

RAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

**This year's parish meeting* will be held prior to the
Parish Council AGM**

Tuesday 12th May, 7pm at Rampton Village Hall

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2025.
2. Reports are invited from all village groups.
3. Open forum.
4. Any Other Business.
5. Close of Meeting.

**Note that this is not a Parish Council Meeting, but a meeting for the village, initiated and hosted by the Chair of the Parish Council.*

ALL WELCOME

Annual Report 2026



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Introduction

Local elections took place for all 61 seats on Cambridgeshire County Council on Thursday 1 May 2025. The table above shows the current composition of the Council, compared with the May 2021 election results and this time last year.

	2021	2025	Now
Conservatives	28	10	10
Liberal Democrats	20	31	31
Labour	9	5	5
Independents	4	2	2
Reform UK	0	10	9
Non-aligned	0	0	1

Since the election, the Liberal Democrats and Independents have formed a joint Liberal Democrat and Independent Group.

1 The Council

The Liberal Democrat and Independent Group now run the Council, with a vision to create a healthy, fair, and sustainable Cambridgeshire.

Drawing on my background in the charity sector and experience working with young people, I serve on the Children and Young People Committee, the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion (COSMIC) Committee, and the Fire Authority.

The Council has considered a range of issues brought forward for debate, including opposition to proposals to merge our local police force into a larger, more remote organisation, improving support for people in mental health crisis or at risk of suicide, strengthening GP services in growing communities, and the importance of flood prevention across the Fens. Most notably, I seconded a motion to develop a culture and arts strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council, which has now been agreed and is currently being implemented.

2 Strategy Resources & Performance

In February 2026, the Council agreed its budget, which prioritises record investment in roads, thousands of new school places, and ongoing support for vulnerable residents.

This includes an additional £20 million for highways maintenance, funding for the Council's climate change and environment strategy, and £11 million to improve household recycling centres at Milton and March.

Adult social care providers will receive a further £14.7 million to help manage rising costs and ensure care workers are paid the Real Living Wage, supporting greater stability and improved quality of care for those who rely on these services.

Support for children and families is also maintained, with holiday meal vouchers extended through to the end of summer 2026 for children most in need. This comes despite the Government replacing the Household Support Fund with the less generous Crisis and Resilience Fund, intended to cover a broader range of anti-poverty measures alongside support for children in struggling households.

In education, the budget provides for 3,500 new primary school places and £72 million over five years to expand secondary school capacity. It also continues investment in the Families First early intervention programme and allocates more than £1.2 million to libraries and archives over the next two years.

Separately, the Council's third annual Quality of Life survey was carried out in 2025, gathering views from 5,500 residents (1,100 in each district), alongside a wider open survey available to all residents during the summer. Like most county and unitary councils, council tax was increased by 4.99 per cent overall, comprising a 2 per cent adult social care precept and a 2.99 per cent general increase.

3 Adults and Health

The Adults and Health Committee play an important role in reducing health inequalities and supporting people to live healthy, safe, and independent lives, with timely care tailored to individual needs.

One of the first decisions of the new 2025 administration was to reorganise the committee into two separate bodies: one focused on public health, adult social care, and procurement responsibilities, and the other dedicated to scrutinising local NHS services.

It is encouraging that the Council's adult social care services were rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission last summer, reflecting the hard work of staff across the system.

However, this has been a period of considerable turbulence for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), which plan and commission healthcare services for local populations. Established in 2022, they replaced Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Last year, the Government imposed significant in-year and ongoing savings requirements on ICBs, leading to a series of mergers aimed at reducing costs and staffing levels. As a result, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough no longer has its own ICB and is now part of NHS Central and East, alongside Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire.

Looking ahead, there remains uncertainty over the future of the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, following the withdrawal of over £800,000 in NHS funding. A private donation has secured operations for a further year, but longer-term stability remains unclear.

4 Assets and Procurement

The County Council's Assets and Procurement Committee has agreed a partnership with developer Prologis to support the continued expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

The Council's Shareholder Sub-Committee has also approved an updated business plan for This Land, the Council's wholly owned company. The current administration has worked to stabilise the organisation, addressing legacy issues from its original establishment over a decade ago. The revised plan is designed to strengthen the company's financial position, enabling it to repay interest, reduce outstanding debt owed to the Council, and limit ongoing financial exposure and risk.

5 Children and Young People

Like other county councils, Cambridgeshire continues to face significant financial pressures, particularly in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and rising home-to-school transport costs.

The number of children in Cambridgeshire with an Education, Health and Care Plan has increased by 71% between 2020 and 2025. In response, the Council invested an additional £780,000 last autumn to expand capacity for processing assessments and plans. The Government is also supporting the delivery of two new special schools in Cambridgeshire, providing around 270 additional places.

Cambridgeshire County Council's services for care leavers were found to have improved following an Ofsted visit in July 2025, although the inspection also identified four areas requiring further development.

A new community outreach service has also been introduced to support families and young children from birth to age five, as well as community groups working with this age range.

6 COSMIC

COSMIC continues to provide oversight of support for people facing immediate financial hardship, with growing numbers of families under pressure.

One pressing issue has been the sharp rise in the cost of domestic heating oil, linked to global instability including conflict involving Iran during the previous US administration. In response, the Council has received £708,000 from Government, ring-fenced to support affected households. This funding has been added to the Crisis and Resilience Fund, with applications of up to £400 per household administered by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. Eligibility is currently limited to households in receipt of specific means-tested benefits.

If distributed evenly across all oil-heated households in the county, the funding would amount to less than £27.50 per household, highlighting the importance of targeted support.

The Committee has also procured a new IT system designed to improve early identification of low-income households who may benefit from support. South Cambridgeshire District Council has already been using this system successfully.

Alongside this, work continues to implement the recommendations of Cambridgeshire's Poverty Strategy Commission, structured around six themes: income maximisation, digital inclusion, rural poverty, housing and homelessness, support for children and families, and mental health.

Cambridgeshire's adult learning services were rated 'Good' by Ofsted in spring 2025, with learners' behaviour and attitudes judged to be 'Outstanding'.

7 Environment

Water scarcity and wider water management remain key issues for Cambridgeshire. Water Resources East is developing a regional water resources plan for Eastern England, combining infrastructure investment with measures to manage demand more effectively.

