



A warm welcome to my Autumn newsletter.

As Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, I am pleased to present my Autumn newsletter which updates you on my latest news, in particular, what I have been doing to support communities throughout the ongoing Covid-19 health emergency.

Much has changed since my last newsletter as I continue to work with partners to adapt service provision in response to the changing Covid-19 landscape.

Preventing the spread of coronavirus remains a shared effort. Each and every one of us has a personal responsibility to follow the rules and limit the outbreak. Especially as demands on policing are now back to pre-Covid levels.

Whilst the majority of people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have adhered to government guidance, I want to take this opportunity to reassure people that where there are breaches of the rules on gatherings, officers will apply the same approach as they have done throughout this crisis, that is to engage, explain and encourage people to follow the new regulations before using enforcement as a final tactic.

Given the constant change in legislation, I would like to thank the public for their ongoing support and I would urge anyone with information about breaches of the guidance to contact the [Constabulary online](#).

I want to say how incredibly proud I am of all our police officers, staff and volunteers who have been working tirelessly to support communities throughout this crisis.

Especially as during these tough times we

have seen a rise in attacks on our emergency service workers.

This is all the more poignant in light of the tragic loss of London Met Officer, Sgt Matt Ratana. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time.

Any attack on our emergency service workers is unacceptable. I therefore welcome the government plans to double the maximum prison sentence for those who attack them. These plans send a clear message that as a society we will not tolerate this behaviour.

Moreover, I also welcome the government's proposals to enshrine a new Police Covenant in law.

Policing comes with a high level of personal accountability and risk – both on and off duty and this extends to family members. Loved ones are often the front line of support and comfort while also experiencing their own fears.

I am hugely supportive of the new Police Covenant which will improve support for those working within or retired from policing roles, whether paid or volunteers and their family.

Ray Bisby

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner

Road Victims Trust



ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ROAD VICTIMS' CHARITY PROVIDED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER DURING COVID-19

The Road Victims Trust has received funding to help the charity continue to provide vital support services during Covid-19.

The Trust, which offers free emotional and practical support to the families of those killed or seriously injured in road collisions in Cambridgeshire, has adapted the way it provides its services by offering online and telephone counselling services throughout the lockdown for those who need them.

The funding, worth £10k comes from the Acting Commissioner's Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve.

“Despite the fact that the lockdown meant far less traffic on the road, we have received referrals which have remained consistent with the same period last year”

Road Victims Trust Chief Executive, Mark Turner

“The Covid-19 pandemic presents a very real threat to the on-going sustainability of small charities such as ours with our ability to fundraise hampered by the restrictions,” explains Mark Turner, Chief Executive of the Road Victims' Trust.

Over the first six months of 2020 (1st January until 1st July) 12 people were killed on Cambridgeshire's roads (compared to 15 from the same period in 2019); 148 seriously injured (180 in 2019) and 350 slightly injured (compared with 619 in 2019).

The money will strengthen the already excellent partnership that exists with the Road Victims Trust and police and ensures that those affected by the trauma of a road death or life-changing injury are provided with the best possible levels of care and support.

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby added: “Even something as challenging as a national lockdown will not stop some people driving recklessly on our roads. For those who lose loved ones, or watch family and friends endure life threatening injuries as a result of a road traffic collision, the support provided by the Trust is vital in helping people cope and recover.”

More information about the Road Victims Trust can be found [here](#) and a full list of other local support services is available on the Cambridgeshire Victim Services website here: www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk.



COMMISSIONER FUNDS 'COMING INTO CARE' PACKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PETERBOROUGH



The Peterborough Children in Care Council (CIC Council) has received a £3,000 grant from Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby's Youth and Community Fund to support children and young people entering care.

Made up of young people from Peterborough who are in or leaving care, the CIC Council work with Peterborough City Council to ensure that those entering or leaving care are fully supported and informed throughout the process.

The grant will be used to purchase 'Coming into Care' packs.

Within each Coming into Care pack young people can expect to find essential hygiene items such as a toothbrush, deodorant and sanitary items. The pack also includes personal comfort and educational materials such as colouring books, journals, toys.

The care packs contain information about the care system, signpost young people to support services and provide contact details for the CIC Council and youth club.

Entering care can be an isolating experience and it is vital that young people know where they can meet with others who have had shared experiences.

The Commissioner's Youth and Community Fund, now in its 5th year, supports young people to actively participate and contribute where they live, helping them to become active members of their community and lead more fulfilling lives.

