



East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Strategy 2011-2014

East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership



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The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Strategy is a partnership document.

The statutory partners (in alphabetical order) are:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Probation Trust
- Cambridgeshire Police Authority*
- East Cambridgeshire District Council
- National Health Service - Cambridgeshire

Other organisations are invited members of the Partnership Board:

- Cambridgeshire Youth Offending Service
- Children and Young People's Services
- Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Peterborough & Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils
- Neighborhood Watch
- Sanctuary Housing
- Voluntary & Community Action East Cambridgeshire

Many other agencies, voluntary and community groups and individuals contribute to the success of the Community Safety Partnership.

This document represents the collective efforts of these organisations and members.

The photographs on pages 12,13 & 15 provided courtesy of Cambridgeshire Constabulary

*Subject to legislation the Police Authority will be abolished from 2012, and will be replaced by an elected Police & Crime Commissioner. Further information about this can be found at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/safercommunities/safety/Police+and+Crime+Commissioner.htm



The aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to give added value to the work that its Statutory Partners, and other agencies involved in the partnership, are already doing as part of their day-to-day business toward addressing a variety of community safety issues.

This Strategy is intended to give partners and members of the public an overview of the direction that the East Cambridgeshire CSP will be taking over the next 3-years, and to outline our aims & objectives. Details of how we intend to achieve this can be found in the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan. The Action Plan is refreshed annually, but also has a dedicated officer group who can respond to emerging crime trends & issues throughout the year.

You can find a copy of the Action Plan on the Community Safety webpage by visiting the East Cambs District Council website at:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/community-safety-0>

The webpage also has links to further information about our services.

Whilst we have avoided the use of 'jargon' in this document, by necessity we have made references to community groups, organisations and legislative processes that you may not be familiar with. With this in mind we have provided a glossary of terms & definitions at the back of this strategy. Therefore whenever you see an underlined word in the main body of the text (excluding heading titles) this indicates that a more detailed explanation is available. However the strategy has been written in such a way that it can be read as a standalone document.

If you are accessing this document via the Community Safety Partnership webpage then any text underlined in blue will automatically take you to the appropriate definition/additional text, otherwise, if using a hardcopy, then turn to the A-Z glossary (Appendix B) on pages 20 to 22 of this document.

Background

The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership ("the Partnership") has existed since 2001. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 made this type of partnership one of the primary, and most effective, ways for local organisations to work together to reduce the impact of crime and disorder in their area.

Since 1998, the Partnership has worked through three 3-year strategies to deliver an improved quality of life for the citizens of East Cambridgeshire, by reducing crime and the fear of crime. This document is the fourth such strategy.

Additional legislation has been introduced to continue to help partner organisations take action to reduce crime and disorder. Particularly important changes include the Police Reform Act 2002, the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, and the Licensing Act 2003. In addition the Partnership now have a statutory duty for addressing offending and re-offending in our communities. This will involve contributing to the countywide Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme, which is in the process of being implemented and will manage those offenders causing most harm to the community. In particular we will focus on repeat offenders influenced by substance misuse problems.

The Partnership intends to use the provisions of these Acts & statutory changes to reinforce the good community safety work already taking place.

Successes 2008 - 2011



The following pages highlight some of the areas of successful Partnership working over the last 3 Years, as well as looking at areas of work we need to continue to improve upon.

Serious Acquisitive Crime

- Theft of vehicles has reduced 36.5% (Police CORA data) since 2008-09 baseline figure of 188, however theft from vehicles has remained mostly static. It was for this reason that the partnership funded the Police to deliver a further 'Don't Bother' campaign, centred on raising awareness of the risks around leaving valuable items in cars (including advice regarding the removal of Satnavs and stereo equipment).
- Although there have been a few spikes in the dwelling burglary figures in East Cambs the overall figures for East Cambridgeshire remain low. In 2009 the Police (commissioned by the partnership) ran a well received and effective dwelling burglary project aimed at reducing repeat burglaries by offering a follow-up reassurance & security advice visit, alongside a burglary pack, which included home safety leaflets and a 'SmartWater' property marking kit.
- The Partnership contributed funds to the Police to provide additional patrols to specific operations based on intelligence and analysis, events or crime series. The activities focused around peaks in criminal activity and spontaneous crime series & hotspot crime areas. This led to the issuing of 17 warrants for Drugs & Acquisitive Crime, resulting in a number of arrests and successful prosecutions.

