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SAFER CYCLING WHILST IN CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge has the highest level of cycling in the country. Cycling is a quick, cheap and pollution-free method of travel and a great way to exercise.

Cycling can also be fun, so long as you follow these simple rules.

Do

- ✓ Cycle in single file on roads and dedicated path ways.
- ✓ Be aware of pedestrians and traffic around you.
- ✓ Take extra care when approaching parked cars and when overtaking.
- ✓ Use your bell to warn pedestrians and traffic of your presence and intentions.
- ✓ Use approach hand signals when turning.
- ✓ Use your lights between sunset and sunrise.

Don't

- ✗ Cycle on the pavement, unless it is designated as shared use (there will be a round blue sign with a bicycle and pedestrians on it).
- ✗ Jump red lights or cycle along one-way streets the wrong way (it's equally as dangerous - and illegal - for cyclists as it is for car drivers).

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership; helping to make Cambridge a safer place to visit, work and live in.



WHILE the number of fires in the home are decreasing year on year, the number of kitchen fires in Cambridge is at a five-year high.

It's easy to let your attention slip while cooking the evening meal, or after a couple of drinks, but the consequences could mean that your kitchen looks like the photograph above. If this happens you are putting your own life and those your family at serious risk.

The most common reasons for a kitchen fire include leaving cooking unattended, cooking with hot oil and leaving a build up of fat on the grill. We all know these are fire safety risks, but people continue to think that it won't happen to them - but it does.

In the last five years, there have been 1,379 kitchen fires in Cambridgeshire, two residents have been killed, 69 residents have been injured and 11 residents had to be rescued from their home by firefighters.

The city of Cambridge has the second highest rate of kitchen fires, accounting for 23.5 per cent of all the kitchen fires in Cambridgeshire.

Don't let your family become another statistic.

For further information on how to stay safe in the kitchen, or book a visit from the Fire Service and have a free smoke alarms fitted if needed, contact 01480 444666 and quote code POL1 or visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk

Remember, fire starts when attention stops.



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Working together to improve community safety



Julie Spence
(Chief Constable)



Keith Walters
(Chairman)

Policing in Cambridge

2008 Local Policing Summary



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WELCOME TO THE 2008 Local Policing Summary. On the following pages you will find news from your neighbourhood team about community action on local issues, information about how the Cambridgeshire Constabulary is performing and what we are involved in locally and nationally. This publication is a summary of our work over the past year. If you are looking for more detailed information, you can either log on to the police website (details on page 8), the Police Authority website www.cambs-pa.gov.uk or contact us by telephone, email or post. Details can be found on page 8.

We hope you will find this magazine both interesting and informative. If you have any comments or suggestions about the kind of information you would like to see included in future publications, please give us your views.

Putting our communities at the heart of what we do is key to our continuing success. We rely on your involvement to help inform us. Your ongoing support and co-operation is vital to the service we aim to deliver.

Julie Spence
(Chief Constable) Keith Walters
(Chairman: Cambridgeshire
Police Authority)

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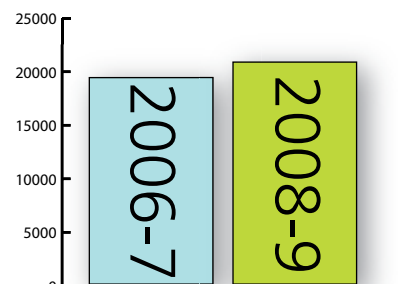


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Our priorities and achievements

POLICE OFFICERS AND STAFF from Cambridgeshire Constabulary have been working hard to meet national and local priorities this year, which include:

- ✓ Reducing overall crime by 15% - target met
- ✓ Bringing more offences to justice – 19,285 offences were investigated and prosecuted. This is 1,449 (8%) more than in 2006-7.
- ✓ Enabling people to feel safer in their communities by establishing a dedicated, visible, accessible and responsive neighbourhood policing team in every area by April 2008 – target met
- Strengthening public protection by tackling serious and organised crime – details on **page 8**
- Protecting the country from both terrorism and domestic extremism – details on **page 8**
- Improving our understanding of and engagement with the complex communities of Cambridgeshire



Cambridgeshire Constabulary have increased the offences brought to justice by 1,449 since 2006-7

For full details on the extent to which Cambridgeshire Constabulary achieved its targets for 2007-8 and information on aims for the year ahead please visit www.cambs-pa.gov.uk/policies.cfm and click on 'Cambridgeshire Policing Plan 2008-2011'. Alternatively, contact Cambridgeshire Police Authority for a copy.

