News from Fulbourn Forum

for community action

Sent 18 October 2026

Dear All,

We were very disappointed to have to cancel the planned Apple Pressing Day in September due to a lack of apples, resulting from the hot, dry spring and summer. If our changing climate continues, as seems certain, then we will need to consider how and when any future such events are undertaken. We have since learnt that the Botanic Gardens had to cancel their own Apple Day event this year.

We had an excellent turnout on 11 October for the litter pick, with around 33 adults and 9 children participating in ideal weather. Disappointingly, the amount of litter remains the same as other times with 50+ bags filled along with other large items.

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Fulbourn Greenway Phase 1 Community Engagement Event

Wednesday 21 October, 5.00-7.00pm, in The Swifts Meeting Room, Haggis Gap.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership invites all to the drop-in session to see the amended plans and the next steps in the completion of the Greenway Phase 1 from Fulbourn High Street to Yarrow Road. Construction is now planned to begin in 2027. Phase 2, Yarrow Road to Central Cambridge, is expected to be out for consultation in 2027.

The original Greenway proposals, planned to give better and safer opportunities for walking, wheeling and cycling between Fulbourn and Cambridge, have been reviewed and updated in response to stakeholder feedback from earlier consultations.

For more information see: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/fulbourn-greenway

Repair Cafe

Saturday 7 November, 2.00 to 5.00pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre

Booking for your items will be open from Tuesday 20 October. Please use the following link:
https://bit.ly/fulbournnov26

Provide a short description of the item and problem on the online form. Once a suitable volunteer repairer has been identified, you will receive a confirmation and appointment time. You can turn up on the day, but please note that you may have to wait until a repairer becomes available. This is a free event, but **donations are greatly welcomed** to help towards the event costs, such as room hire, insurance, and repair components.

Refreshments are available all afternoon for a further donation.

Wilbraham River Protection Society AGM and Talk

Monday 9 November, 7.00pm, in the Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall, Angle End. Free

There is a break for refreshments at 7.45pm, with the talk starting at 8.00pm. You are welcome to attend the talk only, but the AGM presentation will provide important information about the state of the river, the wider catchment area, and the augmentation at both Gt Wilbraham and Fulbourn.

The speaker is Matt Day of the Cam Catchment Partnership (CCP) who will talk about the work of the Partnership. The CCP is an inclusive, civil society-led initiative in the East Anglian region working towards better ecological outcomes for water in the Cam catchment which includes the River Cam and all its tributaries. The WRPS is a member of the CCP and is helping with developing their catchment plan.

Documentary Film Screening

The People's Emergency Briefing (16+)

Saturday 21 November, 7.30pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre. Free.

Hosted by Fulbourn Forum and chaired by the Head of Climate at The Wildlife Trusts.

Booking required - please see below.

In November 2025, a public information initiative event called The People's Emergency Briefing brought together an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport, and media, to hear presentations by nine leading scientists and experts on the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis, examining risks to everyday life, such as extreme weather, food security, health, economics, energy transition, and environment, chaired by Professor Mike Berners-Lee. The event has been adapted into an engaging and informative 50 minute film.

Our event is part of a rapidly growing programme of community and workplace screenings - to date over 3,400 in the UK. After the screening, there will be a friendly and constructive discussion about what the issues and concerns raised mean for Fulbourn and the wider area, and what positive action local people

might take. Whether you are already active on these issues, or simply interested in learning more, this is a chance to hear the evidence, exchange ideas, and connect with others in the community.

Please note that booking is required so that we can ensure space for everyone. Come along, bring a friend or neighbour, and join the conversation. Booking is through TicketTailor:
https://buytickets.at/fulbournforum/2470841

Fulbourn Winter Community Market

Saturday 28 November, 2.30 to 5.00pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre
As usual, an interesting range of both crafts and food. More details will be sent nearer the time.

Fulbourn's first *Swish* event

Sunday 29 November, 2.30 to 4.00pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre
A *Swish* is simply people coming together with clothes, shoes and accessories they no longer want or need and letting others take them away for free. Men's, women's and children's wear must be good quality, such as you might give a friend. This provides a viable alternative to buying new clothes, whilst providing a way to recycle clothes easily. It's a good way to get a new wardrobe that's easy on the wallet and great for the environment.

Donated clothes should be dropped off in advance of the event, between 1.30 and 2.15pm, for sorting and presentation. Start checking the family cupboards now for clothes and accessories in good condition! This is a free event, but donations are requested to help with the cost of hall hire and other overheads, if you are able. Refreshments will be available from 1.30pm, also for a donation.

Can you help? Volunteers are needed from 1.30 to 4.00pm to help with sorting the incoming clothes, to help with the event, to run the cafe, and to donate cakes and biscuits. Please contact us at fulbournforum@gmail.com to confirm your interest.

Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve Work Parties

The work parties run by the Wildlife Trust continue through the autumn and winter, led by the three local volunteer wardens:
Sunday 1 November
Sunday 6 December
Sunday 3 January 2027
Sunday 14 February
Sunday 14 March

For all work parties, meet at 10.00am at the car park at the entrance to the Reserve in Stonebridge Lane. Work Parties finish at 1.00pm latest. Stout

shoes/boots, gloves resistant to thorns, and long trousers are essential. For more information: fulbournfennatureresereve@gmail.com

Best wishes,

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