club Diary January 2023



A Frosty Morning

A VERY Happy New Year to you all. Linton Gardening Club's December AGM was supposed to be followed by Judy Nightingale's summary of the St Mary's churchyard plant survey, however the snowy conditions forced us to cancel both the meeting and the talk. I had intended to then show some of our latest close-up photos, the delicate and intricate beauty of flowers, other plants and insects is often overlooked when we look at our gardens.

In our own garden border, the brightly coloured green and red-orange stems of willows and cornus come into their own at this time of year, their texture contrasting with variegated evergreen shrubs and conifers. Now is a good time to plant or move deciduous shrubs as growth, and therefore plant stress, will be at a minimum.

Delay moving evergreens until later in winter. Larger shrubs and trees should be pruned if needed. It is also time to check the overall look, scale and structure in the borders. Is every plant still fit for purpose?

In our very small garden, a couple of slow growing trees and shrubs have started to overwhelm some of our other favourite plants, so reluctantly they will be cut down and dug up. The inevitable arrival of plant catalogues will give us lots of ideas for filling the valuable space created.

At the Club's next meeting on Tuesday 10th of January at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Sharka Baxter will be giving a talk on 'Difficult Areas in Gardens'. Come along and join the Club. Membership for the 2022-23 is £15 and visitors are welcome (£3).

Best Wishes for 2023.



Yellow Aconites

A Busy Old & New Year Linton Free Church

THE building work in the Church has progressed well and certainly didn't hamper a busy autumn and advent season. Highlights included:

The annual light party on 30th October which attracted over 60 children, and over 30 helpers from both Churches. The event caught the attention nationally of Scripture Union who published an article about it: <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/story/shining-bright-halloween>

A fund-raising lunch was held for REACH which raised over £800.

Lots of Christmas events have been held and we once again hosted the Christmas Market, organised by Linton Kitchen.

A Warm hub has been set up with St Mary's.



Warm Hubs

A sad point in the autumn was the loss of Liz Munday, as featured in the December edition of the Linton News, after a long battle with cancer. We continue to pray for all her family.

As we start the New Year, we look forward to the completion of our building project. We hope to be back in the Church at the end of February/ beginning of March.

Please note the 25th March in your diary, when we will be opening up the Church for the local community to come and see what we've done and celebrate the completion of the project.

We will also be starting another Alpha Course on 19th January. More details will be on our website along with details of all our activities:

www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk and on Facebook; www.facebook.com/lintonfreechurch

A happy and peaceful New Year to you all.

Ian Burns, Linton Free Church



Double Headed Snowdrop



Snowdrops & Aconites

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"In 2023 I would like to stay healthy"

If you are aged between 40 and 74 and do not have a pre-existing long term medical condition, you may be eligible for a free NHS Health Check. Please ring us on 0300 234 5555 for further information and to book an appointment.

Also, are you up to date with the vaccinations you are eligible for, e.g. flu, shingles, pneumonia? If you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact us and we can check for you.

"In 2023 I would like to go on holiday"

Are you planning a holiday of a life time in 2023? The Granta Travel Clinic team can give you advice on what vaccines and medications you may need for your trip away. Simply fill out a travel form via our website or call in to pick up a leaflet.

From all of us here at Granta, we wish you a healthy and safe 2023.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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The Wonder of Soil

I WAS reading one of those lists of Christmas books and came across "Soil, the incredible Story of What Keeps The Earth, and Us, Healthy" by Matthew Evans. Ignorance revealed, as ever. What is soil – could I even define it? How is it made? What does it do exactly? What is good and what is bad soil? Did you know that December 5 was World Soil Day?

Soil comes from rocks, broken down through the process of weathering and natural erosion. It is made up very approximately of 45% minerals (rock), 5% organic matter (anything that was once alive or still is), 25% air and 25% water. Soil is weathered rock, ground down as a result of contact with water, air and living organisms. This weathering can occur physically, biologically or chemically, and can take hundreds of years, depending on where you are. In the UK, it can take 400 years to create a layer of soil only 1cm thick. In the tropics, that time is halved.

