



Welcome to the May edition

There's a definite theme of road safety in this month's newsletter. From BikeSafe to the introduction of new fines for excessive speeding, I am fully supportive of any initiatives which help keep people safe on our roads. Drivers need to understand they are in charge of a potentially lethal weapon: driving carelessly can result in devastating consequences for both drivers and other road users.

I welcome the overall 'good' rating in HMIC's recent State of Policing 2016 report for Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Effectiveness and Legitimacy, issued in April. I am not complacent and recognise that we need to look at ways to continually improve, particularly given the changing nature and complexity of crime. The Constabulary has made significant progress in understanding current and future demand but there is clearly more work to do to improve on the Efficiency rating given by HMIC which I am working with the Chief Constable to address.

I fully echo Sir Thomas Winsor's comments in the report regarding the demand put on the police as a result of other public services cutting costs. Whilst no one wishes to see vulnerable people suffering or in crisis, it is for the appropriate public service to prevent and support those people, in the same way it is for the police service to prevent crime, deal with offences and support victims.

Finally I would like to urge everyone to make sure they are registered to vote in the forthcoming General Election: the deadline is 22 May – if you are not already registered, follow the link [here](#).



Jason Ablewhite, Police and Crime Commissioner

Jason is pictured with members of the [National Police Air Service](#) in front of the police helicopter during a recent visit to Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters in Huntingdon.



Outstanding efforts of individuals commended

Officers and members of the public were awarded for exceptional acts of selflessness, compassion and bravery at the Chief Constable's Commendation Ceremony on 20th April.

Presenting the awards with Chief Constable, Alec Wood, Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, said: "It was truly humbling to meet each and every one of the recipients. Their dedication to protecting the people of Cambridgeshire is inspirational and I am delighted to see them recognised."

[Find out more](#)



Ely ArtReach celebrates young artists

The talent of young artists in East Cambridgeshire was celebrated at a ceremony in Kings School in Ely, on 26 April.

Now in its second year, ArtReach 2017 encourages young people to engage with local police and showcase their talent. This year saw dozens of entries across four categories. Joining a panel of judges including Chief Constable, Alec Wood, Jason Ablewhite said:

"ArtReach is a great way for our local police officers to get closer to young people and understand what matters to them in their communities. I have been hugely impressed by the standard of creativity this year – judging the winners has not been easy!"

[Find out more](#)



Whose world are you?

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Andy Coles is supporting a new road safety campaign to encourage bikers to take extra care on the roads.

The campaign reminds bikers that to the world, they are just one person, but to one person, they're the world.

Andy is pictured with his wife Louise.

[Find out more](#)



Officer completes third marathon

A police officer who knows first-hand what it's like to suffer with depression ran his third London marathon last month to raise money for Mind.

PC Iain Perry, who is based at Sawston Police Station, started running shortly after being diagnosed with depression in 2015. Iain has now completed three marathons in a single month, in Manchester (April 2), Brighton (April 9) and London (April 23).

Iain is asking people to give up their takeaway coffee for one day and donate £2.50 to Mind instead. To donate, click on the link.

[Find out more](#)



Force receives high performance motorbike

Cambridgeshire Police have been given a Ducati Multistrada 1200S, worth £16,000 to promote road safety in the county. The bike was donated by Highways England and will be with the force for three years.

The high performance motorbike will be used to support BikeSafe, a police-led motorcycle project run to reduce the number of bikers killed or seriously injured on the roads.

[Find out more](#)



New fines for excessive speeding

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite has welcomed new speeding fines for excessive speeding.

Under new guidelines, fines for drivers caught doing 51mph in a 30mph zone or 101mph on a motorway will start from 150% of weekly income, rather than the previous level of 100%.

Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite said: "Every death or life changing injury which happens as a result of speeding is one too many. These incidents have devastating consequences for the victims and their friends and families, and the community. I am fully supportive of the new fines."



New vehicle workshop open for business

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite visited the force's recently opened vehicle workshop with Chief Constable, Alec Wood on April 18.

The workshop, operational since March 24, brings all vehicle maintenance under one roof, replacing out-dated buildings in March, Cambridge and Peterborough. Jason said: "This is a great example of how modern facilities can support the changing requirements of operational policing and support services. Having this facility centrally located, will mean officers spend less time travelling for their vehicles to be fixed."



Commissioner seeks new Engagement Officer

Are you good at listening and finding solutions to complex issues? The Commissioner is looking for a new Engagement Officer whose role is to listen to people, respond to their issues and work in partnership with local agencies and voluntary organisations to identify and deliver a solution. If you think this might be you, click on the link below.

The role is based at Constabulary Headquarters in Huntingdon and involves travel across the county.

[Find out more](#)

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:

7th June, 10.00 am – 12 noon, Parkside Fire Station, Cambridge

6th July, 10.00 am - 12 noon, Sawston Parish Council, Sawston

15th August, 10.00 am – 12 noon, Wisbech Police Station, Wisbech

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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