The Fund is open to voluntary and community organisations who can apply for grants of up to £3,000 towards their project. More information about the terms and conditions of the funding can be found [here](#).

“ This is a project that is particularly close to my heart. As someone who has dealt closely with the care system myself, I understand that it can be a truly daunting, confusing and stressful change for children and young people. ”

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP

COUNTYWIDE SCAMS PARTNERSHIP GETS FUNDING BOOST FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) has been awarded £10K to continue stamping out scammers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The partnership brings together over 20 local partners, groups and organisations who pool resources, initiatives and ideas to help people protect themselves from becoming victims of fraud and to support those who suffer the misfortune of becoming a victim.

Throughout Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown, CAPASP has continued to work hard to help communities understand how to keep themselves safe and to make sure they are alert to predatory fraudsters using the pandemic for their own gain.

“ Action Fraud have reported that victims have lost an estimated £11 million to scams related to coronavirus. Partnerships such as CAPASP are the key to ensuring we do everything we can to support those who are most vulnerable from exploitation at the hands of fraudsters. ”

Police and Crime Commissioner Ray Bisby

Charlotte Homent, Lead for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) said: “We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner which will enable us to continue our work in building community resilience to scams.

“We have established a strong network of partners who work together to safeguard those most at risk of being scammed. We also have a growing legion of supporters who receive scams awareness information to share within their community, thereby helping to build local resilience to the financial and emotional harms of scams.”

Visit the [CAPASP website](#) to find out more about becoming a CAPASP supporter or for more help and advice on how to avoid scams.



MORE THAN HALF A MILLION POUNDS SECURED FOR SERVICES SUPPORTING VULNERABLE VICTIMS

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has worked with partners to secure more than £600,000 of additional funding for services supporting domestic and sexual abuse victims since spring.

The cash injection started in March with news of a successful bid to the Home Office for an additional two Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs) for the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership.

ISVAs offer important practical and emotional support to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted recently or in the past regardless of whether the crime has been reported to the police. This will fund the posts for the next two years.

Only a couple of months later, the Commissioner welcomed over a quarter of a million pounds for local charities from the government.

The money, totalling £279,108, was awarded to 12 organisations within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who provide individual or family support to local residents experiencing domestic abuse or sexual violence before or during lockdown.

At the same time Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership secured an additional £123,138 from the national Rape Support Fund to make sure vital emotional support continued to be provided.

“ We anticipate that as lockdown restrictions are further eased we will see a surge in demand for support services and feel reassured that this additional funding will enable us to continue to provide the best possible support to survivors and victims in the county. ”

Norah Al-Ani, Director of Cambridge Rape Crisis

And finally, the news came in early July that the Home Office was to fund a third Independent Sexual Violence Advocate. This had been in the original bid but approved in a second round of funding. This brought the funding for these three posts over the two years to more than £220k. Of the three new ISVA posts created, two will support victims aged 18 and under.

Charities across the county worked with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to compile bids to bring the money into the area.

The funding is helping a range of support organisations across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to provide much-needed support to some of the county's most vulnerable victims both during and after lockdown.

For more information on all of the funding streams above secured for victims' services within Cambridgeshire, please visit www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk.

For more information about victim support services in Cambridgeshire visit: www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk.



NEWS from the CONSTABULARY

Chief Constable Nick Dean writes...

It's that time of year when we move into autumn, the schools have gone back and we start to look forward to Christmas.

But this year seems very different and with the Covid pandemic still with us I know many of you will be looking forward with trepidation. I have said before that I have been impressed by how the vast majority of people have responded to the restrictions placed on them by the crisis.

They understand they are not introduced merely as an inconvenience, but to protect people. And this is first and foremost about personal responsibility. The rules for our county are clear, that no more than six people can be together inside or outside. There are of course exemptions, but the six-person rule should be adhered to and we will maintain our 4Es approach of engage, explain, encourage and, as a last resort, enforce.

This has worked well over the past months and I know we still have the majority of the public on our side. I say the majority because we know in the emergency services that not all are on our side. In a four-week period towards the end of the summer we recorded 60 assaults on emergency workers, compared to 43 in the same period last year. For police constables specifically, there were 472 assaults recorded in the 12 months ending in August, a year-on-year increase of 13.2%.

The shooting of Sgt Matt Ratana has shocked us all and I know I speak on behalf of everyone in the constabulary when I pass on my sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. While tragic incidents such as this are thankfully very rare, assaults on officers are not.

