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Double Community Safety Forum success

Soham town council hosted a community safety forum with the support of the CSP in June. In July, Witchford parish council also held their forum. The forum is an opportunity for members of the public to raise community safety issues the panel can positively address. We have taken away the main points that emerged from these forums and are creating three-month action plans to then give back to the parish councils.



CSP and Vision Zero road safety awareness

On Wednesday 12 August the district council community safety team, Cambridgeshire constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council and police cadets teamed up to deliver a road safety awareness session at Ely Market square, with complementary literature to raise awareness on speeding and dangerous driving. The attending PCSOs also successfully carried out free bike marking.



CSP attending community events



This year's Youth Fusion was held in Sutton where the CSP held a stall on August 19; two days later, the CSP also attended Littleport Summer Together. Both stalls gave us the chance to speak to members of the public and discuss their community safety concerns. We discussed topics such as white ribbon, hate crime, prevent, knife crime and different methods of reporting crimes.

Witchford Village College hate crime awareness session



On one of the hottest afternoons of the year, Harriet Sugg and Lizzi Houghton, representing the East Cambs CSP, had the privilege of delivering Hate Crime awareness session with the whole of Witchford Village College Year 7 students. 175 students and teachers attended, luckily in an air-conditioned hall.

The training covered topics such as defining hate, protected characteristics, the law, as well as understanding prejudice and unconscious bias, where to report and actions that

can be taken. The content was a mixture of interactive quiz, self-assessment of hate crime knowledge, short films and engagement. A follow up action with the students will be using the scale of hate crime to increase awareness using scenarios provided by us.

Also, the students can choose to take the Hate Crime awareness pledge which is 'Do you pledge to combat hate actions and promote a community where everyone is respected and free from hate'. For those that take the pledge they receive a pin badge which identifies them as an ambassador for this training and taking action to reduce hate crime.

This training is being rolled out to all year 7 cohorts across East Cambs, and Witchford village College was the second school to receive this training so far.

Social Media shoutout

Follow our [Facebook](#) account to see live updates of what the CSP is getting up to. We share information of what we are involved in, forthcoming events and awareness raising within our communities. Check out our account and drop us a follow.

Shop Watch walk around



On Thursday 30 July, the district council Community Safety and Projects Support Officer and the Neighbourhood Policing Team visited Shop Watch members to deliver Shop Watch packs and important information on how to report crimes to the police.

If you are interested in finding out more about Shop Watch, email ECCSP@eastcambs.gov.uk

Third phase of underpass complete

The third and final phase of the underpass at Ely Leisure Village has been completed. Graffiti artists 'Kilo' and Splash and Dash Creations and Nicola 'CRY' returned

to help complete the wall. Year 10 Ely college students were given the opportunity to take part in free graffiti sessions to help finish the underpass project.



Anti-social driving PSPO is put in place

A new public spaces protection order (PSPO) came into force on August 24 covering the whole of East Cambridgeshire to tackle anti-social driving. For more information on what the PSPO covers read here: [Anti-social driving Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)

Knife Angel Plaque

The unveiling of a plaque to remember the Knife Angel visiting Ely in the summer of 2026 took place on August 12. The plaque is there to highlight the continued joint efforts of tackling all forms of violence.



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