



The Commissioner with the Chief Constable at Constabulary HQ



News from the Police and Crime Commissioner

Jason Ablewhite



Welcome to the Summer edition of my newsletter.

In this issue, you can read about a project which has supported 400 children and young people to help them recover from abuse in its first year. Reaching so many vulnerable people in just one year shows just how innovative this project has been. You can read more on page 4.

Some of you will already be aware that I recently launched a survey asking your views on my proposal to build a new, operational police station on the outskirts of Cambridge city, in Milton. Whilst Parkside Police Station has provided a good service since its construction in 1967, it is no longer big enough to serve our growing population. The number of custody cells need increasing so that officers don't spend hours transferring detainees to Peterborough, when the cells in Parkside become full. I hope as many of you as possible will take the time to let me know your views – see page 2 for a link to the survey which closes on 19th July.

Please be reassured that whatever the outcome of the current survey, there will always be a police presence in the centre of Cambridge City. The proposal for a new station in Milton allows the Chief Constable to future proof our local policing service so it continues to meet demand across the southern half of our county.

Over the last few weeks I have attended a number of public meetings where concerns have been raised about the increase in young people carrying knives. I have been heartened to hear local people talking about the need for a partnership approach to keeping our communities safe from knife crime. The police cannot tackle this issue in isolation. It's vital we work together, in schools and colleges and with local community groups to educate our young people about the dangers of carrying knives. I urge you all to contact the police if you see anything suspicious, or are aware of a young person carrying a knife. There are a number of ways to report concerns, anonymously if wished, to the Constabulary. Visit <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Crime> for more details.

I want to end by reminding you, if there are any issues you would like to discuss with me, you can book a 15-minute surgery appointment. See page 7 for more details.

Enjoy your summer and keep safe.

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Latest news from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Have your say

THE Police and Crime Commissioner wants local people to tell him what they think about his proposal to build a new police station on the outskirts of Milton, Cambridge.

His call comes following the first public meeting held in Milton in June by the Commissioner and Chief Constable, Nick Dean, where concerns were raised about the future of Parkside Police Station.

"The survey I launched on 10th June seeks people's views as to whether they think building a new, operational police station on the outskirts of the city, in Milton, is a good idea.

"For those of you, like myself, who have lived and worked in Cambridge for decades, we have been discussing the need for a new police station for years. Parkside Police Station has provided a good service since its construction in 1967, however it is no longer big enough to serve our growing population. The number of custody cells need increasing so that officers don't spend hours transferring detainees to Peterborough, when the cells in Parkside become full.

"Once this initial consultation on the Milton proposal ends, there will be further consultation with the public on what the remaining Cambridge city centre presence will look like.

"I want to again reassure people that there will definitely be a police service in the centre of Cambridge City, whatever the outcome of the current survey regarding a possible new station in Milton."

A link to further information on the [consultation](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-views/have-your-say/) and [survey](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-views/have-your-say/) is here: <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-views/have-your-say/>



Police Commissioner doing an interview about the proposal



[Click here to view plans](#)

New supply deal set to deliver an additional £2m for Cambridgeshire Constabulary

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite recently led the signing of a deal which could save Cambridgeshire's police force £2 million a year.

The procurement deal, shortlisted for 'Outstanding Procurement Initiative' in the 2019 Public Finance Awards was signed in March with six other police forces and Police and Crime Commissioners. It allows the Constabulary to secure the best deals and discounts on support services from cars to uniform. The work has been part of the 7Force Strategic Collaboration Programme which includes Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent police forces who are working together to enhance policing services to the public.

"Group purchasing allows us to negotiate better deals bringing long term benefits, whether we are talking about Tasers or radios. This deal will ensure we get the best value and quality possible to support our police officers," said the Commissioner.

Read more here: <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/collaboration/>

Police Commissioner funds 'black box' speed recorders

AS PART of his commitment to keeping all road users safe, the Police and Crime Commissioner, has funded a number of Speed Data Recorders to help communities support the police in tackling speeding.



Police Commissioner and Casualty Reduction Officer, PC Jon Morris in front of device

Funded through the Casualty Reduction and Support Fund, the devices monitor traffic volume, vehicle type and speeds to help build up a profile of village traffic which in turn provides local intelligence for communities wishing to set up Speedwatch schemes.

