

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

(District of South Cambridgeshire)

A meeting of the Parish of Caldecote was held at the village hall on Thursday 23rd April 2019 at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr P Claridge (Chairman)

Cllr H Cartwright

Cllr P Field

Cllr T Hawkins

Cllr J Barker

Cllr L Jobson

Mr Alan Melton (Parish Clerk)

Mrs K Reeves (Deputy Parish Clerk)

There was one resident in attendance.

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Councillor Phil Claridge, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Phil Claridge gave a report on the events and activities of the Parish Council over the last year. The report included the following points:

- There have been several changes within the Parish Council in the last year. We welcome our new Parish Clerk, Alan Melton, and thank our Deputy Clerk for her work. Three new Councillors have been co-opted to the Parish Council this year: Gregor Jossaume, Jamie Powell and Lucy Jobson. We would like to thank our former Chairman Jack Lang, who stood down from the position of Chairman during the year, as well as former Councillor Fiona Whelan for their contributions to the Council. Finally, thanks are offered to the remaining Councillors for their ongoing work on the Council.
- The Village Design Statement was completed with the help of approximately 12 residents and a consultation is currently ongoing, to which all residents are encouraged to contribute.
- The Parish Council held a well-attended consultation on planning proposals for Bourn Airfield and continues to push for concerns about transport, access and the ongoing provision of a bus service to the village, to be addressed. Moving forward, it will be important to consider the most appropriate positioning of footpaths from the village to the new development.
- The Parish Council, together with the District Council has provided comments on the Linden Homes planning application and are awaiting the revised plans with interest.
- There has been no significant flooding this year, in part due to the lack of rain; however, the Parish Council now has good contacts with Anglian Water and urges residents to contact us if any problems arise.
- The Parish Council continues to provide for sporting activities in the village. Participation in football has been high and is an area in which the Council has a significant impact on the village. Cricket provision has also continued at the recreation ground.
- Thanks are offered to Councillor Field for her organization of summer activities for children in the village last summer and it is hoped that the Parish Council will continue to support these activities this year.
- A new contract for the maintenance of the villages open spaces has been signed and it is hoped that this will allow for better management of these services in the future.
- Councillor Field is thanked for organizing fundraising for the village defibrillator and thanks are also offered to all residents that have contributed.
- For the forthcoming year, the Chairman hopes that work will be completed on the playground at Grayway Close. In addition it is hoped that access to the facilities at the

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Sports Pavilion will be improved and all necessary repairs to the building carried out. There are concerns that Parish Councils are increasingly being expected to step in to provide services formerly under the remit of the County/ District Councils and it will be important to keep a close eye on this situation.

3. THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) provided a short report on the Council's financial situation, noting that he has been in the position for only a short period. The report contained the following points:

- The accounts and budget have been well managed over the previous financial year.
- At the start of the current financial year the precept was increased from \$70,943 to £77,150, with the Parish benefitting from the increased tax base arising as a result of new housing developments. It is likely that a similar increase in tax base (and thus the overall precept) will be seen next year.
- As stated in the Chairman's report it will be important to keep a close eye on increasing costs that arise due to services being passed down to the Parish Council from the County or District Councils.
- It is important that any future changes in precept, and the reasoning for those changes, should be communicated clearly to residents.
- As Clerk, aims for the forthcoming year include the preparation of a specification for repairs to the Sports Pavilion, as well as the creation of an action plan to ensure that Caldecote Parish Council remains successful. It will also be important to review the Council's assets and to continue to pursue S106/ CIL payments with vigour.

4. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY REPORTS.

Written reports were provided by Cllr Tumi Hawkins (District Councillor for Caldecote Ward), Cllr Lina Joseph (County Councillor), PCSO Lindsay Gardiner, Caldecote Primary School, Caldecote Church, 1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies, the Peace Garden Committee, the Village Picnic committee and the Tuesday Club. The reports are attached below.

Councillor Polly Field delivered a short report on the Children's Safe House project, which is now in its sixth year. The scheme is run by volunteers that live in the vicinity of the Furlong Way Park/ recreation ground and are DBS checked and 1st aid trained. These volunteers, can help any children in need of assistance, including contacting parents as needed. All help is conducted on the doorstep.

Councillor Helen Cartwright delivered a short report on behalf of the village first responder. The first responder has typically been called out 1-2 times per week, for a variety of medical needs. As the only first responder in the village, he has renewed his training for the current year but is unwilling to continue in future years unless more volunteers come forward.