A brief search revealed 16 different definitions of soil, from The Soul of Infinite Life, to the Stomach of the Earth, consuming and digesting nutrients and organisms. Soil is a mixture of Earth's uppermost mantle of weathered rock and organic matter. It may not look too fascinating to the untrained eye, but it is crucial to all life. We can't survive without plants and plants can't survive without soil. A single handful of soil contains millions of living organisms. In Cambridgeshire we have everything from top quality loam, ideal for crops, which is around 40% sand, 40% silt and 20% clay. We also have lower quality Breckland

sand, favoured by pines, rabbits and pig farmers. We use and abuse our soil. Years of intensive agriculture have compacted, ploughed and doused it with a cocktail of soil improvers, fertilizers and pesticides. At our best we upset its delicate balance, and at our worst we sterilize it. Bad weather coupled with our efforts to maximise yields with grubbing up hedges, chopping down trees,

draining marshes leads to soil erosion, washing tonnes of the stuff into rivers, lakes and seas. But we have now learned a lot from our mistakes and are making great progress in finding the best ways to protect our soil from the dangers thrown at it.

There has been another major development in the study of soil. In the last few decades, an enormous amount has been discovered about the symbiotic relationship between microbes, fungi and roots. Conversations are going on down there! Messages are being sent and received. Turns out that the millions of living organisms in each handful, and the mix between bacteria,

mites, fungi, arthropods and worms, is what retains carbon in the soil. Can we simply relood the fens, ban the digging of peat, and allow only long term soil friendly farming practices?

It is high time to think more about the ground beneath our feet. Down there is a swirling mass of nematodes moving through the soil, eating decaying matter, getting eaten themselves, suppressing and causing plant diseases, and channelling vast quantities of material and energy through the soil. Soil may not be tasty, cuddly or photogenic. But it is everything to us, just everything.



Linton & District Historical Society

Our November meeting was *History of the Human Genome Project*. Situated on the Essex/Cambridgeshire border is Hinnton Hall, a georgian mansion now the home to an international research organisation. From Neolithic times up until to the present day this site has seen many changes. More recent history shows it being a hunting lodge, and in the 20th century it was the home of the Robinson family, housing military personnel. It was in the 1950's that cutting edge scientific research began with the arrival of Tube Investments. 1993 saw the opening of the Sanger Centre and today this international organisation covers many areas. Present day research into DNA and RNA using coloured models and various charts, was outlined to a captive audience. Those attending were able to take home a colourful paper cut out (with instructions) to make our own double helix! Our thanks go to Lia Chappell and Sam Shingles from the Human Genome Project for a very interesting evening and for answering our questions on this very complex subject.

January meeting
Tuesday 17th January 2023
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For further details telephone 893915 or 678835
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Margaret Creek

Diary Reminder

Hello to everyone, from the organisers of the Bartlow walk.
Just to remind you that this years walk will be on

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023

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- It is a palindrome
- It is a perfect cube
- It has only one prime factor

What number is it?

Pot Pourri 210 - Will she be attracted to him?

Jane being attracted to John only has a 40% chance. So unlucky?

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Photon House Station Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NW

S73 to remove conditions 3 (opening hours and appointment numbers) and 4 (staff numbers) of planning consent ref. 22/02833/FUL (Change of use of existing offices (Class E) to Veterinary Hospital (sui generis) including new external lift shaft, new single storey link and retrospective permission for existing detached building for use as Veterinary Hospital (sui generis). Awaiting decision

Yew - Crown Reduce by 1.5m on building side to clear building Buxus - Crown Reduce by 1m on building side to clear building Hawthorn - Crown Reduce by 1.5m on building side to clear building Open for comment icon
40 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY
Ref. No: 22/1488/TTCA | Validated: Tue 20 Dec 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Beech - Sensitive reduction to lowest branch over number 23's drive to allow light and some rain to the border and Ginkgo underneath. (see photo) Comprising: Reduce lowest (thin) secondary branch back to side branch near boundary and branch above this by up to 3m back to suitable side branches; Remove lowest secondary branch over drive and ginkgo. Open for comment icon
21 Green Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JZ
Ref. No: 22/1482/TTPO | Validated: Fri 16 Dec 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1. Ash tree in rear garden - fell Open for comment icon
8 Horn Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HT
Ref. No: 22/1480/TTCA | Validated: Fri 16 Dec 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

