

# CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

## **Police Matters**

- 4.1 Police report from PCSO David Jackson (copy attached).
- 4.2 Connect: Update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – August 2015 (copy attached).
- 4.3 Email from Police inspector James Sutherland regarding Anti-Slavery Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- 4.4 Email from PC Kevin Murphy regarding South Cambs Police - Solutions to Parking Problems

Cambourne Parish Council  
Police Report August 2015  
Period 4<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August

For this period there have been 112 Incidents for the area with 73 in Cambourne. For the same period last year there were a total of 105 incidents reported with 71 in Cambourne, the most frequent calls received were:-

9 x Domestic disputes

8 x Concerns for welfare – Persons attempting suicide and persons missing from home

5 x Advice messages

There have been 22 crimes reported for the area with 17 being in Cambourne, compared to 18 crimes for the same period last year, with 12 in Cambourne.

The most frequent being: -

4 x Theft

4 x Criminal damage

3 x Common Assault

At the time of writing none of the above has been detected, and four have been 'non-crimes' due to insufficient evidence

The Police contact point in Morrison's supermarket is operating and I will be in attendance on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September between 10 and midday, and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 6 and 8pm

Welcome to the August edition of our monthly newsletter in which I highlight the recent progress we've made to enhance our response to crime in Cambridgeshire.

Low-level crime is a prominent theme in this month's newsletter, as you will see from the updates we feature on bicycle and mobile phone theft. While it rarely makes the headlines, these crimes have a significant impact on public confidence and feelings of safety. These low-level crimes affect more people – ordinary, hard-working people who can find the experience deeply upsetting.

These issues are every bit as damaging to people's feeling of safety confidence as the more serious threats facing our communities. Low-level crime should never be tolerated or regarded as inevitable. We are working hard to toughen our approach by building stronger intelligence processes, analysing trends and communicating what we learn back to the public so that they can adequately protect themselves. We are also supporting diversionary projects which steer young people away from this type of criminal behaviour.

We all have a right to enjoy a pleasant and peaceful life that is free from fear and both the Constabulary and I are determined to protect these basic human needs against every type of criminal threat posed. Your help is invaluable in this process. As ever I urge everyone living and working in the county to play their part in keeping our streets safe by remaining vigilant, reporting suspicious behaviour and following crime prevention advice to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

**Sir Graham Bright**  
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner



## Tackling Cycle Theft

Cycle theft remains a concern across Cambridgeshire and is an issue frequently raised during police meetings. In Cambridge City, a cycle theft task group has been launched to coordinate efforts to reduce the number of cycles stolen and identify prolific offenders.

A host of organisations are working together to address the issue including Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Station Cycles, Cambridge City Council Cycling/Walking Officer, Cambridge University, British Transport Police (BTP) and Neighbourhood Watch.



The task force will conduct visits to known hotspots to assess whether cycles are being locked securely, that locks are up to the recommended gold standard and whether security measures are being used to make it harder for thieves. The team also aims to encourage more cycle owners to provide their frame number when reporting theft which helps the police reunite owners with their stolen property more quickly.

As many as seven cycles are stolen every day in Cambridge City. Cycle theft is not a victimless crime and can cause great inconvenience and financial hardship to its victims.

[Find out more here](#)



## National Survey Set To Lift The Lid On Rural Crime

More than 17,000 people across the UK took part in a national survey to highlight the needs of people living and working in rural areas.

The survey was launched by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) - a multi-agency think tank that champions a better understanding of rural crime and delivers effective ways to keep rural communities safer.

The organisation attracted responses from all corners of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and of those who took part, 12,369 were from people living or owning businesses in rurally classified geographic wards.

The needs of people living in rural communities were recently featured on the BBC's Countryfile Programme which included an interview with the Network's Chair and North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan. A huge amount of data has been collected and the network is now analysing the details and considering recommendations.



**NRCN**  
National Rural Crime Network

[See the Countryfile piece](#)

## Restorative Justice Services

Victims of crime in Cambridgeshire now have access to a range of restorative justice services to assist their recovery.

Restorative justice gives victims of crime the chance to meet or communicate with their offender within a controlled environment. It gives the victim a chance to explain the harm that has been caused and to find a way to repair that harm. It also helps offenders to recognise the impact of what they've done, take responsibility and make amends.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is working with partners and volunteers across the county to offer a range of restorative justice options to empower victims, ensure their voice is heard and help them move on from their experiences.

