



The Fenlander is a regular bulletin from Fenland District Council updating on council news, events and services.

Elections approaching

The [General Election](#) is now fast approaching, which, in Fenland, comes hand-in-hand with local [by-elections in Whittlesey](#).

To vote in person, as with last year's local elections, you now need photo ID.



We have all the important dates and details on our [elections page](#).

In the meantime, we continue to deliver services as normal.

In this month's The Fenlander, you can discover details of all the latest Active Fenland free and low-cost exercise and wellbeing sessions in the district.

Discover the opportunity of training as a [dementia-friendly exercise session leader](#) or [wellbeing walk leader](#) - as well as the stories of people who have done it and love it.

Wisbech's Splashpad has re-opened for the summer season for free family fun.

In other news, we have a warning about not putting batteries in waste bins after a [fire in one of our refuse lorries](#). And some insight into the amount of [waste our refuse teams handle each year](#).

We've got a [reminder for beauty salons](#) on advertising constraints and take a look at the [impact of our CCTV service](#).

[Businesses share their opinions](#) of the free Fenland for Business business support and advice service - and urge others to take it up.

We also enjoy the happy faces of Guides and Brownies and a group of adults with additional needs who [enjoyed trips organised by Hereward Community Rail Partnership](#), which works to engage local communities

along Fenland's Hereward Line.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the next [Fenland Four Seasons event](#), Chatteris Festival, on June 22 and June 23.

Hereward Community Rail Partnership hosts 'Try the Train' trip for local guides and brownies group



Image above: 1st Doddington Guides and Brownies at March Station, during their 'Try the Train' trip hosted by the Hereward Community Rail Partnership.

Youngsters from 1st Doddington Guides and Brownies enjoyed a 'Try the Train' trip this week, boosting their knowledge and confidence to travel by rail.

The trip from March to Ely and back on May 29 was organised by the Hereward Community Rail Partnership (CRP), which works to engage local communities along Fenland's Hereward Line.

Just days before, during national Community Rail Week, the partnership organised a similar trip with March-based charity FACET, supporting adults with additional needs to also give the train a try.

See more: [Hereward Community Rail Partnership hosts 'Try the Train' trip for local guides and brownies group](#)

Whittlesey By-Elections to be held on same day as General Election

A town and district councillor has stepped down from Fenland District Council and Whittlesey Town Council, triggering two by-elections on the same day as the UK Parliamentary General Election on Thursday, July 4.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Kay Mayor, there are vacancies on the

Whittlesey South Ward of Fenland District Council and the St Andrews Ward of Whittlesey Town Council.

Anyone wishing to vote in Fenland in next month's elections is encouraged to be aware of the key dates and information ahead of polling day.

Discover more: [July elections](#)



Active Fenland promotes and provides informal and fun sport and physical activity sessions in community settings in Fenland.

Could you lead a dementia friendly exercise class and bring joy to your own and others' lives?

As Active Fenland seeks to provide free training to more people willing to lead dementia-friendly seated exercise classes in Fenland, we caught up with someone already doing it.

Julia Mallett, 61, of Walpole Highway, said: "This is the best thing I have ever done.

"I would recommend to anybody to do the training and get a group going because it is fantastic."

Julia's career was predominantly spent in retail, but caring for her late husband after a brain tumour left her feeling an affinity with people living with dementia.

Active Fenland is keen to collaborate with more individuals and organisations with staff or volunteers interested in training to bring 'Love to Move' sessions to more people across Fenland.

Read Julia's story and discover how to train as a Love to Move class leader at: [Could you lead a dementia friendly exercise class and bring joy to your own and others' lives?](#)

June's packed programme of free and low cost exercise and wellbeing sessions in Fenland - plus chance to train as a leader

A new free wellbeing walk for grandparents and grandchildren is the latest

offer in a packed programme of free and low-cost exercise and wellbeing sessions in Fenland.

There's also the chance for volunteers to train free to lead a wellbeing walk.

Wellbeing walks are non-demanding opportunities for people to walk together for health and wellbeing.

Among other activities offered by Active Fenland this month, are walking football, 'pre-fit' activity sessions for people who have or are losing confidence in their balance or fear falling, free couch-to-5k running sessions, tea dances and lots more.

See more: [June's packed programme of free and low cost exercise and wellbeing sessions in Fenland](#)

Wisbech Splashpad opens for summer season



Image above: Wisbech Splashpad

Wisbech Splashpad opened for the summer season on Saturday, May 25 - just in time for the Bank Holiday weekend.

The play facility in Wisbech Park is now open daily from 10am to 5pm.

