

SOHAM


— Town Guide —

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Soham Town Council (STC)

Address: The Clerk, Soham Town Council, PO Box
21, The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane,
Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL
 01353 723472 Fax 01353 723472
E-mail: info@soham-tc.gov.uk
Website: www.soham.tc.gov.uk
Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm

Members of the public may contact Soham Town Council via The Clerk either by Telephone, Fax, Post, E-Mail or by visiting the Council Offices in Person.

There are 15 elected councillors. It is usual for Town Councillors to be seen by appointment only.

Council Staff:

Mr David Giles	Town Clerk
Mrs Gloria Walker	Assistant Town Clerk
Mr Richard Gowing	Commons Reeve
Mr Colin Bullman	} Groundsmen & General Maintenance
Mr Michael Hobbs	
Mr Kenneth Long	

Town Councillors:

Soham South - Geoff Fisher, Peggy Gibbon, George Ginn, Gerard Hobbs, Jennifer Gipp, Philip Lane, Christopher Palmer and Julie Webb,
Soham North - Daniel Schunmann, Tony Hinsley, Penelope (Anne) Tuite, Ann Pallett, Tony Brown and Rosemary Aitchison.

Soham Town Council Overview

Soham Town Council plays a small part in the day-to-day life of Soham and Barway residents and a major role in the future development of the Parish. The services it delivers cover a range of local activities which affect all residents to a minor or major extent. The Council functions as a Town Council within

the District of East Cambridgeshire and has strong links with both East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, working in partnerships to deliver the best possible levels of service. Similar arrangements operate with other local agencies and organisations such as Soham Town Forum

The Walter Gidney Pavilion & Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground and Function Rooms in The Walter Gidney Pavilion are available for hire to any individual or organisation for a variety of events i.e. Meetings, Social Gatherings, Fitness Groups, Mother and Baby Groups, Senior Citizens, Weddings and Parties. The Pavilion has a Licence. Several organisations use these facilities on a regular basis, accordingly, early booking is advisable. Bookings are arranged through the Town Council Office. Outdoor Events held on the Recreation Ground might consist of General Fairs, Carnivals, Church Gatherings and Sports Events. A Permanent Obstacle Course is positioned around the perimeter of the recreation ground together with a children's play area.

Soham Town Council Services

General advice on local authority services.

Allotments

Burials & Cemetery

Children's Play Area (Downfields)

Grants to Local Organisations

Litter Control (in certain areas)

Millennium Walks & Arts Trail

Street Lighting on Footpaths

Management of Qua Fen, East Fen & Angle Commons

CCTV System (in partnership with City of Ely & ECDC)

Hanging Baskets (in partnership with City of Ely)

Maintenance of Public Footpaths (as agents of CCC)

Cutting of Verges on County Roads (as agents of CCC)

Various Aspects of Recreation, Open Spaces & Commons

Recreation in the Pavilion and on the Recreation Ground

Village Halls

Soham Town Council Meetings

By law, all Soham Town Councillors have an obligation to attend Full Council Meetings. Providing there is no possibility of personal gain, any member of the Council is allowed to participate, make comments and vote. Members of the public can attend, watch and listen. But if anything to be discussed is of a confidential or special nature whereby publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, members of the public and press will be asked to withdraw temporarily. Full Council Meetings are held in the Council Offices at The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane, Soham and normally take place on the second Monday of each calendar month (except August during recess) commencing at 7.15pm.

During the first fifteen minutes prior to an Official Council Meeting starting, the public are able to put forward ideas and opinions. They will be allowed to speak for three minutes in relation to items on the published agenda for the meeting. For permission to speak, a request must be made to the Town Clerk at least one working day before any meeting.

The Annual Soham Town Council Meeting is open to the General Public. It is usually held sometime between 1st March and 1st June each year.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC)

Address: The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 4PL



01353 666555 Fax: 01353 665240

E-Mail: info@eastcambs.gov.uk

Website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday – 8.45am to 5.00pm,
Friday – 8.45am to 4.30pm

The office has an Enquiry/Reception Area and payments can be made online using a credit or debit card or via a monthly standing order or by cheque.

Soham has five District Councillors representing the town in 2 wards:

Anthony Cornell and James Palmer (North)

Tony Parramint, Mark Duckworth & John Humphries (South)

The Services provided by **East Cambridgeshire District Council** are as follows:

Benefits	Local Land Charges
Building Regulations	Local Planning
Car Parks	Public Toilets
Council Tax	Pest Control
Electoral Registration	Refuse Collection
Environmental Health	Street Cleaning
Housing	Tourism
Leisure Facilities	Business Rates

Enquiries by telephone will be directed to the appropriate Council Department. Councillors are contactable via the council website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk or by phoning ECDC

There are 10 Committees at **East Cambridgeshire District Council** and these are as follows:

Appeals & Complaints	Personnel
Community Services	Planning
Environment & Transport	Policy & Resources
Licensing	Standards
Overview & Scrutiny	Strategic Development

Recreation & Leisure Activities in East Cambridgeshire



01353 616382

Website: www.sportsdec.org.uk

Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC)




01353 669022

Website: www.adec.org.uk

E-Mail: info@adec.org.uk

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)

Address: Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP
 0845 045 5200 Fax: 01223 717201
E-Mail: info@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.30pm
Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Cambridgeshire County Council plays a major part in the development of Soham. The services it delivers cover a wide range of activities and affect most if not all residents of the town in one way or another. Soham has two County Councillors – John Powley and Judy Broadway.