Alongside this, the Fens2100+ programme has published a series of reports, including a Case for Change, a Partnership Action Plan, and a baseline summary report, bringing together partners to plan long-term flood resilience across the Fens.

Proposals to relocate Anglian Water's wastewater treatment works from north-east Cambridge to Horningsea were ultimately halted after Government funding was withdrawn.

The Council continues to offer community watercourse grants to help local groups manage and maintain watercourses where deterioration is increasing flood risk.

Cambridgeshire County Council is also encouraging residents to take an active role in restoring nature through the 'Nature Recovery – From the Ground Up' project. This supports parish councils and community groups to develop Community Nature Recovery Plans. The first phase runs from July 2025 to March 2027, focusing on Cambridge and 20 parishes across East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire.

The county has also been recognised by Climate Emergency UK as one of the highest-performing councils nationally for action towards Net Zero.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP) continue to encourage safe recycling of batteries and electrical items, following a rise in fires linked to lithium-ion batteries.

The Cambridgeshire Digital Inclusion Directory continues to provide practical support for residents to get online, access devices, and build essential digital skills, with printed copies available in libraries and community hubs.

8 Highways and Transport

The condition of roads and pavements deteriorated significantly over the winter, reflecting increased usage and ongoing pressure on maintenance budgets. While the Council continues to invest additional funding into highway repairs, Government funding via the Combined Authority remains insufficient to meet demand.

Highways and Transport Committee Chair, Cllr Alex Beckett, has written an informative explainer article available at: <https://notesfromalex.substack.com/p/why-are-the-roads-so-bad-right-now>

Promoted by Josie Ratcliffe on behalf of Yasmin Deter (Liberal Democrat) all at 15 Ronald Rolph Court, Cambridge, CB5 8PX

A particular challenge locally is the impact of peat soil roads, which can cost four to five times more to repair than standard roads. Targeted investment has continued, with further priority schemes identified for 2026/27.

In January 2026, Cambridgeshire County Council approved a 20mph scheme for Cottenham. Work is now progressing towards implementation from April 2026. I would like to thank residents and the Parish Council for their strong support in helping bring this forward. The scheme will play an important role in making Cottenham's streets safer for everyone.

The Council is rolling out new LED street lighting across the county at a rate of around 2,000 units per month, with over 47,000 lights to be upgraded in total.

In 2024/25, fines totalling £483,000 were issued to utilities and developers who overstayed permits or failed to meet required standards.

Further information is available at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-plans-and-policies/how-we-are-improving-highways-maintenance>

9 Council reorganisation

A significant amount of this year has been taken up with Government proposals to reorganise local government and replace district and county councils with unitary authorities.

Local councils have submitted four options for how the area could be reorganised, with a Government decision expected this summer. The County Council's preferred option ('Option A') would see East Cambridgeshire, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire brought together in one authority, with Peterborough, Fenland and Huntingdonshire forming another.

I support this option as it best aligns with the Government's criteria and reflects how residents in East Cambridgeshire live their daily lives.

10 Finally

Finally, my sincere thanks go to the Clerks and Parish Councillors of Cottenham, Rampton, and Willingham, along with the many community organisations whose dedication and hard work help keep our communities strong, connected, and thriving. Over the past year, as I have settled into my role as a councillor, I have been continually encouraged and supported by your commitment, and I am truly grateful to be working alongside you all.

As always, please feel free to contact me by email at yasmindetercrw@gmail.com or by phone on 07585 363535. I'm happy to help and to continue working together to make our community a thriving place to live.

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Cottenham and Rampton Ward Councillors' Annual Report – 2026

1. Introduction

This municipal year 2025/26 has been quite a busy one and this report covers the last 12 months of activities by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and Councillors.

2. Governance

South Cambridgeshire District Council is in Liberal Democrats administration. The statutory services provided are: Waste Collection & Recycling, Planning (these two are shared services with Cambridge City but we host them), Housing, Environmental Health, Licensing, Council Tax Collection, Benefits and Business Development & Support, and Community Services.

We adopted the new corporate plan that has been shaped by feedback from residents in our communities. The priority areas we identified are:

- **Healthy and Supported Communities (HSC)** – We want to create a district where people feel safe, supported, and confident in their communities. Together, we'll focus on what delivers for residents, enabling healthier, more independent lives for everyone.
- **Sustainable Homes and Vibrant Places (SHVP)** – We want to help people live near their work, shops, schools, leisure, and healthcare, with affordable and reliable public transport.
- **Being Green To Our Core (GTOC)** – We will consistently promote a cleaner, greener, zero carbon future for our communities. We aim to safeguard and enhance the natural world for future generations and help our communities do the same as we strive to be among the most sustainable places to live and work in the country.
- **Helping Businesses To Thrive in South Cambridgeshire (HBT)** – We will support local businesses as they start up and grow and as we transition towards a sustainable economy. Working with partners we are helping our residents develop the skills they need to take full advantage of local opportunities.
- **Financially Secure and Fit For The Future (FSFF)** - We will make it easier for residents to engage with our services and democratic processes. We will make smart financial decisions to safeguard our services for the future and invest in our staff to ensure they remain equipped to deliver for our district's needs.

You can read the full details on our new website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/our-corporate-plan>

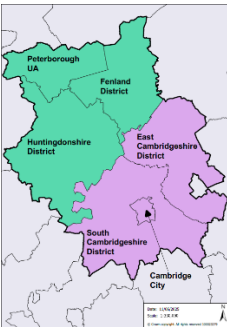
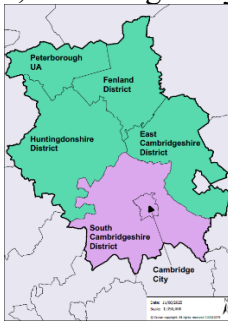

This is the final year of the current District Council Administration, with Elections due on 7th May 2026, giving you a democratic right to vote for the people you want to represent you. This is the last election of SCDC as we know it, as Local Government Reorganisation is moving to a Unitary Authority style within the next two years.

