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CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Cambourne Town Council, with the help of South Cambridgeshire District Council, has planted more than 1,200 trees and shrubs in and around Cambourne.

The District Council operates a Zero Carbon Communities fund, which was established in May 2019 to drive the ambition for the district to become carbon neutral before 2050. The fund allows local groups to apply for pots of monies to undertake projects that will reduce carbon emissions. Cambourne Town Council was awarded £2,538 to plant a large number of hedgerows and trees around the Great Cambourne cricket outfield.

On the 14 February 2020, 30 pupils from Cambourne Village College helped members of the two councils begin the first stage of planting around the cricket field. The second stage of planting will occur in February half term and is supported by local volunteers. The trees planted at Cambourne will remove around 420kg of CO₂ per year as they reach maturity.

John Vickery Town Clerk for Cambourne Town Council said: "The Zero Carbon Communities grant offers a great opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to work with the District Council to reduce the Carbon Footprint. We would like to thank South Cambridgeshire District Council for the grant. We look forward to seeing the residents of Cambourne come out to help our grounds team plant the remaining hedges on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 February."

Has your council done something similar? If so, please contact NALC through the email address: Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk

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