

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	13 th October 2022
Time:	7:30pm
Chairman:	Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors:	Ridge, Leitch, Clements, Hall, Hatt
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Cllr McDonald
District Councillor:	Cllr Hobro
Members of the Public:	None.
Start Time:	7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Pine – Previous commitment. These were accepted by the Council.

2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 21st July

These were approved by the Parish Council as a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

The council went to agenda item 8 and Cambridge Acre (see below).

5. District and County Councillors Report

Cllr McDonald spoke about his report. There were concerns about the loss of bus service that are hitting the County and the impact it will have on those using them. The Local Highways Initiatives will end this month. However, there is a new category for smaller schemes (20 mph) and there is a link to use to get the information to submit.

Cllr Hobro spoke about the planning enforcement (now compliance) forms. The Clerk has filled those in for North Hall Farm and Rectory Farm, Little Chishill. He spoke about Community Chest Grants and the Clerk said that we had successfully applied for one last year.

There had been an initiative for local markets (small traders) and the Clerk had put this information on the notice board.

SCDC is trialling a 4 day working week whereby staff are paid for five days and work for four days. It starts in January and will run until March. If the level of service goes down then it will be deemed a failure but there are KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) that will be monitored throughout by the scrutiny committee. The idea behind it is hopefully to encourage retention of staff. Cllr Hatt said he has experience (he has this in both sectors) that there is a very big differences in the working worlds between the private sector and civil servants. The Chairman and Cllr Clements had both had experience of the this but in one case full salaries were not paid but 80% was.

There is now a change how areas are managed in SCDC and this is now split into 2 areas (as opposed to 3).

The Visit South Cambridgeshire initiative is now 1 year old.

The Parish was alerted to energy bill scams and it was reported that this had been highlighted in the village newsletter.

Some old batteries were thought to have been the cause of a fire in a bin lorry and a reminder had been sent out for people to recycle their household batteries correctly.

There was a discussion about the mini budget and potential investments zone which at the moment do not include Cambridge City and no changes to the planning framework as yet.

Both Cllr Hobro and MacDonald were thanked for their reports.

6. Highways

- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill (drains) (Cllr McDonald). The drains in Hall Lane are apparently okay. The road signage at Flint Cross has still not been reinstated.
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill. Cllr MacDonald reported that it was him and not Cllr Ridge who was referred to in an email. The drains have still not been done, which is hugely disappointing.
- Potential extension to footpath plus additional footpath into Village Hall. Cllr Hobro has investigated this and we will now need to get onto highways about this.
- 20mph limit, Hall Lane / Barley Road. After discussion (after the old speed sign and potential costs) this and the point below will be handed to Cllr Hall and the Clerk to investigate and report back. The Clerk will contact Barley about their camera
- Speed Camera in Barley – Cllr Hall – Speak to Barley (see above).

7. Shed Break-Ins

The Clerk had spent time liaising with the victims and the police re recent shed break ins. She had had a very positive chat with the police and raised concerns about reporting crime and the length of time it takes and how people feel more confident speaking to the police rather than reporting online or via the chat option. The police took this onboard. The Clerk also spoke about the concerns of the position of the village (i.e. close to two county boundaries) and asked about joined-up reporting and the sharing of information particularly as subsequent she had heard of shed breaks close by in Essex. The PCSO also made contact and the Clerk had a conversation with her too (via email). There will be new patrols along the A505 corridor.

8. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

The correspondence has been circulated and any queries answered.

