



Police and Crime Commissioner
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

Welcome to my summer newsletter

The lighter months typically bring additional challenges to policing, heightening demand. Confronting the problems that impact our neighbourhoods is an all-year-round priority, and you will read in this newsletter about my ongoing investment to prevent anti-social behaviour and other nuisance problems that impact local people's lives and undermine their confidence and feelings of safety.



We also cover my landmark decision against a former police officer to deny pension entitlement and the outcome of a recent misconduct case, overseen by the IOPC. Policing depends on integrity and here in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the vast majority of our officers deal with the most demanding of situations with the highest levels of integrity. However, where that trust is so profoundly abused, it is right that the strongest available action is taken in accordance with the law.

Safe Communities

Cambridgeshire celebrates policing volunteers and their selfless service

As the nation marked Volunteers Week, we paid tribute to the army of passionate and committed volunteers supporting my work to protect lives and reduce harm.

Volunteering is the glue that holds communities together and the very essence of strong and resilient neighbourhoods. As a former serving officer, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative and far-reaching impact of volunteering on health and wellbeing. Volunteers' Week provided a perfect opportunity to show our gratitude for what they do all year round.



Read more [here](#).

Early Intervention and Prevention

New national pilot underway to end the revolving door of reoffending

Cambridge has been selected for a new national pilot targeting the root causes of offending to break the cycle of crime.

The Intensive Supervision Courts (ISCs) scheme at Cambridge Crown Court means some offenders who are given community sentences will receive

wraparound support from a range of services including drug and alcohol recovery intervention, overseen by a dedicated judge through regular review hearings. The programme represents a progressive step forward to reduce offending based on real evidence and I'm hopeful it will lead to lasting and positive change.

Read more [here](#).

Combatting anti-social behaviour with partners

Positive strides are being made to prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crack down on nuisance problems across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

As the nation observed Anti-Social Awareness Week, we reflected on our local success, and the far-reaching impact of my investment in Problem-Solving Coordinator posts in each of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) areas to confront the root causes of crime and ASB and break the cycle of crime.



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Supporting Victims and Witnesses

Supporting deaf women to escape and recover from domestic abuse

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse from the deaf community are benefitting from specialist support to recover and stay safe thanks to multiagency funding.

Through a commissioning agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, funding has been provided to Cambridgeshire Deaf Association (CDA) to provide emotional and practical support and advocacy to local Deaf or hearing-impaired victims and survivors countywide who face ongoing barriers in accessing help.

The project has also involved the development of a British Sign Language version of the 12-week national Freedom Programme with colleagues from Women's Aid, which is already having a life-changing impact.

Read more [here](#).



Building Trust and Confidence

Landmark decision sees former officer forfeit pension

I have recently made a landmark judgement to deny the pension of a former Cambridgeshire Constabulary police officer who was jailed for making indecent images of children.

James Jordan, 35, was sentenced to four years in prison and placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years in February 2023, after admitting three counts of misconduct in public office and five counts of making indecent images of children. He was dismissed without notice in January 2023 following conviction.

As PCC, I have exercised my full powers, deciding to remove the legal maximum of 65% - the total amount of pension funded by the Constabulary. Where trust is so profoundly abused, it is right that the strongest available action is taken in accordance with the law.

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Former officers guilty of criminal behaviour and misconduct offences

Cambridgeshire's Chief Constable Simon Megicks has condemned two former officers whose 'disgraceful' conduct in office has betrayed public trust and confidence and fallen far short of the high standards expected.

An Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) investigation uncovered a toxic culture within one of the force's policing teams, leading to criminal convictions, officer dismissals and disciplinary action against 13 officers.

Chief Constable Simon Megicks commended the courage of those who come forward to stand up for what is right, even when it is difficult, and reassured communities that criminal behaviour and not upholding policing standards would not be tolerated.

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