The **County Council** is responsible for education services within Cambridgeshire; it funds Soham Village College, St. Andrews CE Primary School and The Weatheralls County Primary School. Soham Library is also funded by the **County Council** through the Education, Library & Heritage Budget. Many residents in Soham receive help from county managed Social Services. Elderly people may receive domiciliary or residential care as they grow older. Children with a range of problems may also be helped. Services for disability, mental health, foster care, occupational therapy, and others are delivered via the **County Council** Social Services Department.

Environmental and Transport issues delivered by the **County Council** are helping Soham to develop as thriving community. East Cambridgeshire District Council collects your rubbish but it is the **County Council** that is responsible for disposing of it.


The **County Council** has overall responsibility for planning policies; it was responsible for the building of the Soham & Fordham By-Passes and has further responsibility for any accident reduction road measures that may be constructed. The

crossings on Sand Street and Pratt Street in Soham were provided in part by funding from the **County Council**.

Overall the **County Council** has a budget requirement of around £500 million per annum in order to deliver the services.

Care in the Community	Road Maintenance
County Farms Estate	Road Safety
Education	Social Services
Fire & Rescue	Strategic Planning
Libraries & Heritage	Trading Standards
Road Building	Transport Planning

Soham Town Forum (STF)

Contact: Team Leader Town Centres
 01353 616386
Address: PO Box 21, The Pavilion, Fountain Lane,
Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL
Email: info@forum.soham.org.uk
Website: www.forum.soham.org.uk

Soham Town Forum is an entirely voluntary assembly, open to all interested in developing the community of Soham. Indeed, anyone can attend in order to highlight any local issues or specific civic concerns. Founded in 1998, it meets every six weeks at The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane, Soham to discuss local issues and to progress various on-going projects that are being dealt with in detail by small working groups. There are no fees or costs involved to members who attend regularly or indeed those who attend on only one or two occasions.

Soham Town Forum is essentially a platform for debate on issues concerning the local community. The Forum is supported by the Team Leader Town Centres at East Cambridgeshire District Council, it has no statutory powers and limited funds. It

cannot itself undertake major actions, but it can - and often does - recommend such actions to Soham Town Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridgeshire County Council as well as other agencies.

Soham Town Forum in conjunction with its partner organisations has achieved many things since it was first founded, some of these include:-

- Successful Completion The Soham Health Check
- Obtained £300K for The Soham Heritage, Economic and Regeneration Scheme (HERS)
- Pressured British Telecom to provide ADSL Broadband in the East Cambridgeshire District
- Successfully obtained grants and funding to help the local community groups and organisations
- Installation of The Art Trail for Soham Millennium Walks
- Installation of Welcome & Information Signs in Soham
- Produced The Soham Town Guide Booklet

Soham Town Forum was also an active partner in the set up of

- Soham & Ely Dial-A-Ride Community Transport Scheme
- The CCTV System in Ely & Soham
- Soham On-Line Community Website
- Soham Community History Museum
- The Viva Centre
- Soham Festival Society

Soham On-Line Community Website

www.soham.org.uk

After consultation with Soham Town Council, Soham On-Line Community Website www.soham.org.uk was established in November 1999 as the official website for the town of Soham. It is usually updated on a daily basis and currently relies on donations and business sponsorship to help with its running costs. It provides a myriad of information about Soham which is

of interest not just for the local community but further afield. It continues to actively promote Soham's heritage, tourism, leisure, amenities and businesses and regularly attracts around 1000 visitors per day .The website won the BBC Look East 'Best Community Website Award' in 2001 and has been regularly complemented on its useful content. In short, if you need to find out about anything to do with Soham visit Soham On-Line Community Website www.soham.org.uk.

Law & Order

Cambridgeshire Constabulary (Ely Sector)

Address: Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Ely Sector,
Newham Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4PL



999 (Emergencies)



0845 4 564564 (Non-Emergencies)

Website: www.cambs.police.uk

E-Cops: www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/

Notes

- Always call **999** to report a crime when life is in danger, a serious offence is in progress, a suspect is at the scene, there is danger of violence or damage to persons or property or there is a serious road accident.
- If you see criminal activity occurring within an area covered by CCTV in Soham, you can contact the Cambridge CCTV Control Room directly by texting to **62288**. The text message should include the location (Street & Town) and what is going on e.g. 'High Street, Soham, Fight'.
- If you have any information relating to any crime, anywhere in the UK you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**
- If you are a victim of crime or witnessed a crime that has already happened and wish to report it Tel: **0845 4 564564**
- For all other enquires Tel: **0845 4 564564**

Fire & Rescue Service

Ely & Soham Fire & Rescue Services

Address: Prickwillow Road. Queen Adelaide, Ely,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 4BF



999 (Emergencies)



01353 660025



01353 662223

E Mail: enquiries@cambsfire.gov.uk

Website: www.cambsfire.gov.uk

Ely Fire Station is located on Ergemont Street. It is manned daily with retained cover evenings and weekends.