Some of our time is taken up with case work resolving issues for individuals who have issues with some of the services we provide, and that remains confidential. Also we have ongoing responsibility for the Committees that we sit on. Annika - Chair of Licensing Committee and SCDC representative on the Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly. Eileen - member of Planning Committee, member of Licensing Committee, SCDC Representative on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Skills and Employment Committee and Vice-Chair of the Council.

Local Government Reorganisation LGR

The council has spent a great deal of time during the last year dealing with government requirements for a Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). This is the Government’s plan to merge two-level County and District councils across the country into a single layer of unitary councils. In November 2025, the principal authorities of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough submitted their proposals for what those new councils should look like. The Government consultation ends on 26th March 2026 and decisions expected to be announced latest summer. The consultation website is at <https://bit.ly/LGR-Consult-2026>.

The four proposals are:

<p>Option A: Submitted by Cambridgeshire County Council</p> 	<p>Option B: Submitted by South Cambs DC, East Cambs DC, Cambridge City Council</p> 
<p>Option D: Submitted by Peterborough City Council and Fenland District Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>Option E: Submitted by Huntingdonshire DC</p> 

SCDC submitted Option B and I recommend watching this video at <https://bit.ly/LGR-OptionB> to find out the reasoning behind this. Elections will take place in May 2027 into the shadow councils, giving them a year to prepare ready to start operating in May 2028.

Development Corporation for Greater Cambridge (GCDevCo)

The Government says that Greater Cambridge is essentially the UK’s powerhouse, high-octane mix of world-class research and "the next big thing" in tech and life sciences. It wants to turbo-charge the growth and is proposing to create a “centrally led **urban** development corporation” (GCDevCo). Government also wants to take away planning powers from GCSPS – for plan making and for determining applications over a certain size. The government consultation ends on 1st April 2026, details on their website at <https://bit.ly/DevCo-GreaterCambs>. It is ironic that at the time when the GCSPS is nationally recognised as the best planning authority in the country in 2025, the Government is trying to decimate it. Claiming to deliver growth in a **largely rural area** is an oxymoron.

Majority of the DevCo members will be “professionals” appointed by the Secretary of State, rather than local politicians, reducing democratic accountability to the lowest level ever.

Both SCDC and Cambridge City are opposed to this power grab and held extraordinary council meetings on 17th and 19th March respectively to agree their formal responses to the Government. I urge everyone to respond too.

3. Sustainable Homes and Vibrant Places

New Council Homes

We recognise that everyone deserves a high-quality, safe, and affordable place to live. When the current administration came to power in 2018, the council was building about 35 new council houses each year. Furthermore, because of ‘right to buy’ sales its portfolio was shrinking so the period 2013 to 2018 saw a net reduction of 99 council houses.

Since 2018 the current administration has nearly quadrupled the rate of council house building. This year, at the time of writing, at least 120 new council homes had been completed across the district and by the end of the financial year, we will have delivered 139 new council homes. This is something the administration is very proud of - developing affordable housing in our district, responding to resident requirements as quickly as possible.

Affordable Housing Delivery

Affordable housing is generally delivered by housing associations, often through S106 schemes especially on major sites. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) recently published by the GC Shared Planning Service shows that 2024-2025 2,265 new homes were completed across Greater Cambridge, the highest since 2011. Of these 1,735 new homes were in South Cambridgeshire, of which 424 were affordable homes.

Work has begun on building out the SCIP development next to South Cambs Hall in Cambourne. SCIP is the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP) with The Hill Group. The project will build 256 new low-carbon Passivhaus principles homes of which 40% (102) will be affordable comprising 72 for rent and 30 for shared ownership.

We are well into a programme of upgrading the thermal efficiency of our existing council housing stock using grant funding from Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to bring them up to EPC Band C which will result in a significant reduction in energy running costs for tenants.

Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use

A major milestone has been reached in tackling long-term empty homes in South Cambridgeshire, with 75 properties brought back into use in the last three years. This was achieved by appointing an Empty Homes Officer in 2022. To find out more about our work bringing empty homes back into use visit our webpage at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/housing/empty-homes>.

M&Me App–For council tenants to report repairs

The Council has launched M&Me, a new mobile app developed in partnership with Mears, offering council tenants a quicker and more convenient way to report repairs. Using the app, tenants can report a repair at any time, choose an appointment slot that suits them, receive real-time alerts and updates about their repair, see who will be attending their home and when.

Mears will be writing to all council tenants with full details about the new app, including their unique access code.

Planning and Placemaking

Multi -award Winning Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS)

South Cambs hosts the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS), the joint planning service for both SCDC and Cambridge City. As the Cabinet Member responsible for the Service, it was pleasing to see the focussed transformation work over the years (from 2018 when we took over administration) result in the service winning three prestigious awards in 2025.

- (1) The [Royal Town Planning Institute](#)'s national Local Planning Authority of the Year 2025
- (2) The Planning Award for 'Planning for the Natural Environment',
- (3) The [TET \(Thornton Education Trust\)](#) Inspire Future Generations Award for 'Best Local Authority in Youth Engagement' 2025.

The service has come a long way and hopefully will continue to provide this level of service when the councils transform to a new unitary authority and if/when the proposed Development Corporation is established.

Emerging Draft Joint Local Plan

Work is much advanced on the joint local plan with Cambridge City that should determine how our district is developed over the period 2025-2045 (DevCo permitting). The recently concluded consultation on the Reg18 stage showed strong community engagement with over 4500 responses gained from over 80 events online and offline. These comments are now being compiled and analysed. The proposals will go through normal process with members to finalise the version to go to final Reg 19 stage. This will then come out for final public consultation in the summer and subsequently submitted to MHCLG by the deadline of December 2026. More information at <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/>.

Current Local Plan and Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

The AMR is a requirement by Government and is a report tracking how well Greater Cambridge is delivering its current adopted Local Plans. The report is for the 2024-2025 municipal year and highlights include:

- 7,000+ applications handled
- 9,900 homes approved
- 2,264 homes completed — highest since 2011 – 1735 in South Cambs
- 687 affordable homes - 424 in South Cambs (part of total)
- 62,000 sqm employment space completed - 51,956 in South Cambs
- 408,000 sqm approved

Planning News

The Five-Year Housing Land Supply (with Cambridge City) is 5.6 years for the period 2026-31.

