

Fenland Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

**Welcome to the 17th Edition of the Fenland
Community Safety Partnership (FCSP) Newsletter**

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This newsletter provides an update on the partnership activity of the Fenland CSP.

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are made up of representatives from the police, local authorities, fire and rescue services, health, and probation services. They are known as 'responsible authorities'. Other non-statutory bodies are also invited to be members e.g., residential social landlords.

CSP members work in partnership to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to reduce the communities fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The CSP page has resources to provide help and support on a wide range of topics, such as Scams, County Lines (drugs) and Hate Crime. Visit our CSP page by following this link:

<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/csp>



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FENLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (FCSP) ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Community Safety Engagement events are held across Fenland each quarter to raise awareness of key safety messages.

Community engagement events are supported by a range of partners including: Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Bobby Scheme, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, Speed Watch and the Illegal Money Lending Team.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against Scams Partnership, Cybercrime and Online

Fraud Officers.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership, and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership.

At these events residents can also speak to a Fenland Community Safety Officer to discuss concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour that affect their community.

FENLAND RURAL COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENTS LEVERINGTON



Leverington Coffee morning hosted a Community Safety Event in May, along with the Fenland Community Safety Team, Wisbech Police Community Support officers and the Fraud and Cyber Crime officer from Cambs Police, who offered information and advice to local residents.





**2024/2025
COMMUNITY SAFETY
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS
IN FENLAND**

Fenland Community Safety Partnership will be delivering further community engagement events throughout 2024 and 2025.

These will be advertised on the FDC website, partnership pages and in your local area.

Come along and meet the Community Safety Partnership for Information and advice on a wide range of community safety matters.

The Fenland Community Safety Partnership would like to thank the following partners for supporting the Community Safety Engagement Sessions:

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Cambridgeshire Police Cyber Crime & Fraud Prevention Officers

Neighbourhood Watch

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue.

The Bobby Scheme.

Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS)

Stop Loan Sharks England

Residents attending the Community Safety Partnership Events can access advice and information and are signposted to appropriate teams and partner agencies, to follow up on the reported concerns.

You can find out more information and advice by visiting the Fenland Community Safety Partnership webpage.

<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/csp>



DOMESTIC ABUSE SURVIVORS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership are pleased to announce a new initiative focused on supporting domestic abuse survivors with learning disabilities. This campaign is a collaboration between the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership and Cambridgeshire Shared Lives, and it's the first of its kind in the UK.

Our Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment identified a significant gap in support for individuals with



learning disabilities. Research shows that women with learning disabilities and/or autism are three times more likely to experience domestic abuse compared to their non-disabled peers.

To address this issue, we are looking to recruit Shared Lives Domestic Abuse Carers. These carers will provide specialised support that considers both the challenges of domestic abuse and the needs of individuals with learning disabilities.

The scheme covers the fees for self-employed carers, funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough DASV Partnership. Carers can offer extended breaks, overnight stays, and daytime visits, providing much-needed support for disabled domestic abuse survivors.

We invite you to join us in this important effort. Become a carer and help us provide essential support to those who need it most.

<https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/web>

Support is available for anyone living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who is being abused via the Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS) You can telephone DASS, on freephone 0300 373 1073 or email :DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk or report via: **Cambs Police**.

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/domestic-abuse/a1/report-domestic-abuse/>



“How to protect yourself from ticket fraud:

- Only buy tickets from the venue’s box office, the promoter, an official agent or a well-known and reputable ticket exchange site.
- Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud. The password you use for your email account, as well as any other accounts you use to purchase tickets, should be different from all your other passwords. Use three random words to create a strong and memorable password, and [enable 2-step verification \(2SV\)](#).
- Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets.

Is the vendor a member of Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers (STAR)? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information visit www.star.org.uk/buy_safe.

Fraudsters often create fake ticket retail companies. Victims are lured in using social media or phishing emails with offers of the chance to buy tickets to a popular event, but instead give away their personal information or money, with no tickets received in return. Phishing messages often look real, but instead will either steal your information or divert to malicious websites which can infect your computer with malware.

If you feel at all suspicious, report the email to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk. For more advice on how to stay secure online, please visit cyberaware.gov.uk.

