Cambridgeshire County Council is supporting this year’s Foster Care Fortnight which this year celebrates the dedication and commitment of foster carers to change futures.

Foster Care Fortnight (https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/get-involved/foster-care-fortnight) runs from the 13 – 26 May and is the UK’s largest foster care awareness raising campaign, it aims to show the positive impact foster care has on children's and young people's lives and this year the theme is Change a Future.

We urgently need people from all walks of life to come forward and help to change a future for children and young people in Cambridgeshire.

We are particularly keen to hear from those who can care for sibling groups of brothers and sisters, children with additional needs and teenagers.

Councillor Simon Bywater, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee, said: "Our children are all individuals and come from many different backgrounds so it’s really important that we encourage people to come forward and help support local children and young people."

"We want to hear from you if you have a spare bedroom and the passion to inspire children and young people."

"We would urge those who are interested in fostering not to discount themselves because of marital status, sexuality, employment status or because they are not a home owner."

All of our foster carers receive training and support, as well as a dedicated supervising social worker.

We are holding a number of information sessions throughout Cambridgeshire during Foster Care Fortnight to help you find out more:

- 14 May 10.30 am - 1.00pm Scott House, Huntingdon (PE29 3AD)
- 15 May 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Meadows Centre, Cambridge (CB4 3XJ)
- 23 May 3.30pm – 6.00pm, Ely Library (CB7 4ZH)
The session is a great way to ask any questions that you may have and talk to one of our foster carers to hear about how they are changing futures for children and young people.

If you would like to register your interest then email [email protected], call 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Billy lives with his foster carer Mavis in Fenland. He credits her with changing his future for the better and said, “Living with Mavis have been the best few years of my life.” As well as doing well at Sixth Form College and starting driving lessons Billy also cares about making the future brighter for other young people. He works at his local youth club and has completed qualifications in youth work. He would like to pursue a career helping young people as a professional youth worker.