Anti-social Behaviour (Asb)

The partnership is committed to challenging anti-social behaviour, and as such uses a part of its funding to resource a full-time Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator for East Cambridgeshire. This has led to the successful management of ASB through the development of procedures, information sharing between agencies, and enforcement. Since 2009 -10 there have been 20 less ASB reported incidents to the Cambridgeshire Police per month, bringing the 2010-11 total per month to 208 incidents (from 228 the previous year). When necessary this includes the use of *Guardian Awareness Programmes (GAP) letters, *Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and *Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). As well as seeing the ASB Coordinator involved in supporting follow-up actions arising from the Neighbourhood Panels and as a result of additional targeted ASB surveys and any other reports of ASB.

**The legislative procedures around how to tackle ASB in future years are currently under consultation and are therefore subject to change. All the latest ASB information can be found on the Home Office website:*

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/anti-social-behaviour

Particular Successes of ASB Procedures:

- The use of early interventions such as the Guardian Awareness Programme (GAP) to deal with anti-social behaviour before it can escalate into established patterns. Alongside a warning to the young person, this process additionally involves a letter being sent to the parent/guardian of the young person, setting out the details of their anti-social behaviour, and encouraging parental responsibility. The use of GAPs has proven extremely effective in minimising the number of those who go on to commit further anti-social behavior.



Successes 2008 - 2011

- **The Enhanced Guardian Awareness Programme (GAP):** An additional programme recently introduced to challenge underage young people found in possession of alcohol. This also includes referring young people with alcohol-related issues to the Children & Adolescent Substance User Service (CASUS) who are a specialist agency that work across the county to address alcohol and substance misuse issues primarily with the 13-18 age group. This enhanced GAP process issues a warning to the young person and a letter to their parent/guardian, outlining the recent legislative changes, which mean that this can now be a prosecutable offence. Any young person who has received 3 warnings for possession of alcohol in a public place within a 12-month period is liable to be subject to prosecution proceedings. So far 50 such letters have been issued since the schemes start in May 2010 (covering the months June 2010 to April 2011), none of which have needed any further warnings.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)** have been effectively used by the ASB Task Group (the group assigned by the partnership to lead on ASB issues in the district) in instances where either a GAP letter has proved unsuccessful, or it is felt that additional measures are also required. This is a voluntary agreement between an individual, their parent/guardian (if under 18) and other represented agencies (e.g. the police, schools, housing associations). The agreement, as its name suggests, lays down specific agreed acceptable ways of behaving that the individual concerned agrees to maintain, and is aimed at permanently changing their future behaviour.
- In a small number of cases neither GAPs nor ABCs are effective (or appropriate in the case of more serious anti-social behaviour), and in this minority of cases the individuals

concerned may be issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO). An ASBO is a civil order made by a court against the person committing the behavior, which prohibits the perpetrator from performing specific anti-social acts and can include (for example) exclusion from entering defined areas on a map (exclusion zones) or contacting certain named individual/s.

ASB Interventions

Not all of the partnership focus towards ASB is based on legislative procedures. A big emphasis of the way ASB is tackled in East Cambs is given to preventative measures around creating diversionary activities so that the behaviour doesn't occur in the first instance. Some examples of this are:

Positive Activities Coordinator (PAC): The partnership contributes to the employment of a Positive Activities Coordinator who works throughout East Cambridgeshire. The PAC is responsible for setting up activities & initiatives designed to target groups labelled as "hard to reach" across the locality of East Cambridgeshire, who do not regularly participate within community activity. The activities have focused around sport and include 'Midnight Football', multi-sport session delivery, a boxing club and basketball.

Youthsafe Initiative: The partnership worked closely with the Police, Soham Parish Council, Locality Teams and a group of young people to create a safe haven where young people can hang-out. As long as the young people abide by the simple set of rules, which they have helped to create, they will not be asked to be moved on by the Police or other agencies. The new initiative was piloted to coincide with the opening of the Soham Skate Park in July 2010 and has proved to be a great success, with fewer reports of anti-social behaviour recorded compared to previous years.