Growing population: Minister visits Cambridgeshire

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE attracted headlines in September 2007 when the constabulary and the police authority launched a campaign for fairer funding from the Home Office linked to the county's significant population growth.

Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties in the country and is proud of its diverse range of communities. Some of our neighbourhoods are among the most varied and more than 100 languages are spoken in Cambridgeshire alone.

As the county continues to grow, so too does the complexity of issues associated with the changing population. Our campaign for fairer funding aims to ensure we have the right resources in place to deal fairly and effectively with all victims and witnesses of crime to ensure offences are properly investigated and offenders are brought to justice.

The Government's Policing Minister, Vernon Coaker (pictured), has visited Cambridgeshire to see for himself the challenges of policing a complex and diverse population.



Anti-social behaviour - we need your views

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) is very important to us and from your feedback it is also very important to you. We would like to hear your views on how we can continue to tackle ASB together. If you have experienced ASB first hand, or tackled an ASB related issue in your neighbourhood, we want to hear your views on what works and what doesn't.

Your views will help us plan for the next 12 months. Please send your responses by post to Cambridgeshire Police Authority, **FREEPOST RRZB-JHLG-SSLR**, Hinchingsbrooke Park, Huntingdon, PE29 6NP by 16th January 2009. Alternatively, you can fill in the survey online at **www.cambs-pa.gov.uk**

The information you supply will be used for no other purpose than analysing the results of this survey. Results will be published online and in next year's Local Policing Summary.

Your postcode:

Your age:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 | <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ | |

☐ Male ☐ Female

Your nationality:

1. What do you think is anti-social behaviour? Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Nuisance neighbours
- ☐ Intimidating behaviour/ harassment by large groups
- ☐ Vandalism and graffiti
- ☐ Dealing/ buying drugs in public places
- ☐ Fly-tipping/ abandoned vehicles
- ☐ Begging
- ☐ Drinking on the street/ other public places
- ☐ Reckless use of mini motorbikes
- ☐ Other (please state).....

2. Other than the police and local councils, which other organisations do you think could do more to tackle anti-social behaviour in your area? Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Neighbourhood Watch/ residents associations
- ☐ Pubs and off-licences
- ☐ Housing Associations
- ☐ Transport providers
- ☐ Trading Standards
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please state).....

3. If there was more money in your area to deal with anti-social behaviour which activity should it be spent on?

- ☐ Tough action against people committing ASB
- ☐ Preventative action to deal with the causes of ASB
- ☐ Both
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Nothing



4. If you answered 'other' in question three, please specify the other activity the money should be spent on:

5. Of the following tough action, please **tick** all those you think work. Please **cross** all you think don't work.

- ☐ Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (which restrict what troublesome people can do)
- ☐ Eviction of problem neighbours
- ☐ Dispersal zones (removal of large groups of people from certain areas)
- ☐ Prosecution and jail term for offenders
- ☐ Fine for offenders
- ☐ Community service (working unpaid for community benefit)
- ☐ Other (please state and tick/ cross).....

6. Of the following preventative action, please **tick** all those you think work. Please **cross** all you think don't work.

- ☐ More local activities/ facilities for young people
- ☐ Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- ☐ Liaison with schools
- ☐ Liaison with parents
- ☐ Liaison with alcohol vendors
- ☐ Liaison with accommodation/ housing providers
- ☐ Neighbour mediation
- ☐ Other (please state and tick/ cross).....

Thank you for your feedback.

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We're using new technology to improve the service we give to you...

WE'RE ALWAYS STRIVING to deliver a better service and using technology to help us do just that.

Do you want to find out the latest news? Check on the progress of your crime? Find out what Chief Constable Julie Spence is saying this week? Find out more by visiting the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website. Go online to get latest news, listen to the Chief Constable's podcasts, or check on the progress of an incident you reported.

We have introduced neighbourhood policing teams across the county to strengthen our community policing. Every

neighbourhood now has a team of officers dedicated to policing the local area. Would you like to find out more about your local neighbourhood policing team and how to contact them? Do you need crime prevention advice on schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Immobilise? For more information visit www.cambs.police.uk

- Reporting a crime? How about receiving your crime reference numbers by text? This means you will receive your crime number quickly, which will speed up any insurance claims. If you don't have a mobile, simply provide us with a landline number and we'll phone you back.
- Do you have an email address? If so you can keep in touch with your neighbourhood officers by signing up to our e-cops email scheme. We will keep you informed by sending regular updates from your local policing team to your inbox. You can use e-cops to tell us about any problems or crime in your area by emailing your team direct. With more than 12,000 residents already subscribed to e-cops throughout Cambridgeshire you can simply subscribe online at: www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops



Funding - did you know..?