The GCSPS has also won £800,000 of Government Prop Tech funding & Digital Planning Improvement fund for work on our digital transformation in planning to enable residents engage more easily and for continuous improvement in providing the services to business and residents.

A new more accessible website was launched at <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

The Cottenham Liaison Group

The Cottenham Liaison Group continues to bring together Parish, District and County Councillors, Highways, Planners and other utility companies with Developers of the new estates in Cottenham to keep the impact of these works on existing residents is kept to a minimum.

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

This SPD is a guide for Section 106 agreements, explaining how existing policy is applied in a clearer way. It gives developers, communities, parish councils and decision-makers a shared understanding of what's expected. That helps planning applications move more smoothly and reduces long, drawn-out negotiations.

4. Helping Businesses To Thrive in South Cambridgeshire

The Business team is doing a lot of work to support local businesses (specifically SMEs) to grow, which will help local communities thrive, bringing jobs and opportunities into our villages.

The team continues to work closely with local businesses, stallholders, traders and event organisers to run markets across the district. It benefits residents and communities by being able to shop locally. One of these is the Gransdens Farmers Market that takes place in Little Gransden Village Hall. The full list available at <https://visitsouthcambs.co.uk/see-do/markets/>

South Cambs Christmas Market

South Cambridgeshire District Council hosted its indoor Christmas Market for the fourth year running. The festive extravaganza usually has around 100 stalls from local independent small businesses and market stallholders.

Visit South Cambs Website

The [VisitSouthCambs](https://visitsouthcambs.co.uk/) website at <https://visitsouthcambs.co.uk/> is increasingly popular with small businesses advertising and used by visitors to the area to see what's available to do in the district.

South Cambs Business Newsletter

The Business Newsletter is available and anyone can sign up for business support, news and information. More information at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business>

5. Healthy and Supported Communities

We are making more and more of our services available online and launched our new website with much improved accessibility. SAM – the webchat help has been very useful.

Our commercial investments are successfully bringing increasing income to the Council enabling us to provide more facilities. One example is the recently completed Unity Centre at Northstowe. The construction combines Passive House principles (low operational carbon) with low lifecycle carbon materials to deliver a net zero design. The building has been leased to the Northstowe Town Council who are now the operators of this impressive new facility. Doors will open to the public from 30 March.

We are also providing targeted health and wellbeing support for vulnerable residents and ensuring our staff have the training to respond appropriately to safeguarding issues.

Mobile Wardens scheme

SCDC continues to support the Mobile Wardens Scheme, which offers support and assistance for older people. This allows them to continue to live independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) either by a personal visit or by a telephone call, to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing. SCDC has set out a funding programme which will enable mobile warden schemes to become more financially independent, hopefully securing their long-term viability across the district.

Homes for Ukraine scheme and Newsletter

Sadly, it's now been four years since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, and many Ukrainians are still unable to safely return home. South Cambridgeshire continues to support Ukrainian guests. There are 104 Ukrainian guests being hosted in South Cambridgeshire, being hosted by 75 households. Many have moved on to private rented accommodation in the UK. In total 1,009 people have arrived in South Cambridgeshire under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. South Cambs provides a regular newsletter for Ukrainian guests living in our district.

Cabinet and Town / Parish Council Liaison

Cabinet holds meetings with parish councils, to share information relevant to communities and give opportunity to parish councillors to raise issues of concern directly to the administration.

Cost of Living Support

With many residents still facing financial pressures, the Council will continue providing its comprehensive cost-of-living support package. A budget of £449,000 is set aside to help residents through the next two years through schemes such as emergency food and energy support, workshops, budgeting and debt advice, white goods and furniture for vulnerable people and laptops with digital training.

Town and Parish Council Liaison Officer

The council continues to employ a Town and Parish Council Liaison Officer – Jack Bullimore – who has acted as a point of contact for parish councils over the last year. Alongside your district councillors, please look out for contacts from him.

6. Being Green To Our Core

We are making major progress on the Council's Being Green to Our Core priority.

Food Waste Collection

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste started rolling out weekly collections of food waste in parts of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City from this January 2026. It will be extended to all parts of Greater Cambridge by the end of the year. All households will receive a letter with full details a few weeks before the service begins in their area to help ensure they are prepared. In addition, before their new collections begin, households will receive a new outdoor caddy to put out for collection at the kerbside with their wheelie bins.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant and Newsletter

Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme is very popular and been running for seven years. Grants up to £19,500 are available to parish councils and community groups in the district. The current scheme has a pot of £152,000 opening Monday 25 May 2026 and closing on Friday 24 July 2026. Those interested in applying for a ZCC grant can join a workshop. More details on the council website <https://www.scams.gov.uk/news/council-pledges-more-money-for-zero-carbon-communities-grants>

The quarterly Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) newsletter gives local people in South Cambridgeshire support and advice about the climate emergency. Also contains information about all the council’s various environmental projects. If you’re not already signed up, please sign up today at <https://bit.ly/ZCCNewsletter>

Climate and Nature Strategy

The Council has also just adopted a new unified Climate and Nature Strategy which brings together all of our climate change and nature recovery work. It’s a really exciting document and well worth a read. It is on the council website at <https://bit.ly/SCDCClimateNatureStrategy>

Solar Energy Park Construction

Construction has begun on a pioneering renewable energy solar park to power the growing fleet of electric bin lorries for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. Due for completion by end of 2026, it is expected to supply 59% of the Waterbeach depot’s total energy needs and achieve over 40% biodiversity net gain through measures such as wildflower planting and new hedgerows to create a haven for local wildlife. More details at <https://bit.ly/SolarEnergyPark>.

7. Financially Secure and Fit For The Future

Financial Position and Budget

At the Council’s budget meeting, members approved its business plan and budget for the coming financial year. The meeting agreed to a £5.24 increase for an average Band D property. This works out to 10p a week and below inflation rise.