If speeding is something that you are concerned about and you are interested in setting up a Speedwatch scheme, please visit: <http://speedwatch.info/>

Celebrating the success of 'Cambs Drive iQ'

MORE than 3,500 young people aged 16 and over have learnt how to become better drivers thanks to an online learning toolkit funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Since September 2018, Cambs Drive iQ has been rolled out across the county and is now running in 23 schools and colleges, with five more booked to start in the coming months.

The scheme is funded from the Commissioner's Casualty Reduction and Support Fund as part of a range of initiatives to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the county's roads.



The Commissioner said: "It's good to see Cambs Drive iQ being so well received by young people across the county. It is a good way to influence attitudes towards driving in a classroom environment and should arm our young drivers with everything they need to know to stay safe on the roads."

For more information on the programme visit: <https://www.cambsdriveiq.co.uk/>

Supporting survivors of sexual violence - views needed to shape the future services

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite is appealing to survivors of sexual violence to share their views on support services.

A survey is being hosted on the Commissioner's website to capture the experiences of survivors. A second survey also asks stakeholders, such as staff who refer survivors to services, or those who provide the support, to air their views too.

The consultation marks the start of a re-commissioning exercise and will contribute to future service development.

In Cambridgeshire, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, based in Huntingdon provides a single place where victims can seek specialist clinical help whether they have contacted the police or not. This service is jointly funded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and NHS England.

Emotional and practical support can be accessed through the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership. This service is also available whether someone has reported to the police or not.

A link to the survey can be found here: www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/victims/consultation-supporting-survivors-of-sexual-violence/

This Month's Top Tips on being scam savvy

You can be scammed in different ways – **online, by phone, by post or in person**. It's easier to **spot a scam** if you know what to look for.

To avoid becoming a victim of scams, be cautious if:

- Something has come out of the blue or from someone you don't know
- It sounds **out of the ordinary** – Like you've 'won the lottery'
- You're asked to pay for something in advance – especially by bank transfer or gift vouchers
- You're asked for personal information, such as bank details
- You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends
- You're asked to phone an expensive number

If you think someone might be trying to scam you, make sure you take the time to get advice. You can contact the **Citizens Advice** consumer service for help with what to do next. It's also important to report scams or suspected scams to **Action Fraud**.

Scams can affect anyone. Help stop them in your community by talking to your friends and family about scams, and what they can do to protect themselves against them.

For the latest scams information, advice or to become a 'Friend Against Scams' or to join the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) see: <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/capasp/>

Could you be an Independent Custody Visitor?

A LOCAL scheme that makes sure people in custody are treated with dignity and respect has been awarded silver standard in a national award ceremony held at the House of Lords in May.

Managed by Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, the Independent Custody Visitors' scheme involves volunteers making unannounced visits into police custody to check on the treatment of detainees and the standards of facilities.

Last year (2018/19), more than 20 volunteers carried out 98 visits and spoke to 417 detainees at Parkside and Thorpe Wood Police Stations.

The countywide scheme was awarded the silver status by national body ICVA (Independent Custody Visitors' Association).



Police Commissioner and ICV Manager celebrating silver status

The Commissioner is calling for members of the public from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to volunteer to be Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs).

The Commissioner says: "People volunteer as ICVs for a whole host of reasons – they may be interested in human rights or want to do more to help vulnerable people. Whatever the reason, ICVs make an important contribution to the rights of people in custody."

The deadline for the current recruitment round is **Sunday 14th** July.

To volunteer as an ICV you must be over 18 years old, been resident in the UK for the past three years from the point of application, and be living or working within Cambridgeshire or Peterborough.

To find out more visit: www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-schemes/independent-custody-visitors-scheme/, where you will find details about the scheme and an application form.

Young person counselling project sees first year success

CHILDREN and young people from across the county have received free counselling in 2018/19 to help them recover from sexual and domestic abuse thanks to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Prevention and Intervention service.

Launched in 2017, the service has helped 400 young victims to recover from abuse. It aims to tackle the adverse childhood experiences of young victims and witnesses, of domestic and sexual abuse through community-based trauma-informed counselling. It also supports young people who use violence and abuse as a result of being themselves traumatised or victims of other types of abuse.

Funded through a successful partnership bid by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and local authority to the Home Office's VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) Transformation Fund, the service is delivered by the locally-based national charity **Embrace – Child Victims of Crime (CVOC)**, under the banner **Time4U**. The charity works in partnership with the **Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership** who deliver counselling services to young survivors as part of the project and the county's Youth Offending Service to ensure young people receive the right support for them.

