

1 SCDC Covid-19 update – 25 March 2021

I am pleased to report that the Covid case rate in South Cambridgeshire was only 24/100,000 in the last 7 days, which is the lowest incidence level in Cambridgeshire at present. We cannot take these numbers for granted and the reopening of our communities needs to be an appropriately cautious process but it is still positive news that all our efforts are showing results as we approach the next phase of unlocking on the government ‘roadmap’ on 29 March, when the rule of six, or two households meeting, can resume.

2 Vaccine transport reminder

A number of community transport schemes and taxi firms are available to support people with transport to their Covid-19 vaccination appointments. For residents needing help they can access details online or, if preferable, by calling 0345 045 5219 from Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm. The call operator will run people through the form to identify transport options available locally. Most transport providers require a minimum of 24 hours’ notice for bookings and are DBS checked.

3 Grants available for parents whose children are self-isolating

Parents who need to take time off work to look after children who are self-isolating can apply for financial support (including parents of children aged up to 25 with an EHC plan). Find out more about how to apply on our website.

4 COVID Recovery Community Chest Grant

A reminder about our Covid recovery grant: £30,000 has been earmarked from our long-term Community Chest fund to help groups and projects resuming their activities in a Covid-safe way as we come out of lockdown. The eligibility criteria for our Community Chest Grant scheme has been temporarily amended:

- to allow applications for grants of up to £2,000 (previously £1,000) for Covid recovery related projects and initiatives, and
- to open applications to all Parish Councils (in addition to community groups) until 10 May (previously, few parish councils could apply to the scheme).

Find out more about the application [process](#) or if you have any questions, please email: Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk.

5 Arnold Clark Community Fund

From 1 March 2021, the [Arnold Clark Community Fund](#) will be open to all UK registered charities and local community groups who need financial assistance due to the coronavirus pandemic. At the end of each month, 500 applications will be granted. If your application is unsuccessful one month, they'll keep you in the draw, which will roll over to the following month.

6 Elections

As I'm sure you are aware, there are elections soon for County Council seats, for the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the Police and Crime Commissioner. These are taking place on 6 May (find out more on the [Council's website](#))