



# CAMBOURNE CRESCENT ACCOUNTS

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# INTRODUCTION

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2020 was a very busy year for Cambourne Crescent, but certainly not in a manner which we could have anticipated. In many ways, most of our normal activities were curtailed, things such as congregational prayer, Islamic school and Arabic language school were not able to function in their usual manner. However, we did manage to set up and run the Islamic school online.

Main achievements:

- Set up Volunteers task force
- Organized a highly efficient food bank
- Continued essential medical supplies
- Provided telephone support to the most vulnerable
- Partnerships with Morrison and Co-op
- Online Islamic School for academic year 2020/2021

# 1. CAMBOURNE VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE

## Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force Responds to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Roger Hume, one of the first residents of Cambourne, laid the foundations for, what is now a true community spirit in Cambourne.**

Today we can all be proud to be part of Cambourne for many reasons, but we can be inspired with the local community spirit and energy over the last several days.

Cambourne Crescent (a local community charity) launched a small initiative called 'Volunteer Task Force', to assist the most vulnerable in our society against COVID-19 pandemic.



**Cambourne Task Force Volunteers**  
Abdellatif Salah, Bill Miller, Kasia Wasielewska, Cllr Nishat Akhtar, Natasha Johnson, Hassaan Touheed, Karla Parker and Cllr Aftab Ahmed

Arshad Siddiqui, who is leading this initiative commented, "The response has been overwhelming with dozens of people from all walks of life signing up to volunteer on the first day, we really were not expecting or even prepared for this response."

The volunteer group already includes members from Cambourne Crescent, Cambourne Church, the Town Councillors, community groups, local supermarkets and most importantly, many ordinary local residents."

The Volunteer task force was primarily set up to unite individuals into a cohesive unit who can be easily approached by local official bodies and especially those in need to assist in this time of crisis, with the Corona virus (Covid-19) being at the top of the agenda.

A team of people will be available and prepared to volunteer their time to assist as and when required. This could be as simple as keeping an eye on an elderly neighbour, shopping for essential supplies or speaking over phone for anyone that is feeling isolated and lonely.

Distributing Food to people is an essential service which is being provided by the Task Force, particularly at times of panic buying, where food is simply not available on the shelves to buy.

Cambourne Crescent will be discussing contingency plans with local service providers and our growing team of volunteers.

For further information and regular updates please visit our website: [www.CambourneCrescent.org](http://www.CambourneCrescent.org)

If you need help or would like to volunteer, please get in touch via the website:-

[www.cambournecrescent.org](http://www.cambournecrescent.org)  
or send an email with your name and phone number to:  
[info@CambourneCrescent.org](mailto:info@CambourneCrescent.org)



If you do not have access to the internet, you may call or leave a message at:  
**0759 3396 855 or 01954 201808**

### Food Bank Collections and Volunteering

**The Cambourne Volunteer Task force does have volunteers who can visit our most vulnerable people to distribute the donations, but needs more.**

This is also an appeal to help local elderly people, people in self-isolation and people concerned about going out. You can help these most vulnerable members of Cambourne by donating as many items as reasonably possible from the list below.

The items most in demand at present are:-

- Canned food: vegetables, fruits, soups, tuna, meat, pasta sauce etc.
- Dry food: rice, pasta, beans, cereal, chips, snacks, biscuits
- Drinks: UHT milk, coffee, tea
- Cooking oil
- Hygiene Products:- Handwash liquid, soap, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.
- Baby Food and Nappies
- Pet food and pet supplies



Look out for the trolleys where you can donate items in the Co-op Stores in Upper and Lower Cambourne and in Morrisons supermarket.

Upper Cambourne Co-op Staff with some of the items generously donated by residents



# CAMBOURNE VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE

## Cambourne volunteer task force is still here

We are living in times of difficulty and many families are struggling to feed themselves. CVTF represents the Cambourne community that stands by its members in distress. We can provide you with food parcels. If you are in need or know of someone else in need, please be assured we are here to help. In particular, we want no child facing hunger or malnutrition.

We run the food bank session every week as per the following schedule:

Time: Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00AM

Venue: Blue School, Eastgate, Great Cambourne  
CB23 6DZ

If you are isolating or have mobility issues, we might be able to deliver to you. We are reachable via:

[www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf](http://www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf)

Phone: +44 7593 396855

Email: [info@cambournecrescent.org](mailto:info@cambournecrescent.org)



## Co-op is helping our CVTF

### How does the Co-op Local Community Fund work?

Register for Co-op membership and you get 5% cashback (when you use your points card while shopping Co-op branded products).