Successes 2008 - 2011



Ely Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) – ‘On Your Bike’ & ‘The Music Project’

On Your Bike Project

The Partnership made contributions to two worthy Ely PRU projects: The ‘On Your Bike’ project is now a well-established part of the students’ curriculum and has proven a great success. The project allows the students to learn all aspects of bike maintenance & cycle safety, as well as the added benefit of keeping fit by going on bike rides as part of their curricular activities.

The students have since expanded the project to include an annual sponsored cycling event. In the Spring of 2009, 5 students, accompanied by 3 instructors took part in a 70 mile sponsored cycle along the Peddars Way. They raised over £500 for Cancer Research. Further money was used to purchase camping equipment so that they can take part in further sponsored charity cycle events, some of which will take place over several days.

The Music Project saw students taking part in creating & performing their own music, using computer-based equipment. The Britten Symphonia have supported the PRU in this venture and the students have also made a CD of their music.

Ely Youth Café

The partnership contributed to the start up, and initial maintenance of the Ely Youth Initiative (EYI) run Youth Cafe. The cafe is based at the Cathedral Centre (opposite Cathedral Green) and is aimed at youths aged 11-17. It offers an informal drop-in style provision where young people can sit and listen to music, catch-up with friends, or even play on the Nintendo Wii. The EYI also run a parallel Detached Youth Worker service during the Café opening hours. The Café is open every Friday from 7pm until 10pm and has proved a very popular and effective resource.

Detached Youth Workers The partnership has funded Detached Youth Workers as part of their

support of Ely Youth Café to engage with groups of young people in the district. This type of approach is a widely proven method of engaging with young people who ordinarily do not join in with the mainstream youth provisions available. It has shown itself to be an effective way of ultimately leading to young people becoming engaged in local activities, and in helping to promote important staying safe messages, for example around drinking and its impact on risk-taking behaviours.

The Bus Project The Partnership contributed funding toward the Fenland Elite Bus that provides youth facilities to young people living in more rural areas of East Cambs. The bus is also used as a community hub to support parents with young children, and offers computer facilities for those seeking employment or access training courses.

Safer Communities

The partnership has worked together on a number of measures to ensure that East Cambridgeshire remains a safe and desirable place to live. These measures include:

Alcohol Related ASB – CCTV:

East Cambs District Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Ely City Council and Soham Town Council have been working together to establish a CCTV control room based at Ely Police Station (previously run from Cambridge City Council headquarters). This new arrangement now sees this record CCTV system run by a group of trained volunteers (and supported by the CCTV Partnership Group). This involves close working between the Police and the CCTV Team to respond to incidents of alcohol-related ASB and crime observed on the Ely & Soham CCTV system (which has both a record and monitoring system). There are currently 35 cameras throughout Ely & Soham that are supported by this scheme



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Targeted Policing & Designated Public Place Orders:

In response to 'hotspot' areas of alcohol-related violence a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) has been introduced in Jubilee Gardens, Ely. A DPPO designates places where restrictions on public drinking will apply. The Police have powers to enforce this restriction & can confiscate any alcohol from any person in these areas that is deemed to be causing, or is likely to cause, a public nuisance. The DPPO at Jubilee Gardens has had a positive impact for residents living in this area and seen a reduction of complaints to the Police about nuisance behavior. Building on this success, a further DPPO area has been approved for the Cathedral Greens & Cherry Hill Park area of Ely.

Safer Schools Partnership (SSP):

Supported by the partnership and led by Cambridge Constabulary. The SSP is an innovative scheme, which aims to build positive relationships between the Police, schools, pupils and their parents in order to address important safety issues. There are currently 29 schools in East Cambridgeshire that have joined the SSP, with varying degrees of engagement. Each school that joins the partnership is able to sign up to a total of 5 positive interventions. The 5 interventions currently available are: delivery of community safety based lessons by PCSOs; regular drop-in surgeries for pupils to discuss their concerns; linking school issues with the Neighbourhood Panel process; advice & enforcement action around obstructive parking outside schools; and engagement with disruptive pupils via the ABC process.

Domestic Abuse:

The partnership has a proactive and positive view to helping to reduce incidents of domestic abuse and its impact on family life and the wider community. The steps we have taken to achieve this are:

Domestic Abuse – Key Roles

We have contributed to the funding of a countywide Domestic Abuse Partnerships Manager, who is responsible for coordinating the county response to domestic violence. There is a proposal to change the focus of this post shortly to bring this in line with the Home Office Action Plan: Violence Against Women & Girls.