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District and County Councillors' report December 2022

'Making Connections' Consultation

A 'Sustainable Travel Zone' road user charge has been put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (the body currently implementing the upgrades to the A1307) for private vehicles between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. The plans are part of a package to improve public transport, reduce congestion in the city and help the environment through lower emissions. A £5 congestion charge to drive into and around Cambridge is being considered as part of a 'once in a generation' plan to shake up how people travel during the working week. These proposals are now being publicly consulted on and it is vitally important that as many people as possible respond directly to this consultation with their views. It will be one of the largest decisions that will affect the way that we travel in and out of Cambridge for generations to come. The consultation, plus all the related documents, can be seen here - <https://consult.cambs.gov.uk/making-connections-2022> - it is important to read the documents, as there is a lot of misinformation and personal opinion in the media, so please do use the information available to come to your own views.

A1307 Update

The majority of the work here is complete but the remaining schemes to be implemented are:

- The completion of the new footpath between Hildersham and Dalehead Foods – due spring 2023
- The new roundabout on the A1307 at the end of Bartlow Road, Linton – due Spring 2023
- The remodelling of the highly dangerous Dean Road junction, again, on the A1307 – due Spring 2023
- The implementation of the 'Greenway', the non-motorised user route between Linton and Cambridge. The route of this, through Abington, is still TBD with the likelihood the preferred route will be via Pampisford Road and not through the village centre.

Cost of Living support & Community Chest

SCDC's Community Chest fund provides grants to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life locally. Criteria have been expanded to allow bids that include contributions for any project that has a positive impact for communities related to the cost-of-living crisis. Parish Councils of any size can also now place grant bids. A ringfenced total sum of £20,000 has been made available for these new Community Chest grant applications, provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System, to ensure support is co-ordinated effectively and directed at those in need locally this winter - www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants/ South Cambs District Council also have a cost of living 'Go Fund Me' page that are taking donations that they will use to purchase items needed to assist those that need support over the winter months - www.scams.gov.uk/emergency-go-fund-me-page-will-help-residents-struggling-in-the-cost-of-living-crisis/

Help for Households campaign – social tariffs

The government has worked with a range of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) to deliver low-cost broadband and phone service packages, called social tariffs, for those on low incomes. Social tariffs are avail-

able for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits, with some providers offering deals from £15 a month.

Warm Home Discount scheme reopened

The Warm Home Discount scheme will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low-income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically. The government has launched a new online tool, to make it easier for the public to check if they are eligible for the discount. The online tool will guide customers through the eligibility criteria in England and Wales, asking questions about electricity supply, the benefits they receive and characteristics of their property. All customers will receive a letter between this month (November) and mid-January 2023 confirming their eligibility and the payment will be made automatically through energy suppliers by March 2023. The government is also writing to customers who may be eligible, advising them to use the tool linked below to check eligibility, as well as to use the helpline for particularly complex cases. <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Linton Warm Hubs

Cambridgeshire ACRE and South Cambs District Council are working with communities all across the district to open Warm Hubs to help people struggling with fuel cost or just wanting an opportunity to get together. There are now 20 up and running with another 7 on the way. Linton has opened its first two Warm Hubs, these are:

-St Marys Church - Thursday 11am – 2pm
-Linton Free Church – Tuesday 1pm – 4pm

Ukraine – new hosts for guests needed

Cambridge City and South Cambs have between them about 500 hosts for Ukraine guests. With the war in Ukraine continuing, the six-month hosting arrangements have needed to be renewed, though not all hosts are in a position to do so. Anyone who might be able to provide a spare room for a guest from Ukraine is asked to get in touch with SCDC. We need new homes for about 200 people. For this reason the councils have launched the GOT A SPARE ROOM campaign. If you are interested all you have to do is text ROOM to 88802. <https://www.scams.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine-it-all-starts-with-a-spare-room/>