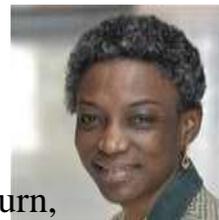
5. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

There were no questions.

6. CONCLUSION:

Councillor Phil Claridge concluded the meeting by noting that it will be essential to develop better ways to connect and communicate with the village. He thanked all groups and individuals that have been involved in the village this year.

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward
Councillor's Annual Report – April/May 2019



Caldecote Ward comprising the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Bourn,
Kingston, Longstowe & Little Gransden

1. Introduction

I want to thank all the Parish Councils for their support throughout the 2018/19 municipal year. Caldecote Ward changed in May 2018, losing Toft, but gaining Bourn, Longstowe and Little Gransden. I am slowly getting to know the new villages and thank everyone for the warm welcome.

2. Governance

District Council –The political landscape changed in May 2018 when the Liberal Democrats won control of the Council. The administration is now a 30-strong group of LibDems (from 14). The others are Conservatives 11 (24.4%), Independent 2 (4.4%), Labour 2 (4.4%). Total of 45 councillors, down from 57. It is more work for us, but lower cost to residents.

The 7-strong cabinet is made up of 4 women and 3 men. I am the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning. In the spirit of co-operation, we appointed an Independent Councillor as Council Chairman, and for good governance, appointed a Conservative as Chairman of the Scrutiny Group.

3. Business/Service Plan

We have created a very ambitious 5-year business plan for 2019 to 2024. Handy versions are available online and in hard copy. The four key priority areas for us are:

- **Growing local businesses and economies** – We will support businesses of all sizes, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live.
- **Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in** – We will build vibrant communities in locations where people have good access to facilities and transport links, so they can genuinely afford to lead a happy and healthy life.
- **Being green to our core** – We will create a cleaner, greener and zero-carbon future for our communities..

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- **A modern and caring Council** – We will provide our customers with high-quality services, strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

Green to our Core

Our administration has pledged to become a zero-carbon district by 2050. We stopped the use of single-use plastics at South Cambs office. A working group of members and officers is preparing a high-level business case for a set of energy conservation measures (such as EV charging points, solar panels over our car park etc.) that are intended to make our Cambourne offices a showcase for a Zero Carbon Council and an exemplar to our residents.

A modern Council

To assist with customer service, the “My South Cambs Portal” web-based customer portal has gone live. It will enable residents access council services easily and quickly, enabling us to save money on printing papers and postage. We are also working on a “cultural change” program to promote cross functional working in the council, so that we think in a joined-up way.

The organisational structure of the Council had not been reviewed for a number of years. We realised that it was not working efficiently and would not be able to deliver the policies and priorities our administration has set. We contracted Specialist consultants to review the structure and propose a new one that is modern and fit for purpose, which we will use for the reorganisation, starting with the top 2 tiers.

We are also working on improving the remuneration package offered by the Council to be more competitive, to enable us to attract and retain staff.

A caring Council

Our administration has pledged to find homes in our district for 5 refugee families fleeing warfare in the middle east. Two years ago, the Home Office asked the council to help with the rehoming of refugees and as the Lib Dem Group was minority opposition, our motion to full Council proposing this was rejected by the Conservative majority. The current Home Office scheme runs until December 2019, and we are pleased we have the opportunity to work with a resettlement team at Cambridge City Council (who have already resettled over 100 refugees), to provide support workers to assist the families to settle into their new communities in our district.

4. Finance

Accounts & Budget

The budget that we inherited from the previous Conservative administration for the 2018/19 year had a £450,000 hole in it. In addition, it transpired that the Authority had not published audited accounts for 2017/18 by the statutory deadline, this being the third year in a row it had failed to do so. We have been able to fill that hole, turning it into a £1m surplus that has gone into the General Fund as the council no longer receives any funding from central government, so has to raise its own funding to provide services. We appointed an Interim Head of Finance who has been working hard with Auditors and our Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to close the late account and prepare the 2018/19 accounts on time.

In summary, in our new budget the total service expenditure for 2019/20 is projected to be £20.2 million, of which £9.1 million will be raised from council tax. Average Band D is £145.31 up by £5 (3%) from last year. The rest will come from a combination of sources including but not limited to Retained Business rates, New Homes bonus, Rural Services grant, interest on reserve balances, Income from other sources including Ermine Street.