Select "Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force" as your chosen charity. Co-op donates 2% to #CVTF (after signing in, see web-link)

Please help #CVTF as the cause to support by signing into Co-op membership account and choosing Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force -

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/43690>



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**DONCASTER TODAY**

12.30 **STATION** (LIVE) FROM THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE, 100-110, THE ARCADE, DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, DN1 1JH. TEL: 01522 534444. FAX: 01522 534445. EMAIL: doncaster@doncasternews.co.uk. WEBSITE: www.doncasternews.co.uk

2.00 **STATION** (LIVE) FROM THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE, 100-110, THE ARCADE, DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, DN1 1JH. TEL: 01522 534444. FAX: 01522 534445. EMAIL: doncaster@doncasternews.co.uk. WEBSITE: www.doncasternews.co.uk

South Cambs MP Anthony Browne (right) visits Cambourne Crescent volunteering group, including trustee Arshad Siddiqui (left) as they prepare food parcels at The Blue School in Eastgate, Great Cambourne

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# Volunteers' mission to help vulnerable during lockdown

## ARMY OF HELPERS HELP PEOPLE IN NEED WITH THEIR FOOD PARCELS AND PRESCRIPTIONS

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A TEAM of volunteers have responded to 500 requests from some of the most vulnerable during Covid-19, including supplying food parcels, collecting prescriptions or simply a phone call.

Cambourne Crescent, a community charity, launched an initiative called Volunteer Task Force to assist those most in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

The charity, which formed a decade ago, has been running the initiative for four months with the help of at least 75 volunteers, including members from Cambourne Crescent, Cambourne Church, town councillors, community groups, local supermarkets and residents.

On Saturday, South Cambridgeshire MP Anthony Browne spent the morning with the team, who came together once again to assist the community.

Mr Browne was given an insight into what the group has been doing since the pandemic

began, as well as helping to deliver food packages, speak with residents about the lockdown and the importance of voluntary support.

Trustee Arshad Siddiqui said: "In the past four months, volunteers have served more than 500 requests. The volunteering group started with a mission to not leave anyone who is in need, especially the old and vulnerable in Cambourne.

"The team of volunteers being put together has been ensuring that they are there for anyone in need.

"If anyone is self-isolating or shielding, volunteers deliver groceries and prescriptions to their home, or they can call just for a chat. If anyone is struggling to afford enough food at the moment, the group also offers free food parcels."

Food parcels are available from Blue School, in Eastgate, twice a week, on Wednesdays from 5pm until 6pm and on Saturdays from 10am until 11am, for those who are struggling to afford enough food.

Around 70 to 80 food packs are donated every week around Cambourne and its neighbouring villages and if anyone is self-isolating, shielding or not able to collect in person for medical reasons, volunteers can drop parcels off outside their door,

maintaining a safe distance.

Food donation trolleys are located in Cambourne Morrisons and Upper Cambourne Co-Op, where residents can drop off their donations.

All the volunteers are registered and insured by Cambourne Town Council, carry an ID badge and follow government guidelines on social distancing at all times.

For more information, visit [cambournecrescent.org/](http://cambournecrescent.org/) or call [01438 544444](tel:01438 544444).

Cambourne Crescent is able to run the Volunteer Task Force thanks to a £14,000 donation from the Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund.

The fund is managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and supported by the News as media partner and has made 171 grants to different charities and groups, helping the most vulnerable during the pandemic.

The appeal has a goal of raising £1 million to continue this support and has so far raised nearly £37,000.

To donate, go to [jungiving.com/campaign/coronaviruscommunityfund](http://www.jungiving.com/campaign/coronaviruscommunityfund).

**TUESDAY**

**£1,000** for every ticket in these winning postcodes

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BN17 7FX	CO3 6AS	N4 4ST	SMA 4HD
BN27 2JH	DN6 4RN	NP14 2HJ	SS8 7JZ
CB9 8BN	GL3 1BT	RG22 5EH	WEX 6PP
CB9 6LR	KT9 3QD	RM26 3DA	WR14 2NR



*"On behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council, I would like to thank you for your contribution and I am delighted to attach a Chairman's commendation certificate as recognition of your services and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.*

*We also plan to honour the organisation publically on the County Council website as part of a 'roll of honour' and plan to mention the work you have done as part of our ongoing media updates about how Cambridgeshire came together and supported each other during this time.*

*Again, my congratulations and thanks."*

# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENDATION

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2020

This is to commend the remarkable efforts of

**Cambourne's Volunteer Task Force**

In supporting Cambridgeshire through the COVID-19 Pandemic



Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mac McGuire".

Councillor Mac McGuire

Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council



### COMMUNITY

#### Cambourne volunteers continue to help those in need

South Cambridgeshire MP Anthony Browne spent Saturday morning of June 27th meeting with the Cambourne Volunteer Task Force (CVTF), who have come together from across



Cambourne to assist those in the community.