Soham Fire Station is in Fountain Lane. It operates with retained cover.

The Fire Service will come out free of charge and help with all Fire Related Issues. A Fire Cadet Scheme may be available for new recruits.

Transport & Roads (Highways)

Roads

Address: Highways - Cambridgeshire County Council,
Stirling Way, Witchford, Ely, Cambs, CB6 3NR



0845 0455212

Street Lighting

(To report failed street lights)



0800 253 529 and give details of:

Name of Road or Street

Street Light Post Number

Street Light Post Capital Letters

PC = Town/Parish Council

CC = County Council


Bus Services

Stagecoach (Cambridge)

 01223 423578.

Website: www.stagecoachbus.com/cambridge/


Traveline

 0870 608 2 608

Website: www.traveline.org.uk

Rail Services

The nearest station to Soham is Ely which has routes to Cambridge and London, Peterborough and the North, Kings Lynn, Norwich and Ipswich.


 08457 48 49 50 (Train Times)


Website: www.nationalrail.co.uk


Health

Soham Staploe Medical Centre

Address: Brewhouse Lane, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5JD

 01353 624121 (Appointments)

 01353 624122 (Prescriptions /Dispensary)

 01353 624123 (Home Visits & Emergencies)

Opening Times: Monday to Friday – 8.30am -18.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am -10.30pm (Dispensary)

Collection of repeat medication only

This doctors' surgery is the only NHS surgery in Soham. It covers the surrounding villages spread over one hundred square miles. 16,000 patients are registered with the Practice.

There are nine GPs, nine Practice Nurses, a Healthcare Assistant and a Phlebotomist. The surgery is recognised by the NHS as a Training Practice and usually has an extra doctor (Registrar) under training.

The Practice operates a Duty Team of Doctor and Nurse that provides Telephone Services. If anyone needs to see a doctor on the day, **01353 624121** should be phoned first, whereby one of the Duty Team will return the call usually within 30 minutes.

Various clinics are led by doctors or nurses and are available by pre-arranged appointment.

Should anyone need a doctor when the surgery is closed, the Suffolk Doctors on Call Service 01473 299622 should be contacted

Three mornings each week a bus service brings elderly and infirm patients from the surrounding villages. This service is free but is dependant on voluntary contributions and sponsorship from local businesses and individuals.

Home Delivery of Medication

Fordham & Isleham	Tuesday
Barway & Wicken	Wednesday
Chippenham	Thursday

The Soham Surgery uses two local hospitals for routine consultations – Newmarket Hospital and the Ely Princess of Wales Hospital. At the latter there is a Minor Injuries department to whom patients are encouraged to attend, especially if an X-ray is needed. No appointment is necessary

Soham Health Centre

Address: The Weatheralls, Weatheralls Close, Soham,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 5

Contact: Melanie Deniss (Manager)



01353 624411

The services are accessible by referral from a Doctor, Member of a family or an Individual in Need. This centre deals with a

considerable range of health support activities, some of which are indicated below.

Primary Care
Hearing Help – New Hearing Aid Batteries
Chiropody
Speech & Language Therapy
Mental Health
Drug & Alcohol Clinics
Children
New Arrivals
2nd Year Health Check
Baby Massage
Physio Assessment

MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service)

This service is provided by a voluntary trained group of **First Responders** that can provide quick medical equipment and help to deal with life-saving situations where minutes or even seconds count. When the ambulance service receives a **most urgent** call in relation to unconsciousness, chest pains, fits or breathing problems, a first responder is requested to attend as soon as possible before the ambulance arrives. The service operates 24 hours per day 365 days a year.

Website: www.magpas.net

Hospitals

Addenbrookes Cambridge	☎ 01223 245151
West Suffolk – Bury St Edmunds	☎ 01284 713000
Papworth	☎ 01480 830541
Hinchingbrooke	☎ 01480 416416
Wisbech	☎ 01945 585781
Doddington	☎ 01354 644299

Education

The Willows Daycare Nursery

Address: Mereside, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5



01353 624821

E-Mail: info@willowschildcare.co.uk

Website: www.willowschildcare.co.uk

Windmills Under-Fives Playgroup

Address: The Lode Centre, Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA

Contact: Mrs Angela Clark



01353 720942

Email: windmillsunderfives@hotmail.com

The Weatheralls County Primary School

Address: Pratt Street, Soham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5BH



01353 720 456 Fax: 01353 720 456

Email: office@weatheralls.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.weatheralls.cambs.sch.uk

Age Range: 3 to 11 years

On leaving, pupils normally go to Soham Village College

Out of School Activities: Writing Club – Choir – Science Club
- Football - drama.