New Investment Strategy

The previous administration did not have an investment strategy against which to judge commercial opportunities to ensure they are sound. We have now created one for the first time and as a result, cancelled three proposed schemes we inherited because they were too risky.

We will use the strategy to consider a wide range of investments necessary to generate an income of around £5million/year by 2024. As a first step on from setting up the strategy, we have recently completed on the purchase of a prime office building at the Science Park, with a yield of 5.6%.

We have installed solar PV panels on the roof of the recycling depot at Waterbeach and taken delivery of the first electric van which will be powered from the energy generated from the PV panels.

Grants

We have restructured the grants scheme so it is now administered by a cross-party committee, making it more responsive to the needs across the district. We have increased funding for the mobile wardens scheme, and the Community Chest grants.

5. Housing and Planning

Housing

Housing and the cost of it continues to be a challenge. We are aiming to meet this by building 70 new council houses per year, and more where possible. We have drafted a new Housing Strategy, looking at provision of variety of types of housing including for downsizing, single people etc. as well as delivering high quality homes that are affordable to run, energy efficient and well served by transport links, including walking and cycling.

Greater Cambridge Planning Service

The planning services of SCDC and Cambridge City were merged on 1st April 2018 into a shared service. The re-organisation is now in the second phase and will see one organisation structure and a common working process. It will provide a career path for planners especially in the light of the growth that the district is going to experience in the next decade or more. The new software for the new service should be ready for launch in the summer. All of this is geared to making sure the Council can deal efficiently with the high levels of planning applications it receives more efficiently, in cooperation with communities to deliver great places to live, work and play.

Village Design Guide and Neighbourhood Plan

We introduced the Village Design Guide (VDG) with money from government to assist 8 villages, including Caldecote, to create their guides, identifying unique features of the villages that they want developers to carry into any new developments. The VDGs will carry legal weight in determining planning applications for the villages that have created them.

We also adopted the first Neighbourhood Plan in the district (Great Abington). A second one (Cottenham) has gone through the public consultation phase. We are continuing to encourage communities to consider creating their own Neighbourhood plans

Local Plan

The Local Plan that was submitted by the previous administration in March 2014 for public examination was finally passed as sound by the Planning Inspector and was adopted by the Council in October 2018. Up to then, the Council was in the untenable position of its planning policies being considered out of date because it did not have a current local plan. In addition to that, the Council's lack of 5-year housing land supply led to thousands of speculative planning applications being given approval, a significant number through appeals process by the Planning Inspectorate.

We have now begun the process of developing a new joint local plan with Cambridge City, as stipulated by the Planning Inspector's decision notice. The process of

creating a local plan takes a number of years, but we hope to submit the new one by 2022 for examination.

We are working collaboratively with partner organisations to encourage them to deliver the infrastructure for transport, health, education etc., for the new developments that need to be built out in the coming years.

Design Award

The Council's planning service together with Mole Architects, won the National Urban Design Awards 2019 for the Cohousing development Marmalade Lane at Orchard Park. This is a great example of what can be achieved by communities working together in collaboration with the planning service.

Our administration is keen to bring forward more award-winning developments!

6. Community Issues

I continue to assist residents with issues either as individuals or a community group on issues including housing, planning, waste collection, benefits, grants application support.

I am pleased for Little Gransden Village Hall securing a grant funding of £50,000 for improvements.

Threeways continues to be a challenge but we are hoping to get a better handle on what needs to be done to be able to issue an Empty Dwelling Management Order on it.

I was able to speak for Little Gransden and surrounding communities at the planning committee when the very contentious application to increase gliding activities at the flying club, resulting in request for unlimited tows being amended to a fixed number. The case also highlighted long standing communications (or lack thereof) issues and reporting process which I hope the club owners will take improve going forward.

The other big issues are to do with Bourn Airfield Development (BAD), where the developers Countryside submitted a planning application before the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was created. The draft SPD is well advanced now. Transport is still a major factor and the Council is liaising with Highways England with respect to finding alternative route onto the A428.

The other significant development is the 140 houses Linden Homes site (former Gladmans site in Caldecote). The build out of the 71 homes CALA site in Caldecote is well advanced.

The -home site in Caldecote for the self-builders got approval and two have now submitted their planning applications to the Council. This type of development is the first of its kind in the district.