The table below shows comparison of the different precepts charged across Cambridgeshire

District	Unitary Precept	District Precept	County Precept	Total
East Cambs		£142.14	£1,785.42	£1,927.56
Huntingdonshire		£170.86	£1,785.42	£1,956.28
South Cambs		£180.64	£1,785.42	£1,966.06
Cambridge		£239.07	£1,785.42	£2,024.49
Fenland		£253.35	£1,785.42	£2,038.77
Peterborough	£1,836.72			£1,836.72

This doesn’t include the police, fire, parish council or Mayor’s precepts which are not set by SCDC but are collected by the council. It also doesn’t include town and parish precepts (which in an increasing number of cases are now larger than the District Council’s). As seen, South Cambridgeshire charges slightly more than Huntingdonshire DC, but significantly less than both Cambridge CC and Fenland DCs.

SCDC is one of the best run councils in the country and is often held up as an exemplar. It continues to deliver high quality services in the face of sustained cuts by central government, including recent reductions to the amount of Business Rates that local authorities can retain. Our core spending power is being cut by over £5 million over the next 3 years, thanks to the Government's "fair funding review 2.0" which is hurting councils in rural areas like ours. That drop is the equivalent to 15% of our core spending power.

As a result of the government's funding changes, we are increasingly reliant on council tax. In this budget - council tax represents 35% of our core spending power. Come 2028/29 - council tax will represent 47% of our core spending power.

We have council tax relief offering up to 100% relief from council tax for those residents who need it most. Even with the rise, South Cambridgeshire would remain among the lowest-taxing district councils in the country.

Grants

Support for residents remains central. The strong financial position means we continue to be able to offer grants to our communities. The Council will provide £900,000 over three years in Service Support Grants for voluntary and community groups, alongside extra funding to prevent homelessness.

Community Chest Grants

The Council continues to provide Community Chest funding, and this reflects the Council's commitment to sustaining grassroots initiatives and supporting a stronger, more connected community. By investing in these organisations, the district ensures that local people continue to benefit from essential services, social opportunities, and support networks. Community Chest grant funding is available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT)

Another proud initiative is the LIFT scheme, which was made permanent in the last year. The LIFT software interrogates the council's databases to identify residents living in South Cambridgeshire who are missing out on benefits that they are entitled to claim. A two-year apprentice role has been added to the scheme to make the most of the LIFT programme. It's already done fantastic work for residents – helping over 1,000 residents so far to secure more than £4 million in benefits for local households.

Support Grant funding

South Cambs District Council has committed Service Support Grant funding of £300,000 a year to local community groups to underpin the delivery of services to support people with their mental health, independent living, advice services, and to help residents through the cost-of-living crisis. The Service Support Grant funding has almost doubled compared to the previous budget, made possible by prudent management of the council's finances and a recognition of the acute need for these services.

8. Community Issues

Bourn Airfield Development

This development now has new owners – Greycoat. It’s a joint venture with Greycoat Real Estate, Oaktree Capital and Homes England. They team have been engaging well with the communities, attending the Liaison Forum meetings. They are hoping to get the first residents moving in 2027.

East West Rail (EWR)

Finally this year, EWR have started communicating better. I was pleased that EWR finally decided to listen to me, your parish representatives and MP and decided to use a mined tunnel (not cut-and-cover) underneath A428, Bourn Airfield and Highfields Caldecote. Years of banging on to them about the potential damage to our communities finally paid off.

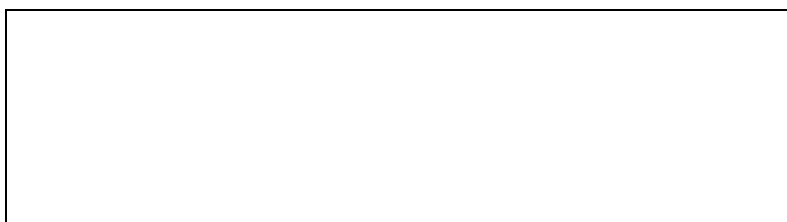
Elections 2026

Elections are fast approaching for both district and parish councils. Postal vote registration is now only valid for 3 years, so I recommend postal voters check immediately at <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/postal-voting>. Below is a summary of the election timetable.

Publication of Notice of Election	Monday 30 March 2026
Receipt of Nominations	4:00 pm Thursday 9 April 2026
Last Date for Voting Registration	Monday 20 April 2026
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Tuesday 21 April 2026
Last day for Voter Authority Certificates	5:00 pm Tuesday 28 April 2026
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Tuesday 28 April 2026
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Thursday 7 May 2026
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 7 May 2026

Full details on the council website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/elections/elections-2026>

As always, we encourage everyone to register and use their democratic right to vote on 7th May 2026 in the very last elections for South Cambridgeshire District Council.



RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No. 802398

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

12th May 2026

2025/26 has been another busy and successful year for the Village Hall, which continues as a major asset for the village. The work of the Committee includes the maintenance and day to day running of the Hall including insurance, electricity and cleaning/maintenance. During the last year we have welcomed a rep from the Rampton Tea Club as a new Trustee; however, the Committee continues to seek new elected Trustees. We are also currently seeking a Secretary and a permanent Lettings Manager; at present the Chair fulfils those roles.

Regular out of village bookings have included Dog Training, National Childcare Trust, Living Sport, Fen Edge Archaeology Group and a fortnightly textiles class. Regular bookings by village groups, including the Parish Council, Ramparts, Tea & Craft Clubs, Spinners, Table Tennis and Ramptones singing group, supplemented by less regular or ad hoc bookings, which mean the hall is used most days. This spread of regular hirings means we are not overly reliant on any one group for income. Private bookings for parties and similar make up only about 10% of the hall use; overall the usage has been about 60% from the village and 40% out of village hirers. On balance hall use is very healthy contributing to the independence and upkeep of the facility. The FIT money (from the solar panels) and the VH Lottery also continue to help maintain income. We had battery storage fitted in May which showed benefits over the summer months and continue to replace any remaining non-LED bulbs with LED ones, in order to further improve our energy rating and carbon footprint.

The Village Hall has continued to work together with other village organisations, most notably the '77 Committee, Sustainable Rampton and the Rampton Fairies, to contribute to several events. This collaboration between the various village groups remains very positive.

