



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



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a safe place to live**

Chair of Community Safety Partnership

Lis Every has again been elected as the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Lis formally represented East Cambridgeshire District Council in her role as a district councillor, which she stepped down from earlier this year. She now represents the Third Sector through her work with the Voluntary and Community Action East Cambridgeshire (VCAEC) which is a member of the CSP. Lis is absolutely delighted to be able to continue to work with the Partnership.



Youth Fusion event proves popular

Youth Fusion events held over the summer to highlight services available for young people have proved to be a big hit.

The CSP attended each of the three events held in Soham, Bottisham and Littleport to raise awareness of the support available to young people.

Organiser Steph Jones, Communities and Partnerships Support Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: “We were blessed with perfect weather (if a bit hot!) for all three events and they all went really well. Really couldn’t have asked for better.

“The feedback we have collected from young people (and a few parents) has been overwhelmingly positive and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, us included!

“Littleport on Wednesday 23 August had, at our guess, as many as 400 people throughout the day including those enjoying activities inside the

building, which is an incredible turnout. So many of them were asking us to return.”

Steph and the team would like to thank everyone who helped make the events possible, especially the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner who funded the events.



**YOUTH
FUSION**



Health and Well Fair

On 3 September the Health and Well Fair event was held at Ely Country Park. Fun and free activities were provided to help physical wellbeing, as well as advice and support to help mental and financial wellbeing. The East Cambridgeshire District Council Community Safety Team were promoting the CSP, the toolkits available and there was a true and false quiz relating to knife crime.



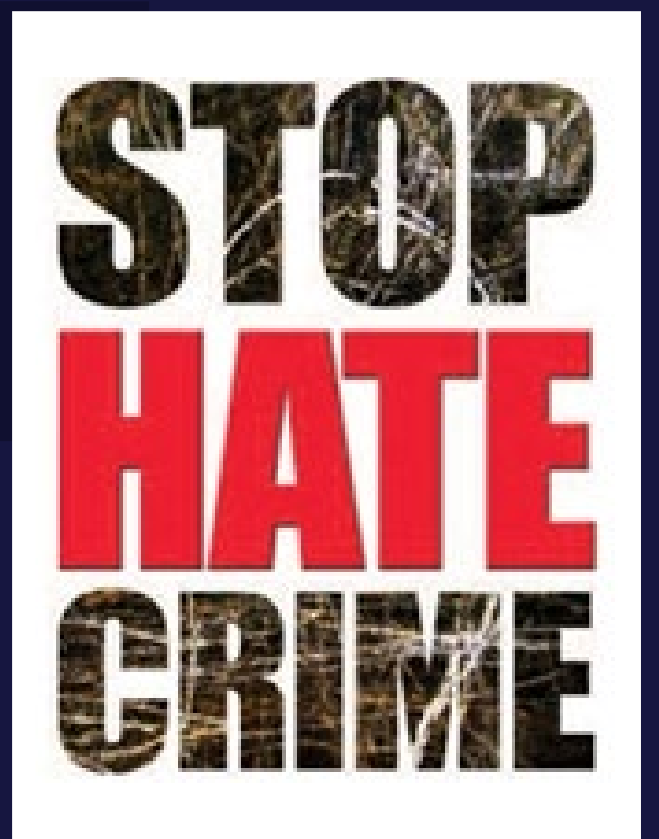
Multi-agency approach to ASB in Burwell

Following recent reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the recreation ground and other areas of Burwell, on Monday 21 August representatives from East Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Burwell Parish Council, attended Burwell to engage with residents and users of the area. Residents were encouraged to report incidents as they occur to the police.

The Parish Council is working with the CSP to look at new ways to tackle ASB.

Hate Crime Awareness Week

14-21 October 2023 is Hate Crime Awareness Week. If you are interested in Hate Crime Awareness training or becoming a third party hate crime reporting centre please contact the Community Safety Team at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 665555, asking for Emma, Harriet or Jo, or send an email to eyesandears@eastcambs.gov.uk





Community Eyes and Ears

The Community safety Team also offers a Community Eyes and Ears Training package designed to empower people to help keep local communities safe. Sometimes the professional forces just don't have a chance to see what is happening around us, and this is where we as a community and as individuals can make a real difference to the lives of people. The training is designed to empower you with knowledge and guide you with links to be able to spot and report potential issues in your community such as scams and fraud, cyber-crime, hate crime, children at risk, county lines, adults at risk, fires and many more.

To sign up please send an email to: eyesandears@eastcambs.gov.uk



East Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood policing team

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Drugs offences

A Misuse of Drugs warrant has been executed with a quantity of heroin being seized from an address in Littleport.

A recent Misuse of Drugs warrant was executed at an address in Wicken whereby £80,000 worth of cannabis plants were seized with all the growing equipment destroyed. A male at the address was arrested and charged with cultivation of cannabis and abstracting electricity.