The total Cambridgeshire police budget for 2008/09 is £120.6m

This amounts to £3.02 per household (Band D) per week. Cambridgeshire Constabulary is responsible for policing a population of at least 750,000 people.

We have two main sources of funding

We receive an annual payment from the Home Office and the remainder (the shortfall in our budget) is paid for by local taxpayers.

Cambridgeshire has 1,395 police officers, 947 police staff and 195 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

Around 79% of the police budget is spent on the costs of employing our workforce.

Details of income and expenditure for policing in Cambridgeshire are contained in your annual Council Tax bill

Copies are available either online at www.cambs-pa.gov.uk or by

contacting Cambridgeshire Police Authority. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council each produce a leaflet containing a breakdown of how your money is spent on local services, which is sent out in April each year.



Neighbourhood Policing Teams

The Cambridge City Team is led by
Sector Inspector Steve Kerridge



Cambridge City North Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant - Jason Wragg

Neighbourhood Policing Constables - Rachel Ball, Karen Lewis, Tom Gallagher and Denise Brown

Police Community Support Officers - Lauren Carey, Luke Upcott, Matt Phillips, Oksana Sultanova, Louise Walbank and Robert Dawson.



Cambridge City West Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant - James Sutherland

Neighbourhood Policing Constables - Paul Adams, Wendy Payne, Carole Langton, Carolyn Chambers, John Hopper, Simon Railer and Steve Hinks

Police Community Support Officers - Alicia Parker, Lee Hurley, Jo Andow, Helen Zhang, John Ackerley, Cheryl Carter and Laura Gallagher



Cambridge City South Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant - Gordon Morgenthaler

Neighbourhood Policing Constables - Phil Grime, Karen Corp and John Sutton

Police Community Support Officers - Sally Mitchell, David Jackson, Daniel Richardson, Sarah Finbow and Shahana Ravenscroft



Cambridge City East Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant - Shane Fasey

Neighbourhood Policing Constables - Andy Badcock, Michael Basford, Debbie Pearl, Julian Haynes, Chris Dicks and Marc Thomas

Police Community Support Officers - Tony Marriott, Jenny Rouse, Michael Stribling, John Carter, Chris Adkin, Peter Smith and Mandy Turnell.

Your teams are based at Parkside Police Station and you can contact them on 0845 456 456 4



Your neighbourhood, your city

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING is about ensuring you have a dedicated and visible team of officers. Thirty-one neighbourhood policing teams have been established across Cambridgeshire. Based in your community, your neighbourhood team has a wealth of local knowledge and is working hard with you and our partners, such as local councils, to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood.

You now have the opportunity to influence the local policing priorities that affect your community. So why not have your say and attend one of the many public meetings, call and speak to your neighbourhood team or send us your comments by email. Visit our website and see your local newspaper for full details.

To find out more about your team visit **www.cambs.police.uk** and click on 'My neighbourhood'.

Your team in the past year has been tackling local issues that concern you. Over the past three months, Cambridge city neighbourhood policing teams and partners have been focusing on the following priorities:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour connected with underage drinkers and older street drinkers at Arbury Court

- Reducing anti-social behaviour in East Chesterton
- Reducing business burglaries in Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's ward
- Building the role of Neighbourhood Watch and other voluntary groups across the whole neighbourhood
- Reducing anti-social behaviour involving young people on the green spaces in the east of the city
- In the west of the city the focus is on violent crime associated with revellers; robberies across the neighbourhood, and issues surrounding anti-social use of vehicles and promoting responsible cycling
- Cycle crime across the whole city.

Results

Cambridge City Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) performance 2007/08 compared to 06/07:

- 3.3% REDUCTION in all crime
- 19.6% REDUCTION in burglary dwelling
- 4.0% REDUCTION in criminal damage
- 9.1% REDUCTION in theft of pedal cycles.



Promoting responsible cycling

National importance to local action

WHILE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS make local communities safer, the force relies heavily on its core services to tackle serious and organised crime. This work has county-wide, regional and national importance and you can help us by reporting anything suspicious locally. Whether it's metal theft, drugs or terrorism, your information is vital to us.

Help tackle metal theft menace

Operation Saruman was launched last year to tackle metal thefts in the county, which often involves organised crime groups. We are working in partnership with other organisations to reduce this crime which costs hundreds of thousands of pounds and can leave people vulnerable, for example when phone cabling is stolen.