9. Planning

- LDF. There will be nothing more until January 2023
- Rectory Farm, Little Chishill. The clerk had submitted the form as suggested by Cllr Hobro
- North Hall Farm - The clerk had submitted the form as suggested by Cllr Hobro

- Bridgefoot Farm – The Parish Council needs to re-establish a dialogue with SCDC planning and John Shuttlewood should be able to help. There is great concerns of the usage and expansion of the site. Half of the site comes under Melbourn PC.
 - Campsite, Lynchets Farm. The owner is closing down the site. The majority of the Parish Council thought this was a great shame as the campsite is an asset to the village.
 - Land in village, we have not heard anything further from the developer.
 - Cambridge Acre Housing Survey – Jenna Brame (joined remotely). The item was bought forward to top of the agenda. Survey re affordable housing – 3 weeks. Accent Housing Association were the company requesting the survey. Cambs Acre have undertaken this sort of survey before and will send over some samples for us to look at (Cllr Hobro will send the link to the Fowlmere survey)
- Cambs Acre do not necessarily need the permission of the Parish Council to undertake the survey but it would be preferable
The questions are set by Cambs Acre and not the developer and so are impartial
The idea is to test for themes such as general affordable housing as a baseline, age groups, types of homes, downsize options and to caption the needs of the community
A question of infrastructure was raised as we are classed as unsustainable village. Sustainability is designed to bring less than 10 units of the next 10 years to protect over development
Connections to live in any new houses should be to the Parish members or their families
Cambs Acre will come back and present the survey results with the developer and authority.
A survey will be presented in draft form first
In principle subject to the review of sample documentation the Parish Council has no objection to proceed.

10. Finance

- Finance Sheets (already circulated). There were signed and dated and there were no queries
- Insurance Premium Payment. It was confirmed that the payment was acceptable.

11. Councillor Email and Policy

The clerk to circulate the draft policy.

14 Granta Medical Practice

The Council had received a reply from Granta which they felt was quite poor.

15. Lock-Up

Quotes are to be chased up.

16. Children's Playground

The Clerk had contacted the Chair of the committee and had heard nothing. The Chairman of the Parish Council to see what he can do.

17. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

Cambridgeshire County Report

Cost of living Support. This mirrors the South Cambs information and also to be updated regularly.
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Bus Service Update

There are a huge number of discussion going on with regard to the 18 services discontinued by Stagecoach impacting the 915, 31 and possible the 7A. As you may know the 7 service will increase to every 20 minutes. I will keep you updated.

https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/east-bus-network?fbclid=IwAR2Tc5VbF_LY4HE1NqPHYN0P9oIP7vgZmq7nzPKS0hRI9Uik3fZa90ZFNu8

Great Chesterford Hardcore Site : ESS/20/22/UTT

A combined planning & enforcement appeal has been submitted

Highways Committee

A new LHI process has been proposed and to be discussed at the October Highways meeting. It will see simple schemes fast-tracked.

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1922/Committee/62/Default.aspx

Also in this meeting a new HGV policy is being considered. [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

This Land

David Meek, appointed as Chair of This Land in May, and the company's Chief executive David Lewis were on hand to answer questions from Members on its business plan.

Key headlines from the 2022 plan include:

- Building approximately 930 new homes over the next 10 years.
- 396 of these houses to be affordable, with a minimum increase of 50 on last year's plan.
- Developing plans for a further pipeline of affordable homes across the county, including analysis of where County Council owned land can enable this.
- Disposal of underperforming assets. or assets where This Land is not best place to develop
- Commitment to deliver Environment, Social and Governance policies and to work closely with the housebuilding supply chain to reduce carbon footprint to net zero.

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Food Delivery Robots

A trial of food delivery robots in Cambridgeshire could soon be expanded after receiving a thumbs up from shoppers. Cambridgeshire County Council and Starship Technologies began a trial on 17 May which allowed more than 12,000 residents in Cambourne to order groceries from their local Co-op store.

And the overwhelmingly positive feedback has convinced both parties to seek to expand the service to Cherry Hinton, Romsey and Queen Ediths divisions in Cambridge, with a final decision to be made by the council's Highways and Transport Committee at its meeting on 4 October.

Ahead of the meeting, Starship will be carrying out feasibility work in the area to make sure it will be a viable location, particularly because of the narrow streets and pavement parking.

Starship is also considering extending the trial to the Longstanton/Northstowe area to see how the service can integrate in a new community.

As of September, the autonomous robots have carried out nearly 12,000 deliveries in Cambourne with 5,735 people having downloaded the Starship app.

