

LONGSTANTON WARD DISTRICT COUNCELLOR REPORT MAY 2025

LONGSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL (TBC MAY 2025)

OAKINGTON & WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL (12TH MAY 2025)

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL (27TH MAY 2025)

CLLR NATALIE WARREN-GREEN

Election results

The recent county council elections saw the Liberal Democrats gain 11 seats and take control of the council. My congratulations go to Luis Navarro who is now the Longstanton Ward and Over County Councillor, and I look forward working with him. Every County Council seat in South Cambridgeshire district is now held by a Liberal Democrat. My thanks go to retiring Councillor Firouz Thompson who worked tirelessly for the last four years and achieved a lot on behalf of the residents. Well done, Firouz!

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

SCDC's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant will be open for applications from Monday 5th May and will close on Tuesday 1st July 2025. Parish councils and voluntary/community organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 for projects that reduce carbon emissions (e.g. from a community building) or foster greater community engagement on climate issues and encourage sustainable behaviour change. An online workshop is to be held on Wednesday 21st May 2025, 5pm - 6:30pm. Email zcc@scambbs.gov.uk for more information or to sign up for the workshop.

Allotment Improvement Grant

This grant funding can provide up to £10,000 to support projects that enhance the productivity, sustainability, and social value of allotment spaces. The key principles are introducing or improving water access, pest control measures (such as rabbit fencing) and introducing or upgrading facilities, such as toilets, to make the allotment environment more inclusive and suitable for a wider range of people. Applications for this grant will open on Monday 5 May and close in late August 2025 and parish councils and allotment societies are invited to apply. More information will appear on the SCDC website.

Community Growing Grant

Funding is also still available from the Community Growing Grant, which has been extended until the funding has all been allocated. This funding can help set up small projects such as raised beds, gardening equipment, soil, and seeds. For more information and to apply, visit the SCDC website.

Annual report summary of SCDC achievements for reference

My annual report was submitted for the Public Annual Meeting, and is also applicable to the May Annual Parish Meetings.

Our Member of Parliament

Ian.Sollom.MP@parliament.uk Ian is active across the constituency, and continues to hold regular surgeries which we will keep you informed of for residents. His office staff answer emails as soon as practically possible. He welcomes correspondence from residents requiring his assistance.

COUNCILS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

If you have a problem or concern do not worry too much about who can solve it just ask the question and we will endeavour to signpost to the right person. The organisational structure of Cambridgeshire is complex, but it is important to identify where responsibility lies.

County Council

Responsibilities: Education, Transport, Highways, Heritage, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards, - Waste management, Maintaining their estate.

Some of these services are shared between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council but any concerns should be directed to the county council.

District Council

Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning.

Parish/ Town Council

Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)

'The local delivery body for a City Deal with central Government worth up to £500 million over 15 years, to vital improvements in infrastructure (decarbonising transport), supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.'

Partnership between Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, University of Cambridge.

The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor

'A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries.'

What our mayor does – Business support, skills, housing, transport, environment, international, digital connectivity, resilience, research, and strategy. New homes.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough

To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

The Fire Authority is the governing body responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is made up of Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Peterborough City Councillors.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above, or any other matters.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/> - Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe