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# Around

Little Shelford

Winter 2020/21

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competition

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Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Copy for the next edition should be emailed or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of All Saints Churchyard by Friday 9th April 2021. (As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.)

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### Little Shelford Defibrillator

The Little Shelford Defibrillator can be found attached to the wall of the rear kitchen extension at the Navigator Public House, 63 High Street (Enter the Pub Car Park and the defibrillator is at the rear of the Pub building on the left). When you open the defibrillator the machine will talk to you and guide you through how to use it.

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### Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder

02/02 Green + Blue | 09/02 Black

16/02 Blue | 23/02 Black

## Little Shelford Groups

Activity groups in grey. To include a group in this list or to change the contact details, please email [newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org).

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## From the Curate



Dear neighbours,

Ding, ding...round three.

We may have stepped away again from public interactions, but in some ways each lockdown feels like stepping back *into* the boxing ring.

Back to disruption, back to home-schooling, back to the challenges of isolation and/or cabin fever, back to uncertainty and frustration (not that any of these things have been far away during the past 10 months).

We've all had dark days during this pandemic, even if not the total darkness of a 'KO' punch!

The church poster recently has displayed the well-known verses from Isaiah; 'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...to us a son is given'. These are best known for their use in the service of nine lessons and carols, as broadcast every Christmas Eve from King's College chapel in town, but we have left them up through January as they feel very apt for our present situation.

The 'darkness' Isaiah originally wrote of in 700 B.C. was the experience of defeat at the hands of the Assyrian Empire. We may not be living through *quite* as turbulent a shake-up as that, but the 'great light' which offered hope back then still shines on us today; the light of 'a son'...a son who turned out to be called Jesus.

Unlike the light of the sun, which is somewhat diminished during the winter months, the light of Christ is undimmed. We can always turn to Him and be warmed, illuminated, and refreshed.

We don't know exactly how or when the pandemic will end, but we do know to whom we can each individually turn in sickness and health, in good times and bad.

With best wishes,

Edward Keene

Curate

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## Looking Back...

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Mary King since the publication of our previous newsletter.

More happily, the wedding of Alice Pilkington and Steve Hubbard happened on 24 December at All Saints Church.



## Online Services at All Saints

The church council, with the Bishop of Ely, have agreed to suspend in-person services at All Saints during this third lockdown. We continue to meet online both on Sunday mornings and evenings.

Full details to follow

To join the Sunday Zoom, contact: [office@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:office@allsaintslittleshelford.org)

## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

From our next issue onwards we plan to publish YOUR photos of Little Shelford on our front cover.

Please send your top photos of village scenes, buildings, life, wildlife, etc to [newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org)

## The Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

Keep the date as the  
**BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK!**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021\*

Raising funds for SSYI, a Christian, community based, Charity providing Youth Clubs and activities for all 11 – 18 year olds. A variety of breakfast food available from cereals to a traditional “English”. Live music featuring David Adams, newspapers available. Relax and chat with friends. A great way to start the day!

*\*May be subject to late change due to Covid-19 restrictions but we hope for the best\**

PLEASE NOTE OTHER IMPORTANT 2021 DIARY DATES FOR SSYI

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May Noon:** Grand Opening of the New Youth Centre at the Memorial Hall Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and the Deputy Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council and the Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council. An opportunity to see this new facility and meet the SSYI Team

Little Shelford Parish Council

## Join us for a Socially-Distanced Hedgerow Deep Clean

2pm – 3.30pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

With all the hedgerow vegetation having died back for the winter this is a perfect time to deep clean our hedgerows and collect bottles, cans, and other litter. Michael, our Village Man, does a great job of keeping the village tidy every week. But this is our chance to help him out before the spring returns and the hedgerows bloom again.

Meet at the Little Shelford Memorial Hall at 2pm. Finish at the Village Hall at 3.30pm. Bring protective gloves and a bucket. High Visibility jackets and litter bags and pickers will be supplied. **Arrangements will be adjusted to make sure the Litter Pick is compliant with Covid-19 restrictions**

Questions?

Contact David Jones on 847213 or [davidjhjones@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

## East West Rail Route: What's it about, why it matters and how to find out more

The East West Rail line is a new rail route which will link Oxford to Cambridge and beyond.

East West Rail Ltd (EWR) have been appointed by the Department of Transport to undertake the project. Last year they decided, after consultation, on a broad route corridor which encompasses Little Shelford and raises the possibility of the new railway impacting the village in some way. (See [www.eastwestrail.co.uk](http://www.eastwestrail.co.uk))

Cambridge Approaches, ([www.cambridgeapproaches.org](http://www.cambridgeapproaches.org)), is an independent pressure group, formed to liaise with Parish Councils in South Cambridgeshire to help ensure, if it goes ahead, the best route is chosen for SW Cambs as a whole.

Cambridge Approaches set out to influence EWR's choices by identifying five possible routes and analysing their impact on parishes. These have not been confirmed as possibilities by East West Rail Ltd yet. LSPC was asked by Cambridge Approaches for their comments on the five possible routes they had identified as possibilities at that time. The LSPC responses to Cambridge approaches can be found online at [www.littleshelford.com/agendas-and-minutes](http://www.littleshelford.com/agendas-and-minutes)

In the last month, some Little Shelford residents have been approached by EWR, who wish to undertake survey work on their land. This includes the Wale Rec, where their focus is on the local bat population.

Cambridge Approaches ran a webinar on Zoom for the Shelfords, Newton and Hauxton on the 2nd December. Several Little Shelford residents joined it. You can see a recording online at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=499aK2XTOWk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=499aK2XTOWk).

We expect that EWR will publish their detailed route options and enter a period of consultation in early 2021. The Parish Council will take early action to review and evaluate them and ensure that residents can express their views.

As this is a national infrastructure project, the best way of influencing it is by writing to Anthony Browne, our MP. Suggested topics with ideas of what you can say can be found at [www.cambridgeapproaches.org](http://www.cambridgeapproaches.org)



### Good Neighbours

The Cake Round took place as promised on 16 December and 30 households were in receipt of a mixed plate of cakes and biscuits. Everyone was very appreciative of the efforts of the volunteer bakers and village delivery service. Strict hygiene procedures were observed by all concerned.

With sadness we have decided to cancel the next delivery due to take place on 13 January as it would have involved too many vulnerable people, putting them and other volunteers at risk.

We will be in touch when it is safe again.

Judy Boothroyd

## Kaleidoscope

### Spring 2021

Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom



**“I will stand on every promise of your word.”**

26 January: Patrick Bamber – Ministry in Sligo

23 February: Joan Church – Life's an Adventure

23 March: Simon Scott – Easter Promises

Contact [office@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:office@allsaintslittleshelford.org) or

01223 722509 for more information & Zoom link.

## Shelford School

Shelford Primary School delivered a packed Autumn term. During the second lockdown the school remained fully operational and engaged with the whole range of new curriculum topics which the children enthusiastically embraced.

Following the success of the topic thread of 'Identity', the term focused on 'Our story so far'. This was explored through the school in various ways including studying *Superheroes - inspiration figures through history* in Year 2, *How does Cambridge Compare?* in Year 3, *The Romans* in Year 4, *Space* in Year 5 and *Maya Civilisation* in Year 6.

Shelford School continued to adapt to the challenges of educating in bubbles and embraced the virtual world to overcome many of these hurdles. Collective Worship continued to be delivered to each class via video links, along with a virtual Remembrance Service in November led by our Year 6 class who attended the war memorial in Great Shelford (pictured below). A pre-recorded traditional Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight service has been available for viewing on the school website from 14th December and may be found under the COVID-19 headed section.

There is an easy way to donate to the school's PTA charity: Shelford School PTA at AmazonSmile. This website is operated by Amazon and has the same products, prices and services, but when you select Shelford School PTA at AmazonSmile it donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the School's PTA charity. There is no extra cost to you, the donation is made by Amazon. Thank you.

