

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 7th April 2015

Police Matters

4.1 – March update

To receive the March report from PCSO Jackson

4.2 – Connect

To receive a newsletter update from the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

4.3 – Press Release

To receive a press release from the office of Sir Graham Bright, Police and Crime Commissioner.

4.4 – Volunteering with Cambridgeshire Constabulary

To receive information regarding becoming a Police Service Volunteer.

Cambourne Parish Council

Police Report March 2015

Period 3 March to 24 March

Since the last council meeting there have been 93 Incidents for the area with 59 in Cambourne. For the same period last year there were a total of 119 incidents reported with 79 in Cambourne, the most frequent calls received were:-

6 x Domestic disputes

6 x Rowdy nuisances

5 x Concerns – 3 x potential suicides, Smell of drugs near house, Dog barking on balcony in evening

5 x Suspicious circumstances - Web cam at window, Electric meter reader 'scam', Gas meter reader 'scam', Finance 'scam' NOTE – Always check the identity of who you are talking to! If in doubt say "No" and close the door or hang up

5 x Violence reports

4 x Road Traffic collision – of note the bus at Broad Street

There have been 15 crimes reported for the area with 7 in Cambourne, compared to 17 crimes for the same period last year, with 14 in Cambourne.

2 Criminal Damages

Actual bodily harm

Harassment

Theft

Burglary dwelling

Assault

At the time of writing none of the above has been detected, however enquiries are continuing.

We have held our regular 'Cuppa with a Copper' session in Greens and have run Crime prevention days, the Monday morning session had no visitors which was disappointing, however the Wednesday evening session had four visitors with an uptake on the offer of SmartWater, shed and window alarms.

When I attend the May meeting of the Council I will bring samples of these products for the councillors and members of the public to see and purchase if they wish

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly newsletter in which we will share with you a range of current and future activities going on to keep the public safe across Cambridgeshire.

We are continuing to develop our strategic alliance with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary and this month we agreed to look at the collaboration of Firearms and Explosives Licensing and Human Resources (which includes Learning and Development). The move will enable all three forces to reduce the impact that the budget cuts will have on front line policing and make existing processes more streamlined. Business cases are currently being developed and should the plans come to fruition then the estimated savings of £23 million will be used to protect front line and local policing services across the region.

At a local level, I had the great pleasure of speaking at the Cambridge Alliance for Independent Living conference where issues around Crime, Prevention and Safety were discussed. The alliance is run by disabled people for disabled people and reminded me to promote the "Police Enhanced Access Phone Line" in this month's newsletter.

I also officially opened the latest of our Police Contact Points in Sainsbury's Coldhams Lane store in Cambridge. One of four trial Contact Points these sites allow the public to chat to local officers and my Outreach Workers in a highly visible location in a focal point of the community.

Thank you for the feedback in the previous edition of the newsletter. We will continue to respond to your comments and suggestions. If there are any issues that you would like me to respond to then please do get in contact (see back page for contact details).

Sir Graham Bright
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner



Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living (CAIL)



CAIL is an organisation run by people with disabilities for people with disabilities to provide information, advice and guidance to help people take control of their everyday care needs.

Invited to speak at CAIL's recent Crime, Prevention and Safety Board conference, Sir Graham outlined his vision and activities for supporting the victims of crime with a disability and spoke of a strong emphasis on both crime prevention and support for the most vulnerable in the community.

Sir Graham also discussed the ever increasing range of support available for vulnerable people in Cambridgeshire including the Victims' Hub, which since its launch last October, has supported over 3,000 people.

More recently, Sir Graham has gone a step further in signing the Mental Health Crisis Concordat which sets out how agencies that deal with people with mental health concerns will work together to support those experiencing mental health crisis.

Finally, Sir Graham outlined the recent launch of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) where staff from agencies responsible for safeguarding victims of child, adult and domestic abuse have been co-located within the same facility.

Chatting to attendees, the event provided Sir Graham with a valuable insight into the problems and concerns of the disabled community.