A major concern this year has been the significant worsening of cracking in the walls of the northwest corner of the hall due to ground shrinkage as a result of increasingly dry summers. After several different surveys our insurers have accepted this as a subsidence claim and are working on plans to mediate the damage. We know already that it will include work to repair and in part relay drains on the west side, and the removal of the large beech tree on the northwest corner (the other beech tree took matters into its own hands and gently fell over on the weekend of Storm Dave). We are yet to know whether we will need to close the hall at any time for this work, but will avoid that if at all possible. Once that work has been done, the situation will be assessed to see if any further work is required.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Committee and express my thanks and great appreciation to the Committee Officers for their hard work. Thanks also to Shani and Stuart Morley who clean the hall and keep the grass cut and windows clean.

Thanks should also particularly be recorded to Jill Howell who, although not a Committee member manages the VH Lottery on our behalf, and to Jane Perks for her continuing work on the website and our Facebook page.

Alison Dickens
Chairwoman
Rampton Village Hall Management Committee
May 2026

Rampton '77 Committee

Annual Report for Parish Meeting 2026

Rampton's '77 Committee has had another very busy year. Cooperation with other groups has been of great benefit to the whole village. In such a small community, working together has been both productive and enjoyable.

The Committee has been delighted to welcome three new members during the year. As with all groups we welcome more members. At our AGM in September 2025 we elected two Co-Chairs and, from January 2026, a new Secretary.

Our finances are in good order and we have sufficient reserves to cover our commitments for the coming year. Requests from villagers for consideration of funding towards community projects are always welcome.

Events held April 2025 to April 2026

- May 2025: Coffee Morning and Grand Spring Raffle. Much coffee and cake was consumed and stalls were busy. This was a major fund-raiser and was very well attended. We are hugely grateful to our donors for their very generous prizes.
- June 2025: Tea in the Hall. A stormy forecast forced the re-siting of Tea on the Green to the Village Hall. This is a joint event run with the Rampton Fairies with any profit shared equally between us. Huge thanks as always to Greta Evans for her delicious scones.
- September 2025: Rampton Relay. The Relay is our smallest village event but no less contested with teams and additional individual runners taking part to run One Rampton Mile. Participants received a medal and certificates were awarded for fasted performances.
- October 2025: Harvest Supper. Under the '77 Committee's umbrella, the multi-group village team provided sausage and mash plus fruit crumbles galore for a full house. Members from the Rampton Fairies, the Village Hall Management Committee, All Saints' Church, the Horse Show Committee, Sustainable Rampton, and individual villagers all helped and a wonderful array of produce was donated for the Produce Auction. Attendees voted for their favourite charities and a total of £674.98 was donated to Alzheimer's Research UK, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, East Anglia Children's Hospice, Guide Dogs, Marie Curie, and MIND.
- January 2026: The Over Sixties Dinner and Revue was very popular again this year with a high attendance at both the meal and the Revue. The '77 Committee covered all costs for the meal and shared Revue ticket profits with the Village Hall Management Committee. The Revue was under new management this year and was a great success. Huge thanks again to the small army of helpers for both the meal and the Revue.
- February 2026: Jumble Sale. A very popular event with a long queue at the door prior to opening. Leftover jumble was taken to charity shops or recycled. From a whole hall full of jumble, only 2 small bags and two broken suitcases ended up as landfill. A great result. A total of just over £500 was raised with more to come from ongoing online sales.
- April 2026: Rampton Trail – Galaxy Trek. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying Rampton's mini universe thanks to a great community effort by many villagers in creating around 100 wonderful aliens, planets and spaceships and then allowing us to site them outside homes. Much fun was also had with our free crafts making balloon light sabres, paper plate solar systems and spaceships. The Grand Spring Raffle was very well supported by our very generous donors with over £1,000 in prizes.

Projects

- CarCare – the '77 Committee has again covered all costs which would have been incurred by CarCare users. The Committee has pledged to continue this support into 2027.
- Working with Sustainable Rampton, we have committed to fund £250 towards a first batch of swift boxes within the village.

Village Resources

- After several personal requests to borrow the gazebos, we agreed to purchase a 3m x 6m pop-up gazebo for low-cost hire to villagers. Its first use was as the backstage storage area for the Revue.
- For our own use, but also for free loan to Rampton community groups, we have purchased the following:
 - Sturdy “festival” trolley
 - Leg weights for the gazebos
 - Water container

Donations

- During the year, the Committee has also made donations to the Horse Show (class sponsorship), Cancer Research, and Alzheimer’s Research UK

**Rampton Tea Club Report for the
Annual Village Meeting of Parish Council,
12th May 2026**



Background of The Group

The Rampton Tea Club meets on alternate Tuesdays so that local people can meet and enjoy one another's company along with some tea and refreshments. Every other Tuesday there is an educational talk/activity of some sort. The group was originally formed in November 2008. The members have always organised at least one outing a year along with an annual Christmas lunch.

We don't ask for a membership fee, but there is a charge of £3 at each meeting to cover costs. The group is run by a small committee.

2025

Last year was another busy year for our club however it was a sad one for Tea Club because our founding member, chair and champion, Sylvia Beaumont, sadly passed away. Sylvia was a very important member of the Rampton community and was involved in a number of local groups but her leadership of the Tea club over many years was outstanding and we miss her very much.

At her funeral on 19th November last year, floral arrangements from each of the local groups Sylvia was associated with, were placed in the church windows for her funeral service. Mrs Maureen Miller created a beautiful display on behalf of the Tea Club.

Helpers

Numbers attending Tea Club are usually between 10 and 30 with some talks attracting the higher numbers and we have been able to continue to function and host talks/chat and serve tea due to our wonderful group of Tea Club Helpers which was set up during 2025. 14 local residents support the club by helping to put out chairs, make cakes and serve refreshments to members on a rotating basis. The committee is extremely grateful to those who help and enable us to continue to operate.

Talks

We have been able to host talks in the past year on a range of subjects from autism to policing and our local sustainability group to Tidal Energy. We are fortunate that many of our talks are given by local residents for example Bev Markey on her experience of training a dog for the blind and in January local Master Chimney Sweep Lawson Wright, gave us a talk on “Chimney Sweeping Then and Now”.

Projector and Public Address Equipment.

Our excellent Epsom Projector continues to serve us very well and we are very grateful to South Cambridgeshire District Council and Rampton Parish council who supported our application for its funding in 2023. We also have a PA thanks to this grant though we find we don't always need to amplify speakers' voices. We are also delighted that other groups are able regularly to borrow the projector and PA for other local events and are also grateful to the Rampton Village Hall Management Committee who in 2025, have allowed the projector and PA to be stored in a safe and locked cupboard in the hall. This has been extremely helpful, especially by enabling other local groups to use the equipment.

