



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



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**Working together to help make East Cambridgeshire
a safe place to live**

It's 'snot' acceptable - graffiti vandal found guilty



A notorious vandal has pleaded guilty to causing more than £12,000 worth of graffiti damage to the streets of Ely.

Samuel Buttery was reported to police after an East Cambridgeshire District Council employee witnessed him vandalising property while wearing a high viz coat outside the NatWest bank in Newnham Street, Ely, in June.

CCTV footage was then used to identify and apprehend Buttery who used the handle 'snot'.

During his vandalising spree Buttery from New Barns Avenue, Ely spray painted 'snot' tags in at least 57 locations including council bins, bus stops, trees, street signs, telecommunication hubs and shop fronts, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to council and privately owned property.

He was sentenced at Cambridgeshire Magistrates' Court on Monday (16 December) to four months in prison, suspended for two years, after pleading guilty to 14 counts of criminal damage at an earlier hearing. He must also carry out 150 hours unpaid work and pay £3,433.01 in compensation.

Lis Every, Chair of the East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership, said, "We hope this case reinforces the strong message that this type of damage will not be tolerated and those responsible will be caught and put before the courts."

Soham Community Safety awareness event

Soham Town Council hosted a community safety meeting in October supported by CSP partners including Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Neighbourhood Policing team and Cambridgeshire Fire.

The evening covered county lines, online safety, knife crime awareness, water safety and drug awareness.



Soham Town Rangers supported the evening by hosting the evening at their football club. The event was well attended and there were great conversations with young people and their parents/guardians around the topics discussed.

Cambridgeshire police provided a display of packaging showing recently seized cannabis edibles.

These are illegal food products in the form of sweets, chocolate and drinks typically aimed at teenagers which have been laced with a mood-altering ingredient derived from cannabis.

Although cannabis edibles contain an element of cannabis, they do not have the smell or appearance of cannabis. Instead, they look and smell like a shop bought item but are much stronger than other cannabis products.



CSP goes to Ely Markets

On Thursday 21 November members of the CSP came together to run a community safety stall on Ely Markets. We spoke to members of public about personal safety, drink spiking, road safety, hate crime, fire safety, shop watch and much more.

Special thanks go to Ely Markets for providing the space, stall and gazebo, Vision Zero, Ely Fire Service, East Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Policing Team, Sanctuary and Shona from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