[Find out more here](#)

Police Enhanced Access Phone Line

Members of the public with communication difficulties can benefit from additional support when contacting Cambridgeshire Constabulary. People who have problems when using a phone can register with the Constabulary to gain access to a highly trained police call taker if they ever need to contact the police. Once registered, they are issued with a special phone number to use when contacting the police for general, non-emergency queries.

Who is eligible? People with a disability or illness that affects their ability to hold a phone for long periods of time, such as arthritis; or those with a condition that affects their behaviour or memory, such as Alzheimer's disease; people who become easily confused or agitated, such as Parkinson's disease; or those whose ability to communicate effectively is hindered by symptoms like a brain injury or stroke.

Members of the public can register via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website or at any Cambridgeshire Police Station. Stations have registration forms which can be completed straightaway or returned at a later date. Alternatively, any Police Officer or PCSO can take your details and pass them on for processing.

Once registered, it gives access to the Police Enhanced Access Line which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Access Line is for non-emergency calls only. Emergency calls should still be made to 999.

[Find out more here](#)

Cambridge Police Contact Point

Sainsbury's Coldhams Lane store in Cambridge is host to the latest Police Contact Point. It was officially opened on 24th February by Sir Graham and the local policing team.



The Police Contact Point will be regularly staffed by members of Cambridgeshire Constabulary local policing team and Sir Graham's Outreach Worker, Beka Avery, who will be on hand to hear the views of the public and provide guidance on police and crime issues.

This is the fourth Police Contact Point in Cambridgeshire, alongside those in Peterborough (Sainsbury's Bretton store), Wisbech (Tesco) and St. Neots (Tesco).

Also present at the opening were Steve Archer, Deputy Manager at the store, Inspector Matt Johnson and PCSOs Michaela Bright and Sarah Finbow.

[Find out more here](#)

'Reach-Out' Domestic Abuse

Victims of domestic abuse were encouraged to come forward during a high profile month-long 'reach-out' campaign across Cambridgeshire in February.

Although the campaign may now be over, all the much needed help and support for victims of domestic abuse remains in place throughout the year. Domestic abuse is a terrible crime and Sir Graham and the Constabulary place a high priority on tackling this often hidden crime and supporting the victims.

In January, the police-led Victims' Hub began supporting people involved in cases of domestic abuse. Victims now have access to a comprehensive range of additional support as Sir Graham and the Constabulary work alongside agencies and charities to offer support across Cambridgeshire.

In 2014, Cambridgeshire Constabulary investigated 4,190 domestic abuse cases across the county.

Anyone needing help with domestic abuse should call the Constabulary on 101, or if the abuse is life threatening they should call 999 straightaway.

Other useful contacts for support with domestic abuse include:

**English National Domestic Violence Helpline
(0808) 2000 247**

Samaritans (08457) 90 90 90

[Find out more here](#)

Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme



The Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust (also known as The Bobby Scheme) receives funding from Sir Graham's Office and provides a free security assessment service to the victims of burglary aged 60 and over. The service is also available for non-victims who feel vulnerable aged over 65 as well as disabled residents for a small fee.

The Bobby Scheme has been operating since 2001 and in that period has installed high quality security devices to more than 22,000 homes with a repeat burglary rate of less than 1%. This charity based scheme is largely reliant upon donations from the public which delivers an exceptional service for those in need of security advice.

Communities will find The Bobby Scheme helpful as they work closely with the Constabulary and react within 24 hours targeting crime hot spots in Cambridgeshire, meaning their risk of burglary is reduced significantly.

The service provided by The Bobby Scheme not only makes the public safer in their own homes but more importantly reduces their fear of crime, enabling elderly people to remain in their own homes for longer.

[Find out more here](#)

Constabulary passing-out parade

Sir Graham welcomed new officers into the Constabulary when he attended the passing-out parade on 13th February of ten Police Officers and six PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers).



Accompanied by Deputy Chief Constable Alec Wood, Sir Graham congratulated all the students on their achievement so far and highlighted the immense responsibility the public entrusts to these new officers as they take their place in serving their local communities.