Anthony has given insight into what the group have been doing since the pandemic began. He also helped deliver some food packages and spoke to some of the recipients about how lockdown has been for them, as well as finding out how important this voluntary support is to them.

The volunteering group has been running for the last four months and has over 75 volunteers. CVTF includes members from Cambourne Crescent, Cambourne Church, the Town Councillors, community groups, local supermarkets and residents. Over the last 4 months, volunteers have served over 600 requests from Cambourne and neighbouring villages. Many food parcels are delivered weekly. CVTF also offers grocery



deliveries, prescription collection for anyone self-isolating or shielding. The volunteering group started with a mission to not neglect anyone who is in need, especially the elderly and vulnerable in Cambourne. The team of volunteers has continued to ensure that they are there for anyone who needs them.

CVTF's most challenging and important task has been the preparation and delivery of food parcels to residents in Cambourne and its surrounding villages. Currently they are delivering around 70 bags of food each week. This effort is massively supported by Morrisons through their weekly corporate donations. Thanks to Vanessa Williams and the store manager Michael Iannou in particular, CVTF has been a major recipient of these donations. The donations have gone a long way towards sustaining the volunteers' efforts and fulfilling the increasing demand.

CVTF are also grateful for the help of many other staff members including Tom and Luke (pictured below) who were instrumental in facilitating CVTF collections. In addition, Morrisons kept the donations trolley for people to contribute within easy access.

Morrisons has also been helpful in putting up CVTF signs for those in need to reach out. Lately, they have also been preparing donation packs with the food items most needed for food parcels for people to buy and donate. Thanks to the efforts of Morrisons staff, people know they are donating the right items.



Morrisons has also taken other steps to help the community. In the early days of lock-down, when certain items were difficult to obtain, Morrisons managed this by putting limits on the number of items people could buy in a single shopping transaction. These restrictions were lifted as soon as supply matched demand. The hour immediately after store opening was also reserved for NHS staff to help our heroes and heroines at the heart of the battle against Covid-19.

If anyone needs help, from CVTF they can fill the form on the website - [www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf](http://www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf)



## 2. CCST

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We had a great start to our Science and Technology club, but then due to the lockdown our activities were severely curtailed for the club.

### CCST 2020



Cambourne Crescent Science and Technology Club has kicked off with the school term. This year the children are preparing to participate in the First® Lego® League, a global science and technology challenge. The challenge invites kids from all around to undertake Lego building and programming projects to demonstrate their ingenuity. Competitions are held regionally, and top teams can then compete at international level. The challenge is designed to encourage young people to take an interest in real-world issues and develop problem-solving skills. There are three parts: the Robot Game, the Project, and the Core Values. The project is based around Robotics and Lego. It is a structured program with mentor-led activities. Teams operate under and are asked to demonstrate the FIRST signature set of

Core Values: celebrating discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork and fun. CCST runs free of charge and is open to everyone. With the help of donations, this year's themed Lego set (named BOOMTOWN BUILD) and several WeDo 2.0 sets have been purchased and kids are busy building.

Tech Club is run by volunteers who work with different technology companies in the local Science Park bringing with them experience and knowledge. Volunteers and parents form a team to mentor groups of children with the aim to prepare young children for teamwork and develop STEM skills.

The club is held on alternate Sundays at 3pm in the Blue School, please contact CCST for more details or to join at - [info@cambournecrescent.org](mailto:info@cambournecrescent.org)



### **3. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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During this difficult year for everyone, we continued with our normal services wherever possible, congregational prayer arrangement were made when conditions allowed. The Islamic school went online from September 2020 until July 2021.

## 4. FINANCE

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Total income for current financial period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 £32,218. (This number includes the £14,000 grant detailed below)

Total expenditure for current financial period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 £23,780 (The £12,648.90 amount returned, detailed below is included here)

Total covid related expenses including the return of the grant were £14,510.

The remaining expenses are primary venue hire, purchase of equipment and books, insurance and other small expenses.

### Coronavirus related funding

We received a £14,000 coronavirus grant from Cambs Coronavirus Community Fund

We only spent £1,351.10.

Remaining £12,648.90 was promptly returned.

The main reason for not utilizing the grant was that our local supermarkets Morrison and Co-op kindly stepped in and provided regular generous food donations which we were able to distribute.

Initially in the very early days of the pandemic, a just giving fund page was aslo set up. Details as follows:

Total income from Just giving page	2614.95
Total spent	509.73
Balance	2105.22

Again, we did not need to utilize this fund due to the generous local donations of food from our local supermarkets. The small amount spent was on fresh produce and on any specific dietary requirements. The remaining money will be used during 2021.



Main back account

Main account starting balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 £31,080

End balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 £35, 518

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2020 a separate savings account for the New Mosque Project was established.

Closing balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 £1,895.

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