If you have been a victim of crime or would like more information about restorative justice in Cambridgeshire please call 0800 781 6818 or email [restorativejustice@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:restorativejustice@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

[Find out more here](#)

## Motorcycle Safety Campaign

As one of the most vulnerable users of the county's roads, the safety of motorcyclists remains a concern for Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Five motorcyclists were killed and 84 seriously injured in the county in 2014. In an effort to promote safer driving habits, a month-long THINK! campaign is running throughout

August. The campaign encourages motorcyclists to make the most of further training to help develop their riding and awareness skills.

Motorcyclists are 38 times more likely than car occupants to be killed per mile they ride. Being extra vigilant could help riders to avoid a fatal or life-changing accident.

The force will publish videos online as part of the campaign featuring Force Collision Investigator Simon Burgin offering advice about bike safety checks and personal protection equipment



[Find out more here](#)



## Mobile Phone Theft

Opportunistic crime often increases during the summer months as more people venture outside to enjoy the warmer weather leading to an increase in theft of mobile phones from coffee shops, restaurants, internet cafes and other public venues.

### IMMOBILISE

Cambridge City is a prime target for thieves and officers have been routinely conducting patrols of known hotspot areas in plain clothes, analysing CCTV footage and delivering crime prevention messages to shop staff and customers to help warn of common tactics.

To reduce the chance of being targeted, customers are advised not to leave mobile phone handsets on display on the table in front of them – even if it is within reach. Criminals will typically distract the victim by covering the handset before stealing it. Police recommend downloading handset tracking apps on phones to increase the chance of a stolen mobile phone being returned to its rightful owner.

If you don't wish to use a handset tracking device, make a note of the unique serial number (IMEI) of your mobile phone, located on the outside of the original packaging near the barcode or enter \*#06# on the phone's call screen. You can enter the details on a property register website such as [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which Cambridgeshire Constabulary uses when lost or stolen property is recovered.



## Prevention Top of the Agenda

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright joined forces with the Police and Crime Commissioners Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire (collectively known as BeNCH) at a conference in July to focus on crime prevention.

The conference brought together key organisations from across the four counties to discuss how, in the light of the



current financial climate, we could all work together more effectively to prevent people from offending in the first instance and also prevent reoffending.

The Commissioners launched a new BeNCH Reducing Offending Board to proactively drive forward work aimed at reducing offending and reoffending.

[Find out more here](#)

## New Police Recruits Take to the Streets of Cambridgeshire



Sixteen newly qualified police officers graduated from their training programme this month during a special passing out parade.

The officers, who have all completed 16 weeks' training at the Learning and Development Training Centre at Monks Wood, near Alconbury, celebrated the end of their initial policing training at a ceremony attended by Chief Constable Simon Parr and Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright.

The officers have now been posted across the county. Congratulating the constables on their training

achievements, Sir Graham said: "It always gives me enormous pleasure to welcome new recruits into the Cambridgeshire policing family. Their enthusiasm, pride and commitment does them great credit and I am sure they will all have rewarding and fulfilling careers."



## New Outreach Worker



This month we welcome Emily Gutteridge to the Police and Crime Commissioner's office who is taking over from Nicola Fenton as Sir Graham Bright's Outreach Worker for Peterborough and Fenland. Emily joins the team having worked as a research analyst with a track record of stakeholder engagement in both the private and charity sector.

Emily will be working closely with local people and community groups, as well as attending community events and public meetings across the region in order to better understand the needs and concerns of the people of Peterborough and Fenland.

Commenting on her new role, Emily said: "I am thrilled to be starting my new role as outreach worker and look forward to meeting with both the public and partner agencies, to hear the views of the community and ensure these views are fed back to the Police and Crime Commissioner".

## Protect Yourself Online

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has issued advice to help residents protect themselves against fraudulent activity while online.

There are many types of internet scams in operation but people can safeguard themselves against fraudulent emails by asking themselves these simple questions:

- Do you know the sender?
- Does the email contain misspellings designed to trick spam filters?
- Does a virus warning appear?
- Does the subject match the contents?

If the answer is no, don't trust it – delete it.

Other top tips include:

- Your bank will never ask you to click on a link to confirm your bank details.
- If you didn't enter the competition why have you been sent a link showing you what you've won?
- Make sure you have anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed and keep it up to date!

Anyone who thinks they've been the victim of cyber-crime should report it to Action Fraud via [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 1232040.

**ActionFraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

## Volunteer Police Cadets Honoured

Dozens of young Volunteer Police Cadets earned their right to represent Cambridgeshire Constabulary within their communities at a formal passing out ceremony at Ely Cathedral.

The young people, all aged between 13 and 16, took their service oath in front of a crowd of distinguished guests including the Mayor of Ely, Cllr Lis Every, and Cambridgeshire's High Sheriff, Captain Victor Lucas, at the formal event last month (July).



