



# CAMBOURNE CRESCENT --- ACCOUNTS

*2021*



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# INTRODUCTION

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2021 was another exciting year for Cambourne Crescent, as we slowly came out of lockdown measures. During the summer of 2021, we were able to resume most of our pre-coronavirus activities.

Much anticipated Arabic Cultural event was a huge success, further details can be found later in this report.

As we came out of lockdown, the work of Cambourne Volunteers Task Force continued but in a reduced capacity. We continued to help with individual request for help.

# I.CAMBOURNE VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE

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## Volunteer Task Force

**CVTF has been serving the community** for more than a year now and has brought together volunteers from diverse background. Recently Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer & Cllr Ian Sollom (South Cambs District Council) and Cllr Stephen Drew (Cambourne Town Council) visited us. Anthony Browne MP, Cllr Ruth Betson & Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya (South Cambs District Council) also visited us. We are also pleased for getting a commendation certificate from Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council, Cllr Mac McGuire.

We have been supported by local supermarkets in the form of public donations. We received corporate donations and goods from Morrisons and were able to distribute some of the items to other charities (such as PARCA and Jimmy's Homeless Shelter) in addition to local households.

A large amount of pet food and accessories were delivered by CVTF to Wood Green animal charity in Godmanchester. Some food and cleaning products were delivered to Jimmy's homeless shelter in Cambridge. We delivered evening meals for the homeless at Jimmy's shelter on Bank Holiday Monday.

CVTF has been operating a weekly food parcel service to people who were able to collect food parcels and to those who were not. We started off at the Blue School and now we have been running the weekly packing and delivery/collection sessions from Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavillion, thanks to the Cambourne Cricket Club and Cambourne Town Council. Going forward, we will operate a shop-and-deliver model for new requests. Our grocery shopping and prescription delivery services continue as normal. We will also remain available for telephone chats with anyone feeling isolated and continue to respond to the needs of any family in distress referred to us by the Council or other referring bodies. We will also continue to support Cambourne Food Bank. It has been great to get help from secondary school students (from CVC) volunteering to earn Duke of Edinburgh Award. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Cambourne residents for their generosity in supporting us.

■ We can be reached via on-line contact form at [www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf](http://www.CambourneCrescent.org/vtf), email [info@cambournecrescent.org](mailto:info@cambournecrescent.org) or call 07593 396855.



## 2 CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL OF ARAB CULTURE

### Introduction

The Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture event is an event organized by Cambourne Crescent and sponsored by Qatar Foundation International.

The event is open to the wider community to explore and understand Arab culture. It took place on Sunday 19th September and around 3500 visitors attended the event throughout the day. It is the first Arab culture open event to take place in the Cambridge area. It included many activities like Arabic Music, Arabic food and drinks, entertainment for kids, and many other activities.



The poster for the Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture features a dark blue background with a subtle geometric pattern. At the top, the title is written in Arabic calligraphy: 'مهرجان كامبريدج للثقافة العربية'. Below this, the English title 'Cambridge Festival Of Arab Culture' is displayed in a white serif font, followed by the tagline 'OPEN EVENT, EVERYONE WELCOME' in a smaller white sans-serif font. Two square images are positioned side-by-side: the left one shows a golden Arabic coffee pot (dallah) and a green patterned coffee tray (sahlab) on a blue surface; the right one shows a colorful illustration of a traditional Arabic archway (iwan) with intricate geometric patterns. Below these images, two diamond-shaped icons precede the text 'ARAB TRADITIONAL FOOD AND DRINKS' and 'ARAB ARTS AND CULTURE DISPLAY'. A central banner with a gold background and black text reads 'AND MORE ACTIVITIES'. At the bottom, a gold bar contains the event details: 'ORGANIZED BY' with the Cambourne Crescent logo, 'SPONSORED BY' with the Qatar Foundation International logo, and 'SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER' and 'CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE'.

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للثقافة العربية

Cambridge Festival  
Of Arab Culture

OPEN EVENT, EVERYONE WELCOME

ARAB TRADITIONAL  
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AND MORE ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZED BY  
Cambourne  
rescent  
Working together, succeeding together

SPONSORED BY  
QATAR  
FOUNDATION  
INTERNATIONAL  
Member of Qatar Foundation

SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER  
CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

## Expenses

The QFI grant fund was used as described in the table below, which is very aligned with what was initially planned and presented to QFI.

The total amount of the grant was £2,893.

### A. Expenses of The Cambridge Arab Culture Festival

Date	Description	Amount (£)	Comments
27/09/21	Venue Hire CVC	465	total venue hire £465
10/09/21	Shure SM58 vocal microphone bundle	125	from PMT music Cambridge
15/09/20 21	alto mixer, AKG wireless Mic, cables	285.97	Order from Andertons Music
15/09/20 21	Storage boxes for transport safekeeping	50.97	from Robert dyas
08/09/21	Festival A3 Poster Printing (solopress)	28.37	
08/09/21	Festival Roller Banner Printing (solopress)	93.41	
08/09/21	Festival Roller Banner Printing (solopress)	37.07	
14/09/21	Printing A3 Arab Culture posters for display ( doxdirect.com)	75.53	
15/09/21	Printing A3 Arab historical monuments ( doxdirect.com)	39.35	
15/09/21	Printing A3 Arab historical monuments ( doxdirect.com)	30.67	