Soham Volunteer Police Cadet Unit



Soham Village College
Achieving Excellence with Care

Soham Village College has been selected to host the second Volunteer Police Cadet Unit in Cambridgeshire.

Quickly following on from the successful creation of the Peterborough unit at Thomas Deacon Academy, the staff and students at Soham Village College are delighted to be hosting this new Volunteer Police Cadet unit.

The Commissioner's Office invites applications from young people aged between 13-18 years old in the local community.

The Volunteer Police Cadet scheme promotes a practical understanding of policing among all young people and encourages the spirit of adventure and good citizenship through volunteering in the community.

The Soham Village College Cadet Unit will be launched in April and weekly meetings will take place every Monday from 5pm – 7pm.

If you feel this could be for you then further information about being a Volunteer Police Cadet is available on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website.

[Find out more here](#)

Peterborough Sparx Project

Sir Graham visited the Peterborough Sparx Project on 26th February to hand out certificates to children who have shown a marked improvement in their approach to engaging in positive activities and building relationships.

Located at the Charteris Centre in Welland, the Sparx project aims to reduce anti-social behaviour through various programmes and activities. Part funded by the Commissioner, the project aims to get young people actively involved in the planning, fundraising and promoting of the work.

Churches Together in Central Peterborough support two youth projects: The Sparx project and Inspirations Studio that work together to provide youth work in the City Centre, Welland and Hampton. The programme that the Commissioner helped to fund in Welland will also be introduced in the other two areas. The young people involved will then help the staff team to plan and organise a summer of trips and activities.

The Churches Together team works closely with Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire Constabulary to provide opportunities and support for young people and the local communities they serve.

Useful Links:



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Surgeries / Contact Points

Details about local surgeries, Police Contact Points and other events where Sir Graham Bright or other PCC representatives will be present are regularly updated and listed on the Cambridgeshire PCC website. Click the link below for details:

[Find out more here](#)

HATE CRIME

Members of the public are able to report incidents of hate crime anonymously. Hate Crime affects people in many different forms including race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability. Simply click the link below to visit the 'Hate Crime' website:

[Find out more here](#)

CURRENT DRINK / DRIVE LIMITS

Sir Graham invites you to give your opinion on current drink/drive limits in England in an on-line poll.

Given the recent change in the Scottish Drink & Drive limits, Sir Graham believes that the same legislation should be considered in England.

To take part in this on-line poll (it will only take a few moments of your time) just click the link below.

[Find out more here](#)

MAKING CONTACT:

I know that it is important that you can keep up to date with what my Deputy, my team and I are doing. I am here to represent the public ensuring the voice of the people is heard and that the police are accountable to the public.

I pledged to be the voice of the people. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 4

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Subject: PRESS RELEASE - Police numbers maintained despite budget cuts ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]~

From the office of Sir Graham Bright, Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire

18 March 2015

Police numbers maintained despite budget cuts

A report highlighting the scale of cost savings achieved by Cambridgeshire Constabulary was presented to Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Panel meeting today (18 March) by Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright.

The panel were told that savings achieved between 2013/14 and 2015/16 amount to £13.3 million. These savings have been made without reducing the number of frontline officers. The number of officers in 2015/16 will be 1,343 with 990 of these being local policing officer posts. A total of 816 police staff and 150 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are also included in the budget. There will also be 300 Special Constables.

Commenting on the budget Sir Graham said: "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in meeting these savings targets over the last three years. Everyone has risen to the challenge of finding savings in every corner of the organisation to help balance the budget. In particular I would like to thank Chief Constable Simon Parr and my deputy, Brian Ashton, who have worked tirelessly with me to ensure Cambridgeshire Constabulary are on a strong financial footing as we move forward. To be in this position without having had to reduce officer numbers is a fantastic achievement."

