

## **New Environmental Champion for South Cambs**

The Conservative Group at South Cambridgeshire District Council has appointed local farmer **Tim Scott** as the Environmental Champion for South Cambs.

Tim – the District Councillor for Comberton – farms in Comberton and neighbouring areas, including for the Countryside Restoration Trust in Barton.

“We all have a responsibility to look after our environment,” he says. “People and the environment are inextricably linked – and understanding and protecting it is utterly vital for everyone and everything which inhabits it, from the wildest wood, narrowest stream and smallest insect all the way up the food chain to mankind.

“Part of my role will be to work with planners to advise on how the environment can be protected and enhanced when planning applications are made and plans for South Cambridgeshire are being discussed.

“My great concern is the natural environment tends to be undervalued in our economy and decision making, nationally and locally.

“We are fortunate South Cambridgeshire is based on a series of mostly small settlements linked by highly productive farmland and complemented by compact industrial estates and high-tech industries which do not gobble vast tracks of land – too easy, though, to overlook the importance and value of the environment.

“While ‘South Cambs Limited’ is highly successful, we have to fix the overbearing pressures on road space and the housing shortage. The new Mayor has ambitious plans to ease congestion and the District Council is working hard to ensure new houses are in the right places.

“Our gently rolling countryside, complete with the wildlife it harbours, has evolved over centuries to give us our unique landscape. This living countryside gives our residents and the many tourists who visit a feel-good factor, which is priceless – but without good stewardship it can be destroyed and lost forever by a mere flick of a pen.

“Preserving and enhancing our environment is my passion and I am very proud to represent South Cambs in this field. I will be there to see Nature is kept in the planning equation so the essential balance of flora and fauna can be maintained and protected.”

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**Tim Scott** is the new Environmental Champion for South Cambridgeshire. “Helping wild flowers and weeds and the smallest vertebrae to survive works its way up the food chain to the extreme benefit of mankind,” he says.

Tim was appointed by the Conservative Group at the District Council and will be working in a non-political role with the SCDC Planning Department, the new Mayor and others to ensure Nature is carefully considered in the planning process.

**Top** Tim Scott near a little barn owl nest box on Countryside Restoration Trust land in Barton.  
**Bottom** Tim Scott amongst wild flowers on Countryside Restoration Trust land in Barton.