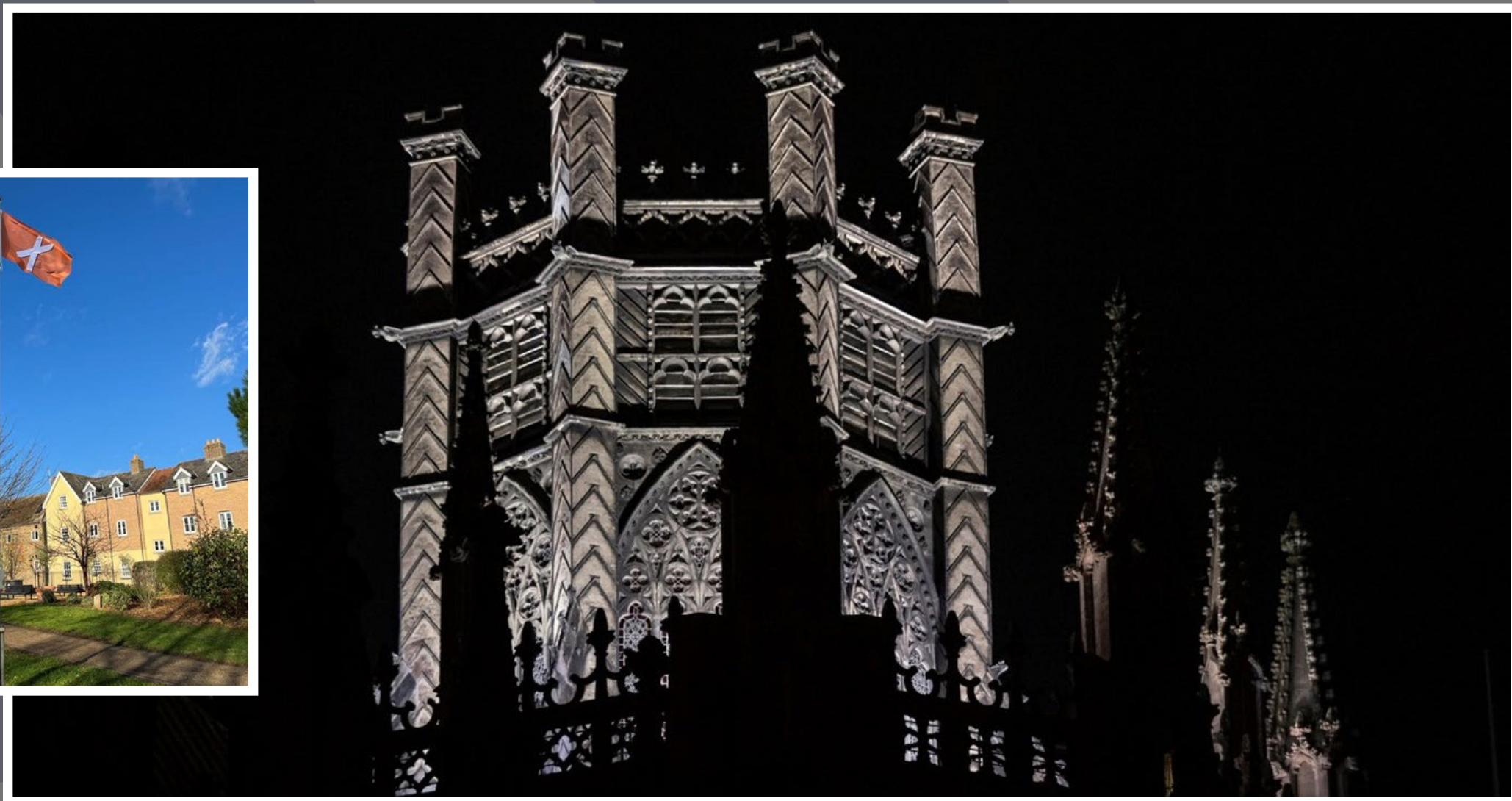


Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) awareness for Littleport youths



As part of ASB awareness week, Harriet Sugg from East Cambridgeshire District Council's community safety team and PC Jamie Brown from Ely Neighbourhood Policing Team, attended Littleport Youth and Community Centre. They spent the evening chatting to young people and ran an ASB-focused quiz. It was a positive evening with lots of discussion around what is ASB, with teamwork to answer questions.

White Ribbon Day



White Ribbon Day on 25 November strives to end men's violence towards women and girls.

This year the day was marked in Ely by lighting up of the Octagon tower of Ely Cathedral in white light and flying the White Ribbon at Jubilee gardens and Ely Country Park.

During the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence a White Ribbon event was held on Friday 29 November. The event was specifically

for men in public sector leadership roles and White Ribbon Ambassadors across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The event was to allow the discussion of the following:

- tackling Male Violence Against Women and Girls as an issue that needs to be led by men, about men
- what gender equality means to your organisation and those you serve
- your role in how you can facilitate the work to prevent male violence

Lewis Bage, East Cambridgeshire District Council's White Ribbon Ambassador, "It was great to see such a range of male representatives from various organisations getting together to discuss Male Violence Against Women and Girls and recognise that this is an issue that needs to be led by men. During the event we discussed and considered what gender equality means for our organisations and how we can use our roles to facilitate the work required to prevent male violence."

[Sign up to the White Ribbon promise.](#)



Buses and Businesses Against Abuse



The 17 October saw the launch of Buses and Businesses Against Abuse - the largest Violence Against Women and Girls prevention initiative our county has ever seen.

Funded through Safer Streets 5 and led by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, this innovative project provides specialised training

for bus drivers so they can spot the signs of predatory behaviour.

Stagecoach East has joined forces with almost 300 businesses in tackling sexual harassment and abuse against women and girls.

Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said, “With at least one in 12 women becoming a victim of domestic abuse and sexual violence every year, I will continue to do everything within our power to eradicate these abhorrent crimes in all their forms.”

East Cambridgeshire Wellness Hub

The East Cambridgeshire Wellness Hub is a multiagency solution-finding forum that supports people of all ages.

The Wellness Hub reaches people whose needs we have yet to meet - those who are 'keeping you up at night' - and provides access to a range of expertise and support around the table and up to £250 personalised budget.

Each person has a 'What Matters to You' conversation and together with the person we build a personalised care and support plan by sharing ideas, exploring the widest possible range of resources, and making decisions together. Health checks, medication and LTC reviews, vaccinations and benefits checks can be completed if needed.

The hub meets every other Tuesday, 2 to 4pm, at Gemini House in Ely. For more information please email Charlotte Kirin, Integrated Neighbourhood Practice Lead and Wellness Hub Facilitator on charlotte.kirin@nhs.net or Ashling Bannon, East Cambs Integrated Neighbourhood Programme Manager on ashling.bannon@nhs.net



I'm Designated Driver Scheme (DES) Campaign

More than 40 pubs and venues across Cambridgeshire have signed up to support the Cambridgeshire Constabulary's campaign to crackdown on drink drivers this month. As part of the campaign, police are promoting the 'I'm DES' scheme where participating venues give free or discounted draught soft drinks to designated drivers.

[Find out more on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website.](#)



Eyes and Ears – a programme for the community



The Community Eyes and Ears programme provides an ideal platform for people of all ages to become more aware of the issues that can undermine personal safety and thereby emotional wellbeing but at the same time gain an understanding of how they can make a difference to their own lives and those around them. This may simply be a matter of spotting the signs that all may not be well with a neighbour, colleague, friend and knowing how to report potential concerns.

More information can be found on the district council's website.

From the Community programme, Eyes and Ears For Schools has developed which supports the Relationships and Health Education curriculum. Although this is tailored towards primary schools, there is a bespoke module for secondary schools that addresses the theme of gaming and gambling. The teaching materials are FREE to download and have been produced by East Cambridgeshire District Council in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Police Children and Young People's team as well as Cambridgeshire PSHE Service with the aim of facilitating schools to raise awareness of a variety of risk-taking behaviours. More information can be found on the Healthy schools website or by contacting the community safety team at ECCSP@eastcambs.gov.uk.



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Working together to improve community safety



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

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