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County Councillor Report for June Meetings covering May activity
The Hemingfords & Fenstanton

With the new municipal year now underway, May has focused on the first council meeting and re-establishing committee membership and the cycle of committee meetings. I continued parish engagement and work on a range of highways, transport and local development issues across the division. Alongside local casework, discussions continue across Cambridgeshire regarding transport infrastructure, public services and the future shape of local government.

Key Parish Activity – May

Highways, Transport & Development

A141 / St Ives Improvement Scheme

I continue to monitor the scheme as it progresses towards the next business case stage. Strong support remains for safer active travel links, improved public transport and targeted road capacity improvements through the corridor. I am working with Cllrs Bulat and Kerr to ensure parish councils and residents have clear opportunities to feed into the next stage, particularly where the scheme interacts with the HDC Local Plan and democratic oversight across different tiers of government.

HGPC – Pathways & Highway Maintenance

I met with the HG Pathway's officer and the Chair to walk and see the issues that have been already raised and need to be progressed with the rights of way team at CCC. The Green Infrastructure team confirmed that the grass cutting highlighted by a resident on the High Street has been done and will continue in the future

HWPC – Gullies on the A1123 / Thicket Road Resurfacing

I met with a resident on Houghton Hill who walked me through the blocked gullies between Eagle Mill and the entrance to Meadow Lane. Using photos and maps I prepared an overview of the issues that are caused by the rain run off from the bridleway and the impact on the road service and residents. This was sent to drainage team who will look to schedule work before the winter.

After the surface re-dressing of Thicket Road, a few residents pointed out the circular spots caused by car drivers turning their wheels while stationary to manoeuvre. I raised this with Highways who recognized this as 'dry steer', and they expect it to settle and re-embed. However, they will monitor the situation.

Fenstanton – Huntingdon Road / Hall Green Lane

I have continued to monitor progress regarding the planned works and associated highways matters. Currently, I have not got a definite date for the work but have chased the team.

Wyton-on-the-Hill – Sawtry Way

As this is on the border of HW I wanted to give an update. I have had residents' comment on the speed and safety on the road outside the entrance to Pine Hill Park and the Village. Also, the danger of crossing the road to use the two bus stops. I have raised this with the local police liaison to see what initial action can be taken – such as a mobile speed camera.

HGPC / HWPC / Fenstanton – Residents Parking

Progress has been limited so far, but I continue to press for clearer options on residents' parking across the division. Discussions have continued with officers regarding available options, enforcement limitations and potential future approaches. However, the recent chaos of bank holidays in villages has heightened the need to work harder with HDC, the council and the local police.

CCC Committee & Council Work

Full Council – 19th May

Cambridgeshire County Council held its Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2026. Much of the meeting was taken up with the formal business required at the start of the municipal year, including the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council, agreement of committee allocations, appointment of committee chairs and vice-chairs, appointments to outside bodies, and approval of the calendar of Council meetings for the year ahead.

Council also considered recommendations from the Environment and Green Investment Committee relating to the Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (RECAP) partnership. These covered the Interim Resources and Waste Strategy 2025–2031 and the Waste Management Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document. Both items are intended to support a more consistent approach to waste management, recycling, planning and future service delivery across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Two motions were debated.

The first motion concerned the Armed Forces Covenant. It recognised the duty owed to serving personnel, veterans and their families, and the importance of ensuring they are not disadvantaged when accessing public services. The debate also highlighted the wider contribution made by former service personnel,

many of whom bring leadership, discipline, resilience and practical skills into public service, business and community life after leaving the Armed Forces. The motion supported renewed commitment to the Covenant, greater awareness of available support, annual reporting on progress, and continued support for the Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Coordinator role.

The second motion concerned freight and logistics. It noted the growing impact of freight-intensive development on local roads, congestion, road safety, air quality, flood risk and communities. The motion asked the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to consider commissioning a strategic freight study, including the potential for greater use of rail and multi-modal freight to reduce pressure from heavy goods vehicles. The County Council's role would be to provide evidence and officer support within existing resources, with any findings reported back to the Highways and Transport Committee.

Adults & Health Spokes Meeting – 26th May

Members reviewed current service developments and emerging issues ahead of future committee business. Adult social care continues to be one of the most significant areas of expenditure and demand facing the County Council.

Pension Fund Work

I continued participation in Pension Fund briefings and preparatory work relating to governance, investment performance and future strategy for the Cambridgeshire Local Government Pension Scheme.

Related Council Work (Divisional Engagement)

26th May Water Resilience Session (see attached slides)

26th May LHI Meeting for bus stop at Hartford Marina

Parish Council Meetings

6th May - Houghton & Wyton Parish Council

11th May - Hemingford Grey Parish Council - Annual Meeting

11th May - Hilton Parish Council - Annual Meeting

14th May - Fenstanton Parish Council - Annual Meeting

23rd May - Hemingford Abbots Annual - Parish Meeting

25th May - Hemingford Abbots Parish Council

Community Events & Wider Engagement

9th May - Houghton & Wyton Christmas Lights Bacon Butties

9th May – Wyton-on-the-Hill School PTA Race Day

13th May - St Ives Mayor Making Ceremony

16th May - St Ives Community Information Day
17th May- Hemingford Regatta Boats
26th May - Thicket Wood Improvement Group
30th May – Cambridgeshire County Show

Key News from Cambridgeshire County Council – May 2026

Be Water Smart Campaign Launched

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched its new “Be Water Smart” campaign ahead of the summer months. The initiative aims to help families understand the risks associated with open water, including rivers, lakes and gravel pits, and provides practical safety advice for children and parents enjoying water-based activities.

Full story:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/council-launches-new-campaign-to-help-families-enjoy-water-safely-this-summer>

Council Strengthens Support for Armed Forces Community

At its Annual Council meeting, Cambridgeshire County Council unanimously reaffirmed its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. Councillors also agreed measures to improve awareness of support available to serving personnel, veterans and their families, alongside annual reporting on progress.

Full story:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/council-strengthens-support-for-armed-forces-community-and-calls-for-action-on-the-impact-of-freight-across-the-region>

Freight and Logistics Impact Motion Agreed

The Council also supported a motion calling for further work on the impact of freight and logistics across the region. The motion seeks greater understanding of how freight movements affect congestion, road safety, air quality and local communities, with particular interest in opportunities to move more freight by rail.

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Quality of Life Survey Opens

Residents are being invited to take part in the County Council’s annual Quality of Life Survey. The survey gathers views on local services, community wellbeing, safety, transport, health and the wider issues that affect daily life across Cambridgeshire.

Full story:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/quality-of-life-survey-launches-to-gather-resident-views-across-cambridgeshire>