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June 2026

Local police tackle local concerns

Local police have been working hard tackling issues around East Cambridgeshire, such as anti-social behaviour and knife crime in Littleport, illegal parking in Ely and arrests.

Recent work includes:

- A male has been evicted from his address due to attracting anti-social behaviour and causing distress to neighbours.
 - Millfield primary school students in years 4,5 and 6 had an input on ASB and knife crime and the effect it has on the community.
 - Funding has been obtained for the 'Fitness Rush' bus to run a 10-week fitness program with youths identified as being at risk of, or involved in, ASB and criminal behaviour in Littleport.
 - Students from VISTA Littleport were involved in the court experience with the district council and learnt about knife crime, the law, the court process and the consequences of carrying a knife.
 - High visibility patrols have been carried out in Littleport on foot and in vehicles; stopping to engage with young and old, providing reassurance and to deter people from being involved in knife crime.
 - Local PCSOs have issued approximately 230 parking tickets in the last quarter. Concentrating on hotspot areas such as Forehill and Ely High Street.
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- Local schools have been encouraged to liaise with safer schools to apply for school specific parking signs to deter parents from parking illegally during drop off and pick up times. Patrols have also been carried out around the schools at these times.
- Two top tier members of two different East Cambs organised crime groups have been arrested with one being remanded in custody until their Crown Court hearing.
- Visiting Op Guardian nominals (at risk of or involved in knife crime) in our area. We currently have 4 young boys that we are engaging with.
- Arrests of suspects involved in drug supply in East Cambs. These investigations are ongoing but will hopefully result in significant sentences of the offenders.

Knife Angel visits Ely for 28 days



On May 20 the Knife Angel came to Palace Green Ely, the 27ft tall sculpture will be in Ely until 17 June and is accessible for the public.

The Knife Angel is made up of over 100,000 seized blades and was created to highlight the negative effects of violent behaviour and the need for change. The East Cambs CSP will be working with local schools to facilitate visits, workshops and programmes supporting prevention and early intervention.

Lis Every, Chair of the East Cambs CSP said: "The students will gain a great deal from participating in these sessions and I know the CSP will continue to build upon their strong foundation with the heightened awareness of the Knife Angel. We are grateful that knife crime is low compared to the national level, however, no one should underestimate the impact it has."

Data rich deep dives and strategic assessment

The latest strategic assessment, antisocial behaviour deep dive, youth deep dive, reoffending deep dive, and shoplifting deep dive have now been published.

These documents provide statistics which may be beneficial for parish councils and residents as it gives an insight to what is happening within the district.

You can read more here:

[East Cambridgeshire Strategic Assessment 2025 Final v1.0.pdf](#)

[East Cambridgeshire Deep Dive Report 2024 - ASB v0.1](#)

[East Cambridgeshire Youth Deep Dive 2025](#)

[East Cambridgeshire Reoffending Deep Dive DRAFT v0.2 \(1\).pdf](#)

[East Cambridgeshire Shoplifting Deep Dive 2024 Final V1.0P.pdf](#)

Haddenham online safety evening success



In April, Haddenham Parish Council, in partnership with East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, successfully hosted an engaging and informative online safety event for local families.

The session was attended by around 50 people including year 6 and 7 pupils as well as parents and guardians. The event focused on key topics such as online safety, the legal aspects of phone and photo use, understanding the teenage brain, and where to seek help and support. Attendees also explored important issues like “sharenting” and how to manage phone app settings, supported by a series of short films and discussions.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness and encourage open conversations between young people and their families about navigating the digital world safely and responsibly. Haddenham Parish Council would also like to extend their sincere thanks to Lizzi Houghton from Cambridgeshire County Council and Harriet Sugg from East Cambridgeshire District Council for their valuable contributions, to Robert Arkenstall Primary School and Mrs Wordsworth for providing a venue and supporting the event so

ably, and to Topping Booksellers in Ely for supporting the provision of book vouchers for attendees.

East Cambs CSP social media

The CSP's [Facebook](#) and [X](#) accounts share information of what we are involved in, forthcoming events and awareness raising within our communities.

If you don't already follow us, take a look and join in the conversation online.

Police issue a closure order in Witchford

In May a three-month full closure order has been placed on a Witchford property following persistent and serious nuisance and disorder. This followed a multi-agency approach to respond to residents' complaints of loud music and frequent visitors during antisocial hours.



Volunteers celebrated for their dedication to keep Cambridgeshire safe

Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston paid tribute to the passionate and committed volunteers supporting his work to protect lives and reduce harm across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's communities.

As the nation observes Volunteers Week (June 1 to 7), the Commissioner issued a message of heartfelt thanks to all those police and community safety volunteers who give

up their time to make a difference.

Volunteers support the Commissioner and Cambridgeshire Constabulary in a variety of ways - from serving as Special Constables and Independent Custody Visitors through to working as Animal Welfare Visitors, supporting victims and witnesses of crime through the Victim and Witness Hub and participating in Community Speed Watch activities – all of which help to build trust and confidence in local policing.

One of those volunteers is 17-year-old Aerin Dempster who is one of the youngest members of the Commissioner's Community Scrutiny Panel.

Aerin said volunteering had been a rewarding experience which had enabled her to make a positive difference and ensure policing remains safe, fair and transparent.

"I appreciate some of the other panel members have more life experience, but as a young person, I can bring a fresh perspective and represent the younger voice," she said.

In marking Volunteers Week 2026, Darryl said: "Volunteering is the glue that holds communities together and the very essence of strong and resilient neighbourhoods. There are no words to describe the immense impact their work has on policing and community safety and the strength it gives neighbourhoods to better withstand challenges. Volunteers' Week is the perfect moment to show our gratitude for all they do. "As a former serving officer, I have can say with experience that volunteering transforms communities and has far-reaching effects on health and wellbeing. I hope many more people are inspired to get involved in the multitude of ways they can give back to their communities and make a difference."

For more information on volunteering for the Police and Crime

Commissioner, visit: [Volunteer](#) or for the Constabulary: [Volunteer with us | Cambridgeshire Constabulary](#)



Waste disposal site issued a CPW by the police

A community protection warning has been issued to the management of the waste disposal site on Pools Road, Wilburton, due to the number of fires that are affecting the local residents.

The company are working with Cambridgeshire Fire Service, East Cambridgeshire District Council environmental services, local councillors and Cambridgeshire police to tackle the issue which is being caused by deliberate fires and 'hot loads' that are be deposited at the site.

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The Community Safety Partnership is made up of organisations working together to
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