The School has full Disability Access

There is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

St. Andrews CE Primary School

Address: Sand Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA



01353 720 345 Fax 01353 720 345

Email: office@st-andrews-pri.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.st-andrews-pri.cambs.sch.uk

Age Range: 4 to 11 years

On leaving, pupils normally go to Soham Village College

Out of School Activities: Academic - Arts - Sports – Related


Extra Curricular Activities

Access to school buildings is in line with SENDA

There is a Home and School Association

Soham Village College

Address: Sand St, Soham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5AA

 01353 724100 Fax: 01353 624854

Email: svc@soham-college.org.uk

Website: www.sohamcollege.org.uk

Age Range: 11 – 16 years

Qualifications: GCSE & Vocational


Out of School Activities Music – Sports Trips.

The School has full Disability Access – Lift – Toilets – Hygiene and Therapy Room

There is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) known as the Home and College Association

Soham Library

Address: Clay Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HJ

 01353 720733

Monday 2.30pm – 7.00pm,

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm

2.30pm – 5:00pm

Saturday 9:30am – 1:30pm

Soham has a small well-run library excellently situated in the centre of the town. The staff works well to help users tap into the wider services available throughout the county.

There are on-line indexes that can tell instantly whether or not any book is held and at what branch; books can be requested from anywhere in the county. The library contains a well-chosen stock of books. There is a Junior Library and a useful Reference Section. Library cardholders can borrow books at any other library in the county and return them through the Soham branch.

There are several computer terminals plus access to the Internet. Excellent help is available from the staff. In addition to a small library car park, there is a public car park close by.

Charities, Community & Voluntary Groups

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Where: Care and Repair Offices, 11b Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

When: Wednesdays: 9.30am – 12.30pm
(No appointment necessary).



0845 130 6442

Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Ely Soham Dial-A-Ride (ESDAR)

Where: Unit 3, Newman Park, Sedgeway, Common Road, Witchford, Cambs, CB6 2HZ

Contact: Mr Fred Langford



01353 661161

E-Mail: fredlangford@aol.com

Activities: ESDAR is the local community transport scheme with a fleet of fully accessible buses providing dial a ride, a door to door service for those having problems getting about. The service helps residents access services such as shops, medical centres and appointments. ESDAR also offers excursions and group hire.

Viva Charity Shop

Where: The Viva Centre, 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

Contact: Lisa Hunt



01353 722228

E-Mail: info@viva-group.org.uk

Website: www.viva-group.org.uk


When: Open from 10.00am Daily

Activities: Volunteering opportunities, open for donations and shoppers!

Soham Warden Scheme

(In Partnership with Viva Arts & Community Group and Care Network)

Where: The Viva Centre, 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

Contact: Lisa Hunt
 01353 722228

E-Mail: info@viva-group.org.uk

Website: www.viva-group.org.uk

Activities: Support for older people to live independently from helping with shopping to simple tasks around the house the scheme is run to help those who are most isolated.

Care & Repair East Cambridgeshire

Where: 11b Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

 01353 723777

Fax: 01353 723778

E-Mail: info@careandrepair-ecambs.co.uk

Website: www.careandrepair-ecambs.co.uk

Care and Repair is an independent and non-profit making organisation providing a confidential service to those who are less able and those on low incomes. It organises repairs, adaptations and improvements in peoples own homes. Where appropriate, it helps in assessing for grants and other funding sources. The organisation may provide access to a Handyperson Service for small jobs.

Community Education / Life Long Learning

Where: Community Education, Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5AA

 01353 722297

E-Mail: communityeducation@soham-college.org.uk
Website: www.sohamcollege.org.uk/community/
Activities: Life long learning activity, classes and leisure opportunities for adults.

Soham Association of Commerce & Trade (SACT)

Where: Brenda's Flowers, 2 Station Road, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DY

Contact: Mr Robert Peacock



01353 721336

Activities: Soham Association of Commerce & Trade, meet every 2 months and is an organisation set up to help promote and give advice to any large or small business.

Examples of its activities are to:

- Make people aware of services and products in Soham.
- Give advice and contact number of companies specialising in shop frontages and displays.
- Give advice and guidelines in respect to Health and Safety in the workplace.
- Assist in the compilation of a Local Business Trade Directory.
- Organise and raise funds for placement of Christmas Street Lights and to erect them.

East Cambs Family Project (ECFP)

Where: 13 Speed Lane, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5BT

Contact: Mrs Linda Dicker



01353 722879


E-Mail: ecfp13@ukonline.co.uk

Activities: ECFP offers a range of activities, information and support for families with children in Soham and the East Cambridgeshire area including parenting skills, parent support groups, holiday clubs etc.