Electric Vehicle Charging

The District Council has introduced a grant of up to £5,000 per application for electric vehicle charging points on community/public buildings within the district. It's a great opportunity for us to expand our electric charging network and make our area more accessible for those wanting to travel here via electric vehicle. www.scams.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/grants-funding-and-community-support/electric-vehicle-charge-point-grant/

Housing Issues

If you rent a home in the private sector, we would urge you to seek help from the District Council if mould or associated issues are not resolved by your landlord. In South Cam-

bridgeshire, the District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards. Most properties within the private rented sector in the district are in good condition, but the Council's Environmental Health team will investigate any complaints. Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing env.health@scams.gov.uk The Council has the power to take the appropriate enforcement action if there are issues that need to be resolved. This action could include writing to the landlord to ensure the issue is resolved, but the Council can also serve a legal notice to instruct works to be carried out. The District Council manages around 5,500 Council homes and takes reports of mould in any of them extremely seriously. Do not hesitate to contact Henry or John if you have an unresolved issue in your Council house.

6 Free Trees

For the third year running South Cambs is offering free trees to parish councils across the district to help provide homes and food for wildlife and combat climate change. The Six Free Trees campaign has seen 390 trees planted across South Cambridgeshire since it was launched in 2019. Parish Councils have until 21 December 2022 to apply. www.scams.gov.uk/free-trees-for-a-cleaner-greener-south-cambridgeshire/

CCC business planning for 2023-24

The County Council faces a budget gap of about £29 Million due to inflation. At the time of writing, much work has been done to close that gap ahead of the February budget meeting, but a £13 Million gap remains to be filled. Detailed papers on service areas will go to December committees at the County Council.

Festive Greetings

We both wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a trouble-free, warm and peaceful New Year 2023.

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District & County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

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Recreation Ground update on the redevelopment

YOU MAY have seen the activity around the old Bowls Green arena. This is because the Parish Council is endeavouring to bring this quite large piece of ground back into use for the whole community.

The hedges have been cut back to make sure there is a reasonable path around the playing area but without destroying the hedge. (That is except the Leylandii, the controlling of which is always a problem.) The bowls playing surface has been removed and the surface underneath is in sufficiently good condition to be marked out for playing netball, basketball and tennis.

This would be an interim measure because changing the surface is an expensive exercise and we need to build up funds or get external grants to afford this. We also intend to install a fence set down in and around the playing area, to contain wayward balls.

However, mindful of the recent survey, we also want to make this area suitable for other non-sporting activities, for example, outdoor market or cinema.

We will, in due course, be establishing a Community & Sports Association and at some point will be asking people to step forward to be Trustees. However, at the moment, all the work is being done by the Parish Council Office (getting quotes for the work that needs doing etc.) plus a Working Group which consists of some of the Parish Councillors and representatives of Netball and Basketball Groups.

We are also planning to upgrade the external lights and CCTV on the Pavilion. This will go some way to make it easier in the winter months for youths to access the portacabin that the Beacon Youth Trust uses as a base.

We would welcome more parishioners to join the Working Group and contribute to the discussions and recommendations that are then proposed to the Parish Council for decision at the monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of every month). If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council office – either drop in a note or e-mail enquiries@lintonpc.gov.uk.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT Full Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2023.

The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with the Linton Parish Council please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2023
All meetings are held at the Cathodeon Centre

Full Council at 7.30pm
(Third Thursday of the month)

Planning Committee at 6.30pm
(Third Thursday of the month)

Finance, Risk & Compliance Committee at 7.30pm
(Fourth Thursday of the month)

For more information please contact the Parish Council Office
Clerk

Parish Progress 2022 and plans for 2023

2022 WAS another busy year for the Parish Council Office.

In January we received sad news of the passing of Enid Bald, although Enid had been battling with her health for some time the councillors and office were devastated. We all agreed that Enid would want us to smile and carry on, and in her memory we have been determined to do so.