We continue to fund the work of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates who work within the Cambridgeshire Multi-Agency Referral Unit, providing support to victims of domestic abuse throughout Cambridgeshire.

Domestic Abuse Programmes

The partnership funded a series of domestic abuse programmes to support women leaving, or in the process of leaving, abusive relationships. These nationally recognised programmes have proved effective in helping women understand the power and control methods used in abuse, and therefore be able to recognise and avoid further abusive relationships in the future.

DV Directory

The fifth edition of the 'Domestic Violence Directory' has been produced, which lists details of local and national support and advice services for people affected by domestic abuse. Due to the importance of keeping this document regularly updated this directory is now an on-line document only, which can be accessed via the South, East or Cambs City District Council websites.

Successes 2008 - 2011



Future Partnership Focus:

Whilst the Partnership has had many successes we still need to work toward and improve upon the following goals (alongside the new priorities that are outlined in this Strategy):

- Continue to work on ways the Community Safety Partnership can 'add-value' to the core day-to-day work of Statutory Partners, and other agencies involved in the work of the CSP.
- Seek ways to increase the opportunities for diversionary activities and interventions for young people & young adults involved in ASB in the district.
- Improve the way that the Community Safety Partnership communicates & engages with the public.
- Continue to seek ways to engage and respond to the community safety issues that matter to residents and visitors
- Find further ways in which the partnership can work with partnerships & agencies across other districts, to find ways of working more effectively together.
- Respond to future changes to structure and legislation to ensure the work of the partnership continues to remain focused on local and service led goals.

Developing & Implementing the Strategy

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Developing the Strategy

- We developed our priorities according to the latest research and statistics as contained in the October 2010 [Annual Strategic Assessment](#). This includes views collated from East Cambs residents via the annual [Neighbourhood Survey](#) run each year from July to mid September.
- Officers from all the partner organisations met to consider the findings of the Strategic Assessment and then prioritised four headline issues.
- Use of a problem solving model of crime analysis which places an emphasis on linking a number of crime-focused factors based on the victim (patterns & reasons for victim 'selection'), place (likely [hotspots](#) e.g. deserted parks, alleyways, unlit areas, town centre's at peak times etc), as well as identifying offenders (with the focus on prolific repeat offenders & statistically identified offender groups).

Implementing the Strategy

We will implement the Strategy via an annual rolling action plan that will be refreshed each year to respond to any emerging changes in the district, but will remain in-line with our 3-year Strategy aims & objectives. A copy of the Action Plan, which details the specific measures and actions we will take, can be found on the East Cambs District Council website <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/community-safety-0>

If you would like to read more about the East Cambs Annual Strategic Assessment you can find the full document on the Cambridgeshire County Council website <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/research/rescrime/>



Promote a safer community

The Partnership will focus on the theme of Prevention and Awareness of crime, such as; how to secure your home against burglary; how to be safe on the streets at night; reporting of domestic violence and anti social behaviour and informing/signposting residents and visitors of where they can find further information or advice.

Why have we chosen this priority?

Prevention is a core theme of the Partnership's activity to reduce crime and disorder in the local area, and therefore it is of utmost importance to us make sure we are continually raising awareness amongst our communities; providing you with reassurance as to the action we are taking in response to certain issues; and information on what you as members of the public can do to reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour to take place.

How will we achieve our aims?

- We will deliver the message out on the streets, at market places, village halls, libraries, fetes, open days and events throughout the district.
- We will use surveys, promotional materials and publicity in specific areas to respond to [hot spot](#) activity or via feedback to [Neighbourhood Panel](#) concerns.
- We will continue to promote safety messages via [e-cops](#), newsletters & local news articles, or online for those members of the public that are unable to attend their local [Neighbourhood Panel](#).

Who will we focus on?

- We will focus on the victims & communities affected by anti social behaviour and crime and disorder in the district, whilst continuing to be proactive against offenders.
- We will support the most vulnerable in our communities and take the safer community message out onto the streets.

When will we take action?

- We will focus our efforts around key times. For example; we will continue to prioritise events such as Halloween, Bonfire Night, and Christmas/New Year.
- We will also focus attention around identified trends, or times, when it is known that incidents are more likely to occur.