Summer Outing.

In July 2025, we had another excellent trip on the Ouse River on a small river cruiser which is owned by the Ladybird Boat Trust. Like the year before we had lunch at the Hartford Marina prior to the boat trip. We were blessed once again with sunny warm weather and even managed to squeeze in some Tea and Cake on board. Another relaxing cruise with the Ladybird Boat Trust is planned for this summer (7th July).



Other Village Groups

Collaboration with other village groups has continued. We work closely with Sustainable Rampton and The Rampton Fairies.

The Tea Club uses the Village Newsletter to advertise its programme and we also have a Facebook page. We are members of the Fen Edge Community Association who advertise our meetings. We have been very grateful to have the support of other groups in the village, for example the Village Hall have helped us and we use their screen at meetings, they also have developed a section on their website for us and advertise our meetings on their calendar.

Minibus

The Rampton Fairies organised a series of minibus trips to local places of interest, different shopping destinations or pubs/garden centres on a regular basis between 2023 and 2025. The Tea Club worked closely with the Fairies on this project but demand was low and so the service was discontinued in 2025.

Conclusion

The Rampton Tea Club is doing well and as a group we enjoy our meetings and our collaboration with others locally in Rampton and other villages.





Sustainable Rampton Working Group activity report for Parish Council Annual Meeting 28 April 2026

Currently the group members are:

Irene Dunkley, Dave Harvey, Anita Richards, John Richards, Sumanlata Sahonta, Nick Waller and Sharon Waller.

We welcome any villager who would like to contribute to the Sustainable Rampton group.

Rampton Residents Sustainability Survey

A survey was carried out in March 2024 to establish which environmental issues most concern residents. The survey focused on 3 key areas:

1. Community and amenities,
2. Protecting nature and the environment and
3. Lifestyle changes - working towards Zero Waste

with a view to informing the work of both the PC and Sustainable Rampton. The response rate from the adult population, based on the 2021 census data, was 27.49%

A report¹ of the survey's outcomes was presented to a meeting of the Parish Council on 22 May 2024, at which the Parish Council fully endorsed the report's recommendations.

Sustainable Rampton has been continuing to work to fulfill the recommendations listed below over the last 12 months.

Community and amenities

1. work with the Parish Council to identify suitable areas for increasing wildflowers;
2. work with the Rampton Village Hall Management Committee (RVHMC) to improve the energy efficiency of the village hall;
3. work with the Parish Council to determine the level of community support for the development and management community food growing initiative;

Protecting nature and the environment

1. work with the Parish Council to apply for a grant to clean and maintain the village pond;
2. work with the RVHMC and other village community groups to tackle littering.
3. work with other village community groups to encourage wildlife gardening.

Lifestyle changes - working towards Zero Waste

1. develop materials/information to raise awareness and encourage adoption of more sustainable lifestyle practices and processes, particularly in those areas where awareness and uptake appears to be low;
2. run Repair Cafes and SWISH (clothes exchange) events to reduce the amount of materials sent to landfill

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<https://sustainablerampton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Final-Report-Rampton-Residents-Sustainability-Survey-2024.pdf>

Community and amenities

- 1. work with the Parish Council to identify suitable areas for increasing wildflowers;**

No mow verges

6 verges were originally identified as being suitable for growing wildflowers and agreed at the Parish Council meeting 11 March 2025. A further 4 verges in King Street were included in the 'no mow' areas at the request of the householders. These areas were subsequently roped off to prevent further mowing until the autumn. Following the autumn mowing, explanatory signs provided by the Parish Council were erected in place of the rope to ensure that the verges were not mown again until Spring 2026.

Rampton Habitat Management Plan

In May 2025 the Parish Council tasked the group with 'driving' the management of the Rampton Habitat Management Plan which is designed to manage and maintain the habitat enhancements. The plan was designed by the New Life on the Old West (NLOW) team, a project developed by Cambridgeshire ACRE with a grant from the National Lottery Heritage fund. The largest habitat enhancement is the wildflower meadow on the recreation ground. Unfortunately, as the meadow had not been managed according to the plan since the end of the delivery phase of the project in 2023 the wildflowers had been overcome by grasses and thistles. Acting on NLOW's advice, a 50m² pumpkin patch was planted to reduce the fertility of the soil and the group set about removing grass mowings and thistles.

It became clear however that restoring the meadow over such a large area would be a gargantuan task. Following discussions with the NLOW Project Manager and the Parish Council therefore, in September it was agreed that the group would focus its efforts on managing 2 smaller areas of the meadow and seek to restore additional sections each year through the creation of pumpkin patches. The pumpkins from the first patch were harvested in October and yellow rattle was sown on the 2 areas to weaken and suppress the growth of grasses creating space for wildflowers to flourish.

In April, following the spring mowing of the whole meadow the first pumpkin patch was sown with wildflower seed and roped off along with the 2 areas. A second pumpkin patch is in preparation with seedlings due to be planted after the danger of frost has passed.

- 2. work with the Rampton Village Hall Management Committee (RVHMC) to improve the energy efficiency of the village hall;**

RVHMC was awarded a South Cambs District Council (SCDC) Community Chest grant of £1,093 to fund the installation of LED energy efficient internal lighting, security lights and solar powered pathway lights. Sustainable Rampton installed solar power lights on pathway leading to the hall, improving accessibility for all users.

- 3. work with the Parish Council to determine the level of community support for the development and management community food growing initiative;**

Following the receipt of a £500 grant from SCDC in February 2025 to develop raised beds on allotment half plot 3B the community allotment has had a successful year. Several raised

beds have been created, some from old tractor tyres and a variety of crops grown. A small group of students (including a Rampton village resident) from Impington International College cleared out the overgrown and unusable composting area and constructed a new composting bin over the weekend of 27-28 September. This kind of community project is part of their sixth-form curriculum.