Liz Carrothers, Foundation Governor (Little Shelford PCC)



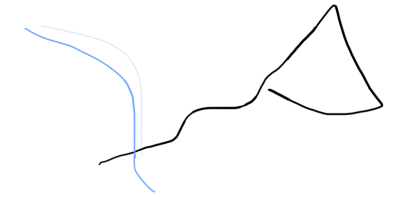
## Running Around Little Shelford

*An occasional column in which a villager shares their experience of local runs*

*This issue: Nick Georgiades writes...*

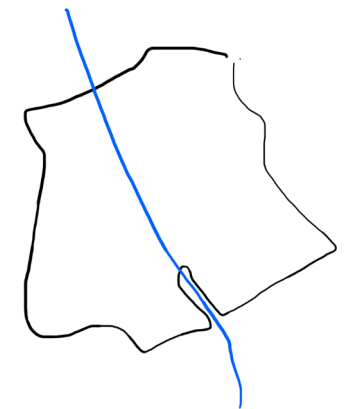
I enjoy a slow jog (well, more of a waddle really) around our lovely village in an effort to stave off premature death and to work off some of the Christmas food. Here are some of the routes:

The banker is a jog from Little Shelford to Great Shelford, turning right at the Plough and the kebab van (feeling very smug that I am jogging, not eating a kebab) then back through Woollard's Lane, with willpower sorely tested not to stop at the Fish and Chip Van on the way. It's about five Km and can be lengthened by doing a loop of either or both recs. Has the benefit of being lit.



I also like to go for a similar length jog around the gravel pit, heading out towards Whittlesford, then turning left towards Sawston on the footpath. Much more scenic, with lots of birds but it's been a bit muddy of late. I've not taken my new Christmas present trainers on that one yet... Wear something visible so as not to get flattened by rapid traffic on Whittlesford Road.

The other, slightly longer, jog starts the same way, heading towards Whittlesford. I then turn right on the footpath towards Newton and cross the M11 bridge (lots of excuse to stop and refuel on blackberries in Autumn...) Turn right at the end of that bridleway, on into Newton and stop at the Queen's Head to fill up your container with beer (I've not actually had a pint mid-run yet...). Back out up over the mountain that is the road back to Little Shelford, turning right (way) before you get to Harston. And if you're feeling particularly energetic, run up the hill to the folly for a lovely view. Don't go the wrong way as the farmer doesn't like people disturbing his pheasants!





County Juniors. The Wale is widely regarded as one of the best wickets in the County, one of the most beautiful and safe grounds to play at. All supported by the excellent Pavilion.

However, the volume of games puts huge pressure on the cricket square and so there are plans being developed by LSCC to apply for permission and funding to lay one artificial strip on the cricket square in place of the 5<sup>th</sup> grass strip. This would be used extensively for Nets practice and Junior Cricket matches. LSCC Committee members have visited local cricket and recreation grounds to look at examples of artificial surfaces. This was to consider the visual impact and how they fit into the existing grass squares. We have been impressed that they fit in well, have low visual impact and are very valuable for developing Junior Cricket in particular. We will be discussing this plan with the Parish Council over the coming months and will let the Village know progress, in the meantime would welcome comments and questions.

#### **And Finally.**

Do remember you can find out more, view all our fixtures, results and player statistics, including friendlies and Junior Section games on our ECB Play-Cricket web site: <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/> and you can also follow us on Twitter [@LShelsCricket](https://twitter.com/LShelsCricket).

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## **GRANTA** Medical Practices

### **Granta Medical Practices Update**

#### COVID-19 Vaccinations

At the time of writing, we are about to embark on the mammoth task of vaccinating our 44,000 patients with the COVID-19 vaccinations. Please be assured that everyone will be vaccinated. However, please remember that we have to vaccinate in accordance with Public Health England's priority list. Details of the priority list can be found on our website or at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/#>

Due to the extreme demand for the vaccine around the country we may get deliveries at short notice, which means we may have to contact you at short notice.