Find out more about fraud at <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

**SAVE TIME,
REPORT ONLINE!**



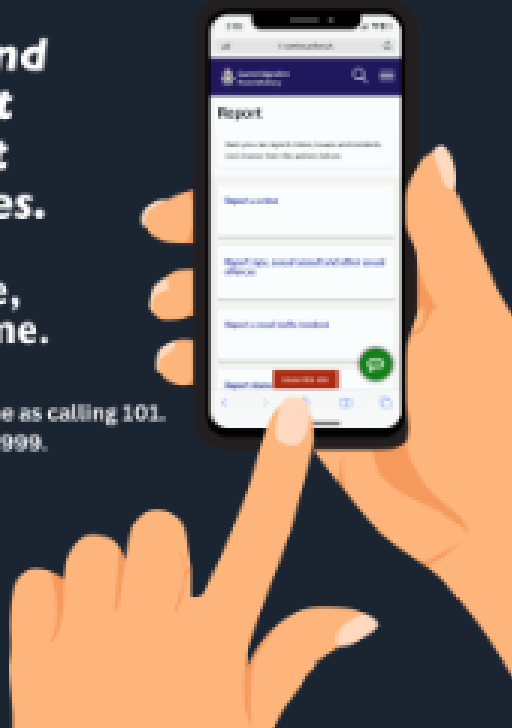
Non urgent crime? Report it online!

www.cambs.police.uk/report

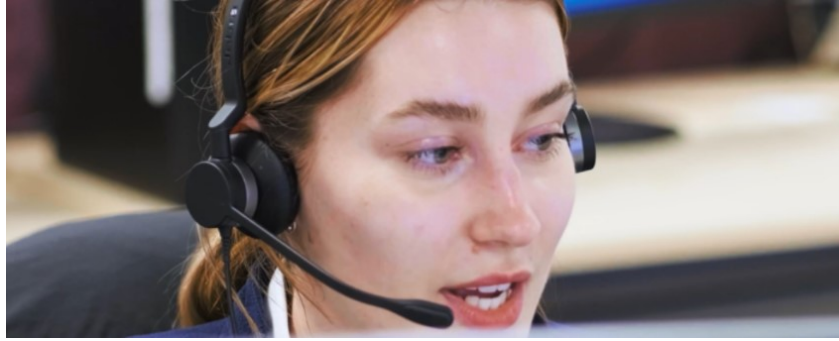
*The quickest and
most efficient
way to report
non-emergencies.*

Save **police** time,
and save **your** time.

Reporting crime online is the exact same as calling 101.
In an emergency, always call 999.



<https://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/campaigns/think-before-you-call/>



Responsive around the clock, our Contact Centre within the Demand Hub sits at the very heart of our operations. It's the part of Cambridgeshire On average, we receive 1,500 calls to our 101 and 999 lines each day. Although many of those calls are genuine incidents, a large majority:

- should have been called into other agencies instead (local council / fire or ambulance service)
 - should have been dealt with in a more efficient way (using online reports / web chat in non-emergencies rather than calling 101)
 - do not require any kind of assistance at all (hoax / accidental calls)
- Call Handlers spend time taking and logging those misplaced calls, which is why we're asking you to Think Before You Call, to help save operators' time on the line for those who need us most.

If you are ever unsure about whether to call us or not, you can speak to a live web chat operator to ask for advice if you have online access (just click the green chat icon in the corner of the screen to start a chat).

Additionally, you can find a wealth of information on the police advice and information pages, which you can take a look at before contacting us.

[Advice and information | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk/advice-and-information/)

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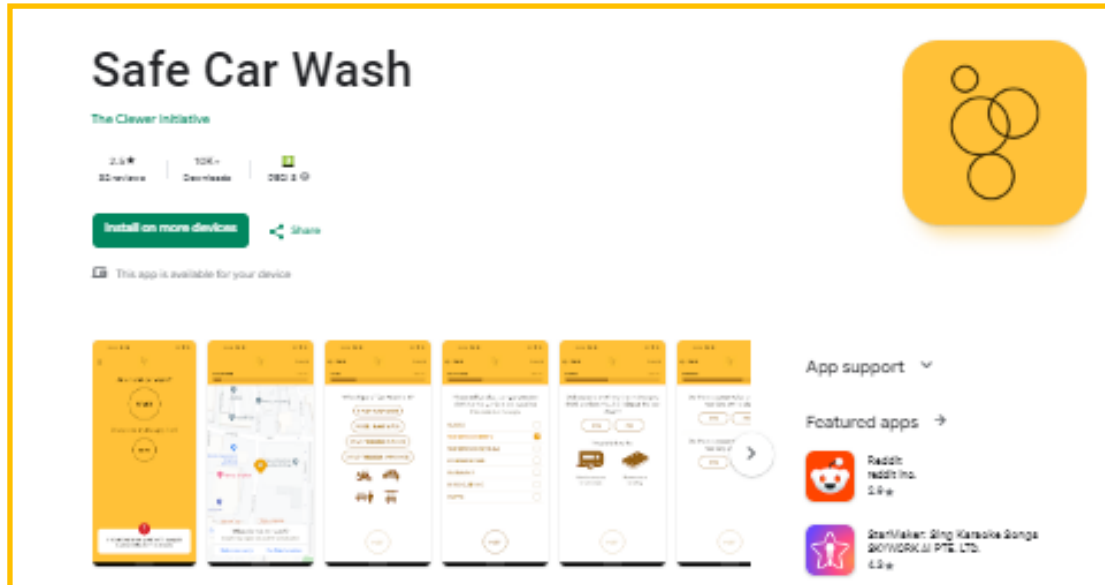
<https://www.askthe.police.uk> is also an official police resource that provides the answers to a wide variety of policing questions frequently asked by the general public.

