



News from your Commissioner, Darryl Preston



Tackling crime and keeping communities safe



Welcome to my spring newsletter.

Tackling the problems that matter most to our residents is a vital part of my work.

This month we share details of the additional funding secured to boost efforts to address local issues that bring our communities misery, increase fear, and prevent people enjoying their lives as they should.

This investment will improve safety across the county now and in years to come.

I would also like to encourage any young people who may be interested in volunteering to scrutinise the way in which

Cambridgeshire police officers exercise their powers to stop and search to contact my office – details are below.

Darryl



Putting communities first

New safety measures to protect residents from burglary and anti-social behaviour and reduce violence against women and girls are underway across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The £820k funding boost from the Government's Safer Streets 5 scheme is being invested in a series of evidence-led safety interventions to ramp up efforts to tackle neighbourhood crime.

These include training to identify predatory behaviour for day and night-time economy workers such as bus and taxi drivers, new CCTV and free home security upgrades for eligible residents.



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£1m boost to roll out 'hotspot' policing patrols to target ASB and violence



Extra funding worth £1m has been secured to ramp up patrols to target serious violence and anti-social behaviour across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If approved, the uniformed enforcement will target areas where data shows a high prevalence of violence, ASB, and illegal public drug taking and is part of a £66m package announced by the Government to drive down crime and boost public confidence.

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Supporting victims and witnesses

Renewed commitment to end modern slavery and human trafficking.

A refreshed Modern Slavery Statement has been signed setting out our joint commitment to tackling modern slavery and human trafficking across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The statement, signed by both myself and Chief Constable Nick Dean, confirms the steps to be taken to eradicate modern slavery or human trafficking, forced labour or exploitation in the force's own business or supply chain. It also outlines our approach to working with colleagues, suppliers and external partners to mitigate emerging risks.



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Ethical policing

Young people get their first taste of police scrutiny work.

New opportunities are available for young people to join my scrutiny team to elevate the voice of the county's youth.

In collaboration with the Constabulary, we have launched a Youth Scrutiny Roadshow to engage young people aged 13 to 18 and gather their feedback on key issues such as the execution of Stop and Search and Use of Force powers. The new platform supports the work of my wider Community Scrutiny Panel designed to deliver positive change across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If you are part of an existing youth or community group and would like the roadshow to come along and host a session, please get in touch.



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Robust enforcement

Crackdown on county lines nets 60 arrests

A crackdown on illegal drugs and exploitation across Cambridgeshire has resulted in 60 arrests and the dismantling of 51 county lines.

Operation Hypernova 2 – the biggest operation of its kind in the county - brought more than 30 dawn raids across Cambridgeshire and over the borders in recent weeks.

Of the arrests, 33 people have been charged with 93 drug and human trafficking offences while crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin, cannabis and cash worth £45k has been seized.



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Crime prevention

New investment worth £98k helps to keep young people safe.

Young people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are benefitting from new activities to boost their self-esteem and uplift their skills thanks to new investment.

Over the last twelve months, my Youth Fund has injected £98k into expanding youth provision across the county. The funding has supported 33 projects in total from boxing clubs to music sessions.



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