Therefore, it was welcome when the Ministry of Justice announced recently that the maximum sentence for assaulting an emergency worker would be doubled to two years.

It is never acceptable for anyone to be assaulted just for turning up to do their job and we will use the full force of the law to prosecute anyone who uses violence against emergency workers.





TOP TIPS: PREVENTING BIKE THEFT

Each year officers find hundreds of stolen bikes. If you're ever unfortunate enough to have your bike stolen, having it registered in your name will help Cambridgeshire Constabulary get it back to you if it is found.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary works in partnership with retail outlets around the county, training people to become registered bike markers using police identifiable equipment.

You can take your bike to one of the listed outlets and a member of staff will mark your cycle with a marking tag, and register your bikes details on a database. If you would like to find the nearest outlet to you, please call 101.

Alternatively, you can register your bike online with [Immobilise](#) or [Bike Register](#). To register online you will need to know the following: frame number, manufacturer and model, colour of the bike.

Top tips for keeping your bike safe:

1. Lock your bike regardless of where you are and how long you plan to leave it;
2. Use two different locks to secure your bike - this makes it a lot harder to steal as thieves may need different tools to unfasten each lock;
3. If possible, lock your bike to cycle racks in busy, well-lit areas;
4. Remember locks can be picked, so facing the lock to the ground makes it harder for the thief to release your bike;
5. Lock both wheels and the frame to a bike stand or another solid object and try to fill the lock with as much of the bike as possible for ultimate security:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary also advise cyclists use [Sold Secure](#) locks which have been tested to the highest standard. You can report a stolen bike [online](#), using Cambridgeshire Constabulary webchat or by calling 101.



Spotlight on:

BREAKING THE CYCLE BETWEEN OFFENDING AND HOMELESSNESS

Preventing crime from happening in the first place and supporting people from re-offending is a key pillar of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Plan.

There are complex links between homelessness and reoffending, where each can be a cause and a result of the other.

Often those who are homeless may be living with a mental health disorder or tackling substance misuse which can be contributing factors to committing criminal acts. Moreover, those leaving prison can find themselves unable to find accommodation due to their record.

Homeless offenders entering prison have a much higher reconviction rate within a year. Nationally 79% of offenders with no fixed abode are reconvicted within a year compared to 47% of those who are released to stable accommodation.

There is a clear and cyclical link between homelessness and reoffending; by working to break the link the cycle of criminal activity can be broken and further reoffending can be prevented.

Principles behind prevention

Ensuring that the perpetrators of crime face swift and fair justice is paramount to ensuring that communities feel safe.

However, it is important to note that preventing individuals from further entanglement within the criminal justice system has its place in ensuring community safety.

Criminal activity has a rippling impact upon communities. At its centre is the devastating impact crime has on the immediate victim and their friends and family. In addition, there are the resources expended by agencies investigating crime, offering support to the victim of crime, judicial system including prison system and further rehabilitation.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer

Local partners within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have come together under the Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer scheme. This was originally a project funded by central government but more recently has been funded by local

partners including the Police and Crime Commissioner, to look at new and creative ways to reduce homelessness.

Trailblazer prevention officers work with individuals who have been given 56 days or more warning of homelessness. Officers then work with multiple agencies to prevent homelessness in the first instance and signpost to wider support for the causes of the potential homelessness.

The project has also been working with a wide range of partner agencies on improving housing pathways for different groups with complex needs, including offenders.

By preventing those at risk of becoming homeless on release from prison, local agencies are putting a foot in the revolving door of homelessness and criminal behaviour.

Looking to the future

There is still a long way to go, however positive steps are being taken to make progress and build on the incredible efforts across the county to house vulnerable people during the pandemic.



Constabulary announce proposals for a new police hub in Milton

Cambridgeshire Constabulary held a month-long consultation on proposals for a new police station on the outskirts of Milton.

The current facilities at Parkside Police Station in Cambridge do not allow the Constabulary to fully respond to today's needs.

There is no room to expand the existing station, too few cells, the location is subject to heavy traffic and the building doesn't meet modern standards.

In February 2020, the Constabulary consulted on the principle of proposals to enhance the service for the south of Cambridgeshire by replacing the outdated facilities at Parkside Police Station with both a new city centre police station and a police hub on the outskirts of Cambridge.

The response to the consultation showed significant agreement that the nature of policing and crime in Cambridgeshire is changing, and that increasing population growth means that the Force needs to be able to respond to increasing demand for police services in the county.