You can help us tackle this disruptive crime by:

- Reporting suspicious vehicles - metal thieves will often check out sites in advance to see if there's anything worth stealing.
- Report anyone knocking on doors asking for any metal you don't want.
- Mark property with products like SmartWater
- Look out for your neighbours - metal thieves often target a whole street or row of houses
- Report anything suspicious to Cambridgeshire Constabulary by calling 0845 456 456 4

Cracking down on drugs

Drugs ruin lives, damage communities and can lead to burglary, theft, robbery and other serious crimes. The drugs trade is linked to serious organised crime including prostitution,



people trafficking and firearms.

We seek to prosecute anyone making money from drug dealing by using all tactics available and diverting users of drugs into treatment services. A multi-agency approach is considered for all drug operations.

Numerous cannabis 'factories' have been identified and closed and street dealers in heroin and crack-cocaine have been arrested and convicted. The force's detection rate for drugs offences is exceptionally high at just under 98 per cent, sending a clear message that Cambridgeshire will not tolerate drugs.

If you suspect terrorism, report it

Cambridgeshire is no more or no less at risk of terrorism than anywhere else in the UK. Cambridgeshire remains a safe place in which to live and work, but we ask residents to stay vigilant. Help us combat the threat of terrorism. Terrorists have to live somewhere. They store their equipment and materials somewhere. They need vehicles and they have people who help them. These people might come and go at strange times of the day and night. They make unusual financial transactions or use false documents. They may be behaving differently to how you've known them to behave in the past.



If you think you may have seen something suspicious, however insignificant it may seem, call the Anti-Terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321. Your call could be vital.

In an emergency 999

When life is in danger or a serious crime is being committed, always call.

For all non emergencies

0845 456 456 4

For calls not requiring immediate police attendance, or any other enquiry



To give information anonymously about crime

Online

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Commendations for some of the force's finest

AN OFFICER who gave first aid to the victim of a serious assault was among a group of police officers and staff who received commendations this year. A number of officers and staff from southern division which includes Cambridge and from partner organisations were awarded divisional commendations for work over and above the call of duty.

Divisional commander Chief Superintendent Rob Needle presented the commendations at Parkside Police Station. Commendations were received by:

- **Civilian Detention Officer Edward Smith for his positive action and administering first aid after a man made an attempt on his own life.**
- PC Martin Lloyd for using effective tactical communications to disarm a man making threats to kill with a knife.
- Sergeant Andrew Lunn for his professionalism and excellent leadership displayed at the scene of a stabbing at the Locomotive Pub in Cambridge on June 11.
- **Civilian Detention Officer Ian Miller for his professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to providing a first class service over the last ten years.**
- PC Clare List for administering first aid that prevented a young man from losing his life.
- **Katie Wood for her commitment to Neighbourhood Management, tackling anti-social behaviour in partnership with the police.**
- Marianne Crozier for her commitment to Neighbourhood Management, tackling anti-social behaviour in partnership with the police.
- **Detective Sergeant Andrew Crocker for his professionalism, leadership and organisational skill in a potential fatal incident.**
- Mrs Sarah Cole for her professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to providing a first class service to southern division.
- **Mr John Fuller for his innovative and dedicated approach to community engagement and commitment during the last five years.**
- Detective Sergeant Phillip Richardson for his professionalism and leadership in East Cambridgeshire during an operation to tackle community issues.



Police whistle returns to Cambridge

THE POLICE WHISTLE is making a comeback to target anti-social cyclists in Cambridge.

The tool has not been used by police in the city since the 1980s.

Officers will be blowing their whistles to stop cyclists who are seen breaking the law.

A dozen officers will be carrying the whistles after a successful trial by PC Steve Hinks (pictured).

He said: "Members of the public have welcomed its use. Anti-social cyclists are a huge problem and I constantly have to deal with them.

"When a cyclist is coming towards me I can stop them in their tracks with the sound of the whistle. It is much more effective than simply asking them to stop.

"I am often approached by the public asking me to deal with a cyclist breaking traffic rules and this will help to make sure offenders can be dealt with."

Whistles were originally used by officers to communicate with each other on the streets until radios were introduced.



The award winners

Meet your local commanders

Name: Rob Needle

Years in the force: 27 years

Area/Ward: Southern division, covering the areas of Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire and East Cambridgeshire.

Work passions:

We have made great strides in establishing neighbourhood policing and community engagement across the division. The challenge now is to develop this further and broaden our engagement with groups that do not usually engage with the police.

What was your inspiration to become an officer?

As with most other officers and police staff I wanted to make Cambridgeshire a safer and better place. The good thing about working for the police is that we can do this in a job that is full of variety and has plenty of excitement.

Likes about being a divisional commander:

I started work as a young constable at Cambridge police station 27 years ago. I am very proud to have returned as the divisional commander. In between, I have served in various ranks and roles in Cambridge city, the rural areas of southern division, St Neots, Huntingdon and at force headquarters in Huntingdon. I like Cambridge city and the area around it; it presents unique policing challenges, owing in part to its international status and the influence of the university.