I am continuing to get to know the new villages in the expanded Caldecote Ward – Bourn, Longstowe and Little Gransden. I attend parish council meeting where I give a monthly report on current issues at SCDC. I have also attended other events, quiz nights, summer fetes, open gardens, jazz evenings, Christmas services/carol singing, licensing of new church minister for the Gransdens etc. I am passionate about supporting all my communities and I look forward to meeting many more residents this coming year.

7. Casework/Councillor Drop-in surgery

If you need my assistance at any time in the interim, I am always available to you, so please contact me in one of the usual ways.

Tumi

Tumi Hawkins
15 April 2019

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Hardwick division

BARTON, THE EVERSDENS, CALDECOTE, KINGSTON, COMBERTON, HARDWICK,
GRANTCHESTER, MADINGLEY, HARDWICK, TOFT & COTON



Working hard on your behalf

Highways

Secured £400,000 for Hardwick road/footpath!

Since 2017 over 2000 potholes have been repaired in my division.

We have approved almost £80m for road maintenance and over £600,000 for this division in this upcoming year.

Environment

Tackling Plastic

The County Council now has a Plastic Strategy.

This is a positive step forward, however, more work to be done. I am not complacent!

Watch the space...

Local projects

Innovate & Cultivate

This past year we have had amazing organisations applying for funds and we have provided £1 million for this.

Supported projects that will have a positive impact in the life of many of our residents.



Promoting Cycling

Millions of pounds will be invested in creating the right infrastructure for cycling.

We are a district that thrives economically and we will see high levels of population growth.

Paying the Real Living Wage

For me is key that this administration is a responsible employer and looks after our staff.

- ✓ We pay the real living wage
- ✓ We are a Confident Disability Employer
- ✓ We have a flexible working policy for staff who come back from work and want to continue breastfeeding



Investing now for the future

Almost £2m back to frontline services as part of portfolio from the new Commercial & Investment Committee under the conservative administration. In addition to Green Investments:

- ✓ Smart Energy Grid a St Ives Park & Ride £3.6m
- ✓ Babraham and Trumpington Smart Energy Grid £15m
- ✓ Renewable Energy in Soham £23.2m

We will be securing over £40m in the bid for our Shire Hall building.

Re-Investing in other projects and in front line services

Highlights

I took part in the **Zero Suicide** prevention campaign. I would like to continue encouraging residents to sign CPSL Mind's award-winning STOP Suicide pledge, and take the free online training provided by the Zero Suicide Alliance.

I have been visiting one business a month in my division. I support the **Buy Local** Campaign. Our local pubs, post-office and other outlets are the heart of our communities. Please show them your support!

More say for Parish Councils! I have started discussions with colleagues and officers at County Council. Parishes should have more of a say in what happens in their local area, and I have successfully secure pre-meetings between parishes and officers for local highways projects.

There is more work to be done in this division and across the County!

Right infrastructure but not at any cost

I know how frustrating it has been for all of us the approach taken by the Greater Cambridge Partnership relating towards the Cambourne to Cambridge project.



I have supported from the start Cambridge Connect proposal which would have a direct impact on how this route is delivered. It is my understanding that James Palmer, the Mayor, continues to be advised by them. Sensible decision!

Soon we will have the result of the East West Rail consultation. I believe all my parishes voted in a different way because of their potential impact in their communities. This project will also bring more housing development.

It is essential that we have the right infrastructure for future population and economic growth. We are very fortunate to have secured millions of pounds in order to achieve this, however, it should not be done at any cost.

Housing growth is happening and more houses are needed for future generations, if we don't have the right infrastructure these houses will be built in and around our parishes. The alternative is creating garden villages or expanding the larger ones such as Cambourne. It is my opinion that this growth is much needed, however, not at any cost. As you know is the District who holds the responsibility for planning and we must influence the local plan at a very early stage.

As you can imagine many more things have happened in the past year, I just tried to provide you with some highlights.

I will continue working hard on your behalf. I would like to know what are your aspirations and ambitions for the County you live in. I will do my utmost to deliver this.

Yours,

Lina Nieto

Annual Parish Report

Caldecote Annual Parish Meeting

First of all apologies that I couldn't attend the meeting tonight.

Movements

There have been a few movements in your neighbourhood Policing Team but not too drastic.

First of all Jon Capes who has been a South Cambs Sgt for the last 7 years has moved onto a new role in the force, Phil Priestley is the new Sgt mostly working out of Cambourne. Phil will work alongside Emma Hilson who is the neighbourhood Sgt based at Sawston.