The graduation ceremony followed an intensive 13-week induction programme aimed at preparing the cadets to volunteer within their local

neighbourhoods. As they take on their roles, the youngsters will work towards completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

In addition to weekly meetings, the cadets will also be able to volunteer in their local neighbourhood, support police teams at public events, deliver crime prevention advice to the public and carry out mystery shopper activities for age-restricted items.

The cadet scheme was launched by Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright last year as part of his commitment to supporting young people in fulfilling their potential.



## Useful Links:



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Surgeries / Contact Points

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

[Find out more here](#)

### Community Safety Partnerships

- [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](#)

## 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.

You can visit:  
[www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

You can follow me:



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# AGENDA ITEM No. 4.3

Liz Pinchen

**From:** alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk  
**Sent:** 31 July 2015 16:12  
**To:** clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Area Commander Udate- I Need Your Help 31/07/2015 16:11:55 [119911]



## Area Commander Udate- I need your help

This is a message sent via eCops. This information has been sent on behalf of Cambridgeshire Constabulary



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**Message sent by**

James Sutherland (Police, Chief Inspector, South Cambridgeshire)

Good Afternoon South Cambs Resident,

I hope that this email finds you well and that you are enjoying our fine (if mixed) Summer so far.

As the subject line of this email states- I need your help. There are many types of crime that affect us here in South Cambs but none as shocking as human trafficking and slavery. Many of us would quite justifiably think that slavery had long been consigned to the history books but as recent media reporting has shown, it not only exists but is a growing force.

It would be easy to think of this as something that is happening abroad or confined to our cities. I'm afraid that I have to tell you that slavery and exploitation are happening right here, under our noses. As commander of local policing this is something that sits very heavily on my conscience and I am determined to do everything in my power to drive it out, but I need your help to do this.

The greatest challenge we face when tackling slavery is that it doesn't look like it used to do. Modern day slavers don't need chains and manacles- their methods are far more insidious and this can allow it to pass almost un-noticed: possibly even in your street. To tackle this menace we therefore need to raise awareness about how modern slavery manifests itself- how to spot the tell tale signs and how to safely report concerns and suspicions to the police.

With this in mind and with the help of our partners in South Cambs District Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner we are holding an anti-slavery day on **Saturday 17th October 2015 between 10am- 1pm** in the council chamber at SCDC. The summit will include award winning films from our partner charity 'Unchosen', presentations from guest speakers and a panel of experts who will be able to answer any questions that you have about modern day slavery. My goal is to have every village in South Cambs represented by a delegate and I would like to invite **you** to represent your community.



The role of the delegate will be two-fold. Firstly to attend our summit and learn all about modern day slavery. Secondly to spread the word in your local community by writing a piece for your local village newsletter or magazine after the summit about what you've seen and learnt.

If you would be interested in representing your village and helping your local officers defeat slavery please contact me directly by responding to this email and I will be able to answer any of your questions and provide more details.

With thanks in advance for your support,

Chief Inspector James Sutherland  
Area Commander- South Cambs Police

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# AGENDA ITEM No. 4.4

Liz Pinchen

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**From:** Kevin Murphy <Kevin.Murphy@cambs.pnn.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2015 16:46  
**To:**

**Subject:** South Cambs police - solutions to problem parking

Dear all,

Please find attached a report from Inspector Isley, Safer Neighbourhood Manager for South Cambs district. It follows meetings on the Cambourne, Histon and Sawston areas to discuss the issue of problem parking and the options available to address this.

I have included the contacts for the parish councils which constitute Cambourne area from the lists we hold, or the parish council websites. Apologies if any of these are incorrect – if any need to be amended please advise.

If there is interest from your parish in the Community Parking Fund, please notify the PCSO for your village, myself or Inspector Isley (richard.isley@cambs.pnn.police.uk) as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

PC 1477 Murphy  
Cambourne Police Station.

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Dear Parish Councillors.

First of all let me begin by thanking you for attending our meetings to discuss the ongoing issues felt by your communities in relation to nuisance or inconsiderate parking. I do know there were a number that would have liked to have come but simply couldn't for a number of reasons.

The purpose of this email was to update those who couldn't attend and to remind those that did of what was said for further discussions in your meetings.

I recall that some of the parishes hadn't been represented at the Spring Policing Panel meetings and were unaware of why it had become necessary to have an additional conversation about parking.



At the panels Chief Inspector Sutherland gave an overview of where the Police felt we were in terms of reduced crimes in our neighbourhoods and the issues the Police faced in maintaining our focus with ever reducing resources. The Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership 12 month priorities of protecting the vulnerable were explained as was how and why it was necessary to risk assess and prioritise how we would conduct our business over the next 12 months.