A customer survey from Starship following the first month of operation has shown huge support for the robots, with 97.2% positive with the service and 98.4% saying they would recommend the delivery robots to their friends.

Other benefits include: environmental (with people using a car less often), time saving and a reduction in food waste. The survey also showed a reduction of 7,798 miles driven by vehicles in the first month which led to a 1,670kg reduction in CO2 emissions.

The council also carried out a survey between 1 August and 12 September which showed nearly 95% of respondents were either supportive or very supportive of the trial. The vast majority of people taking part in the survey (around four-fifths) had used the food delivery robots with widespread support for expanding the trial further.

The Cambridgeshire pilot allows residents living in Lower and Upper Cambourne to order deliveries through the Starship food delivery app which are selected from the Co-op store at 29 Mosquito Road. The groceries are then delivered in one hour or less.

Cambourne residents can schedule their delivery and watch in real-time via an interactive map as the robot makes its journey to them. Once the robot arrives they receive an alert and can meet and unlock it through the app.

The robots, which are powered by zero carbon electricity, are lightweight and travel at the speed of a pedestrian (no faster than 4mph). They use a combination of sensors, artificial intelligence and machine learning to travel on pavements and navigate around any obstacles, while computer vision-based navigation helps them map their environment to the nearest inch.

Foxton Hub

Im still waiting for an update from GCP and draft papers for the hub.

Peter McDonald
Oct 2nd 2022

District Council Report for October 2022

Councillor James Hobro

District Councillor for the parishes of Foxton, Fowlmere, Heydon, Great Chishill & Little Chishill.

I am always happy to hear from residents with any questions about these or other issues relating to the District Council. Please contact me by telephone on 07768 706670 or by email at clr.hobro@scambs.gov.uk.

Development Management Area Teams

The Development Management Area Teams within Greater Cambridge Shared Planning have been re-organised into two (rather than the previous three) teams. Full details of the teams and the areas they cover, with the names of everyone in each team, is set out on the Development Management Area Teams web page.

'Visit South Cambs' anniversary

The Council's Visit South Cambs tourism directory is now one year old. During that time, around 200 local venues have enjoyed free listings and more than 230 local events have been promoted, from village fetes to art exhibitions. The site has had more than 8000 visitors from around the world, reaching countries including America, Australia, and Japan.

The South Cambs Business Support and Development Team is asking for your help in sharing ideas for what you love most about our area using the hashtag #WeLoveSouthCambs. Residents and businesses will also be encouraged to share what they love most about getting out and about in South Cambridgeshire on social media using #WeLoveSouthCambs to build-up even more recommendations and insider secrets about the district's hidden gems. Residents and businesses can simply use #WeLoveSouthCambs to highlight who serves the best ice cream, who gives the friendliest service, where's the most scenic country walk or most relaxing pub garden and much more about what makes the area special. If you have any suggestions for listings you would like to see on the site, please contact Paul Jenkins-Green on Paul.Jenkins-Green@scambs.gov.uk . For more information, please see the recent news release.

Four-day working week trial

The South Cambs web site now contains a page on the four-day working week trial, which will begin in January 2023. This includes a short form, which members of the public can fill-out if they want to ask a question or make a comment about the trial. Several officers from multiple services have access to the responses collected by this form and will be ensuring that a response is provided where a resident has asked for one.

By-election for Longstanton ward

A by-election will be held to elect two new district councillors for Longstanton ward after two district councillors stood down.

The resignations of Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Alex Malyon mean that a South Cambridgeshire District Council by-election will be held on Thursday 3 November 2022. The Longstanton ward covers Longstanton, Northstowe and Oakington and Westwick. Whoever is elected on 3 November will represent the ward until May 2026, when all the seats on South Cambridgeshire District Council will be up for election again.