Although 6 residents responded to the initial invitation to participate in the project, regular engagement has been patchy. In an effort to involve more villagers, open mornings with refreshments were held in September 2025 and March 2026. Both events attracted a few interested people who were able to take away free produce, but only 1 person expressed interest in joining the team. Thanks to the perseverance and energy of Dave Harvey, the allotment has been and continues to be very productive.

Protecting nature and the environment

1. work with the Parish Council to apply for a grant to clean and maintain the village pond;

Although it hasn't been possible to apply for a grant due to the fact that ownership of the pond cannot be established, the group has with the Parish Council's support committed to improving the pond's ecosystem for the benefit of aquatic species and fauna by organising spring and autumn working parties to cut back overhanging vegetation and clear it of weeds, leaf litter, algae. Surveys carried out in April 2025 by Cllr Sharon Dence, in her capacity as Field Worker with ecology specialists, Greenwillows Associates Ltd, established the presence of Great Crested Newts and other newts in the pond. Thanks to the Parish Council a Parachute Weed Skimmer was purchased in March 2026, making the removal of surface debris much quicker and easier.

2. work with the RVHMC and other village community groups to tackle littering.

As is the tradition in Rampton, litter picks were carried out in Oct 2025 and March 2026 with the help of volunteers. Thanks to the RVHMC, we were able to use the hall after the events to offer volunteers drinks and cake as a small token of appreciation for their efforts.

3. work with other village community groups to encourage wildlife gardening.

Rampton Open Gardens - Sunday 18 May

Upwards of 50 people participated in this new community event which celebrated local gardens from a sustainability perspective, focusing on composting, wildflower areas and other pollinator/wildlife friendly features including ponds, bug hotels, a hibernaculum and hedgehog tunnels to name but a few. Dr Hilary Conlon from Anglia Ruskin University gave a thought provoking talk on "*Wildflower planting pockets – a critical part of the food web*" in the village hall. Rampton resident Lawson Wight also gave an interesting talk on the benefits of composting and how to go about it.

Visitors were invited to visit the gardens of 8 participating residents and the Black Horse pub. The latter had recently sown wildflower seeds provided by Navas Drinks, a company working

with the National Wildflower Centre at the Eden Centre, as part of 'Creating a Buzz', a national campaign to bring more biodiversity into pub gardens.

Following in the footsteps of the Cambridge City [On the Verge](#) initiative, we gave away 46 packets of wildflower seeds to encourage people to grow their own 1 metre square patch in their gardens in order to increase the number and range of pollinators. The seeds were provided by the NLOW programme. As a result of the event, we were delighted to recruit 2 new members to the group - John and Anita Richards - who had also opened up their garden to visitors.

After expenses, proceeds from the sale of refreshments and donations resulted in a small surplus of £29.43 which will be used to support future activities.

Lifestyle changes - working towards Zero Waste

- 1. develop materials/information to raise awareness and encourage adoption of more sustainable lifestyle practices and processes, particularly in those areas where awareness and uptake appears to be low;**

a) **A Pink e-waste bin** was hosted for the second time by the RVHMC for 6 weeks from the beginning of November 2026 for the collection of unwanted and/or broken small electrical appliances.

b) Pumpkin No Waste Festival - Sunday 2 November, 2-6pm

A collaboration with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Services and Cambridge Sustainable Food (CSF). CSF created a delicious afternoon tea using the pumpkins grown on the wildflower meadow to reduce fertility. They also arranged for a michelin-trained chef, Rowen Halstead (<https://www.wastenotrowen.co.uk/>), to give a live cookery demonstration showing how every part of a pumpkin is edible. Rowen also gave tips and recipes on how to use food that otherwise might be wasted.

The event was a great success, attracting over 50 visitors including a dozen or so children from Rampton and surrounding villages.

The festival was funded by Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (GCSWS) whose staff used the opportunity to tell visitors about the roll out of a new weekly food waste collection service in 2026 and show them the new food bins.

We were delighted that a press release by GCSWS was published on 5 November in a double page spread in the Cambridge News with supportive comments from Cllr Natalie Warren-Green, Cllr Rosy Moore and Cllr Eileen Wilson. The article can be found at: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/news/community-festival-in-rampton-highlights-no-waste-pumpkin-cuisine>

c) Yard Sale - Saturday 6 September

15 households used this opportunity to have a good clear out or generally declutter while their 'customers' benefitted from some bargains giving those items a second life. An excellent way of recycling! Feedback indicated that most had found it a worthwhile event.

2. run Repair Cafes and SWISH (clothes exchange) events to reduce the amount of materials sent to landfill - these events are supported by Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF)

a) Rampton's Second Swish - 15 November 2025.

Around 40 visitors supported the event. 119 kg of clothing was donated of which 23.5kg was swapped, the remaining 95.5kg was taken to Emmaus to be sold on. Events like these help to keep clothes in circulation, lessening our environmental impact by reducing the need to buy new items which draw on huge amounts of resources during their production, contributing to water pollution and carbon emissions. Yet again we were able to call upon the goodwill of a team of volunteers to help with the Swish and refreshments.

b) Rampton's Third Repair Cafe -14 March 2026

Once again, our talented team of repairers tackled a wide variety of items new and old. Out of the 36 items brought in for repair, 28 were fixed, 7 were deemed repairable and only 1 ended up in the e-waste bin. According to the Restart Project, by reducing the need to buy new appliances the event prevented an estimated 591kg of CO2 e-emissions equivalent to growing 10 trees from seedlings over 10 years.

<https://therestartproject.org/restarters/>

As always we're in awe of repairers' expertise and commitment to the repair community and grateful to them for giving up their time to support our event. We'd also like to thank all the wonderful local volunteers who helped us on the day. We couldn't run these events without them. And a big shout out to the amazing Pat Turner for making us a beautiful banner, displayed for all to see at the back of the stage.

After expenses from both events we were pleased to be able to donate £190 to CCF, the donation was timed to coincide with the charity's participation in the Big Give campaign enabling them to double the donation. <https://donate.biggive.org/>

Future events

Swish - community clothes exchange/swap - Saturday 26 September.

Membership and visibility

We have a website <https://sustainablerampton.org.uk/> and facebook page.

With only 7 active members, the group can only focus on a limited number of activities during the year. However, we are encouraged by and are thankful for the strong level of support from the wider community and other village groups.

We thank the Parish Council for its continued support.