Further further information on the project see: <https://embracecvoc.org.uk/time4u/>

Marking Mental Health Awareness Week 2019

THE Commissioner highlighted the importance of support for people in crisis during this year's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Over the last year, the Integrated Mental Health Nurse Team (IMHT), funded by the Commissioner and provided by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT), provided advice on 9,000 occasions. These nurses work in the Force Control Room supporting officers responding to people in mental health crisis.

For support and information visit: www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk/support-for-victims/mental-health

Commissioner celebrates new Youth Fund recipients for 2019/20

THE latest projects to receive funding from the Commissioner's Youth and Community Fund have been recognised.

The projects, based all over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, were all successful in bidding to the Commissioner's Youth and Community Fund.

The Fund aims to engage young people in positive activities in their communities in line with the Commissioner's promises. Charities and community groups are invited to bid for grants of up to £3,000.

These projects joined other organisations who have previously been awarded funding and have have worked to improve community relations and reduce the vulnerability of young people.

Successful recipients for 2018/2019 grants will be celebrated at a Youth and Community Fund celebration event in June, hosted by the Commissioner.

More information about the funding can be found here: www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/funding/



The Commissioner at last year's celebration for Youth and Community Fund recipients

Spotlight on... Knife Crime

THE Commissioner writes:

"No one can have failed to read the devastating headlines over the past few months where far too many young people have become victims of gun and knife crime. In many of our bigger cities such as London, these incidents have an extremely detrimental impact on communities.

Whilst our officers work hard to catch offenders and talk to young people about the dangers of carrying knives, I am committed to doing everything I can to help steer young people away from serious crime.

I contribute more than £250k to the county's Youth Offending Service and fund restorative justice approaches to help offenders see the impact of their crimes. Additionally, my Youth and Community Fund has enabled grassroots diversionary projects to get off the ground. From boxing clubs to projects helping care-leavers move into training, a host of projects has already benefitted from the funding.

I want to reassure people living and working in Cambridgeshire that whilst possession of weapon offences increased in our county from 487 in 2017 to 527 in 2018, (a rise of 8.2%), these figures are below the national average. We can all do more to ensure our young people do not become victims of the potentially devastating consequences of carrying knives.

I have contributed to a national initiative with other Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) across the country, to help police forces tackle violent crime following a significant rise in incidents across the country.

The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) published "Serious Violence in Focus" to highlight a series of initiatives that PCCs have

commissioned to tackle violent crime.

And whilst Cambridgeshire is largely safe from incidents of violent crime, I want to reassure local people that everything possible is being done to keep communities safe from knife crime.

The Constabulary has vowed to address concerns over more people carrying weapons in Cambridgeshire by setting the issue as a force priority and is working in conjunction with other agencies, including local authorities, to provide support to youth and community groups on the issue of people carrying weapons. Officers are also focusing on early intervention – with the aim of preventing young people from carrying weapons and becoming victims of criminal exploitation.

Additionally, Serious Street Based Violence (SSBV) has been introduced as a new force priority alongside child abuse, child exploitation, burglary, action against hate, serious sexual offences, modern slavery and domestic abuse. A dedicated team of officers are now working to proactively tackle SSBV across Cambridgeshire, with additional focus on county lines and drug markets, which have links to violent crime.

If you know someone who carries a weapon, please help us tackle serious

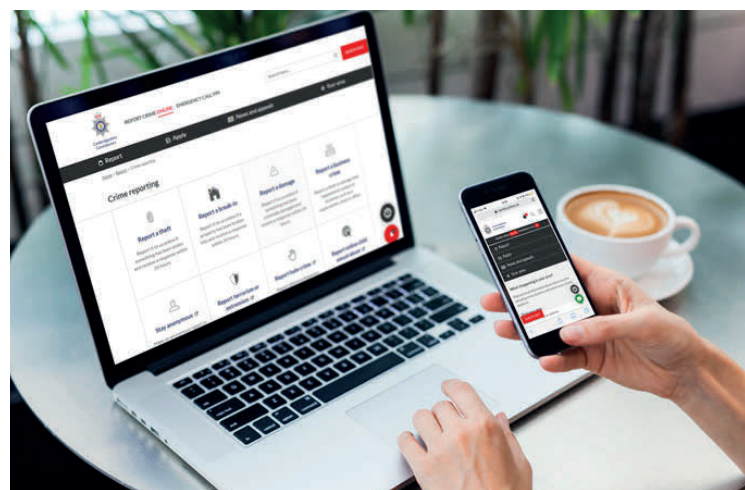
street based violence and report it to the police by calling 101 or visiting www.cambs.police.uk/report. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org."