Bin lorry fire caused by batteries placed in wheelie bin

Residents are being reminded of the importance of disposing of batteries responsibly and correctly, after a fire in the back of a Greater Cambridge Shared Waste bin lorry on 6

October. The fire involved a refuse collection vehicle that was collecting black bin (non-recyclable) waste.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been batteries which were placed inside a black wheelie bin. When batteries are put into a wheelie bin, there is a danger they can split when mixed and compacted with other waste or recycling in the back of the collection lorry – which can cause a fire.

The correct way to dispose of all types of portable household battery (for example, Li-ion, AA, C, D, button, laptop) is to put them inside a small plastic bag and attach that bag to the handle of your blue bin for kerbside collection.

There are also collection points in all major retailers that sell batteries (e.g. supermarkets and electrical shops) and at recycling centres (e.g. Thriplow).

As is part of the usual safety procedure for an event like this, the waste in the back of the back of the vehicle was decanted onto the road to help contain the fire. The road was cleaned up as soon as possible after the fire.

District Council Report for August/September 2022

Councillor James Hobro

District Councillor for the parishes of Foxton, Fowlmere, Heydon, Great Chishill & Little Chishill.

I am always happy to hear from residents with any questions about these or other issues relating to the District Council. Please contact me by telephone on 07768 706670 or by email at cllr.hobro@scambs.gov.uk.

Planning Compliance: Refreshed website

As part of the wider review of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, officers have been reviewing the part of the service relating to ensuring compliance with planning controls. This review is particularly required because of the rise in the number of complaints received, which reflects a national trend, and the need to respond efficiently and effectively whilst keeping informed those who are involved. Our strategy is to promote a proactive approach to responding to breaches of planning regulations with appropriate interventions. Therefore, we have moved to the use of the term compliance. In the last six months work has been undertaken to examine existing processes, to streamline them, adopt new IT systems to aid reporting, and to improve the information available on these matters.

In relation to information available to residents, all the information on compliance with planning regulations has now been updated and consolidated onto one page within the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service website with links available from the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils websites. There is written guidance on what is (and what is not) a breach of planning control, as our experience is that many do not understand that some building works are able to take place without the need for planning permission to be granted. In addition, there is a helpful, explanatory video. Where it appears that there is a breach of planning control, complaints can now be submitted using an e-form. This allows any documents and/or photographs to be uploaded which will help the compliance team with their investigations.

We hope that this will enable residents and others to understand the issues involved in securing compliance with planning regulations. We continue to seek improvements to the way we respond to complaints about unauthorised developments with the development of a new Enforcement Plan and restructuring of the Compliance Team. If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager (Enforcement) - New Communities and Planning - Mike Holmes.

Community Chest grants

The District Council offers Community Chest grants of up to £2000 to local non-profit organisations for improvements to community buildings, repairs to historic monuments, funding costs for community projects, and biodiversity improvements. These are considered for funding on a monthly basis.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants/>

South Cambridgeshire Markets Toolkit and Directory

As part of our Business Plan commitment to help local businesses and economies, the Business Key Projects Team has been working with local traders, communities and businesses to help establish and expand local markets within the District. So far, we have explored how they are run, who by, and whether they wish to grow. Additionally, we have

gauged the mood for potential new markets, meeting with groups, village hall users and independent stallholders alike.

To further assist with our push for greater market visibility, we created a specific Market Toolkit guide for anyone considering beginning a market in their village. Coupled with this, our online Trader Directory is designed to list the talented marketeers across the district whilst promoting shopping and supporting local businesses. The overarching goal is to link market organisers with market traders, and help identify additional trading opportunities in the area. Assisting with our aim to expand the Trader Directory, we would greatly appreciate your support in sharing these links across your own social media platforms and contacts. The Council is sharing social media posts on this topic so you may wish to re-share those. For traders wishing to freely sign-up, they can follow the link here. We believe this will assist in the visibility of our small businesses whilst also broadening public interest and support for shopping locally.

