

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 3rd November 2020

POLICE MATTERS

Several Dwelling (home) burglaries have occurred within the last 4 weeks, in which Suspects have targeted jewellery / Vehicle keys. We have also had heavy equipment targeted on the new West Cambourne site whereby offenders were looking for Keys to machinery, possibly looking to target cash points / post offices in the local area.

Please remind residents to be extra vigilant, Do Not Leave Keys in plain sight, Close curtains, keep valuables locked away and Marked

Alarms are useful and more residents seem to be installing these alongside CCTV cameras, most new ones can be viewed on your mobile devices.

Some other links to security measures can be found on the following: www.immobilise.com / www.creproducts.co.uk / www.smartwater.com / www.crimereduction.gov.uk/publicity_catalogue Plus look at your local Neighbourhood watch scheme's which you can find through your local parish council or on line at www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com

Youth ASB, Recent crime of damage to Monkfield school has been investigated and is now in the process of Officers handing ABC's (Acceptable behaviour Contracts) to those involved with meetings being arranged between the parents and a school representative.

Although this is 1 crime – the group are continuing to cause issue in and around the town. If seen please report!! We can only investigate and deal when we know the information and residents make a statement indicating or having CCTV, Phone images. We know there doing it so help us help you!

On another note – you will have seen the Chief Constables report on behalf of Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Budget Cuts, involving staff from all areas of the force going into consultation and Redundancy's over the next couple of months. This means that 80 Pcsos will be cut to 40 with all 80 being made redundant initially and reapplying for their posts. At present South Cambs wards of 102 working from Sawston and Cambourne Police Station will be cut from 9 Pcsos to 4, But 2 Police Officers will increase to 4 with the arrival of 2 New Police Now Officers in December? (Date to be confirmed). These 2 police now officers will be allocated to the two new towns in South Cambs (1xCambourne and 1xNorthstowe) and will undertake more local crime's and contacts within those parishes with the flexibility to be deployed as per force policy.

So, you might see a new Pcsos although the Job profile has not yet been made available so unsure how these new positions will work within the force or communities.

Halloween / Bonfire nights – although Covid has put play to many festivities around these events. The Police Force has indicated certain area's to which Officers/Staff will be deployed on the night to ensure limited Rowdy / nuisance behaviour does not occur – with the force already issuing two ten thousand pound fines to businesses / private

party's please stay safe, keep doors shut and do not engage in handing out sweets / treats and maintain the 2 meter rule.

Regards Cambourne Neighbourhood Team.