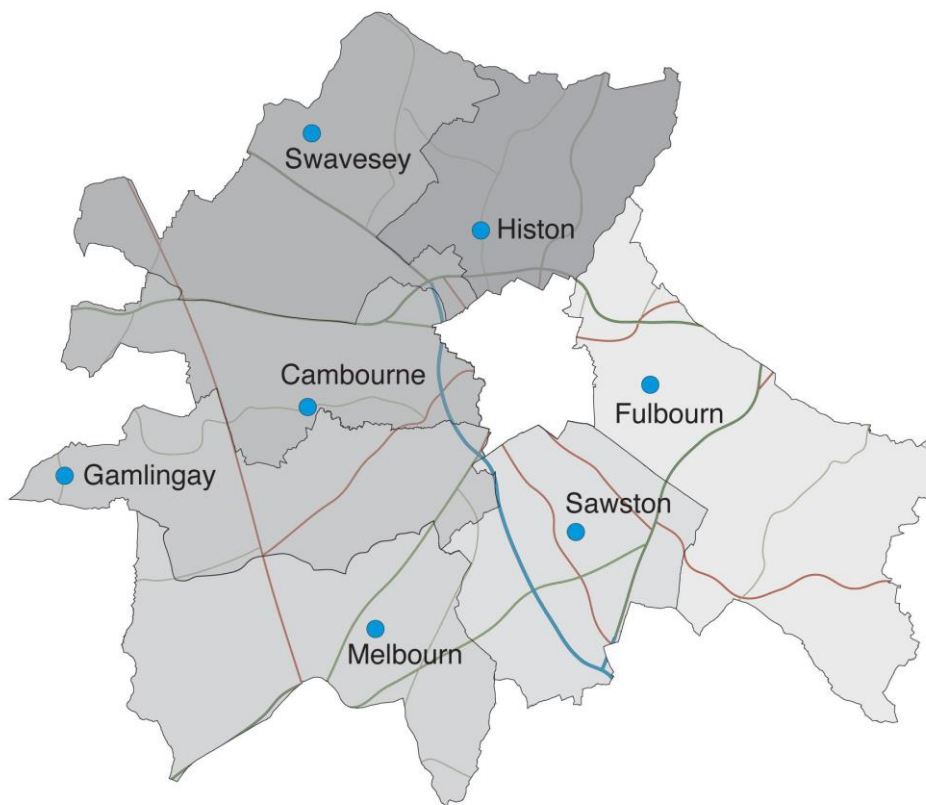




South Cambridgeshire Policing Command Area Meetings



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Welcome!

This document is presented prior to the next public meetings are to be held at;

Sawston Sector - Panel Meeting – to be held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.30pm at Sawston Village College, Classroom G5 in the Henry Morris building.

Cambourne Sector - Panel Meeting – to be held on Wednesday 18th October 2017 7.30pm at Cambourne Village College.

Histon Sector - Panel Meeting – to be held on Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7.30p.m. The Pavillion, Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road, Girton, CB30FH.

Crime and ASB data for your neighbourhood can be found at www.police.uk and can be accessed by anyone. The aim of a panel area meeting is:

- For the Police to highlight trends in crime and anti-social behaviour, and be available to discuss these in a public forum.
- Listen and take note of concerns presented by individuals, parish councils, volunteer organisations such as Neighbourhood and Speed Watch, elected members and other residents or local associations.
- For the panel to decide areas of concern for the community and Police to consider prioritising as part of local Policing.
- To provide an update on the actions taken in regards to chosen priorities or other emerging trends.

1. Update from Sergeant's Tim Cleary & Mark Rabel

Within this sector, there remain 3 dedicated Police Constables and 13 Police Community Safety Officers. Additionally we have just taken on a Home Officer initiative Police Now Constable Eleanor Bacchus who is being assigned to the Orchard Park / Meddows Estate areas. Police Now is a two-year programme, which sees graduates working as dedicated neighbourhood officers. They will have the opportunity to showcase their problem solving skills and leadership potential, while making a difference in the most challenging areas across the county.

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The Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) activities have completed work in their respective Evidence Based Policing Microbeat areas, the results of this work are now being analysed.