Contact: businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk

Free to Feed campaign

As part of the #WorldBreastfeedingWeek (1-7 August), the 'Free to Feed' campaign will be launched in South Cambridgeshire to help mothers who breastfeed and/or pump feel confident and relaxed when feeding or pumping for their baby in public. We are encouraging local businesses and venues to take part by signing up and becoming a breastfeeding-friendly location. This is a project that has been funded by Public Health in which we are working in collaboration with Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Foundation Trust, Infant Feeding team. Participating businesses will be displaying 'Breastfeeding friendly' stickers and certificates in their premises, welcoming Mums to help normalise breastfeeding in public.

Find out more here.

Support for Ukrainian refugees

Ukrainian families are being given help to integrate into community life thanks to a new grant scheme launched on 7 July by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A wide range of events will be considered for grants, of up to £300 per project, to help reduce social isolation and encourage families to feel involved in their local community and life in Britain.

For more information, please see the SCDC Support for Ukraine web page.

Four-day working week trial proposed for 2023

A three-month trial of a four-day week could begin in January for desk-based staff at South Cambridgeshire District Council – as a similar pilot of over 3,300 staff continues at more than 70 UK organisations. Experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic mean people now think differently about work-life priorities; nationally and locally it is harder than ever to recruit and retain staff.

Service quality metrics would be monitored carefully during the trial. These keep a check on things like how long it takes the Council to process benefits claims, Council house rent collections, how fast planning applications are determined, staff turnover, call answering times and more. As part of the trial, the Council would also look to extend the hours that it is open to the public via a soon-to-be-launched webchat service or Teams / Zoom meetings.

For more than a year, the Council has only been able to fill around eight out of every ten (or fewer) of its vacancies. Between January and March 2022, only around half were filled. There are currently 23 agency staff covering office-based roles, which should ideally be filled by people in permanent positions. Over a whole year, these agency staff could cost the Council more than £2million. If the Council filled all these posts with permanent staff, it would only cost around £1million per year.

The proposals that will be discussed at the Council's Cabinet meeting on Monday 12 September 2022 recommend that a three-month trial for desk-based staff takes place between January and March 2023.

Numerous studies and trials by large companies such as Microsoft in Japan and Buffer in the USA have shown that a four-day week increases productivity.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/trial-of-four-day-working-week-proposed-to-assess-viability-for-council/>

Community Facilities now confirmed for Northstowe

Funding for high-quality community facilities for Northstowe residents, has now been confirmed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A report discussed at a Full Council meeting on 21 July 2022 outlines a plan for the Council to help fund the growing new town's Sports Pavilion and Community Centre on phase one, and Civic Hub and additional Sports Pavilion on phase two. Councillors unanimously agreed the proposals at the meeting.

The Civic Hub on phase two is intended to be the landmark building within the Town Centre. This will have space for community activity and development, a library service, a GP surgery, and other similar services. The Sports Pavilion on phase two is likely to be similar to the phase one Pavilion, but details are still being confirmed.

These are significant milestones that demonstrate the commitment of South

Cambridgeshire District Council to building a community at Northstowe that offers high-quality housing and local services. For more information see the full announcement here.

Licence update for businesses to serve food and drink on pavements and pedestrianised roads

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has announced that temporary changes brought in during COVID-19 which make it quicker, easier and cheaper for business to get a licence to serve food and drink on pavements and pedestrianised roads have been extended. The extension will continue until the changes are made permanent in the spring of 2023. The change was first introduced to help businesses keep operating during the pandemic and was welcomed by the public, café owners and pub landlords. The government will make these changes permanent in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, currently making its way through Parliament.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/al-fresco-dining-boost-for-businesses>

Cost of living stakeholder toolkit

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has launched a cost of living stakeholder toolkit which includes a range of materials for organisations to use to support eligible employees, and also to provide an update on the first cost of living payments. It contains:

- A downloadable poster and ordering instructions

- social media copy and assets in English and Welsh
- newsletter copy, FAQs and links
- factsheet
- adaptable assets for stakeholders
- printable PDF for stakeholders

The first half of the cost of living payments were issued last week, following this launch there has been a significant increase in scammers attempting to obtain personal information from customers by sending out texts suggesting that customers are eligible for cost of living payments. Councils are encouraged to remind customers that they do not have to do anything to receive the payments and can help spread the message by using the assets on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