We now have a neighbourhood Police Officer in Chris Smith, he has been a Police officer for a good 10 years and previously worked as PCSO in neighbourhoods he knows South Cambs pretty well, please keep in mind that he will be helping the Sawston/Histon and Cambourne sector. He likes to get stuck in so if you do have any intelligence for your village (Drugs) please let us know. Check out some his work so far on the South Cambs twitter feed.

OP ASTRAGAL

Op Astragal was carried out last year which was a day of action regarding road offences and road safety.

We are looking at doing 1 day of road enforcement per sector per month.

You are more likely to get a visit to your village if you 1. Have a speed watch team, 2. Let me know what streets are used as a local 'race track'.

Burglaries

Since the start of the year there has been 2 burglaries, 1 burglary attempt, 3 business burglaries, 2 thefts of building materials, 1 theft from motor vehicle – the vehicle was unlocked and a wallet containing money and cards was taken. This is quite low compared to other villages in South Cambridgeshire. Can people please still be aware that although this is low we still need everyone to report anything they find suspicious and report every incident/crime.

Way's we communicate

The 'eagle eyed' among you will have no doubt noticed a recent shift in our ecops correspondence.

Traditionally we would circulate (often lengthy) messages detailing the daily reported crime and ASB that has occurred in South Cambs.

The time taken to read the investigation notes, liaise with the investigating officers to ascertain what could/couldn't be shared with the public and then type up and disseminate the information could, on occasion, take up to 2 hours a day!

I would rather the PCSOs were out in the communities, engaging with you, than in the station behind a computer typing up reports.

Whilst I wholly recognise that these crime reports are helpful and informative and some people. Sadly we received very little information back from the public in response to our daily updates.

I personally found that these crime reports somewhat alarmist, rarely proving details of the good work that we do in your communities and giving very little insight into the very varied role that our neighbourhoods team play in your communities. They were essentially lists and I have no doubt that it was 'just another daily email in your inbox', a bit like the groupon emails you once subscribed to and just delete?

The previous lists of crimes portray a very negative view of South Cambridgeshire when in fact it is a beautiful, safe, place to live, work, visit or be educated and the team work hard with your communities to keep it that way.

The new style ecops messaging

The new monthly blogs give the team a platform to tell you about the good work they do in your villages. It also gives them an avenue to reference the other 'hidden' work we do on a daily basis such as liaising with our partners agencies about how best to keep a vulnerable person safe, providing personal safety inputs to children, reassuring victims of crime and holding information events and neighbourhood watch networking events to prevent crime. Looking for missing people and saving people's lives.

Regarding your communities, rather than focussing on individual crimes that have occurred in the past 24hr we will now be focussing on crime trends and we will seek to evidence how we are tackling these trends in our weekly and monthly updates.

The communication you can expect from us from now on comprises:

- Weekly updates highlighting current series and the associated prevention advice that you can take.
- Regular updates from the local PCSOs for the areas that they cover - A Monthly Sgts Summary.
- Prevention advice based around current and upcoming crime trends.

I am pleased to report that since changing our communication style just before Christmas we have seen over a 30% increase in our monthly engagement levels and a large increase in the number of people encouraging others to subscribe. So thank you.

For those of you that wish to obtain more localised information the www.police.uk website provides a brief summary of the crimes that have been reported street by street on a month by month basis.

I recognise that police.uk reports do not always fulfil the needs of some of our communities so I would like to fill our local stations with 'community experts'.

There is no doubt that the residents know their communities best.

You know the cheeky children that might need a word in their parent's ear.

You know the old boy that leaves the pub car park after having one too many to drive. You know the publican that serves him every night and watches him drive off.

You know the couple that have regular disagreements which can sometimes turn violent.

You know the new arrivals in the village and the 'visitors' that come and go from next door all night.

You know the house with the odd smell emanating from it.

You are often able to make the links and spots the trends a lot earlier than we can because you are well informed.

For those of you that would like more detailed information and are willing to act as ambassadors for your villages. I invite you to apply to become a Police Support Volunteer.

We are looking to recruit volunteers to be based at Sawston, Histon and Cambourne police station to work alongside our neighbourhoods team officers.

We are looking for people with :

- A genuine interest in policing local communities
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent social media skills
- The ability to disseminate information accurately
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Confidentiality
- Diligence

If you are genuinely interested in this role please register your interest please contact psv@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Quoting reference PSVECOPS

Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

All applicants will be required to complete security vetting procedures.