At the start of the year, we asked for your feedback on the future use of the Bowls Green, you may have noticed that the carpet has now been removed and we were pleased to see that the tarmac surface is in excellent condition. With the help of our local contractors the area has been tidied and we are now in the process of obtaining quotes for line marking, sports equipment, and fencing.

At the request of many parishioners the Parish Council have installed a new CCTV system which monitors several areas of the recreation ground. Lighting has also been a priority, the street lamps leading to the youth hub are due to be repaired and additional lighting has been proposed for the area around the Pavilion.

The Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) has proved valuable in helping to monitor speeding in the village, locations have been revised recently and the unit will move around the village on a two-week schedule. The Speedwatch volunteers have also been busy, holding several sessions a month in the speeding hotspots to raise awareness and report back to Cambridgeshire Police.

The highlight of the year for the office was the Picnic in the Park, which was held in June. The weather was not particularly kind, but attendance was strong at just over 1,500. Everyone enjoyed the event and there will be a repeat performance on 10th June 2023, save the date and contact us if you would like to get involved.

A team has been working on the Zero-Carbon Community Grant project this year which will reach completion in the spring of 2023. Leadwell Meadows, commonly known as the Pocket Park, will have a new copse planted, seating and information boards. On Parsonage Way Green there will be a small orchard planted, comprising of native fruit trees. Although these will not bear fruit for a few years this is forward planning for future generations.

There was much work on the appraisal of the Conservation Area this year and the revised version is now available from the office. Thanks to Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Little Linton has now gained conservation status. This will help protect the surrounding area from development in the future. Along with conservation, the team have also applied for various Tree Protection Orders, including major oaks and Cow Gallery Wood at Little Linton and various locations in the village.

New heritage lamp posts have been installed in the conservation area, in Church Lane and Horn Lane so far. There will be four more replaced shortly in Meadow Lane, Market Lane, Horn Lane, and Joiners Road. The old-style gas lamps were unfortunately no longer viable, but the new style has been well received.

Four new bins have been installed on the Recreation Ground and four more are due for delivery, along with the replacement dog bin for Wheatsheaf Way.

The Parish Council is keen to support Linton Friends of the River Granta (FROGs) with litter picking events throughout the year, please get involved if you are able to do so. It is hoped that four will be held in 2023, watch out for dates on social media.

I am sure that 2023 will be just as hectic and enjoyable, please contact the office via email if you need support or advice from the Parish Council. We are always happy to help.
Clerk

Planning & Meeting Update October - November 2022

Bartlow Road – Foul Water Appeal Hearing
The time: 10am

The date: **Tuesday 10th January**
The place: **South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB3 6EA**

The hearing will be open to the public. Planning Inspectors typically allow interested members of the public to contribute if they would like to, or simply to watch if they would prefer. LPC will be attending to cover facts that we are aware of on behalf of the village.

We would welcome the support of any residents who are concerned about the foul water drainage plans whether or not you would like to speak. The appeal has been elevated to a hearing (instead of being decided on the written information alone) due to the public interest shown to date – the more residents able to attend, the more the Inspector will be aware of the interest in this application.

Bartlow Road – Other

Many thanks to the residents who have sent pictures of the bare soil at the front of the site where the protected hedgerow should have been maintained. We are yet to hear the official reason for its removal, but no doubt Abbey will claim that they damaged the hedge so badly when the footpath was laid that they thought it better to replace it with a sterile urban feature instead. We are left wondering whether the landscape and environmental protection conditions were even worth the paper they were written on.

20 Cambridge Road (The White Van Centre)

We understand that this site has changed hands and the new owners have started to try to discharge some of the pre-commencement conditions to enable the construction of the 14 one- and two-bedroom apartments that have planning consent. The plans are available on the Greater Cambridge Planning portal with the reference S/0163/18/FL. These plans were approved with a number of conditions in January 2020 – we are wondering whether the conditions that need to be discharged by 28th January 2023 will be approved in time, and what will the planning authority do if they are not?

