

Message from the Chief Constable - Plea to Stay at Home

Over the weekend we saw the county bathed in warm weather and are expecting it to continue over the coming week. Normally this would be a cause for celebration and would see family and friends spending time outside in the many beauty spots which Cambridgeshire boasts.

However, in these unprecedented times we are issuing a reminder that travel should only be undertaken if absolutely essential and people should try to complete their daily exercise walking from where they live rather than driving to hot spots.

Chief Constable Nick Dean said: "We haven't issued any fines and that I think is a real positive story and a thank you to the communities in Cambridgeshire who have been adhering to the new legislation."

Mr. Dean implored people to have a clean conscience and said: "Most people know an elderly person, a vulnerable person and before they think about breaching the rules just have a look and think, what can I do to make a difference today? And that is about staying home where possible and not undertaking unnecessary travel.

"Enforcement as we've always said throughout this is our last option, our position as a force is to support the NHS, to save lives and prevent the spread of the virus. That's our main aim and the main aim of many agencies across this county.

"My clear expectation of my officers and staff is to talk to people, to explain the legislation and the guidance which has been issued by the government and really encourage people to adhere to that guidance.

"At the end of the day the clear message is that this is about saving lives

Cambridgeshire Police Cyber Protect - Working from home cyber security advice

Although the following message is aimed at local small and medium businesses, I feel it is equally beneficial to individuals across the local community who are working from home.

If your employer has already issued home working security advice, then please adhere to that.

Please consider forwarding the following message to any relevant contacts.

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As the Cyber Security advisor for Cambridgeshire Police, I just wanted to make you aware of home working guidance issued by HM Governments National Cyber Security Centre. (NCSC)

Of significant importance, is the guidance for spotting email scams linked to the coronavirus.

Guidance can be found at:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working>

If you would rather not click on my link, just search for the NCSC via the gov.uk website www.gov.uk

For those of you who manage your business network security, I invite you to become a member of the NCSC Cyber Security Information Sharing Partnership. (CiSP)

This is a joint industry and government initiative set up to exchange cyber threat information in real time, in a secure, confidential and dynamic environment, increasing situational awareness and reducing the impact of cybercrime on UK business.

Please search CiSP whilst visiting the NCSC website.

Action Fraud offers businesses a live 24/7 assistance should your business come under a cyber-attack such as ransomware and DDoS.

Action Fraud also offers advice on how to protect yourself and business from fraud and cyber-crime, visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

I would also like to make you aware of a further resource provided by the Global Cyber Alliance (GCA)

The GCA is an international, cross-sector effort dedicated to eradicating cyber risk and improving the connected world.

The GCA are offering free access to their community called Work From Home community support group, which can be accessed via www.globalcyberalliance.org

Subject matter experts will be on hand to answer specific questions about security issues related to working from home.

There are other resources and guidance located in the Community Forum which is open to anyone.

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Many thanks

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