A similar scheme has been trialled in Huntingdon with positive feedback from the community, the volunteers and the officers. We are keen to roll it out across the area.

We will be running 3 information events across the district to advertise the posts. Please watch this space.

In the meantime I will be shortly sending out a survey to find out your views on South Cambridgeshire policing. Please take the time to complete the survey. Your honest feedback matters to us.

I look forward to working with you all.

Home security Advice Shed break in's

The Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to take this opportunity to offer some security advice to assist residents in keeping their personal items safe and secure where possible;

Garages and shed are often full of expensive tools, which are ideal for breaking into your homes.

Never leave any outbuildings unlocked, especially if it is a connecting door to the home, whereby a burglar can get in and not be seen.

Fit additional strong locks/ padlocks and make sure doors are strong enough not to be kicked in. ensure any ladders are locked away and not left lying around or down the side of the main home. Ensure brackets are internal and not exposed bolts or screws that can easily be undone. Consider use of a steel box fitted to the floor of to secure larger tools.

Side gates and excess points are locked and secured.

Boundaries of your property have strong fences or plant some thorny hedges to the front, (but don't let them grow too high 1-1.5mtr in height) so passers-by can see the front of your home but not inside your property.

Alarms are useful and more residents seem to be installing these alongside CCTV cameras, most new ones can be viewed on your mobile devices.

Some other links to security measures can be found on the following;

www.Immobilise.com / www.creproducts.co.uk / www.smartwater.com / www.crimereduction.gov.uk/publicity_catalogue Plus look at your local Neighbourhood watch scheme's which you can find through your local parish council or on line at www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com.

Regarding the above link for NHW if this is something your village would be interested in then please email me. Then we can look into holding a NHW recruitment event in the village. You do have a very proactive NHW village co-coordinator who would really appreciate extra eyes and ears.

County Lines

You might have heard the term 'county lines' but wondered what it is, so below I will just explain a bit about it.

This campaign aims to raise awareness of a criminal activity called county lines. County lines is when criminals from major cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, London and Birmingham expand their drug networks to other areas of the country. This activity brings violence, exploitation and abuse to rural communities.

The crime is called county lines because a single telephone number is used to order drugs, operated from outside the area.

County line networks are having a massive impact on rural counties. Vulnerable children and adults are being recruited in our large cities to transport cash and drugs all over the country. This keeps the true criminals behind it detached from the act and less likely to be detected or caught.

These gangs often set up a base in a rural area for a short time, taking over the home of a vulnerable person (also known as 'cuckooing'). They then use adults and children to act as drug runners.

Whilst significant arrests have been made, we need the help of the public to disrupt these criminal networks and to stop the misery they cause their victims. Reporting suspicious activity will help to safeguard many vulnerable individuals who have been coerced into these networks.

A POLICING team acting on intelligence provided by the public has made more than 150 arrests and seized cash and drugs worth more than £100,000 – all less than a year after being set up.

The force's Southern Impact Team carry out planned policing operations – including warrants and arrests - across the south of the county. There is also a Northern Impact Team carrying out similar work in the north of the county.

The proactive policing teams were set up in May 2018 and act on intelligence reported to the force from a variety of different sources, including 101 calls and reports made through the force website.

Chief Inspector Nick Skipworth said: "Since May 2018 when the Southern Impact Team was formed we have arrested 154 people - the majority of these being County Lines drug dealers - and have a combined cash and drugs total seizure figure of more than £100,000.

"This work carried out by this team will have caused a significant dent in pockets of those involved in organised crime, and county lines dealing.

"Work from this team of officers has also resulted in the courts handing out prison sentences totalling 63 years and seven months.

"I have no doubt that these impressive results will continue to climb – but we couldn't do it alone.

"These results are a brilliant example of how reporting information to us makes a difference and also the work our officers do off the back of that information.

"I am incredibly proud of my team, and I know how hard they work on a daily basis to bring offenders to justice."

I hope you find this report useful and questions then just email.

PCSO

Lindsay Gardiner



Report to Caldecote Parish Council for AGM

It has been another busy and fun year at school. Our major development over the last year was in the outdoor environment. Not only have we had new play equipment and an all-weather surface but we also now use the field throughout the year. There are always lots of activities ranging from being a bug detective to a dance area, so all children are able to find something that interests them. We have also increased our physical activity with the whole school taking part in the 'Daily Mile' where all children run, walk, hop, skip a mile around the school every day – you might hear them as lots have taken to doing 'bootcamp' style chants as they jog!