General Interest Clubs for Adults:

Royal British Legion (RBL)

Where: Soham Comrades Club, Market Street, Soham,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 5JG

Contact: Mr Colin Elsden
 01353 724071

E Mail: colin.elsden@tesco.net


Website: www.britishlegion.org.uk

When: Meet 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Activities: To aid, support and benefit all members.

St John Ambulance Brigade Soham Division

Where: St. John Ambulance Hall, The Walter Gidney
Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5PL

Contact: Ms Michelle Mumby-Croft
 07968 503028

E Mail: superintendent@soham.sja.org.uk


Website: www.soham.sja.org.uk

When: Thursdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Activities: Training, First Aid and Community Care

Soham Over 60's Club

Where: The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane,
Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL


Contact: Mrs Peggy Gibbon
 01353 723491

When: Fridays from 2.00pm

Activities: Social club, entertainment, outings & holidays.

The Phoenix Club (Ladies)


Where: Mill View Room, Keith Leonard House, Lode
Close, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HR

Contact: Mrs Jill Powley
 01353 624552


When: 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Activities: Regular speakers, quizzes and summer
outings.


Soham, The Fen & Barway Woman's Institute (WI)

Where: Mill View Room, Keith Leonard House, Lode Close, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HR
Contact: Mrs Yvonne Long
 01353 624800
Website: www.womens-institute.co.uk
When: 1st Friday of each month.
Activities: Meetings with speakers, plus outings


Soham Comrades Club

Where: Market Street, Soham, CB7 5JG
 01353 720393

Soham Lunch Club

Where: The Cherry Tree Public House, Fordham Road, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AH
Contact: Mrs Pat Dutton
 01223 811664
E-Mail: healthforlife@red2green.org
When: Alternate Mondays from 12.30pm
Activities: Informal friendly lunch club open to all ages.

Soham Staploe Rotary Club


Where: The Fountain Public House, 1 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS
Contact: Mr Geoff Fisher
 01353 721316
Website: www.rotary.soham.org.uk
E-Mail: info@rotary.soham.org.uk
When: Every Wednesday from 7.30pm
Activities: Speaker meetings and fundraising activities.

Soham Nature and Conservation Society (SNACS)


Where: The Viva Centre, Churchgate Street, Soham
Contact: Mr G Loasby
Email: gralow@btinternet.com or phone 01353 721113

Religious Activities


St. Andrew's Church

Where: St. Andrew's Church, Soham / The Vicarage,
Cross Green, Soham, CB7 5DV
Contact: The Reverend Tim Alban Jones MBE
 01353 720423
Email: vicar@soham.org.uk


Lodestar

Address: St. Andrew's Church Parish Magazine
Oak House, 41 Sand Street, Soham,
Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA
Contact: Mrs Alison Palmer
 01353 720423
E Mail: alisonpalmer@oakhouse24.freemove.co.uk

Soham Methodist Church

Where: Berrycroft, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AR
Contact: The Reverend Malcolm Hope
 01353 720347


Soham Baptist Church

Where: Clay Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HQ
Contact: Mr Colin Stringer (Pastor)
 01353 720659
Website: www.sohambaptist.org.uk
E Mail: ted@sohambaptist.org.uk

Soham Salvation Army

Where: Bushel Lane, Soham, CB7 5BY
Contact: Morag Rogers (Envoy)
 01638 577386


Soham Community Church

Where: The Lode Centre, Soham Village College, Sand
Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA
Contact: Mr Simon Rowe (Leader)
 01353 723497


E Mail: church@mose.org.uk
Website: http://soham.dyndns.org/

Arts, Culture & Tourism Organisations

Soham Festival Society

Where: Various venues in and around Soham
Contact: Mr Peter Beer (Chairman)
38 Orchard Row, Soham, CB7 5
 01353 624932
When: Various dates during the year as advertised
Age Range: Suitable for all the family
Activities: Concerts, Plays, Dances, Folk Evenings

Soham Carnival & Heavy Horse Show

Where: The Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane,
Soham, Cambridgeshire
Contact: Mr Kim Botting
 01353 624493
Website: www.carnival.soham.org.uk
E-Mail: info@carnival.soham.org.uk
When: Spring Bank Holiday Monday (May)
Activities: Carnival Parade through Soham with many
activities, entertainment and stalls on
Recreation Ground and in the Walter Gidney
Pavilion. Raises money for local charities,
organisations and groups

Soham Pumpkin Fair

Where: The Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane,
Soham, Cambridgeshire
Contact: Mr Mark Williams (Mr Pumpkin)
 07836 217386
E Mail: office@sohampumpkinfair.co.uk
Website: www.sohampumpkinfair.co.uk
When: Last Saturday in September

Activities: Open to the whole community, raising money for charity with many competitions, activities and stalls

Soham Museum Project & Soham History Group

Where: The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL

Contact: Mrs Donna Martin

E Mail: info@museum.soham.org.uk

Website: www.museum.soham.org.uk


When: Bi-monthly meetings

Activities: Soham Museum Project exists to create a community history museum for the town of Soham. The Soham History Group exists to research into, educate about and capture the history of Soham. The groups hold regular meetings, events, talks, outings and fundraisers

Soham Twinning Association (STA)

Where: The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL

Contact: Mrs Anne Pallett (Chairman)

 01353 72

Email: twinning@soham.org.uk


When: Monthly meetings

Activities: Maintain the official twinning of Soham with Andrézieux-Bouthéon in France and raise the funds needed to carry out twinning activities and organise social events.