Please note that you will NEVER be asked for payment for a COVID-19 vaccination and any texts, phone calls, or letters requesting payment or bank details should be ignored.

Please continue to keep yourself and our community safe by adhering to national restrictions, social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand hygiene.

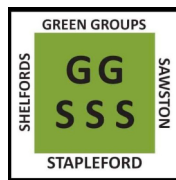
We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst you wait for your vaccine during this unprecedented time.

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### **LITTLE SHELFORD DOG-WALKING SERVICE**

Would you like an experienced dog-walker to take your four-legged friend out for a walk on a regular basis? Walkies available at the competitive rate of £4 per dog per hour. Please contact newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org to enquire.



For your diaries, our proposed dates for 2021 are these, with a mixture of planning meetings and events or activities. It's likely that all will be virtual for a while, of course. Check our Facebook page for information nearer the time.

Monday 8th February, Thursday 11th March , Thursday 8th April , Monday 10th May , Monday 7th June , Thursday 8th July , Thursday 12th August , Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September , Monday 11th October, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 2nd December.

Events we hope to arrange this year include finding out about local water supply, the Local Plan, holding a litter pick and running a fruit and veg swap on weekend dates, and arranging something around the COP26 in November (the international environmental conference that we are hosting in Glasgow). Various other ideas were discussed in our planning, so watch this space. We may also add in repair cafes or outdoor events when it is safe to do so.

The supply of water will be a limiting factor in the development of this area. It is discussed in the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Our aquifers suffer from over-extraction for agriculture and to supply all the houses in the area, and it is important that we protect the quality of our chalk streams. There is a newly-formed group, Friends of the River Cam, and they have a very good video on YouTube called Saving the River Cam, by Feargal Sharkey.

We hope to arrange a date for the collection of old computer equipment for re-use or recycling, through a local contact. So don't throw out your old laptops and cables, they can be useful to others – not least the children who are having to stay at home during the pandemic but haven't the means to study online. A few things to do while you're locked in again:

Try and shop locally rather than swelling the supermarket coffers if you can. You'll save petrol, packaging, and keep local shops going.

At some date in February our MP's next Environmental Forum is to be held, so if you are interested in attending do keep an eye on his website ([anthonybrowne.org](http://anthonybrowne.org)) or his Facebook page so you can register. If you have a question you can ask it at the Forum or submit it in advance.

You may have seen that Chris Packham has launched a petition to stop HS2 (HS2 petition will find it on Google). The case for it is weakened as more people will continue to work from home longer-term, at least some days a week (same as for the Busway closer to home...). If you want more information about the damage to nature before you sign, see the Woodland Trust's website.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to [greengroupssss@gmail.com](mailto:greengroupssss@gmail.com) to sign up for our newsletter, ask a question, or to join in any of our meetings. Also see our Facebook page.

Helen Hale

## Little Shelford Cricket Club

LSCC held a successful AGM by ZOOM on the evening of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November with Club Captains, officers, players and a number of Vice-Presidents in attendance. Key positions were confirmed and the plans to field three adult teams for the 2021 season as well as continuing to develop the Junior Section were discussed. The key officers for the 2021 Season were confirmed as:

<b>President</b>	Bernard Pearl
<b>Treasurer/Secretary</b>	Ian Smith
<b>Club Captain</b>	Chris Schofield
<b>CCA 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain</b>	Steve Hewer
<b>Junior Section Coach</b>	Ian Reid
<b>Assistant Junior Section Coach</b>	Jamie Harrison
<b>Junior Section Administrator</b>	Clara Cheng

### Our Growing Youth Section

We started our Junior Section last season despite Covid-19 restrictions, but we are looking forward to growing Youth Cricket on the Wale in 2021. The Junior Section for Boys and Girls age 10 – 16 would welcome all local young people interested in cricket. The Junior Section is led by Ian Reid, well known as a successful Cambridge based Junior Coach, along with Jamie Harrison, LSCC Player and experienced youth coach. Restricted Junior nets will kick off when Covid-19 restrictions permit and fixtures are being arranged for the Summer.