Where will we focus our efforts?

- At any place in the district where there are hot spots for crime and disorder. We will respond to [Neighbourhood Panel](#) issues as they arise and focus our efforts accordingly.

What do we hope to achieve?

- Our aim is for a community that feels safe and are informed of where and whom to contact should an incident occur.

Priority 2



Challenge Anti-Social Behaviour

Introduction

The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is committed to ensuring that East Cambridgeshire remains a safe and desirable place to live, where all members of the public (residents, workers and visitors) feel able to carry on their day-to-day lives without intimidation, fear or harassment. We intend to balance this priority alongside challenging inter-generational attitudes of younger and older age groups toward one another, as well as building realistic expectations of what the partnership agencies can do in regard to tackling anti-social behaviour, and empowering individuals with the knowledge & understanding of how, and in what circumstances, to report ASB incidents.

Why have we chosen this priority?

- Neighbourhood Panels & our annual [Neighbourhood Survey](#) (which forms a part of our [Strategic Assessment](#) each year) continue to identify anti-social behaviour as being a core issue for local communities. This is backed up by national research that highlights the importance of addressing anti-social behaviour at its earliest stages, to prevent the occurrence of any escalation of more serious incidents.

How will we achieve our aims?

- By working in partnership we will focus on a case-by-case basis to challenge anti social behaviour wherever and whenever it occurs.
- We will work together on a number of low cost partnership projects that will help challenge anti social behaviour, such as;
 - Diversionary activities & projects, especially those aimed towards vulnerable individuals and communities.

- Positive media messages to highlight the good news stories across the district.
- ASB awareness sessions in schools in support of the Cambridgeshire Police led Safer Schools Partnership.
- Use of CCTV in Ely and Soham to focus on the night-time economy at peak periods (identified as Friday and Saturday evenings).
- Market stalls and promotional events to educate and raise awareness about what constitutes anti-social behaviour, how to report it and what outcomes can be reasonably expected.
- Focus on hot spot areas as evidenced through Neighbourhood Panels & statistical based evidence via the Police, and other sources such as the public consultation.
- Community alcohol projects and [Challenge 25](#) to reduce underage sales and consumption of alcohol, and encourage responsible drinking.
- Continue to work in partnership to challenge anti social behaviour and where appropriate, if voluntary measures fail, we will apply relevant legislative tools to restrict an individual's behaviour.

Who (& what) will we focus on?

- We will target repeat **offenders** and also protect repeat **victims** from further abuse.
- The multi agency East Cambridgeshire Anti-Social Behaviour Group is the lead partnership sub-group responsible for addressing ASB, continuing its current role of dealing with individual cases and raising wider issues with the partnership and other relevant agencies. However all partner agencies will contribute resources to successfully manage ASB in the district.



- We will also challenge perceptions of anti social behaviour, such as always blaming young people, or the notion that anyone wearing a 'hoody' is up to no good. Recent statistics collated by the Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator show that of the 29 ASBOs issued for East Cambs, there is an almost equal split between age groups: 14 ASBOs issued to adults, and 15 to juveniles.
- We will also focus on improving the perceptions of all age groups, and encourage positive informed opinions to challenge the stereotyping that sometimes can occur between these two groups.

When will we take action?

- We will implement actions to challenge anti social behaviour as it arises.
- However, we will pay special attention to times of year when nuisance behaviour can rise, for example during school holidays and during key sporting or festive occasions.
- We will also focus attention on key times and days of the week, such as Friday and Saturday evenings when alcohol fuelled anti social behaviour can peak.

Where will we focus our efforts?

- We will use customer contacts to the Police and other agency intelligence, including feedback from [Neighbourhood Panels](#) to identify any hot-spot areas for anti social behaviour, and then look to plan actions appropriately.
- We will focus on known trouble spots in our three towns and pay special attention to anti social behaviour originating from parks and recreation grounds (after the hours of reasonable usage i.e. after 10pm).

What do we hope to achieve?

- Reassured and informed local residents and visitors, who know when and where to seek help and advice.
- A more informed community understanding of what constitutes anti-social behaviour, and improved inter-generational relationships within our community.
- An effective & balanced approach to dealing with repeat offenders of ASB and their victims.