It is free to use and suitable for families with toddlers to early teens.

Wisbech Park also boasts a fantastic play area, fully refurbished last summer, and a new community pavilion, which opened earlier this year.

The pavilion includes a café, public toilets, and a Changing Places accessible toilet.



Jobs

Take a look at our **current vacancies** for opportunities to work with Fenland District Council.



Ask a question

Got a question about our services you'd like to see covered in The Fenlander? Send it to fenlander@fenland.gov.uk

Warning not to put batteries in household waste bin after fire in refuse lorry



Image above: Firefighters douse waste tipped burning from refuse vehicle

Residents were reminded to dispose of batteries and electrical items responsibly - and never put them in bins - after a fire broke out in a refuse lorry.

Crews were collecting bins in the Elliott Road area of March when they noticed smoke coming from the back of the lorry. It's thought a battery was the cause of the fire.

Batteries should be taken to local recycling centres, or, for household batteries, many shops have collection bins in-store.

Batteries, of all kinds, whether loose or hidden in electricals - should never be placed in your waste or recycling bins at home.

Discover more: [Warning over batteries in bins after fire breaks out in bin lorry](#)

Fenland refuse teams shift waste equivalent to more than 6,000 elephants a year

Fenland's refuse service collected waste equivalent to more than 6,000 elephants in weight in the first 11 months of the last financial year.

The team collected 37,000 tonnes of domestic and commercial waste to the end of February, a report before Fenland's full council at the end of last month said.

Garden waste and recycling accounted for more than 40 per cent of that - but we want to see even more going into blue bins.

Discover more: [Fenland refuse teams shift waste equivalent to more than 6,000 elephants a year](#)



Consultations

Have your say to help us improve our services and make more informed decisions.

- Discover garden waste, refuse service and street cleansing satisfaction surveys as well as licensing consultations on our [consultations page](#).

Our CCTV service supported 152 arrests last year

Our joint CCTV service responded to 1,110 incidents across Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech last year, a Council update said.

Incidents included those relating to anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, violent crime, illegal drug use, possession of weapons and theft.

CCTV intervention led to 152 arrests being made by Cambridgeshire Police, a report before Fenland's May full council meeting said.

See more: [Our CCTV service supported 152 arrests last year](#)

Concerns raised over illegal advertising of Botox treatments in Fenland salons

Fenland beauty clinics are being reminded that it is illegal for Botox treatments to be advertised to the public after concerns were raised with Fenland District Council.

The council's Environmental Health team is sending advice to all beauty

clinics in the district within the coming weeks to remind them that botulinum toxin (commonly known as Botox) is categorised as a prescription-only medicine (POM) and as such, cannot be advertised to the public.

Adverts for POMs breach Rule 12.12 of the Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) Code and the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (HMRs). This applies even if the POM is administered by a registered medical professional.

See more: [Concerns raised over illegal advertising of Botox treatments in Fenland salons](#)



The image shows the Fenland for Business logo on the left, with the word 'fenland' in a large, dark blue font and 'forbusiness' in a smaller, light blue font below it. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a curved facade and large glass windows, set against a clear blue sky.

Looking to start, grow or relocate your business? Our [Fenland for Business](#) team can offer free and impartial advice.

Businesses give their views on free advice service Fenland for Business

"If you want support, ask Fenland for Business. The team is so helpful and so knowledgeable. Getting that advice is great."

Those are the words of one of the businesses Fenland for Business has supported recently.

Fenland for Business is a Fenland District Council service providing free advice and support to help businesses thrive in Fenland.

Get free help with:

- Funding
- Skills and training
- Contacts and networking
- New business premises and expansion
- Research and product development
- Fenland District Council services - including planning, environmental health and waste.

See more: [What Businesses Say about Fenland for Business](#)



Business Premises

Starting or expanding your business? Looking for affordable offices or factory units? We can help! Our Business Premises and Industrial Units are ideal for small and start-up businesses.

- **The Boathouse Business Centre**

The Boathouse overlooks the marina in the vibrant market town of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire. It is just a short walk from the town centre and is easily accessible from the A47.

- **South Fens Business Centre**

South Fens is located in the small market town of Chatteris. It is next to the A141 and A142 - offering easy access to Ely, March, Huntingdon, Cambridge and beyond.

Chatteris Festival to bring buzz & excitement on June 22 and 23

Chatteris Festival will bring the town to life with an endless array of entertainment and excitement on June 22 and 23.

It'll be packed with live music, performances, stalls and attractions.

Event updates for this and other Fenland Four Seasons events at: [Fenland Four Seasons events page](#) and [Chatteris Midsummer Festival](#)

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