For a Junior Player registration form and more details contact Clara Cheng our Junior Section Administrator ([claracheng@msn.com](mailto:claracheng@msn.com)), Ian Reid ([ian.reid620@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.reid620@ntlworld.com)) or Jamie Harrison ([jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com](mailto:jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com)).

### Old Boys Game to kick-off the Season: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1pm 2021

Please join us for our Old Boys Game to kick off the season, Covid-19 restrictions permitting. This is always good fun, good Cricket and a great social event. We hope refreshments will be available during and after the game. All are welcome to watch.

### Plan for an artificial strip on the Wale Recreation Ground

You will have noticed last season that Neil Orpwood and Chris Schofield added 1 extra strip on the cricket square last season, taking the total to 8, to accommodate the volume of games as well as Nets practice. We had matches on Saturday and Sunday most weekends once the season started in July and many mid-week games for the Juniors and Cambridgeshire



## Keep the date for September 2021 –The Return of the Village Weekend!

Little Shelford Entertainment Committee organises the popular village weekend that has been running every year for the last 20 years, this built on a tradition that had lapsed in the 1980's of an annual Village feast that stretches back for centuries.

We were very sad to cancel our events planned for September 2020, but we have continued to meet and consider plans for our Village Weekend in 2021. Given all the challenges the Village has faced this year we hope our 2021 event will go ahead and be a great opportunity to celebrate together after a tough 18 months for all.

The event will be the traditional three days of activities, including dancing and food on Friday evening, a traditional village fete and family games on Saturday and All Saints Harvest celebration, history walks and other more relaxed activities on Sunday.

So, please keep the date free in your diary:

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### Help us plan 2021 with your suggestions and ideas

The weekend is in the early stages of planning so there is still plenty of time for the Village Community to come up with ideas and suggestions for the weekend. So, if you have thoughts or comments please e-mail our LSEC secretary, Jo Boyle, [joboyle780@gmail.com](mailto:joboyle780@gmail.com) with your ideas. We will start to formulate detailed plans and themes for the weekend in January to March ready to announce the details in April.

The LSCE committee is also very welcoming of new members and welcome those who want to volunteer to help over the weekend itself, even if you don't have time to join the committee. Please contact Jo if you would like to contribute in any way.

We want the weekend to be very inclusive and to have events for all ages and interests, so we encourage you to come forward with your ideas.

Ian Beaton, LSEC Chairman

Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP)



By now you will have hopefully heard about SCOWP – Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project – via items in the newsletter or elsewhere. The Little Shelford Parish Council suggested last year that part of Blennie's Patch be used for a community project to promote a greener Little Shelford to develop an underused resource by planting new trees and to encourage children to be more aware of their environment.

The area is a one acre paddock beyond the allotments in Garden Fields. To date we have planted three rowan trees, nine apple trees of various varieties, a dozen oak saplings and a large number of hedging plants. The centre of the plot is being developed as a grass meadow to encourage wild flowers and a diverse ecosystem, with log piles and bird and bat boxes to be installed.

You can follow our progress on our social media pages (Facebook and Twitter). Our aim is to develop the area into an orchard and small woodland that can be shared and enjoyed by the community year round and provide fruit in the autumn. It is envisaged that school groups will use the area and they are already involved, having held a competition to design the logo and by helping with planting. We look forward to keeping you updated!

Mike Darsley

## Sunday Services at All Saints Parish Church (online-only at present)

At the heart of what we do at All Saints are our Sunday services. We welcome people from all church backgrounds and none, and both committed Christians and those undecided or investigating the Christian faith. We'd love you to come and join us.

### 11am morning services

In the morning sermon series through until Easter we are following Mark's gospel account of Jesus' ministry. The service is pre-recorded and streamed on YouTube and via our website. The congregation watch it together on Zoom at 11 on Sunday mornings. **Please email [office@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:office@allsaintslittleshelford.org) if you would like to join the Zoom on Sundays.**

### 6pm evening service

Our more informal 6pm service has a wide range of ages attending, and lasts for around an hour. Our older youth group, TNG, for 14-18 year olds, meets afterwards. In our services this term we are continuing to look at the book of Genesis. Again, please contact the office for details.