Priority 3



Challenge Crime in our communities

Introduction

Although it is ultimately the job of the Police to enforce crime in our communities there are certain crime types where a collective partnership approach enhances the response to offending and re-offending even further.

We will seek ways in which we can challenge alcohol related violence and incidents (i.e. binge drinking leading to hospital admission through alcohol related accidents or fighting, drink-driving and alcohol related road accidents) as well as seek ways to address speeding and inconsiderate (& potentially dangerous) parking, especially around schools.

We will respond to any emerging trends in burglary & dwelling burglary (including the commercial sector and rural communities), with and added focus on identifying and supporting the most vulnerable in our communities.

We will also support the [Integrated Offender Management](#) approach to offending and re-offending in our communities through funding contributions and added-value support to the service providers already involved in this work e.g. the [Drug & Alcohol Service](#), the [Prolific & Priority Offenders Scheme](#) & [Drug Intervention Programmes](#).

Why have we chosen this priority?

- Although East Cambridgeshire is one of the safest areas of the country to live the Partnership recognises that the impact of certain crimes on individual victims and the community as a whole can far outweigh the need for high statistical figures, and lead to an increased the fear of crime. Indeed statistics show that 0.5% of offenders are estimated to be responsible for 10% of all crime (hence the Partnership will also focus their efforts on challenging repeat offending through

Integrated Offender Management and the Prolific Priority Offenders Scheme)

- The Neighbourhood Survey identified speeding in our towns and villages and inconsiderate parking (especially around schools) to be one of your biggest concerns.

How will we achieve our aims?

- By proactively using the CCTV service in Ely and Soham to observe pubs and other identified nightspots where high reports of drunkenness and fighting occur.
- By supporting the [SpeedWatch](#) campaigns already successfully being rolled-out in some villages/wards within the district, to enable the Police to best focus their resources on problem areas/times identified.
- By ensuring the continuation of improved services for victims or those vulnerable of becoming victims of alcohol related violent crime.
- Work alongside the Police with the Safer Schools Partnerships to identify & assist schools with problem & dangerous parking around dropping off/picking up times.
- Utilise data from various sources to build an enhanced picture of alcohol related violent crime in East Cambridgeshire, so we can focus resources to tackle this problem appropriately and gain a better picture of the extent of the problem.
- By using feedback and intelligence from the local business community to protect their interests in regard to retail thefts and vandalism.
- Respond quickly to emerging patterns in dwelling burglary to better protect our most vulnerable residents.
- By working with Licensing Services and Trading Standards to target underage sales of alcohol by raising awareness of safer drinking messages, in addition to increased attendance amongst the licensee trade toward training in relevant areas, such as 'Conflict Management'.

- By getting key message out to communities via Neighbourhood Panels and Market Stall events regarding our key crime & disorder themes.

Who will we focus on?

- We will focus on those who cause violent incidents (especially those fuelled by alcohol & drugs)
- We will also focus on victims of crime, particularly vulnerable individuals
- We will focus on identifying speeding & parking hotspots in order to address inconsiderate & dangerous driving in our community.
- We will also work with the commercial sector to look at ways to reduce shoplifting, theft and vandalism.
- We will focus on repeat offenders in our communities using an [Integrated Offender Management \(IOM\)](#) approach.

When will we take action?

- Statistically evidenced times & places of alcohol related violence e.g. Friday & Saturday nights focused on pubs/night spots in the main market towns.
- Using police led intelligence we will conduct burglary awareness campaigns in any identified hotspot areas.
- We will support campaigns targeting alcohol related violence coinciding with major sporting and cultural events, when it is evidenced that this type of violence can peak.
- On identification of speeding/parking hotspots.