Viva Theatre Company (Adult Drama Group)

Where: The Viva Centre, 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

Contact: Mr Dan Schumann

 01353 722228

E Mail: info:@viva-group.org.uk


Website: www.viva-group.org.uk

Activities: Plays, Workshops and Dramas

Soham Comrades Band


E-Mail: sohamcomradesband@hotmail.co.uk
Website: www.sohamcomradesband.org.uk
Activities: Instrumental tuition and concerts.

Soham Charity Ball

Where: Lodeside Hall, Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA
Contact: Mrs Angela Schumann (Organiser)
 01353 721748
When: Annually each October
Activities: Annual grand charity ball raising money for local charities. The ball is strictly black tie & evening dress and includes: 3 course meal, licensed bar plus music from the famous Joe Loss Orchestra.

Youth Activities

Soham Action for Youth (SA4Y) & Youth Projects/Clubs

Where: Community Education, Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham, CB7 5AA
Contacts: Mrs Linda Homan or Mrs Louise Sarll
 01353 724115
E Mail: lhoman@soham-college.org.uk
Website: www.sa4y.org
When: Mon-Fri 8.30am till 4.00pm
Age Range: School Age to 25 Year Old
Activities: Citizenship (A.C.E.), Youth Council, Computer Use, Out of School Clubs; Internet Radio Project www.soham-music.org.uk, Summer & Holiday Activities, Young Parents Group, Young Persons Projects, Health & Social Advice & Counselling , Duke of Edinburgh Awards(Bronze~Silver~Gold)

Soham Fenlander Majorette Troupe

Where: Lodeside Gym, Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA

Contact: Miss Kim Wilson



01353 722557

E Mail: kimlwilson@hotmail.co.uk

Activities: Dance training for young people aged 7+, competitions, events and displays.

Soham Toy Library

Where: The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL

Contact: Mrs Ruth Bradley



01353 723889

E-Mail: bradleys@totalise.co.uk

When: Every Tuesday

Activities: A wide range of Toys and Equipment for Hire from as little as 25p per week.

Refreshments Available for Adults and Children

Soham Holiday Playscheme

Where: The Lode Centre, Soham Village College, Soham, Sand Street, Cambs, CB7 5AA

Contact: Mr Riccardo Parfitt (Chairman)



01353 721946

E Mail: info@sohamplayscheme.co.uk

Website: www.sohamplayscheme.co.uk

When: A week during the Summer holidays and three days during the Autumn and Spring half-terms.

Age Range: 5 to 11 years

Activities: The Play scheme is a popular event with all sorts of activities for youngsters to enjoy from rocket building to snake handling. Booking is strongly advisable before the dates.

Viva Youth Theatre & Viva Mini Theatre

Where: The Viva Centre, 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

Contact: Mr Dan Schumann



01353 722228

E Mail: info@viva-youth-theatre.org.uk

Website: www.viva-youth-theatre.org.uk

Activities: Multi award winning youth theatre producing musicals, Plays, Concerts and Dramas. We also run Theatre, Dance and Singing Training.

Dance 4 Fun

Where: The Ross Peer's Sports Centre, College Close, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HP

Contact: Miss Emma Goldsack (Instructor)



01353 722662 Fax: 01353 720946

E-Mail: sdsa@rosspeers-sportscentre.co.uk

Website: www.rosspeers-sportscentre.co.uk

Boys Brigade

Where: Soham Methodist Church Hall, Berrycroft, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5BL

Contact: Mrs Leslie Garrett (Leader)



01353 720033

When: Friday Nights

Activities: Crafts, Colouring, Games, Cooking & Badges

Scouts

Where: The Scout Hut, Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL

Contact: Mr Colin Brook (Leader)

E Mail: ladybird.soham@btinternet.com

Website: www.2ndsohamscouts.org.uk


When: Mondays (Cubs), Wednesdays (Beavers), Thursdays (Scouts)

Activities: Sports, Crafts, Badges, Camping & Games


Guides

Where: The Guide Hut, Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL


Contact: Mrs Ruth Ginn (Leader)

 01353 720128
Website: www.guides.org.uk
When: Tuesdays
Activities: Crafts, Colouring, Games, Cooking & Badges

