

MAKING EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE A SAFER PLACE



The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership
Quarterly Newsletter July– September 2009

Welcome to the East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership's Newsletter.

It is our aim to produce something that you - the general public, as well as our own partners will find both informative and interesting, and will allow you to become involved in helping to create a better and safer place for us all to live and work.

The following pages contain highlights of some of the latest projects & activities supported by the Partnership

If you have any questions for any other members of the Partnership to do with local crime and disorder issues, please contact our Partnership Co-ordinator – Issy Bridge on 01353 665555



Ste Thornley, Chair of East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership and Head of Policy and Performance at East Cambridgeshire District Council.

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New Updated (Version 4) of the East Cambs Domestic Abuse Directory of Services 2009

This quarter sees the re-print of our comprehensive directory of services for East Cambridgeshire. Tackling Domestic Violence is a priority for the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership and we are seeking the support of local businesses and services to promote the Domestic Violence Directory of Services.

Domestic Violence is a serious issue, which results in 2 women dying every week. We know that approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men are likely to suffer from domestic violence at some point in their lives.

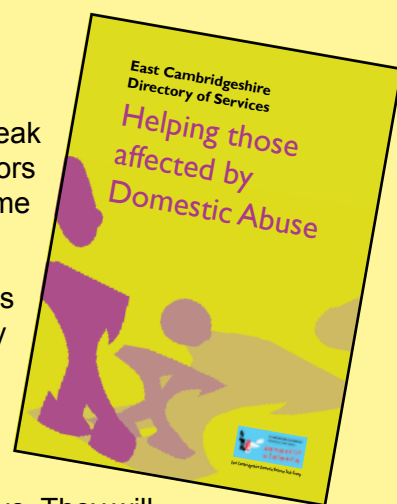
Victims are often reluctant to report incidents of domestic abuse. National research shows that most people have not told anyone about the worst abuse they have suffered. Victims often feel that they won't be taken seriously, or that they are partly to blame themselves. Others may feel scared that the violence will get worse if their partner finds out they have reported it. It is hoped that the Directory will

encourage victims to speak out and stop perpetrators from abusing time and time again.

Many of the organisations listed in this directory employ people who specialise in dealing with domestic abuse cases, and they will be sympathetic and supportive. They will also help to protect suffers from further violence.

The directory is arranged into sections that deal with specific issues. There is a short description at the beginning of each section explaining the type of support offered.

Within each section, there is an alphabetical list of organisations that can help with particular problems.



Details include the phone number, website, postal address and email address, together with a description of how that organisation can help. Copies can be obtained from East Cambs District Council or from your local library.

You can also access this information by visiting the East Cambs District Council website www.eastcambs.gov.uk. When you access the Council's homepage, click on the letter 'D' in the alphabetical list at the top of the page, and then select 'Domestic abuse' from the list. This will take you through to a link to the

directory. Make sure you use the 'hide my visit' link if you are worried about your safety.

If you don't have a computer at home, or don't feel that it is safe to use your computer at home, then there is a range of computer access points across the District, which you can use for free. To find out where your nearest access point is call 07881 837543, You can also find out where your nearest access point is from the Council's website by clicking on the letter 'E' and then selecting 'East Cambs Online'.

Upcoming Projects/Events

The Community Safety Partnership 'Not in My Neighbourhood' week

The partnership will be holding a series of events in support of the Home Office 'Not in My Neighbourhood Week' from Nov 2nd to Nov 6th. These events will help provide an overview of the role of the Community Safety Partnership within East Cambs.

The following are some of the activities that will be taking place: Further information will be available on the East Cambs District Council website nearer the time at www.eastcambs.gov.uk (under Community Living>Crime Prevention):

Monday 2nd November – Neighbourhood Action Group meeting (NAG) – These meetings are held quarterly following on from the Neighbourhood panels. The meeting aims are to allocate agreed actions arising from the Neighbourhood Panel Meetings (NPs) to the appropriate agency. The NPs and NAGs are part of the Local Strategic Partnership (of which, the Community Safety Partnership is a sub-group and share some agency members e.g. The Fire Service, Cambs Constabulary, Sanctuary Hereward).

Monday 2nd November – Launch of the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership Young People's Survey – aimed to seek the views of young people (10 -17yr olds) about a whole range of issues including how they feel about living in East Cambs, how much they feel part of their local community, and what their personal safety concerns are.

Tuesday 3rd November – Street Scene/Environmental Half-Day of Action – The Graffiti Team, East Cambs Fire & Rescue Team and PCSOs will be at Jubilee Gardens and the Waterfront in Ely to look at various issue regarding community safety, including: graffiti, littering and anti social behaviour.

Thursday 5th November – The Police and EC District Council will be amongst the various agencies who will be at Ely Market to highlight safety areas such as pick pocketing, rogue traders and drug interventions. A Market stall will be based outside Dorothy Perkins store in Ely Market Square.

Faith in the Community

The Community Safety Partnership recently approached the Church of England Diocese of Ely and Arts Development East Cambridgeshire to work together to organise an exhibition (to feature at Ely Cathedral in the Spring – dates to be announced) to reflect the variety of faiths held within the East Cambs community and how their work contributes to community safety. The forthcoming exhibition is likely to feature photographic displays, with some recorded DVD interviews with faith leaders and samples of free literature.

Details on how you can contribute will be published in the next Quarterly update available in January 2010.

- The annual Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder in the district is being published at the end of October and will give an update on what the current trends regarding crime and anti social behaviour are in the district. The next quarterly update in January will give an overview of the Strategic Assessments findings and what they mean for the district.
- The Quarterly Newsletter, the Community Safety 2009-10 Action Plan & 2008-11 CSP Plan are also available to view or download from the East Cambs DC website under Community & Living>Crime Prevention.
- The next edition of this newsletter will be published in January 2010.

If you have any comments or concerns about anything in this update, then please send comments to; Issy Bridge, Partnership Support Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely CB7 4EE.