If they are eligible:

- they will not need to apply for the payment
- they will not need to call DWP
- the payment to them is automatic
- DWP will never ask for personal details by SMS or email

Toolkit: <https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/communicating-help-for-households-and-cost-of-living-payments/>

DWP leaflets order form: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dwp-leaflets-order-form>

Government announcement on plans to reduce water pollution

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), DLUHC and Natural England have jointly announced new plans to help safeguard England's protected sites by driving down nutrient pollution and allowing for the construction of sustainable new homes. Natural England, in its statutory role as an adviser on the natural environment, has advised a total of 74 Local Planning Authorities on the nutrient impacts of new plans and projects on protected sites where those protected sites are in unfavourable condition due to excess nutrients.

The plans will see:

- A new legal duty on water companies in England to upgrade wastewater treatment works by 2030 in 'nutrient neutrality' areas to the highest achievable technological levels.
- A new Nutrient Mitigation Scheme established by Natural England, helping wildlife and boosting access to nature by investing in projects like new and expanded wetlands and woodlands. This will allow local planning authorities to grant planning permission for new developments in areas with nutrient pollution issues, providing for the development of sustainable new homes and ensuring building can go ahead. DEFRA and DLUHC will provide funding to the scheme.

Natural England will accredit mitigation delivered through the Nutrient Mitigation Scheme, enabling Local Planning Authorities to grant planning permission for developments which have secured the necessary nutrient credits. This will ensure developers have a streamlined way to mitigate nutrient pollution, allowing planned building to continue and creating new habitats across the country.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-plan-to-reduce-water-pollution>

Anti-social behaviour principles

The Home Office has recently published a set of principles developed by the Anti-social Behaviour Strategic Board which seek to describe a consistent approach to understanding and addressing anti-social behaviour in local communities, which will act as a guide to deliver best possible outcomes for the victims of anti-social behaviour.

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-social-behaviour-principles/anti-social-behaviour-principles>

Streets for a Healthy Life

On 15 July, Homes for England published a street design best practice guide for highway authorities and housing developers, 'Streets for a Healthy Life' provides examples of UK streets that meet the requirements for 'healthy streets' set out in 'Building for a Healthy Life'.

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/streets-for-a-healthy-life>
<https://www.udg.org.uk/publications/othermanuals/building-healthy-life>

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

On 2 August the government announced further funding to upgrade public buildings in England with low carbon heating and energy efficiency measures. Up to £635 million of government funding will be made available to public sector organisations so they can install low carbon heating, such as heat pumps, and energy efficiency measures including double glazing and loft insulation. The funding is available through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme with organisations such as councils, NHS Trusts and schools able to apply for grants from September.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-taxpayer-savings-with-green-upgrades-for-public-buildings>

Local Covid Commemoration survey launched

On 28 July the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration launched a survey to collate information on commemoration activities across the UK. The UK Commission on Covid Commemoration was established on 21 July to secure a broad consensus from across the whole of the United Kingdom on how we commemorate the COVID-19 outbreak and mark this distinctive period in our history at a national and community level. As part of its work, the Commission is keen to hear about existing and planned Covid commemoration activities across the United Kingdom. Councils are encouraged to complete the short survey below to inform the Commission of Covid commemoration activities in their area. This could include activities such as the opening of a memorial garden or an event to say thank you to those involved in the response.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-covid-commemoration-survey>

Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UKCovidCommemorationActivity/>

Safer Streets Fund update

The Home Secretary, Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, announced earlier this week that £50 million funding will be given to communities in England and Wales to make the streets safer. The money will go to councils, police forces, British Transport Police and eligible community groups in England and Wales to prevent violence against women and girls in public, neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour. The projects will be able to roll out extra CCTV and streetlighting in their communities and expand work to change attitudes and behaviours and prevent these crimes happening in the first place. The Home Office has added a list of the successful bids for the Safer Streets Fund round four.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/safer-streets-fund-continues-to-make-streets-safer>