

# NEWSLETTER #21

## MVAS coming soon

A Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed sign will shortly be making an appearance in our streets.



Following work carried out by our Speed-Watch team in Orchard Avenue the county council has agreed to fund one of these warning signs. It will be moved to different locations in the estate in an effort to deter speeding in our residential streets.

## Street Party News

An appeal for Tombola prizes – please deliver to Elaine and Catherine at 11 Highfield Ave (can be left in the porch).

Books can be delivered to Lynn and Gary at 34 Leys Ave or brought along on the day

Please bring plants to the plant-swap table before 4pm on the day, and cakes to share for the cake stall will be very welcome!

Bunting making for children starts at 3pm.

**The Party is 4pm - 11pm on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Remember – part of Leys Ave will be closed to traffic from 12.00 until 11.30pm.**

More info from [timandrebecca@ntlworld.com](mailto:timandrebecca@ntlworld.com) and [karriefuller@hotmail.com](mailto:karriefuller@hotmail.com).

## More in Common

Inspired by the Great Get Together initiative, we've been thinking about ideas that might bring people together and make the estate an even better place to live.

How can we support neighbours who might be isolated or don't get out much?

Can we run a Playing Out scheme occasionally that will allow children to play safely in the road?

How can we address the issue of nuisance motorcycles using paths intended for bicycles?

Would we benefit from better street lighting?

Can we find an easy way to share tools and other equipment with our neighbours?

We'll have a corner set aside at the street party to discuss these and other ideas: please come and chat with us!

## Parking

The Ascham resident parking zone is now fully operational. It covers Ascham Rd, Gurney Way, Metcalfe Rd, Courtney Way and Atherton Close.

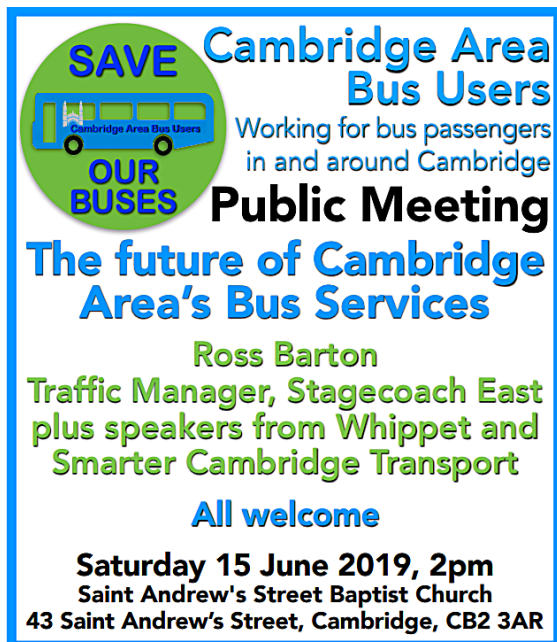
There has been a noticeable knock-on effect in Hurst Park Avenue:



Do we need to set up a separate working group? Come and tell us at the street party or email [secretary@hpera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hpera.co.uk).

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## Bus User Group



**SAVE Cambridge Area Bus Users**  
OUR BUSES

Working for bus passengers in and around Cambridge

**Public Meeting**  
**The future of Cambridge Area's Bus Services**

Ross Barton  
Traffic Manager, Stagecoach East  
plus speakers from Whippet and Smarter Cambridge Transport

All welcome

Saturday 15 June 2019, 2pm  
Saint Andrew's Street Baptist Church  
43 Saint Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AR

HPERA is supportive of the Bus User Group, but if you attend the meeting please get back in time for the street party!

## Shire Hall / Castle Mound

More than 3,000 people from Cambridgeshire signed a petition calling for this iconic site not to be sold off. In response the County Council leadership have now chosen to offer a 40 year lease to Brookgate Ltd – the company responsible for the CB1 Station development.

Campaigners are concerned that irreversible changes could be caused to Shire Hall and the surrounding estate. They also believe that the covenant to protect public access to Castle Mound could be subject to legal challenge by the developer.

A second petition has been launched to challenge this decision and asking for the site to remain in use and preserved for the benefit of the people of Cambridgeshire.

Petition: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/ShireHall>

## Caring for our streets

**Weedkiller** - in an earlier email update we drew attention to the over-use of glyphosates by the city council, as evidenced on the estate around lamp-posts and trees, etc. As a result of a campaign by city residents the council have been carrying out a weedkiller-free trial at two parks in Cambridge, including our nearby St Albans Rd Recreation Ground.

Visit the following link for more information and to send in your feedback to the officers [www.cambridge.gov.uk/weedkiller-free-parks-trial](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/weedkiller-free-parks-trial)

**Trees** – we are fortunate to have several newly-planted trees in our grass verges. Please water them to help survive what is likely to be a dry summer. Apparently a good soaking is better than little and often.

**Grass verges** – it's difficult we know, but if we can encourage visitors and contractors not to park on the grass verges it will help their long term survival and maintain the appearance of the neighbourhood.

**Urban gardening group** – is anyone interested in forming a group to give some extra care to our verges and planters? Please contact us if you would be willing to give up some time to occasionally help out. Email: [secretary@hpera.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hpera.co.uk)

## Leys Ave Bicycle Paths

We have confirmation that a replacement hedge will be planted alongside the new path to Arbury Road. We are also hoping to get signage and perhaps another bollard to direct bicycles away from the footpath on the other side of Leys Avenue.

## New Milton Rd Library

Coffee mornings and other events are being held from 10.30am 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June leading up to a Garden Party and official opening by the mayor 2pm on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://www.friendsofmiltonroadlibrary.org.uk/>