

County Council report to Buckden Parish Council, May 4th, 2021

1. County Council

CCC is now in pre-election 'purdah' so no significant decisions are made. Councillors continue to receive regular reports on the Covid situation, and a summary of the most recent is here:

In the past week we have seen a rise in rates of Covid-19 across Cambridgeshire. For the week ending 17th April, there were 29 Covid - 19 cases per 100,000 population, which is a 20% increase on the previous week. This means the county now has rates that are above the regional and national average.

The largest increase has been seen in Cambridge City, but increases have also been seen in South Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Fenland. Rates in East Cambridgeshire have fallen. Both Cambridge City and Fenland have rates well above the England average, while rates for the other districts remain below average.

One person has died within 28 days of a positive Covid-19 test in Cambridgeshire since 30 March, which is a significant reduction on numbers of deaths earlier in the year.

There remains a constant need to engage with our communities to encourage as many people as possible to follow the rules and take steps to keep themselves and their friends and family safe.

A key part of this is the vaccination programme and encouraging as many people as possible to accept their vaccine when offered it.

As usual, the latest statistics on vaccine delivery for local authorities are available under the 'weekly data' heading on [Statistics » COVID-19 Vaccinations \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Our work to promote regular rapid testing has continued in earnest this week.

Our Communications team posts messages daily about rapid testing so please look out for these and share them if you are able to. Information about the many ways you can access a rapid test is available [here](#).

As usual, we are sharing messages with the public about all of this and more. Please support us by sharing information with your family, friends and people in your ward. By doing so, you will be helping to reduce the spread of the virus. We post information on our social media channels daily and there is a wealth of information that can be shared at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Dr Liz Robin Director of Public Health – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

NB Liz Robin is retiring this week and will be replaced by Jyoti Atri, currently Interim Executive Director of Public Health Wales

2. Diversion signage

I continue the battle with Highways England and CCC in relation to the timely removal of diversion signs.

3. Planning ahead

It would be helpful if you could let me know any particular immediate concerns you have in relation to County Council responsibilities so that I can brief whoever is elected to take over from me on May 6th.

4. Good-bye and good luck to you all !

Peter Downes, April 27th, 2021

