



THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter
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Latest Covid News

It is now much easier for everyone to obtain free packs of Lateral Flow Tests (the tests used for people with no symptoms, with results in under half an hour) to use on a regular basis at home.

You can only use this service if:

- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you're 18 or older
- you cannot get tests from your work, school, college or university (ask them for rapid lateral flow tests).
- you live in England
- you have not been told to self-isolate

Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have coronavirus symptoms - a high temperature / a new continuous cough / a loss of smell or taste - get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Pick up site - for at home test kits

Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd
9 High Street, CB23 6JX
No booking required

The Hub - Lateral flow test site collection point
High Street, CB23 6GW
No booking required

PCR Test site for people with no symptoms

Cambourne HUB Community Centre
High Street, CB23 6GW
No booking required

Cambourne Rapid Testing Site
The Hub, High Street, CB23 6GW
a booking is required

If you are unable to collect, you can order online to be delivered to your home: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by calling 119. If you're ordering for another household, for example a relative in your bubble, you should do it separately from your household order and use their contact details. Each test kit contains 7 lateral flow tests and instructions. You can get up to 28 tests at a time depending on the size of your household. The test usually involves taking a sample from your throat and from your nose, using a swab. You can get a result in 30 minutes.

On-site rapid tests don't identify all cases of Covid-19, so if your home rapid Covid-19 test is negative you still need to continue to follow government guidelines of social distancing, wearing face coverings and washing hands thoroughly. If the test is positive, you should self-isolate immediately and get a lab PCR test to confirm the result – you can book this at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

There has been some coverage in the media about the usefulness of these tests, but for every 1,000 lateral flow tests carried out, there is fewer than one false positive result (and people testing positive are asked to take a confirmatory PCR test so there is little risk of people needing to isolate based on a false result). So they play an essential role in identifying the one in three people who have no symptoms of Covid and could be spreading it unknowingly.

Census 2021 scams

Census Day 2021 might be over, but census field officers are visiting homes to provide support on completing the census for those that have not already done so. Census-branded reminder letters are also being sent out. A reminder of the following may be useful to help people avoid being scammed:

- Census field officers will never ask for payment or bank details
- they will never ask for personal details such as a national insurance number and they do not need to enter your home
- you will never be issued with a fine on the doorstep
- you will never be issued with a fine by text message, phone call or email.

Next Parish Council Meeting

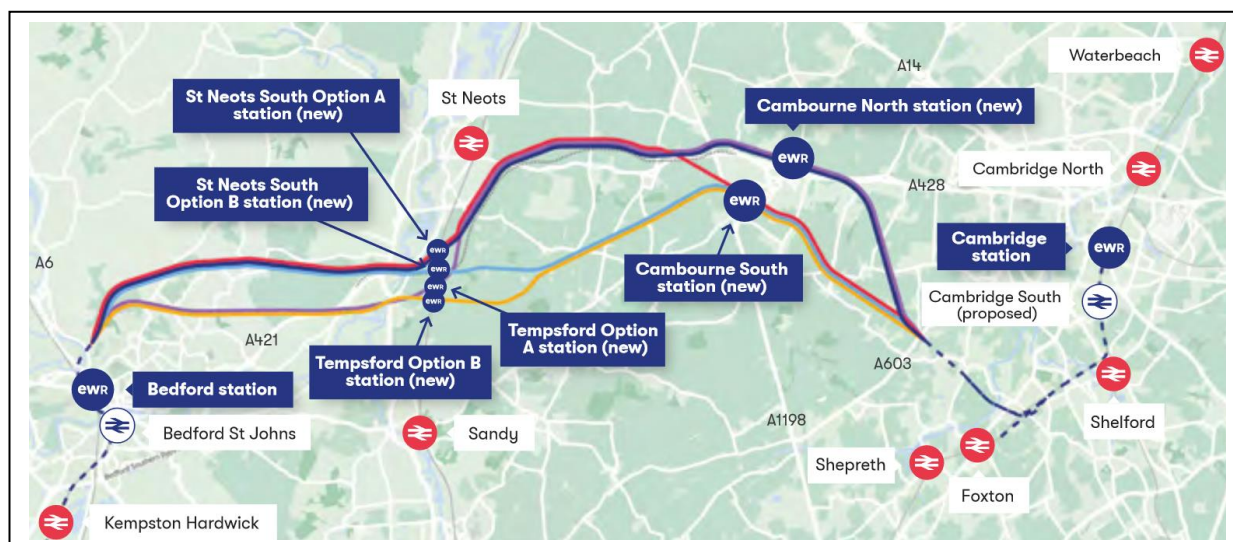
This will be the AGM open meeting on 20th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. Discussions are on-going as to whether this will be a mixed meeting taking place simultaneously on Teams or Zoom. Please contact Barbara Cooper on bcconfidential@cw.ac.uk or via phone if you would like to join the meeting and share your preferences of how you would like to join. All COVID restrictions in force at the time will be observed at the Village Hall.

East West Rail

East West Rail is a major railway project. It aims to deliver much-needed transport connections for communities between Oxford and Cambridge. Services will be introduced in three connection stages, the final one being a brand new railway infrastructure between Bedford and Cambridge.

After an initial review based on the factors outlined in the Consultation document, we have produced a shortlist of five alignment options. They are:

- the yellow alignment (known as Alignment 8 in the Technical Report) which includes a Tempsford Option B station and a Cambourne South station;
- the dark blue alignment (known as Alignment 1 in the Technical Report) which includes a St Neots South Option A station and a Cambourne North station;
- the red alignment (known as Alignment 2 in the Technical Report) which includes a St Neots South Option A station and a Cambourne South station;
- the light blue alignment (known as Alignment 6 in the Technical Report) which includes a St Neots South Option B station and a Cambourne South station;
- the purple alignment (known as Alignment 9 in the Technical Report) which includes a Tempsford Option A station and a Cambourne North station.



There is currently an ongoing consultation on the project which will end on 9th June. This is based on the Full Consultation document which can be found at <https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/Consultation-Document.pdf>. The sections relevant to Longstowe are from page 212 onwards. The feedback form can be found at <https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/Feedback-Form.pdf> and questions 38 and 39 (Page 18/19) are probably of the most interest. You don't need to answer all the questions but they are all worth a read through. You can also fill out the form online at https://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation-feedback/survey_tools/feedback.

Longstowe Cricket Club Fixtures 2021

Cambs Junior League 3 West

(All matches start at 1-30pm)

Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Venue
1 st May	A	Milton CC 2 nd XI	Sycamores Recreation Ground
8 th May	A	Cam Kerala CC 2 nd XI	Hills Road Sports Centre
15 th May	H	Cam Kerala CC 2 nd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
22 nd May	A	Bar Hill CC 1 st XI	Bar Hill
29 th May	H	Cambridge NCI CC 3 rd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
5 th June	A	Comberton CC 1 st XI	Comberton Recreation Ground
12 th June	H	Cambourne CC 3 rd XI	Longstowe Village Hall