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14/09/21	400 Pcs Push Pins Colored	7.49	
14/09/21	Scotch Transparent Tape 508	6.23	
16/09/21	bouncy castles X3	300	from choles-castles, one soft play area and 2 bouncy castles
17/09/21	milk, water	11.5	
18/09/21	Biscuits and stirrers	16.08	
19/09/21	Hall cleaning	20	(cleaning tip)
	Estimate for Disposables, tea coffee cups etc. from CC storage	100	These had been pre-purchased
19/09/21	Bilal dance group	700	Paid £200 and £500
19/09/21	Food Ordered by sister Lobna	504	
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>2896.64</b>	

## Impact on the community.

- Around 3500 people attended the Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture and enjoyed learning about the Arab Culture and enjoyed the delicious food and the lovely Music, most of them from the wider community.
  
- □ BBC Radio Cambridge (96.0 MH) Breakfast show : Lobna Rihawi ( a Cambourne Crescent trustee) was speaking to Louise Hlland about Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09szfv9>
- Media Coverage
  - <https://cambridge105.co.uk/event/cambridge-festival-of-arab-culture/>
  - [http://cambournecrier.org/pdf-archives/2021/CambourneCrier\\_2021-11.pdf](http://cambournecrier.org/pdf-archives/2021/CambourneCrier_2021-11.pdf)
  
- Article Published in the local Cambourne Crier Magazine



## COMMUNITY

### Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture



**Taste buds were tickled**, senses awoken, traditions explored and fun was had on Sunday 19th of September at Cambourne Village College thanks to the 1st Cambridge Festival of Arab Culture, hosted by Cambourne Crescent and kindly sponsored by the Qatar Foundation International.

The open event was a huge success with a steady stream of locals visiting the many exhibits throughout the afternoon.

Local Cambourne residents represented a variety of Arab countries such as Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia through music, food stalls, hot drinks, arts, crafts and clothing. Younger visitors were entertained on bouncy castles and had the opportunity to have some traditional Middle Eastern tattoo henna art work applied.

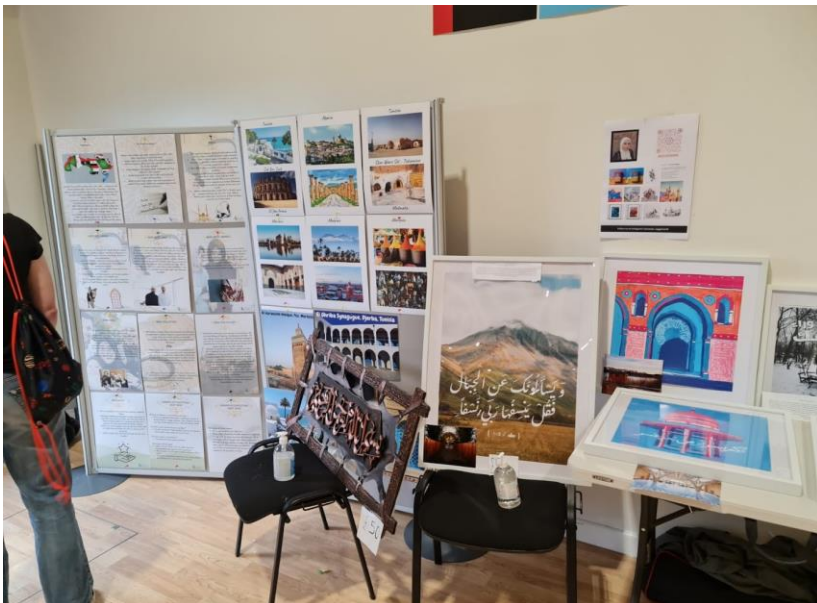
We all know that tea is central to English culture, but tea (and coffee) also play a central role in the Arab world. Stall holders displayed ornate tea and coffee sets used to serve and entertain family and friends. Tea not only serves to aid digestion after a large meal, it serves to show the generosity of the host as it is traditional to keep your tea cup constantly topped up. As with visiting family and friends, tea is rarely served alone. This was certainly the case at the Arab Culture Festival, as the amount of sweet treats on offer was vast and generous. Local school children commented: "The food was just so delicious. I loved the flavours," and "I had no idea that the music would create such a party atmosphere. It was really fun." We look forward to the next exciting event from Cambourne Crescent.







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# 1. FINANCE

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Total income for current financial period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £54,450.

This includes a grant of £2,893 from Qatar foundation International for an Arab Cultural festival.

It also includes an interest free loan of £6,000 which will be returned upon demand.

Total expenditure for current financial period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £18,982

The main items of expenditure were Arab cultural festival £2,897.

A total of £3,411 was paid to Town council for our regular bookings.

A Total of £2,568 was paid to Cambourne Village College for our school bookings, these are reduced amounts as school was closed due to Covid for half of the year.

Equipment and stationary, books for schools amounted to £2,115.

Other expenses include organizing our various events and functions, administration expenses for our schools, website hosting related fees and insurance.

Main account end balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021 £42,787

New Mosque Project End balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 £30,396.

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