Morning services		Preacher	Sermon
31 January		Josh Cairns	<i>Opening blind eyes</i>
7 February		Rev. Edward Keene	<i>Jesus and social mobility</i>
14 February		Rev. Simon Scott	<i>Jesus is the Son of Man</i>
21 February		Rev. Simon Scott	<i>Help our unbelief!</i>
28 February		Rev Tom Habib	<i>Servant leadership 1</i>
7 March		Rev. Simon Scott	<i>A kingdom for the childlike</i>
14 March		Rev. Simon Scott	<i>God alone can save</i>
21 March		TBC	<i>Servant leadership 2</i>

## Weekly Midweek Meetings

Home Groups meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings or Tuesday mornings. If you would like to know more about home groups or join one please speak to the Rector, Simon Scott (841998).

Women's Morning Group meets on Thursdays during term time from 9:30 am for Bible study and prayer. There is usually a crèche. Please phone Lynda Fraser (845352) if you would like to know more.

All Saints Tots has not resumed yet.

## Monthly Midweek Meetings

Kaleidoscope meets monthly for the more senior members of the village and church. For more information contact Joan Church (842243).

Women Together, meets monthly on a Friday evening or Saturday morning. For more information contact Jo Pearce (575137).

Church Prayer Meetings are held once a month, at 8:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in our North Building or on Zoom.

The church website [www.allsaintslittleshelford.org](http://www.allsaintslittleshelford.org) has more information about our services. Sermons from All Saints can be downloaded from the website or ordered on CD from Simon Conway-Smith, (tel. 847593).

Evening services		Preacher	Sermon
31 January		Rev. Tom Habib	<i>The city with foundations</i>
7 February		Rev. Simon Scott	<i>A righteousness by faith</i>
14 February		Prof. Bob White	<i>Our blindness, God's sight</i>
21 February		Josh Cairns	<i>Is faith a laughing matter?</i>
28 February		Rev. Edward Keene	<i>Flee the coming wrath</i>
7 March		TBC	<i>Your ways are not my ways</i>
14 March		TBC	<i>Exiles and strangers</i>
21 March		TBC	<i>God provides the sacrifice</i>

## EAST-WEST RAIL:

### Little Shelford Have Your Say

Do you want to help challenge The East West Railways planned route through South Cambridgeshire? (There is an article in this month's magazine that explains the proposed route option E).

Raising local awareness through leafleting, professional campaign roadside signage, and a planned social media campaign.

Collaborating with other local communities to support their efforts in raising awareness and fighting for a Northern Approach.

Exploring the possibility of legal challenge to East West Railway Co's decision-making.

To find out more contact [littleshelfordrail@gmail.com](mailto:littleshelfordrail@gmail.com) or call 01223 756560

### You can also help by

Writing to object to East West Railway Co's current plans for route option E and demand that proper consideration be given to a Northern Cambridge Approach.

You can email or write to the following:

- Anthony Browne MP  
([anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk))
- Roger Hickford, County Councillor  
([Roger.Hickford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Roger.Hickford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk))

- Mayor James Palmer  
([james.palmer@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:james.palmer@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk))
- Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport  
([shappsg@parliament.uk](mailto:shappsg@parliament.uk))
- Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government  
([robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk))
- East West Rail ([contact@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk))

Below are some key points that you might consider including in your letters:

- Route option E is unacceptable for our local community and for many other local communities in South Cambridgeshire.
- The next consultation on route alignments should not take place without full and equal consideration being given to a Northern Cambridge Approach, against the background of other proposed infrastructure projects and local housing plans.
- The planned 2021 consultation must be paused so that a Northern Cambridge Approach can be considered in a joined-up way alongside other proposed infrastructure projects for South Cambridgeshire and local housing plans.

**Put the poster in your window  
and SPREAD THE WORD**

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