East Cambs response officers have seized approximately 200 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin, thousands of pounds in cash and deal line phones from stop searches of vehicles carried out whilst on proactive patrols. This has resulted in four different dealers being imprisoned for a significant amount of time.

We have ongoing investigations into serious and organised crime and are carrying out regular proactive patrols and intelligence gathering into serious acquisitive crime.

Anti-social behaviour

We have carried out proactive anti-social behaviour patrols in response to criminal activity including, but not limited to, the recreation grounds at Soham, Burwell and Cheveley.

A comprehensive investigation into the arson at St John's skate park in Ely has identified suspects who have been interviewed and a charging decision is now being processed.

We have carried out numerous joint visits with housing associations in relation to anti-social behaviour and cuckooing. Based on intelligence received from the community and partner agencies, we have paid visits to people suspected of carrying knives or having illegal weapons in their properties. This has resulted in knuckle dusters, batons and sword sticks being seized and closer monitoring of suspects involved via a specific operation to monitor and tackle people who carry knives.

Youth events

We have attended the Youth Fusion events with the Neighbourhood and Community Safety Team, carrying out bike marking and registration with Bike Register. The bike marking kits were obtained through a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund and we will be carrying out further bike marking events.

Parking offences

Due to regular reports to police and the council, PCSO Harvey has been working on a project regarding the parking issues on Forehill in Ely and has issued 39 fixed penalty notices within a four-week period. Other options for tackling the parking issues in Ely are being explored by Superintendent Sutherland, East Cambridgeshire District Council and Highways. We will of course continue to deal with any dangerously parked vehicles or those causing a dangerous obstruction.

Problem solving group

The problem-solving group meeting that I chair every month is growing in members from various partner agencies and I am keen to have as many partner agencies as possible to help keep the community safe. We currently have 13 items on the agenda which we are collectively resolving.

We are still carrying out our community engagement meetings every three months which all members of the community are welcome to attend. These are advertised online and via social media. Inspector Simon Birch and I attend, and we look forward to seeing you there!

We are holding 'Coffee with a Cop' meetings throughout East Cambs on a regular basis, which is an opportunity for those who would like to speak face to face with an officer to voice their concerns, or just to say hello!

The key to our success with working within the Community Safety Partnership is the sharing of information, drawing on the support of partner agencies and the community. It is also imperative that we all encourage the members of the community to report criminal matters and intelligence to the police. After all, if we don't know about it, we can't act on it!

Police Cadets speed watch session

In July, East Cambridgeshire's police cadets conduct a speed watch session in various locations in Haddenham, with support from their cadet leaders, Lizzi Wales the Community Co-ordinator (young people and families) and Harriet Sugg, East Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Safety and ASB officer. Vehicles speeds and vehicle makes were noted down in the areas with the new 20 MPH limit.



Safer Communities Fund

The following applications have been successful in receiving financial support from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund:

Youth Fusion events

Solar CCTV at Pauline's swamp in Burwell to prevent further criminal damage in the area.

CCTV at the Lighthouse in Ely to provide security to users of the Lighthouse

Bike marking kits for East Cambridgeshire police

Shop Watch packs to be developed and distributed to businesses across East Cambridgeshire

If you would like to find out more about this fund please contact Jo via email Joanne.Andow@eastcambs.gov.uk

Spiking awareness training

Pubs, restaurants and other related organisations were invited to attend free spiking awareness training on Monday 3 July. The two-hour nationally accredited course run by Stamp Out Spiking took place at The Maltings in Ely. The training from Stamp Out Spiking was a great success thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund. The training was attended by representatives from East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership, schools, street pastors, the Security Industry Authority (SIA), taxi companies, a drugs and alcohol worker and representatives from local bars and event venues.

Safeguarding workshop

Lizzi Wales, Community Co-ordinator (young people and families) and Harriet Sugg, East Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Safety & ASB officer supported Haddenham Parish Council in holding a safeguarding evening in July. This was open to anyone over the age of 11. Topics covered included county lines, knife crime awareness, online safety and drug awareness with the police drug boxes available for all to explore. There were plenty of opportunities for parents/carers, young people and coaches to ask questions throughout the evening, which was attended by more than 50 people.

Court Experience

All secondary schools in East Cambridgeshire have had selected students take part in the court experience during the 2022/2023 school year, with Soham Village College being the final school to take part.

The light-hearted awareness-raising event at the former Ely Magistrates' Court used role play to talk about serious issues such as knife-crime and county lines. It also gave young people the opportunity to learn more about the workings of a court, including various job opportunities available, and what to do if they come across a crime.

There was 27 students who attended on Tuesday 4 July 2023. Also in attendance was a Cambridge Crown Court judge, a local magistrate, a court clerk and an usher. The local Neighbourhood Policing Team went through police powers and procedures around stop & search, arrest and interview. Darryl Preston, the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, also attended and supported the students throughout the event, which received great feedback from students, school staff and external attendees. We are looking to secure funding to continue this project this academic year.



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The Community Safety Partnership is made up of organisations working together together to protect their local community from crime and to help people feel safe