Brownies


Where: The Guide Hut, Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL
Contact: Mrs Bridget Clements (Leader)
 01353 727816
Website: www.brownies.org.uk
When: Wednesdays and Fridays
Activities: Crafts, Colouring, Games, Cooking & Badges

St. John Ambulance Cadets and Badgers


Where: St. John Ambulance Hall, The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5PL
Contact: Mrs Angela Elgar (Cadets)
Mrs Munby Croft (Badgers)
 01353 722004
E Mail: angela.elgar@btinternet.com
When: Fridays 7.00pm
Activities: Training, First Aid and Community Care

Sports, Recreation and Leisure Activities

Soham Footpath Society

Contact: Mr Chris Turnbull
 01353 722342
E Mail: chris@turnbull28.fsnet.co.uk
Activities: Organised walks and preservation of footpaths

Heart Beat Health Walks

Where: St. Andrews Church, Soham, Cambridgeshire
 01353 654208
When: 10.00am Mondays
Activities: Brisk 30 - 45 Minute Walk

Soham Town Rangers Football Club

Where: Julius Martins Lane, Soham, CB7 5DE
☎ 01353 720732
E Mail: strfc@fsmail.net
Website: www.web-teams.co.uk/sohamtownrangersfc/

Soham United Football Club

Where: Qua Fen Common, Soham, CB7 5
Contact: Mr Gary Warren
☎ 01353 624761
E Mail: sufc@sohamunited.co.uk
Website: www.sohamunited.co.uk

Soham Cricket Club

Where: Qua Fen Common, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5
Contact: Mr Philip Lane
☎ 01353 720789
E Mail: phil.lane@waitrose.com
When: Matches played on Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays.

Soham Town Bowls Club

Where: Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5DY
Contact: Mrs Carol Mason
☎ 01353 720750
When: Last Sat in April to 2nd Week in September

The Ross Peers Sports Centre

Where: The Ross Peer's Sports Centre, College Close, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HP
Contact: Mrs Carol Brannan (Manager)
☎ 01353 722662 Fax: 01353 720946
E Mail: sdsa@rosspeers-sportscentre.co.uk
Website: www.rosspeers-sportscentre.co.uk
Activities: Netball Indoor Bowls Carpet Bowls
Tennis Table Tennis Short Tennis
Indoor Cricket Volleyball Badminton
Basketball Snooker Karate


Roller Skating Soft Play Area AstroTurf Pitch
5aSide Football Squash Roller Hockey

Lounge - Licensed Bar – Large Screen TV

Soham Lawn Tennis Club

Where: The Ross Peer's Sports Centre, College Close,
 Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5HP

Contact: Mrs Jackie Seddon

 01353 624648

E Mail: jackie-seddon@lineone.net


When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm

VENUES & EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The Walter Gidney Pavilion

Where: The Recreation Ground, Fountain Lane,
 Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PL

Contact: Mr David Giles (Clerk)

 01353 723472 (Booking & Information)

Website: www.soham-tc.gov.uk

E Mail: info@soham-tc.gov.uk

Facilities: Two large rooms which can be converted into
 one larger room by removing the dividing
 screen. There is also a large kitchen.

The venue is disabled friendly and licensed for:


Room 1 – 170 Capacity

Room 2 – 150 Capacity

Soham Village College

Where: Soham Village College, Sand Street, Soham,
 Cambridgeshire, CB7 5AA

Contact Community Education

 01353 724100 (Switchboard)

Website: www.sohamcollege.org.uk

E Mail: svc@soham-college.org.uk

Facilities: Two Large Halls both with a stage, basic theatre lighting and sound system . A Canteen and kitchen are available for use near to Lodeside

Lodeside & Beechurst Halls - 200 Capacity each

Community Lounge & Ennion Room

The Community Lounge is small meeting room with kitchenette. The Ennion Room is a Conference Meeting Room with full ICT facilities.


The Lode Centre

Youth Centre with a kitchen, one small meeting room and one large function room.

The College is fully accessible to disabled people

Soham Comrades Club

Where: Market Street, Soham, CB7 5JG


 01353 720393 (Booking & Information)

Facilities: Large function hall with stage, basic lighting and parking. Licensed bar available.

The Viva Centre

Where: 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5DS

Contact: Miss Lisa Hunt

 01353 722228 (Booking & Information)

E Mail: info@viva-group.org.uk

Website: www.viva-group.org.uk

Facilities: Two Meeting/ Function Rooms:

Small Meeting Room

Large Meeting/ Conference/ Function Room(Capacity of 50)

Disabled Access – Including Stair lift/, Hearing Loop and Disabled Toilet

Full internet access and computer access, photocopier, music system, digital projector and screen.

Activities:

Youth Club/ Youth Café
Tea and Toast Club (ECFP)
Basic Skills & ESOL Classes (CRC)
Age Concern Visiting Scheme
Community Archiving Project
Soham Warden Scheme
Community Cinema Project
Computer Classes/ Community Computer & Internet Access Points

Soham Town Rangers Football Club

Where: Julius Martin Lane, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5DE
01353 720732 (Booking & Information)



Facilities: Large function hall with stage, basic lighting and parking. Licensed bar available.
Kitchen and pool table.