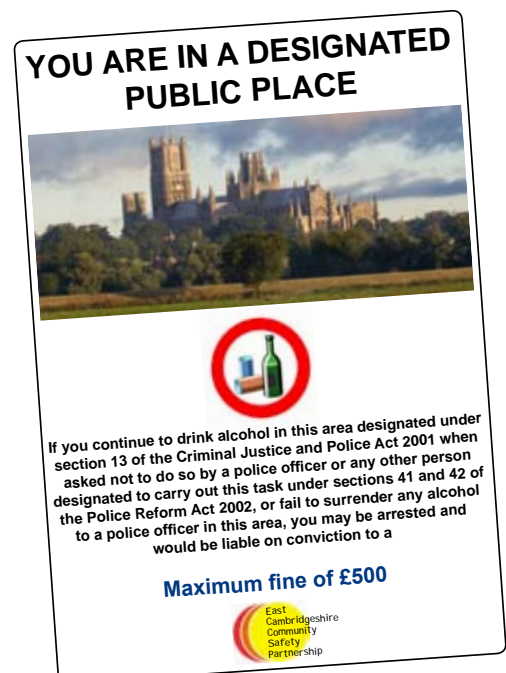
Where will we focus our efforts?

- We will focus our work on challenging street violence at licensed premises in our main towns.
- Where there is geographic data available we will use such intelligence to focus our efforts in selected locations in the district.

- Areas prioritised through the Neighbourhood Panel process and via [SpeedWatch](#).
- Practitioners and relevant agencies likely to come into contact with potential binge-drinkers i.e. GPs, school nurses, youth workers.
- Schools in order to continue to promote safer attitudes to drinking and highlight the dangers of excessive drinking, not only in relation to health but in regard to the potential risk-taking & un-safe behaviours/incidents that this can lead to.

What do we hope to achieve?

- A greater awareness amongst the general public (especially young people in our communities), licensees & related practitioners & workers about the issues surrounding binge-drinking, alcohol related violence and the victims/potential victims of violent crime.
- A greater awareness of the dangers of speeding and inconsiderate parking leading to a reduction in speeding figures and parking complaints.
- Effective campaigns that will target perpetrators of crime.





Challenge Domestic Violence

Introduction

1 in 4 women and girls and 1 in 6 men & boys will become a victim of domestic violence (or domestic abuse as it is also known) at some point in their lives. The impact of this abuse, whether it be physical, emotional (or both) can have a far-reaching and devastating effect on the victim and their families.

Although it is widely recognised that anyone, regardless of gender, can be a victim of domestic abuse, the Home Office have recently published a [Violence Against Women & Girls Action Plan \(VAWGs\)](#), which seeks to address domestic violence in our communities, as well as covering wider issues of abuse predominantly perpetrated against women & girls such as stalking, sexual violence, human trafficking, female genital mutilation, so-called 'honour based violence' & forced marriage.

Why have we chosen this priority?

The partnership recognises the impact of domestic abuse on the victim and the longer-term effect this has on future family life – both emotionally and economically. For example research on homelessness for Shelter has found that domestic violence is “the single most quoted reason for becoming homeless”. This study found that 40% of all homeless women stated domestic violence as contributor to their homelessness (Cramer and Carter, 2002).

In addition the partnership now also has a statutory duty to review & improve the ways in which we deal with domestic abuse issues that come to our attention within the district, and we are keen to continue our work in raising awareness of domestic abuse so there is a greater understanding of this issue and where/how to access services.

How will we achieve our aims?

- We will continue to raise awareness of domestic abuse issues via news articles, information displays & targeted mail-outs to relevant community services.
- Seek ways to continue to raise the profile of the available support services support services via the online Domestic Violence Directory.
- Through supporting the prevention theme of the Southern Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Task Group (who are the lead partnership sub-group for this priority).

Who will we focus on?

- We will offer help to victims by supporting domestic violence awareness raising events and victim support programmes
- Support the work within schools to increase pupil awareness of safe relationships, in order to challenge the cycle of abuse.
- The local community in regard to general awareness raising & to challenge the misconceptions surrounding this issue.
- Although the Home Office Action Plan is entitled [Violence Against Women & Girls](#) it acknowledges that domestic abuse can also affect men/boys, and therefore our awareness raising activities will also acknowledge the fact that domestic abuse is not gender specific.

When will we take action?

- We will respond to all received reports of domestic abuse and sign-post them to the most appropriate support services.
- Throughout the year with a series of awareness raising campaigns using a variety of methods; however we will focus our main efforts on times of the year (e.g. major sporting events) when statistics show that this type of abuse can escalate.

Where will we focus our efforts?

- We focus on reports of domestic abuse and areas known to have a higher prevalence of abuse
- We will also seek to continue to focus on prevention through awareness campaigns in schools and the wider community as a whole.

What do we hope to achieve?