In this command area, the Constabulary in conjunction with South Cambs District Council lead the monthly Problem Solving Group meeting. At this meeting problematic and vulnerable individuals are discussed by the group of professional attendees and a multi-agency strategy tailored to deal with them are agreed and actioned. It is very effective. Representatives at this meeting include Housing, Education, Fire, NHS, Council, Mental Health and Exclusion staff.

Op Hunter events have been hosted as a village crime prevention initiative where we have worked with the local Parish Council to support a venue in their village where for one evening our Officers can work from. Officers have gone out into the village and knocked on as many households they could, offering free security advice and home security surveys. Security products have been sold at these events including Smart Water kits and at each event a presentation was delivered by a senior officer in relation to crime trends in the area. During this period we have held events in Fulbourn, Hardwick and Willingham.

Summer has traditionally seen a seasonal rise in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). This has not been the case this year. We continue to work closely with individuals, groups, communities and locations to understand the often complex issues and provide holistic support alongside enforcement as necessary. Sgt Cleary is continuing with the "Safer Spaces" initiative. He is looking for villages to form engagement pilot sites - to work innovatively and collectively in partnership to address the wider issues and concerns of ASB.

Warrant and other proactive work continues to pay dividends across the district. This has seen significant disruption to drugs supply, ASB and demand for service.

Also over the summer period our area has experienced a number of problems in several villages with large groups of people in caravans setting up camp sites in public spaces

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around Fulbourn, Papworth, Cambourne and the Shelford areas. A small amount of crime and disorder along with community disruption has been reported as a result of these camp sites. The Constabulary have to use a high threshold to evoke Section 61 powers of the Crime and Disorder Act to effect an immediate removal of unlawful encampments. Where these encampments take place we will with Local Authorities conduct a risk assessment and then take a measured response. With the exception of one instance where section 61 was used, the remaining times, the Local Authority – County Council & Parish Council have taken out their own injunctions and employed bailiffs to remove people unlawfully camped.

We continue to receive reports regarding ‘boy racers’ using Milton Park and Ride. We have previously spent time working in the area. Options available included;

- **Section 165 Road Traffic Act 1988** - power to seize vehicles driven without licence / insurance. (High Way)
- **Vehicles Used Anti-Socially - Under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002** drivers of vehicles deemed to be causing distress, alarm or annoyance can have their vehicles seized if their behaviour continues following specific warning by a police officer under the legislation.
- Examples of anti-social use of vehicles include:
- driving mini-motos and scooters around fields and public open spaces, road rage, intimidating gatherings of young drivers in public areas, cruise events, obstructions and illegal parking, illegal off-roading, abandoned vehicles. The owner may reclaim the vehicle from the garage concerned upon payment of the statutory fees. The Police will not be liable for any charges

From the work completed during the year suggest that the reports come from a limited source rather than a wider community, it is very possible that they report any loud vehicles traveling along the A10 – a fast road.

More recently there have been several reports of nuisance youths and mopeds in the Orchard Park area. A number of individuals have been identified and options are being considered.

We successfully stopped an unauthorised Rave in Barton where the event organiser had planned for up to 5000 people to attend the event including people from the age of 16 years old. By working with the landowner and South Cambs District Council we were able to stop the event and have it publically cancelled using Social Media.

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We work closely with South Cambs District Council in relation to licensable activities. We have conducted a number of licencing visits – which include checking the premises licence and any relevant conditions and their adherence as well as drugs testing within the premises. The completed visit and summary report is then passed back to the Licencing Authority for their consideration and action.

We have had further white collar Boxing events applied for to be hosted within our district. Direct experience has now shown that that these unlicensed events may pose a risk to the public as well as participants and result in disorder. The Constabulary will consider very carefully whether to agree these events or not, but the threshold to ensure public safety in line with the Licencing Objectives will come first.

The Constabulary has on-line crime and incident reporting via its website. Anonymous information can also be submitted. <https://www.contactcambspolice.uk/Report/>

- 2. Dates of the next Panel Meetings are (venues to be confirmed);**
Histon 13/02/2018
Sawston 14/02/2018
Cambourne 15/02/2018

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