

**Buses**

The County Council is getting closer to a solution to transport services. There is to be a meeting for parish councils this Wednesday in Whittlesford at which the County's proposed solutions will be discussed. The idea is that the Wednesday meeting will crystallise options. The final options will then be put to any one interested at a public meeting in Whittlesford on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

I find the options on offer to be better than the existing situation but still well short of an optimum. We were told that there would be integration of regular bus, school transport and health transport as well as a contribution from community transport (as in Royston and District Community Transport) and dial-a-ride. All that is on offer is a minibus service replacing a bus service. One good point is the possibility of Heathfield residents being able to get to Babraham Park & Ride. That gets round the perennial difficulty of Citi 7 buses arriving too late in Sawston to make a transfer to the 7a a realistic choice.

**Superfast Broadband**

The County now has over 13,000 people who have registered for superfast broadband. There have been 177 registrations from Thriplow out of a possible of 497. That is 35.6%, which is quite high for this part of the world and may in part be due to me knocking on every door in Heathfield. A few villages have reached 80%.

A reminder that the website is at :

[www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/)

**South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Option report**

People have up until noon on 28<sup>th</sup> September to respond to this report. I have emailed all parish clerks to explain why I think it is so important for parish councils to respond. While all the elements in the consultation are important it does seem to me that parishes have a unique opportunity to carve out their own individual niches and to campaign for more planning decisions to be devolved to them. That is what localism should be about.

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