



Welcome to the January edition

I hope you all had a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

I've started 2017 with renewed vigour, trying to ignore the bottles of spirits I got for Christmas as I embrace Dry January! Myself and the Deputy Commissioner, Andy Coles, were encouraged to join the Alcohol Concern campaign to help promote the benefits of giving yourself a break from drinking. Neither of us are regular or heavy drinkers but we hope to start seeing some of the health benefits whilst raising money for charity at the same time. It's not too late to join us: sign up to Dry January [here](#).

I'm very sad to say we have seen far too many serious and fatal incidents on our roads over the last few weeks. I will be continuing efforts to work with the Constabulary and voluntary organisations such as Speed Watch to address this problem. Please take extra care over the next weeks as the British weather challenges us all. Keep your speed down, keep your distance from the car in front and keep checking your car is in good working order.

2017 is set to offer a range of challenges and opportunities as well as new responsibilities for Police and Crime Commissioners. My priorities remain the same – protecting frontline policing, improving services to victims, improving the life changes for offenders and working together with local partners to improve community safety for everyone. I will also continue to review the police estate to protect the changing requirements of operational policing. Projects already planned for 2017 include a state of the art vehicle workshop centrally located in St Ives and work will continue to find a suitable site in the Cambridge area to construct a new Investigation Centre.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe new year. And if you are doing Dry January, well done and keep up the good work!



Jason Ablewhite

Police and Crime Commissioner



Police donate bikes to Romsey Mill to help young people gain skills

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has donated a number of bikes to help young people at Romsey Mill in Cambridge learn new skills.

The bikes, which were found abandoned and broken were delivered just before Christmas to help the charity start up a new restoration enterprise.

[Find out more](#)



Police Commissioner reviews estates to protect frontline

Jason Ablewhite is continuing work to review the estate of the Constabulary in order to support the changing requirements of operational policing and support services.

The Commissioner is keen to ensure resources are focussed on frontline policing. Estates will be managed strategically, including the disposal of sites that are surplus to operational requirements where appropriate.

[Find out more](#)



Giving up the booze for Dry January

Police Commissioner Jason Ablewhite and Deputy Commissioner Andy Coles are joining millions of people giving up alcohol from 1st January 2017 to support Dry January.

Staff members are joining forces with Cambridgeshire County Council to encourage others to do the same. Jason said: "Alcohol misuse costs England approximately £21bn per year in healthcare, crime and lost productivity costs and can also lead to poor health, including cancer, high blood pressure and depression."

[Find out more](#)



ArtReach 2017

Young artists in Cambridgeshire are being invited to showcase their talents by taking part in ArtReach 2017.

The police led competition took place for the first time last year with the winning entries displayed in Ely Police Station.

[Find out more](#)



Empowering women in Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are planning an event to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March 2017.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sarah Morgan, Engagement Officer: email: sarah.morgan@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

[Find out more](#)



£736,000 funding secured to tackle homelessness

Councils and other organisations in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have just been awarded more than £736,000 to help them develop more effective ways of tackling homelessness.

The funding comes from a new £20 million 'Trailblazer' fund set up by the Government to establish a 'network of ambitious areas across England' aimed at tackling the root of the problem.

[Find out more](#)



From cutting edge-science to policing the frontline

Dr Martin Dougherty, Chief Operating Officer of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Hinxton, Cambridge talks about what motivated him into becoming a Special constable.

[Find out more](#)



Successes for tri-force Scientific Services Unit during 2016

Staff from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Scientific Services Unit have secured thousands of fingerprint and footprint identifications in the last year as part of the vital role they play in helping to solve crime,.

Between January 2016 and November 2016, Scientific Services attended in excess of 23,700 scenes resulting in 3,315 forensic identifications.



Praise for Wisbech cadet

Volunteer Police Cadet, Billy Morton has received some lovely feedback via Facebook. The young cadet helped an elderly gentleman who had fallen and injured himself and a passer-by took the time to praise his efforts.

The Facebook post said: "The young lad was very helpful and is an absolutely brilliant kind-hearted person. Keep up the brilliant work. I hope this lad gets the recognition he deserves." If you want to find out more about the cadet scheme, click on the link.



Police Commissioner to co-host city cybercrime conference

Police Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, is joining forces with Cambridge Community Safety Partnership to host a cybercrime conference in Cambridge on Tuesday 24th January, from 5pm until 7pm. Supported by Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridge City Council, the conference will address the growing threat of cybercrime and what people can do to protect themselves. To reserve your place, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cybercrime-conference-tickets-30291843720>.



What do you think of firearms officers on the street?

Cambridge Regional College student Elliot Wilding-Glendye has asked for your help with a survey on how you feel about more firearms officers on the streets. The survey is part of Elliot's HND Diploma in Public Services and the results will help him gather a general consensus on the use of firearms. You can complete the short survey [here](#). Many thanks to those who take the time to complete this.



Welcoming a new team member

We are very pleased to welcome Alasdair Baker, our Partnerships and Communities Officer who replaces Volunteer Manager, Hannah Watson. Alasdair will be focussing on commissioning work as well as managing the Independent Custody Visitors' Scheme. Alasdair joins us from Bromsgrove District & Redditch Borough Councils where he focused on community safety and crime prevention. Alasdair can be contacted at

alasdair.baker@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

USEFUL LINKS

- [Safer Peterborough Partnership](#)
- [Fenland Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership](#)
- [East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership](#)

Forthcoming surgeries

The Police and Crime Commissioner offers regular one to one meetings across the county. 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:

13th January, 10.00 am – 12 noon, South Cambs District Council

28th February, 10.00 am – 12 noon, March

24th March, 10.00 am – 12 noon, Peterborough Town Hall

Useful Links:



Getting in touch:

It's important for me and my team to represent your views so if you want to get in touch, please do. I am here to represent you and to make sure your voice is heard.

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