Tools to help you:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary offer a non-emergency crime reporting tool on their website. The site allows users to report a wide range of different crimes from burglary and vehicle crime to criminal damage and online sexual abuse. The service also allows people to upload footage and evidence to support their crime report. The website launched two years ago and the aim was to offer a service to the people of Cambridgeshire, allowing efficient access to police information and online non-emergency services, 24/7.

To visit our website and report crime, please visit www.cambs.police.uk/report.



News from the CONSTABULARY



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

Plea for employers to boost policing front line

POLICE are urging employers across the county to sign up to a scheme that supports their staff to volunteer as police constables.

Employer Supported Policing (ESP) asks employers to promote the role of the Special Constable in their organisation, while granting those who do sign up additional leave days to help them meet duty commitments.

In return, the organisation will benefit from staff who have received a unique training package, worth several thousand pounds and covering a wide range of skills, many of which are transferable to the workplace.

Specials are unpaid volunteers with full police powers who agree to dedicate a minimum of 16 hours a month to training or operational duties. They often find this time outside of working hours but family commitments and other outside interests can lead to volunteers reluctantly deciding to leave the service after a few years.

The call for more organisations to join ESP came in light of National Volunteers' Week in June.

Head of the Special Constabulary, Vic Kerlin, said: "ESP is a powerful staff development opportunity that more than 250 organisations throughout the UK have already recognised, including well-known

private, public and third sector employers in the eastern region."

One organisation signed up to ESP in Cambridgeshire is the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute near Hinxton, Cambridge, which is at the cutting-edge of genome and bioinformatics research.

Dr Martin Dougherty (pictured below), the institute's Chief Operating Officer, who is a Special in Cambridgeshire, said: "The time and effort that you put in as a Special is rewarded tenfold by the sense of well-being that you're making a contribution to society. It's about making those real life decisions that have an impact and help people on the spot.

For further information on the Special Constabulary see: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/apply/Jobs/Specials>



New website goes live for Special Ops Unit

THE Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), uses specialist tactics to tackle the increasing threat from serious and organised crime across seven force areas in the eastern region. Find out more on their new website here: <https://ersou.police.uk/>

Training day to combat child exploitation

TAXI drivers, hotel staff and those working at fast food outlets have taken part in a training day to help combat child exploitation.

Police officers investigating the issue in the county organised the training in Huntingdon in June, for people working in these areas who may be able to identify potential victims.

Key warning signs to look out for:

- Appearing drunk or under the influence of drugs
- Having an older boyfriend or friends
- Having expensive unexplained gifts, such as mobile phones or jewellery
- Seeming scared or overly secretive/evasive

Pupils enjoy online safety presentation

PUPILS from Spring Common Academy, Huntingdon, were treated to an insight into policing and an input on online safety in June.

Pupils were joined by the dog unit, local officers, Community Safety Officer Clare Darbyshire and Chief Superintendent Martin Brunning.

It was a chance for pupils to learn more about online safety and the world of policing. This included a warning around trusting who you meet online and being careful with personal information.

Clare Darbyshire said: "It was great to have the opportunity to spend time with the students to talk about these

key messages. It is important that young people are aware of the dangers online, such as grooming and fraud.

We want to ensure they are aware of how to protect themselves from these dangers and to spread the word among their peers.

A number of police dogs attended, including Max who is a trained cash, drugs and weapons dog. He showed off his sniffing skills, locating money that had been hidden within seconds.

The students have been invited to take part in a competition to design a poster on online safety following the event. This is part of the Constabulary's

'Safe Awards', celebrated at an awards event in June.



Getting in touch:

It's important that the Commissioner and his team represent your views, so if you want to get in touch please do. The Commissioner is here to represent you and to make sure your voice is heard.

You can write to us here:

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Email: cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Or phone: **0300 333 3456**



Commissioner surgeries:

The Commissioner offers regular one-to-one meetings across the county. Surgeries are held in the second week of every month, and are rotated around the county in order to provide a location suitable for everyone. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, you can book a 15 minute appointment.

Please email: cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk or phone 0300 333 3456 to make an appointment:

Upcoming 2019 surgery dates:

26th July	Sawston Police Station	10:00 - 12:00
8th August	March Police Station	10:00 - 12:00

Are you online?

Are you on social media? Keep up to date with the Commissioner's activities here:



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