The main challenge for me as a divisional commander is to balance and prioritise the limited resources I have to address the many and varied policing needs of the area.

What are your priorities for improving Cambridge in the next 12 months?

The priority for the future is to work better with communities and our partners to address both traditional crime issues such as burglaries and vehicle crimes and those incidents of anti-social behaviour that can spoil people's quality of life.

What would you say local people can do to help the police create a safer Cambridge?

A particular area of focus for us and our partners is to work together to ensure that Cambridge city centre remains a safe and pleasant place to visit and to socialise in during the evening. Local people could help us by becoming involved in the neighbourhood panel process and signing up to e-cops, a system which is great for communication between residents and their local policing team.



Name: Mike Brown

Years in the force:

20 years altogether including Essex, Norfolk, and the last 11 in Cambridgeshire

Area/Ward: The new Deputy Divisional Commander for Southern division including Cambridge and the surrounding area.

Work passions:

Pride and professionalism. Working with our partners and the community to solve policing problems and ensure justice is done. Above all, providing a service that meets citizens' expectations.

Social passions:

I love sailing and motorcycling. I usually sail from the south coast, sometimes crossing the channel to France. This year I sailed with a group of friends around the islands of Croatia. Every year I tour thousands of miles across Europe on two wheels with my partner Lynn and some friends.

What was your inspiration to become an officer?

I wanted to make a difference and go home at night thinking I've done something worthwhile. I never imagined I would find myself second in command of a whole division, including one of the most significant and famous cities in the world.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role as deputy divisional commander?

I've spent the last few years as Head of Criminal Justice and Head of Learning & Development. Those jobs are crucial to successful policing, but I'm really happy to be back at the public facing end of the service. I'm looking forward to working on southern division again. I'm really fond of Cambridge city; I worked here before as an Inspector and I'm very glad to be back.

**Superintendent Simon Megicks,
former deputy divisional commander**

"I have been the deputy divisional commander for the past three and half years over which total crime in the city has fallen by 23 per cent as well as commanding the policing response to the past three

Strawberry Fairs. My time on southern division has been very enjoyable and I'm looking forward to my new role as head of learning and development. Mike Brown will be a good, capable successor."





Name:

Inspector Steve Kerridge

Years in the force: 8

Area/Ward:

Cambridge City Sector
Commander

Work passions:

I especially enjoy working in partnership with other agencies to resolve crime and community safety issues. Often solutions from that way of working are innovative and effective, resulting in different perspectives on a problem.

Social passions:

My personal time away from work is extremely important to me and I spend a great deal of my time reading to relax. As a Cambridge resident, I am also an avid cyclist. It is essential for me to maintain a good level of fitness both for my day job and also as a specialist Public Order Inspector (a role that has seen me police major disorders around the country). I dedicate lots of time to staying fit and healthy.

What was your inspiration to become an officer?

I have always wanted to be a police officer and as I got older I was attracted to the breadth of opportunity within policing. Since joining Cambridgeshire Police I have been fortunate to work in numerous roles with some very diverse and exciting ideas and goals at the heart of them.

Likes about being an Inspector:

It is a role that allows influence over ideas and strategy, but is still close enough for hands-on operational activities.

Dislikes about being an Inspector:

The national overtime agreement agreed long before I became an Inspector, removing Inspector overtime payments for a small increase in annual pay!

What do you believe are the main problems Cambridge is facing?

Cambridge remains a safe city in a national context. The issue of alcohol-related violence and disorder is one that blights most city centres and is a huge drain nationally on policing and health resources in particular and Cambridge is no exception. The Local Authority, Police and other key partners are working hard to address such matters in Cambridge city to make the "night-time economy" as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. Work will continue to tackle this broad and far-reaching issue.

What are your priorities for improving Cambridge in the next 12 months?

It is important to me to continue to work towards ensuring that offenders are brought to justice and crime reduced. However, this needs to be delivered by a police service that truly understands the individual impact of events and the expectations of those we serve, ensuring wherever possible we deliver in response to them.



What would you say local people can do to help the police create a safer Cambridge?

I would encourage people to attend their local "area committees". These are public meetings attended by police and other local agencies to present and discuss crime and anti-social behaviour issues and set priorities for action. The value of these meetings is the real opportunity to consult individuals that live and work in the communities we police and allow them to contribute towards setting local priorities. It is important for us to get true representation and gain a wide range of views. Those interested should contact their local policing team or local ward councillors for more details.



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Cambridge, CB2 3QL.



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