Amenity Land at Dolphin Close and on Wheatsheaf Way

The deadline for this article is 7th December – the day that the auction will take place for the oval piece of land by the Heights School and the triangle at the junction of Dolphin Close and Wheatsheaf Way. Given that the plots are lots 196 and 211 respectively and the bids will therefore take place after our deadline, we don't know whether they have been bought, nor any amounts.

In the meantime, Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) have been applied for on all plots of amenity land with trees. We hope to have an update next month regarding their status.

The past 12 months have been eventful for our Parish Planning Committee. It is now a year since we lost Enid and while she taught us well, we miss her. Her dedication and the incredible number of hours that she must have worked, often behind the scenes, for this village become clearer and clearer with every month that passes. We have spent so much time just keeping up with the number of applications, conditions and appeals that the Neighbourhood Plan has had to take a back seat for much of the last year. However, please keep your eyes open in the coming weeks for your opportunity to scrutinise the plan and feedback any improvements you would like to see to the team pulling this together.

LPC Planning Committee



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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies received from County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor. No apologies received from Cllr Sharron Parker.

Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr Merrie Mannassi – Agenda item 162/22/23(b)(ii) S106 Funding/Village Hall
Cllr Guy Ennew - Agenda item 177/22/23 – The Pavilion

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sanderson for the contribution of the decorative poppies at the Cemetery, many positive comments had been received.

Congratulations were given to Julie & Jo's Childcare for winning Best Childminder of the Year and Highly Commended Childcare business in the National Awards 2022.

The Chairman also congratulated Cllr Karen Sanderson and her husband Mark on being awarded the title of Worldwide Ambassadors for Cancer Research. The award is in recognition for their amazing fund raising of over £300,000.00. Karen and Mark will be invited to give talks to encourage and support others in relation to fundraising and awareness for Cancer Research.

Open Forum for Public Participation

Participant 1 raised concerns regarding the various pockets of land being sold by auction in the village. Cllr Chris Hine advised that the parcel of land on Dolphin Close was not owned by the residents but did have conditions that it was to be retained as amenity land and that the purchaser would have to apply to have the condition removed prior to a planning application being submitted.

Two participants joined the meeting and introduced themselves as purchasers of the land in Dolphin Close. They expressed an interest in the public opinion regarding the future development of the land. Cllr John Bald reiterated the comments made by Cllr Chris Hine regarding the purchasers responsibilities. Cllr Merrie Mannassi thanked them for attending and advised that this would be added to a future agenda.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Consideration for a parishioner raising concerns regarding road safety and requesting speed bumps at Chalklands.

The Clerk advised that the line marking was due to be carried out on 17th November 2022 but had been postponed due to adverse weather conditions, a new date had been requested. The Parish Council also requested that the issues on Chalklands be discussed at the next Traffic Working Group meeting.

Consideration for requests from parishioners for the Parish Council to demand an improved service from Stagecoach following the cancellation of the X13 service.

The Clerk updated that Parish Council that parishioners had been outstanding in their efforts to get the X13 bus reinstated at peak times from 27th November 2022. It was hoped that this would provide a satisfactory solution to the issues.

District and County Councillors Report

In addition to the written report District Councillor John Batchelor added the following information.

South Cambs District Council will be starting a new ad campaign next week to encourage more Ukrainian host families.

Committees, Working Groups and Council Representatives 2022/23.

Confirmation of the existing councillors who currently represent the Linton Parish Council and invitation for a councillor to represent the village on Public Transport.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed not to have a council representative on Public Transport but to delegate any public transport matters as necessary. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Parish Council that the Planning Committee would be contacting Abbey Developments to request a meeting to discuss the replacement trees and would include the

residents affected by the felling of the two horse chestnut trees. The mounds of earth in the environmental buffer zone had also been reported to Enforcement and was awaiting a response.

Horseheath Road.

Update on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that the Environmental Health Officer at SCDC had requested the contact details of residents who had raised concerns of foul odour. The Parish Council will request that all residents in Lonsdale are contacted to diarise any incidents. Also, LPC note that Highways at CCC have refused the amendment to the incline to satisfy the surface water condition. The LPC Planning Committee had recommended that Highways were consulted whilst the condition was under discussion, this was not taken on board and as LPC predicted Highways have objected to the plans.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FRCC)

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) & Compliance Manager Report.