Like all schools, we are finding managing our budget and maintaining the same quality of education an endless struggle. We are hopeful that the new homes being built will quickly lead to some new children to the school as without more children our funding prediction for next year and beyond is extremely worrying. On a positive note, the quality of education across the school continues to be of a very high standard and visitors always comment about the wonderful atmosphere and how happy and polite our children are which makes us all feel very proud.

We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from the village community in many ways eg using the Village Hall car park, reading volunteers, support for our performances and events, governors, etc and we are pleased that the new Reverend, David Newton, has become a regular visitor to the school. Children love to get out and about the village with highlights being the Community Clean Up day and visits to Hardwick Woods.

I continue to feel privileged to lead the school and look forward to embracing the changes that the new developments will bring to both the school and the village.

Karen Stanton Headteacher

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23rd May 2019

1st Caldecote Rainbows & Brownies.

To the Chairman of Caldecote Parish Council.

Thank you very much for your continued support of 1st Caldecote Rainbows and Brownies. We have undertaken many challenges in girl guiding in the last year. We have been able to complete many badges including community badges.

Over the last year we have had the opportunity to be involved with both Caldecote church and Childerley Estate where the girls have been for a summer picnic and to enjoy the grounds.

Our numbers are beginning to grow, and we hope to continue using the wonderful facilities that the pavilion and sports field has to offer.

Many thanks,

Polly Anne Field
Brown Owl.

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The Caldecote Peace Garden.

To the Chairman of Caldecote Parish Council,

The Caldecote Peace garden is evolving.

We are very happy that the Remembrance Day service is now being held at the Peace post, in the Peace Garden and is very well attended. The laying of wreaths by the community has been well received.

There have been several small donations given this year by the residents of Caldecote.
Totalling £24.00.

The Peace garden has now purchased 2 benches and have had the hard standings put down.
They have been used regularly by members of the village

We are making and planting up summer beds soon. We are looking for donations for the
planting of small shrubs and trees.

Many thanks for the support of the Parish Council for providing the space to create the
Peace Garden.

Polly Anne Field.

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The Caldecote Village Picnic.

To the Chairman of Caldecote Parish Council,

The Caldecote village picnic will not be taking place this year due to lack of support in
arranging and setting up. A notice was sent out last year for additional help, but there have
been no volunteers. For the 6 years that I have been involved it has been well attended and
I think will be missed.

I am hoping we can continue with a community event that brings everyone together, in the
future, such as a Cider and sausage or Afternoon Pimms on the lawn event.

Many thanks for the support of the Parish Council.

Polly Anne Field.

Caldecote Church: A Brief Report for the Parish Council

Caldecote church continues its regular rhythm of prayer and worship with weekly services in the ancient parish church every Sunday at 11am. The church also continues to offer a space for baptism, weddings and funerals, as well as concerts (such as the Trumpet Concert held last September) and the church yard is well kept as a place for quiet reflection. The PCC is very grateful for the money given by the Parish Council to help cover the costs of maintaining the church yard as somewhere for the whole community.

There have been the usual wonderful Open Garden events, most recently in the Old Rectory and at the Childerley Estate. We look forward to another Caldecote Open Gardens, where people across the community open their gardens, at the end of June.

Good links have been restored with the school; The vicar takes assemblies and teaches some RE. The connection has led to the church and school collaborating on a new project to start this summer: The Summer Hampers Scheme, which provides weekly hampers through the school holidays to families (who wish to receive it) and are in receipt of Free School Meals. The Sitwell's Charity and Townslands Trust have made a significant contribution towards this for which we are very grateful.

Rev. David Newton

On behalf of the Tuesday Club we would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous donation of £250 last year.

As we are a very small club so we used this money to pay our annual insurance which was £173, we felt this was most important due to that age of most of our members, the balance we used to help cover the monthly rent of the village hall.

During the last year we have been out for several meals in local pubs and restaurants and at Christmas we held a party inviting guests from Hardwick and Toft which was well represented. We have also had a few Speakers come and give us some interesting talks, one being the Vicar from Comberton, Wiltshire Farm Foods and Magpas. Your kind donation has allowed us to enjoy these activities knowing that the important bills had been covered.