Together we can help to keep our 101 and 999 phone lines free for those who need us most.



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SAFE CAR WASH



The Safe Car Wash app allows people to input key information about their experience of using a site, so this can be processed and provided to police via the Modern Slavery Helpline.

Hand car washes are known to be susceptible to modern slavery, so downloading and using the app could provide important information to help vulnerable people trapped in a desperate situation.

It is available on both Apple and Android devices, with staff being encouraged to make use of it should they use a hand car wash in the county.

Exploitation can take many forms and is happening in Fenland. It involves vulnerable people being oppressed by others, often unseen, often hidden in the shadows. It could be happening to your friends or neighbours; they may be too afraid to ask for help.

For more information on modern slavery, visit the dedicated pages on Cambridgeshire Constabulary's website by following the link below.

[Modern slavery | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk/modernslavery)

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/modernslavery>

FENLAND SAFETY ZONE SESSIONS



The Community Safety Partnership and Heathy Schools coordinated the delivery of Safety Zone to hundreds of Yr. 6 pupils during May and June 2024.

Safety Zone is an amalgamation of many partners, delivering different key safety messages. These activities enable students to stay safe through participating in practical activities that included Fire, Water, Road, Personal and Dog Safety. Students also enjoyed an interactive lecture on Cybercrime and pupils learnt about an awareness of age restricted products and lifesaving skills.





Young people across Cambridgeshire have their say on stop and search

Young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being invited to scrutinise the way in which Cambridgeshire police officers exercise their powers to stop and search.

Following the success of the county's Community Scrutiny Panel, young people who want to help implement positive change in their police force will now be able to request a stop and search scrutiny session at their college or local youth group. The sessions are being offered by staff from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) alongside Cambridgeshire Constabulary and can be delivered to youth groups where attendees are aged thirteen and over.

The scrutiny sessions last around two hours and aim to teach young people the grounds for why officers carry out stop and search, how these policing powers should be conducted and what the rights of the person who has been stopped are. As part of the sessions, young people will be invited to watch body worn video footage from real life incidents and have their say on how they felt officers used their powers, drawing from what they have learnt. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and provide honest feedback about what they have seen. Through these sessions young people can learn more about policing in their community, as well as helping the Constabulary to better understand how young people view police interactions. Feedback from the existing Community Scrutiny Panel continues to be invaluable, however Panel members currently need to be aged sixteen or over," said Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston.

“It is important that the voices of young people in our community are being heard therefore in order to help to make this happen, my office is working with the Constabulary to take these sessions out to young people in their communities, where we can help them understand when, why and how stop and search powers should be used.”

The youth scrutiny sessions were launched at the end of last year with sessions being held at Cambridgeshire Regional College and East Cambridgeshire Police Cadets.

All feedback from the sessions is passed on to the Constabulary and to the police officers involved so that those participating are able to have a direct impact on driving improvement within Cambridgeshire’s police service.

“Being stopped and searched can be a daunting encounter for young people, especially if it is their first contact with the police,” said Caitlin Bones, Cambridgeshire Constabulary’s Inclusion and Legitimacy Co-ordinator.

Hearing the views of young people directly on how police use this power is very important. These sessions allow the Constabulary to gain invaluable insight that can be weaved into policy and practice to ensure future encounters are positive and equally allow us to educate young people on why officers stop and search, what happens, and what they should do if they are ever stopped and searched.”

If you know of any youth groups in the county that would like to take part in a youth scrutiny session, please contact the OPCC at:

communityscrutinypanel@cambs.police.uk or telephone: 0300 333 3456.

Alternatively, for more information about the Community Scrutiny Panel or to request to join, please visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us-and-get-involved/volunteer/community-scrutiny-group/>



FLY-TIPPERS HIT WITH PENALTIES TOTALLING MORE THAN 3K

Residents and anyone offering trade waste removal are warned that fly-tipping will not be tolerated in Fenland - after fines and penalties totalling more than £3,000 were issued.

Three residents who did not heed advice on how to legally dispose of their household waste were each issued with £400 fixed penalty notices.

Two men were taken to court after failing to pay fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping, resulting in them being ordered to pay larger sums. One of them was ordered to pay more than £1,000.