We took many questions from attendees and it's fair to say that there were several on issues of thoughtless and inconsiderate parking.

The Police position is clear. We cannot do what we have always done any longer. We will not prioritise action against nuisance parking unless there is a clear risk of harm coming to someone. The County and I review all incidents of collisions where there has been a fatality or serious injury to ascertain what can be done to prevent recurrence. There have been no such incidents in South Cambs in the past 12 months where visibility reduced by parked vehicles has been a significant factor.

The panel attendees asked us to consider what options were available to the community to deal with the problem for themselves. We discussed;

1. ***Could the Police provide a form of words on headed notepaper that could be printed and placed on offending vehicles.***

I do not support this;

Volunteers would be acting without support or the sort of protective equipment that PCs and PCSOs wear.

Some people become irrationally violent when they see strangers touching their vehicles.

There was a high likelihood of an ugly confrontation in the street – I would hate for a well-meaning volunteer to be assaulted because of a process that I put in place.

There is the possibility of allegations of criminal damage made against volunteers.

Potential for discord within the community.

One area thought they might still do this albeit they accepted they would need to come up with the format themselves and take appropriate precautions.

2. ***Could the Constabulary create a parking version of Speed Watch whereby we are sent an image of an illegally parked vehicle and we write to the RO.***

We cannot support this option;

We would be overwhelmed by images of vehicles which may not actually be illegally parked (waiting, actually still moving but doesn't appear so, not showing restrictions in images etc etc)

We would be overwhelmed by images of vehicles belonging to neighbours in the middle of neighbour disputes. We might have to employ someone to administrate the checks, the letters and the subsequent complaints and appeals processes.

The use of PNC for this purpose might not be lawful – access to the data on the system is only accessible for a policing purpose and for each check the officer conducting the check is personally liable.

3. ***Could the County take over responsibility of parking as in our major urban areas.***

We approached DC. At this time there are no plans to take this on.

Enquiries with County reveal;

A Parking Enforcement Officer costs about £30k PA when taking into account salary, employment, administration, pension costs etc.

+ Office Costs

+ an appeals and admin process team

+ Vehicle

The County Council estimate a scheme for an area the size of SC would cost £150k PA. Initially this would need to be met by a rise in the precept.

Long term it might self-fund as unlike with Police, ticket revenue does not go direct to the Chancellor and can be used to self-fund the scheme. Long term you would all need to be sure that it could consistently issue 100+ tickets a week or inevitably there would have to be a rise in taxes. Personally I think that would be achievable

initially but I doubt it would beyond six months.

Moving responsibility for parking enforcement to County is a legal process involving ministerial support. It would not be simple to reverse (I'm not sure it's ever been done) and once it's gone across Police/ PCSO cannot continue to issue tickets for offences other than obstruction.

4. **Can Parishes buy a PCSO just to do parking complaints – Could we hire a PCSO on overtime.**

PCSO costs about the same as PEO with on costs too. Additionally they're over-qualified for the role of simply disrupting nuisance parking.

PCSO normally cost about £45 an hour if required for an event – this is partly due to administration costs.

An option may be the offer from the parishes of a conditional grant to a Community Parking Fund. This would allow the Constabulary to consume the administration costs and do its bit to help.

A grant of £1k would allow a PCSO to be deployed for 42 hours outside of their normal duties on voluntary overtime.

Some of the parishes are quite small and perhaps they could join a syndicate with others - we would prefer it not to be more than 4 to a syndicate and remain within the geographic Policing Panel Areas to make it manageable and give value.

We would recommend that the hours are spread over 6 months. This makes finding volunteers easier and also would tend to make the period of enforcement longer to potentially change behaviours.

Areas for attention should be determined by the parishes however ultimately discretion of whether to ticket or educate remains with the PCSO.

Would be managed by their area Policing Team and a breakdown of activity would be given to the parishes.

Revenue generated would not go to the Police or parishes but still go to the Chancellor.

Overtime would include travelling to the parish – the Constabulary would do its best to ensure the PCSO started at the local Police Station.

Should the PCSO be taken away for a major incident that time would not be deducted from the parishes' hours.

Can I ask that you take this information away to your meetings for further discussions. There is of course an unwritten option which is that you choose to do nothing and we stay as we are dealing with issues as we come across them but not prioritising parking as a day to day issue.

Can I ask that if you would like to discuss the Community Parking Fund as an option for your parish that you come back to us as early as you can in September please (I think a few of you have meetings mid-September so as soon as you reasonably can after would be great).

Kind Regards.

Richard.

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