Soham Equipment Bank

Where: The Viva Centre, 7 Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5DS

Contact: Miss Lisa Hunt
01353 722228 (Booking & Information)



E Mail: info@viva-group.org.uk

Website: www.viva-group.org.uk

Would you like to hold event but don't have the equipment and can't afford to hire? Soham equipment bank is available to any group in Soham or the surrounding area and is heavily subsidised. The equipment bank includes:-

DVD Projector, Sound/ Music System, Radio Microphones, Portable Staging, Portable Lighting, Portable Cinema System

Have you details changed?
Have we missed something out?

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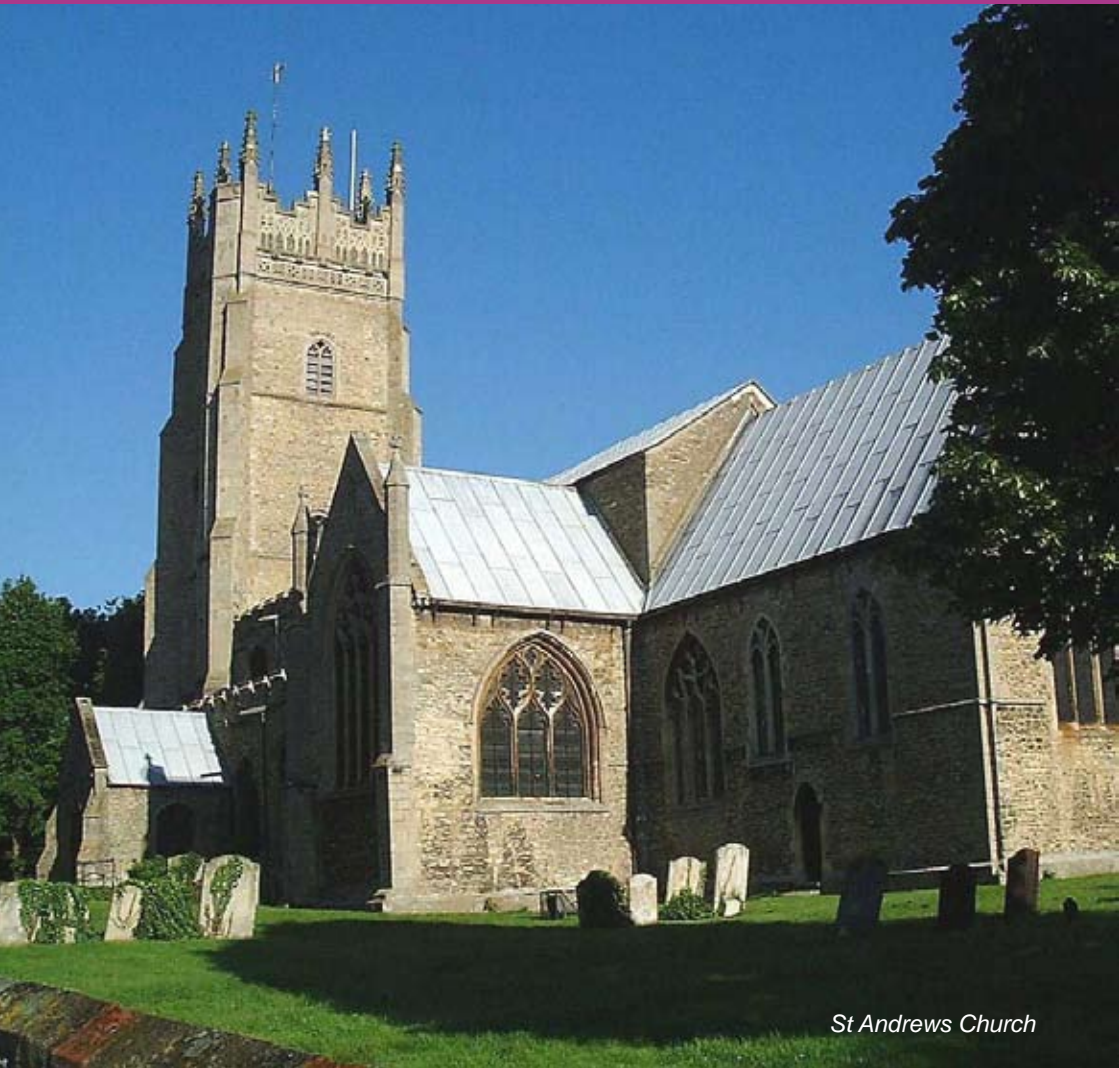
Name of Organisation/ Group/ Service:

Changes or additional information:

Please return this form to:

Team Leader Town Centres
East Cambridgeshire District Council
The Grange
Nutholt Lane
Ely
Cambridgeshire
CB7 4PL

Tel :01353 665555



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