The Constabulary, alongside the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, undertook a formal consultation, throughout July, on proposals to build the new hub in Milton.

In total the Constabulary considered 22 sites, most recently in June 2020, and after assessing a number of criteria including availability, ecology issues, access and infrastructure, a site next to the Park & Ride facility in Milton was considered the best option.

The benefits of the proposed site include:

- Enhanced facilities enabling the Constabulary to respond to, and investigate, complex crimes such as fraud and online investigations more effectively;
- Enhanced facilities allowing for the increased use of virtual courts which reduces the need for travel to courts;
- Increase in cell provision from 12 to 24 to help meet future demand;

- The facilities and ability to better meet demand as population growth continues;
- And better road access, subject to less traffic, enabling officers to respond to calls for service more efficiently.

Acting Commissioner, Ray Bisby said: "I fully support the Constabulary's request to have a police station that is able to meet operational requirements and to better respond to the challenges of modern-day policing.

"It is my job to listen to public concerns therefore I encourage all local residents to provide their views so these can be taken into account."

An analysis of the feedback received and responses can be viewed [here](#).

A planning application will be submitted in the coming weeks and members of the public and stakeholders can register for updates via [the consultation website](#).



POLICE COMMISSIONER WELCOMES ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO HELP KEEP CAMBRIDGESHIRE SAFER

Cambridgeshire is set to receive more than half a million pounds from the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund to help keep communities safe.

The money, worth over £545,000 will go towards targeted home security improvements for vulnerable residents living in at risk properties. These will be complemented by a programme of community development events to provide residents the opportunity to shape how they would like to see residential burglary prevented in their community.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has worked with partners across the public and voluntary sector to develop the bid. Partners involved in developing the bid include the Police, Local Authorities, Cambridgeshire Research Group, The Bobby Scheme, Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services and Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Investment will be focused around the Arbury area of Cambridge City. During bid development, partners identified it as an area which met the Safer Streets Fund criteria set by the Home Office and was prime for residents to gain the most direct benefit from the funding.

“To ensure that the funding has a long-lasting effect on preventing residential burglary, the money will be used to improve the security of vulnerable people and properties, as well as supporting the community to be more resilient in the long-term.”

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby





USEFUL CONTACTS ...

CRIME:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE

Report a crime online, find local information about where you live including crime statistics and where your closest station is and keep up to date with the latest news and appeals from Cambridgeshire Police.

W: www.cambs.police.uk

T: 999/ 101

ECOPS

By registering with eCops, you receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - direct to you as an e-mail. The service is completely free and works alongside Neighbourhood Watch, to bring you messages about your local area.

W: www.ecops.org.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS

An independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime – 100% anonymously.

W: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

T: 0800 555 111

CAMBRIDGESHIRE VICTIM AND WITNESS HUB

You don't need to have reported your crime to the Police to receive support. For free, confidential and tailored advice on which service can best suit you call the Victim and Witness Hub.

W: www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk

T: 0800 781 6818

ACTION FRAUD

The UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cybercrime.

W: www.actionfraud.police.uk

T: 0300 123 2040

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Organisations which promote greater public participation across the county in the prevention and solving of crime and encourages improved communication between NHW Members and Cambridgeshire Constabulary so that effective liaison between the police and the public can be enhanced.

W: www.cambsnhw.org.uk

SPEEDWATCH

The Community Speedwatch scheme trains volunteers from members of the community to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. The scheme is used in areas where speeding has been identified as a priority at quarterly neighbourhood panel meetings.

W: www.speedwatch.info

COUNTRYSIDE WATCH

Operates a network across the county with mobile equipment to get targeted messages out to the rural community. This gives the community time to protect itself against such issues as suspicious vehicles, distraction burglaries and property theft.

W: www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Award hundreds of grants each year to front-line charities and voluntary groups who support people in Cambridgeshire.

W: www.cambscf.org.uk

T: 01223 410535

E: info@cambscf.org.uk



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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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0300 333 3456

THE COMMISSIONER OFFERS REGULAR ONE-TO-ONE MEETINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY:

As a result of the current Covid-19 health emergency, these will be offered as telephone or video calls if preferred, in line with social distancing advice. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, you can book a 15-minute appointment by emailing cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk

UP COMING SURGERY DATES ARE:

26th October: 10.00am -12.00 noon

23rd November: 10.00am -12.00 noon

07th December at: 10.00am – 12.00 noon