However, Sir Graham recognises that the task is nowhere near complete and that the biggest challenges are yet to come: "Savings over the coming years will be of a similar scale to those already achieved. Whilst we can be proud of the way the savings have been managed so far, the savings we need to achieve moving forward will require some tough decisions and changes to the way we work. The savings needed cannot be accomplished through small improvements in efficiency. It will require innovative thinking by my Office and by the Constabulary."

Future savings requirements are known and are being planned for. One of the ways that significant savings are expected to be made is through collaborating with other forces, notably with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary. A Strategic Alliance has been agreed between the three forces who now collaborate on areas such as Roads Policing, Major Crime and Procurement. Teams across the Alliance are preparing plans to find further savings and several other areas of potential collaboration are being explored.

At the same time there has been a significant investment in the adoption of modern mobile technology. Officers are being equipped with smart phones and tablets with the ability to examine 27 databases

automatically and enable simultaneous completion of multiple administrative forms. This offers significant potential savings to back office functions.

Through careful management of resources it has been possible to focus effort on some of the most vulnerable members of society, most visibly demonstrated through the Victims' Hub which was established last year to help victims of crime cope and recover from their experiences.

Sir Graham notes: "I am fully aware that what the public want to see from their Police Force is greater visibility of uniformed officers. People want to see Bobbies on the beat with local officers patrolling the towns and villages. However, we have to operate in the reality of the budget we have available and the work we have to do to keep people safe. The new technology we are deploying will enable officers to receive and send real time information and reduce the need to return to a fixed base to complete paperwork. While I am not able to guarantee we will be able to maintain the same number of officers in the long term, the steps we are taking now help maximise the effectiveness and visibility of officers in the communities they serve."

Ends

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About The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Sir Graham Bright is the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire.

Police and Crime Commissioners have responsibility for delivering an efficient and effective police service in their area. Commissioners set police and crime objectives, the police budget and issue crime and disorder reduction grants through the [Police and Crime Plan](#). Commissioners also hold the police to account, making them answerable to the public.

Further details can be found on the [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner website](#)

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AGENDA ITEM No. 4

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From: Rebecca Avery <Rebecca.Avery@cambs.pnn.police.uk>
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Subject: Volunteering within Cambridgeshire Constabulary ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]~

Good Afternoon,

Having been around and about talking to residents and trying to learn the South Cambridgeshire Area the past few weeks, I have picked up one particularly recurring theme: Speeding!

Speeding has been raised in a number of areas as being a high priority issue to residents. If speeding motorists are going to be combated efficiently, particularly in rural areas, then input from local volunteers alongside police efforts is essential.

Sir Graham holds the contribution and commitment of volunteers across all areas of the constabulary in the highest esteem. Alongside 'Community Speed Watch Co-ordinators', there are a number of areas where the police are looking to recruit Voluntary Support.

Please see the link below to vacancies for Police Service Volunteers:

https://tri-force.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-cambs_ext/brand-4/xf-7c9c56a66ba6/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/

I would be grateful if you could circulate this to any interested parties and please see the Constabulary website for more of an overview: <http://www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/volunteers>

Best Wishes,

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Become a Police Support Volunteer

Do you want to get involved in your community?

Have you considered volunteering?

Police support volunteers are people who give time and enthusiasm to make a difference to their community. We're looking for committed people who will help us create a safer Cambridgeshire.

No particular experience is required and we will provide you with all the necessary training, support and development. So, if you can give a few hours each week, then becoming a police support volunteer could be for you.

When you volunteer, you'll become part of Cambridgeshire Constabulary and learn about how your local police force works. You may want to utilise your existing skills, enhance your CV, or just meet new people. In return, we'll help you gain valuable skills and provide you with training for your specific role.

Volunteers can assist in a variety of ways, such as:

- Supporting the Major Crime Unit
- Co-ordinating Speed Watch
- Contacting and helping victims of crime
- Operating CCTV
- Working on crime reduction initiatives
- Helping out with IT and administration
- Volunteering with our local policing teams on community engagement projects

As long as you are aged 18 or over and have the commitment and passion to work with our communities then we want to hear from you.

To find out what roles we have available and how to apply, please click [here](#)

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