The RFO advised the Parish Council that the Parochial Church Committee (PCC) have advised that the works on the Churchyard paths were unsatisfactory and therefore require additional works. The PCC have agreed to cover costs of additional work to extend the paths.

Notification from the RFO that PKF Littlejohn have been selected as External Auditor for the county from the period 2022/23-2026/27.

S106 Funding

Consideration for the recommendations from the S106 working group and the FRCC relating to providing the Linton Village Hall with financial support through the S106 funding.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the full amount available be awarded to the Linton Village Hall with provision that priority be given to disabled access, with Cllr Karen Sanderson to be consulted on access requirements. Cllr John Bald seconded.10 in favour with 1 abstention.

Future Projects

Consideration for the request from the RFO for future long-term projects and focus for the next three years to allow for financial forecasting. Open discussion and Action required. The chairman requested that all councillors submit their top 3 future projects to the office to allow for a shortlist to be drawn up and discussion to take place at the December meeting.

Compliance

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC regarding the adoption of the CCTV policy.

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed that the CCTV policy be adopted with the adjustments as discussed to remove the wording "civic centre and library" and include the length of time data is stored once this is clarified in relation to the system set up. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

It was requested that all camera views/entrances must have CCTV signage installed.

Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 07.10.2022-21.10.2022 and 21.10.2022-04.11.2022. Noted.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in October 2022. Noted.

It was noted that 56% of the Speedwatch sessions in October were held on the High Street, where violation rates were low. The data showed that the violation rate was excessive on Hadstock Road and Balsham Road. Cllr Kate Kell advised that the traffic reacts to the presence of the Speedwatch Team and that the MSID being in location would give an accurate understanding of the extent of speeding on the High Street. The clerk had requested activity on Back Road on behalf of a parishioner, this had been scheduled in by the Speedwatch team. It was noted that more volunteers would also enable the team to conduct more sessions.

Events

Consideration for information received regarding the condition of the area of grass on Camping Close which has been affected

by the bonfire on Saturday 5th November. Supporting documents in councillors packs. Open discussion and Response required. The Parish Council requested that the Clerk write to the Fireworks Committee to request the area affected by the bonfire held on Camping Close is made good.

Churchyard

Update from the Churchyard Working Group following the site meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022.

Cllr Brian Cox had requested that the office arrange for the contractor to pollard the limes as a matter of urgency. Cllr Kate Kell advised that permission would be required as the limes are within the conservation area and an application must be submitted prior to any work.

Recreation Ground

Consideration for the option to adapt the Joiners Road entrance bollards to the Recreation Ground and maintenance of the bollards and adjacent fencing.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the clerk approach CCC Greenways to request the arms on the entrance bollards be removed and investigated if the adjacent fencing could be replaced to match the main entrance. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the quotes received for line marking of the old Bowls Green.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Colourworks quote be accepted. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for October 2022 from the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT). Noted.

Update on the proposed changes to the reports from BYT. It was requested that the quarterly report includes consolidated data to enable adequate review at the quarterly meeting. The RFO was advised to assist with templates to ensure this could be achieved.

Consideration for the request from BYT to amend the Service Level Agreement (SLA) requirements in relation to session hours and face to face contact time during holiday periods.

Concerns were raised about the reduction in service during the holidays and that this was a period when provision to vulnerable children was essential. Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that the BYT remain with the current SLA and that a review take place at the quarterly meeting in January 2023. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Licensing

Consideration for a Street Trading application received from SCDC.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed to support the licence application. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. 10 in favour with 1 abstention. Agreed.

Meeting Dates

Consideration of Full Council and Committee meeting dates for 2023.

It was suggested that the FRCC precept meeting be held as a working group meeting rather than a scheduled meeting and that a budget working group be formed at the December Full Council meeting. Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed the dates be accepted. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. All Agreed.

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