A rogue trader who was suspected of tipping trade waste also got a £300 fixed penalty notice.

Fenland District Council portfolio holder for refuse and cleansing, parks and open spaces Cllr Peter Murphy said: "We will not tolerate fly-tipping in the district. If you do it expect to be found and fined.

"The district council provides excellent services for waste disposal. There is no excuse for dumping illegally."

Three women each paid £400 fixed penalty notices for failing to dispose of their household waste legally.

All three were repeatedly told to use allocated bins and not leave their household waste on a street in Wisbech.

Despite the residents being told the correct way to get rid of unwanted items, waste found belonging to them was dumped in an alleyway causing distress to residents. Allocated bins the waste was left next to remained unused.

The penalty notices were issued in March this year.

A Spalding man has paid a £300 fixed penalty notice for failing to provide evidence to enforcement officers that he disposed of his trade waste legally.

The man was suspected of involvement in a fly-tip in Treading Bank, Wisbech, which blocked a rural road in January last year (2023).



Persistent officers eventually tracked down the rogue trader and asked to see an audit trail of his paperwork for the last six months. He was unable to provide records showing he had taken waste he was collecting as part of his business to an official waste site and was issued a fixed penalty notice.

A man who was spotted piling rubbish from a house into West Street Car Park, Wisbech, had to pay a total of £530.

The man had been issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice but failed to pay and was summoned to court. When he failed to appear, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On March 19 this year, the man appeared in court and was ordered to pay a total of £530. Another man involved in the same incident, which happened in May last year, was dealt with in court in August and ordered to pay a total of £1,010.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES

Residents and traders employing the services of a waste disposal firm are responsible for checking anyone who disposes of their waste does so legally. If your waste is found fly-tipped you can be held responsible and face a penalty or prosecution.

Fenland District Council provides compliant waste disposal services for household and trade waste: We can collect several larger household items from outside your home for a fixed fee.

<https://fenland.gov.uk/bulkywaste>

Residents can also take household waste to a Cambridgeshire County Council recycling centre for free, <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/household-recycling-centre-locations-and-opening-hours>

Fenland District Council responds to reports of fly-tipping and pursues those responsible. Report fly-tipping at www.fenland.gov.uk/flytipping or phone Fenland District Council 01354 654321.

Community Safety & CCTV



Fenland District Council runs a Public Space Surveillance System (CCTV) in Fenland in partnership with Peterborough City Council. The aim of CCTV is to protect the local community and support partnership crime reduction schemes.

Our CCTV service supported 152 arrests last year

Our joint CCTV service responded to 1,110 incidents across Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech last year, a Council update said. Incidents included those relating to anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, violent crime, illegal drug use, possession of weapons and theft.

CCTV intervention led to 152 arrests being made by Cambridgeshire Police, the report to Fenland's full council, which meets on Monday (May 20), said.

The CCTV service, a shared service with Peterborough City Council, maintained its 100 per cent 24/7 service from end April 2023 to beginning April 2024, the report adds.

The CCTV service also continues to be pro-active in delivering services that help reduce crime & disorder and anti-social behaviour by delivering regular camera patrols of Chatteris, March, Whittlesey, Wisbech and other key locations.

In addition to the responsive work, the CCTV team has delivered 4,380 patrols during 2023/24.

The report says: "All patrols are conducted across the 24/7 period ensuring that no matter what time of day and night our local communities are being protected and that any issues or concerns are being identified as early as possible.

"View the full council report and details of how to sit in on or catch up on Monday's (May 20) meeting via:

<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/localgov/ieDocHome.aspx?Categories=>

Browse Meetings, 2000 - Fenland District Council

[Discover more about our CCTV at:](#)

<https://fenland.gov.uk/article/17972/Our-CCTV-service-supported-152-arrests-last-year>

The CCTV service also provides the council's 'out of hours' telephone contact services, for example, homelessness, stray and lost dogs, cleansing incidents, dangerous buildings and structures, damaged trees, to name but a few areas.

"During 2023/24 the CCTV service has responded to over 388 calls for services from our telephone contact service."

Fenland District Council works constantly to improve all the services it delivers. CCTV Camera Locations in Fenland can be viewed on the Fenland District Website

https://fenland.gov.uk/media/20726/CCTV-camera-locations-in-Fenland/pdf/CCTV_camera_locations.pdf?m=1706699374907

USEFUL INFORMATION



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Phone the police on **101** for non-urgent crime or **999** for an emergency. Or use the quick online reporting tools to report a wide range of crime, anti-social behaviour, and vehicle offences,.

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report>



<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>



<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/report>



<https://www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk/>



Report Hate Crime

<https://www.met.police.uk/true-vision-report-hate-crime/>



<https://twitter.com/actionfrauduk>



<https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website>