- A greater public awareness & understanding of domestic violence and an increased knowledge of the support services available
- Increased awareness of domestic abuse issues amongst practitioners & those likely to come across domestic abuse in their day-to-day working lives (e.g. GPs, school nurses, teachers etc)
- Continued support of local programmes and services for victims of domestic abuse where possible.
- Continue to challenge domestic abuse through awareness raising sessions in schools to help prevent the continuation of the cycle of abuse.



Domestic Abuse Directory of Services

**Are you being abused by your partner?
Are you worried about a friend or loved one?
Do you need help to leave a violent relationship?**

If so then log on to get the most up to date advice and help from the Domestic Violence Directory of Services. It can be found at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/domestic-violence

**Don't have a computer?
Worried about accessing the directory safely? (if still living with an abusive partner)**

Call **0345 045 5200** to find your nearest free Community Access Point. You might also consider accessing the Directory at a trusted friend/relatives house or at a Library.

We would advise caution in printing off copies of the Directory, especially if you are still living with an abusive partner.

Southern Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Task Group

A multi-agency group committed to raising awareness of domestic abuse in our community

The Directory is produced in collaboration with Cambridge City, South Cambs & East Cambs District Councils on behalf of the Southern Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Task Group. This Directory can also be accessed via Cambs City or South Cambs Council websites.

Further Information

If you would like to know more about crime & disorder, in regard to up-coming legislation; crime where you live, specific types of crime, or about the role of the Community Safety Partnership you can find this on the following websites:

To find out about more on Community Safety Partnerships, Crime and Crime Reduction:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/crime-safety>
- ECDC Community Safety webpage

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/> - Home Office – Community Safety Partnerships & Crime

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/> - Home Office – Crime & Community Safety Partnerships Information

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/CrimeJusticeAndTheLaw/Typesofcrime/index.htm>
Direct Gov - Further Information on Types of Crime

http://www.cambs.police.uk/crimeprevention/safer_schools/ - Safer Schools Partnerships

<http://www.cambs-pa.gov.uk/policies.cfm> - Local Policing Plan

To find out more about legislation & Police Reform

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/legislation/police-reform-bill/>

To find out more about crime in your area: (links to crime-maps):

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/street-level-crime-maps/>

To find out more about anti-social behaviour & how to report it:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/anti-social-behaviour>

<http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/victims/asb/>

To find out more about domestic violence, and where you can get further help & advice:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/crime/domestic-violence>

<http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/help/domesticviolence/>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/violence-against-women-girls/>

Glossary of Terms

ABCs – Acceptable Behaviour Contracts	Acceptable Behaviour Contracts: are voluntary agreements between (normally) young persons (but can be used for adults) responsible for anti-social behaviour and their parents (if under 18) and other representative agencies (e.g. the police, schools, housing associations). They are designed to engage an individual in acknowledging and addressing their behaviour.
Annual Strategic Assessment	The Annual Community Safety Partnerships Strategic Assessment's primary function is to provide the basis for the Partnership's three-year Strategy and rolling Action Plan for reducing crime, disorder (e.g. ASB) and the fear of crime. It not only identifies the main priorities for this period, but also helps the Partnership form an understanding of the issues, to enable them to tackle the problems identified. It uses detailed analysis, findings from existing research and local expertise to suggest solutions. In order to do this effectively information is collected from a wide variety of sources, including consultation with residents of East Cambridgeshire (via the annual CSP Neighbourhood Survey).
ASB – Anti Social Behaviour	Anti-Social Behaviour: Serious nuisance behaviour that causes harassment, alarm or distress.
ASB Task Group	Anti-Social Behaviour Group – a multi-agency group that meets monthly to tackle specific serious anti-social behavior in the district. The group is made up of representatives from East Cambs District Council (Community Safety & Housing), Cambs Constabulary, Education (Ely PRU) Sanctuary Housing, Social Services (Locality Team and Children's Team), the Youth Offending Service, and Probation, in addition to other groups invited on an ad-hoc basis as required.
ASBO	Anti-Social Behaviour Order: a civil order (issued by the court) designed to prevent serious and persistent anti-social behaviour. An ASBO can be made against anyone aged 10 years or older who has acted in an anti-social manner (i.e. behaviour that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to others) and where an Order is needed to protect a person or persons from further anti-social acts. ASBOs can be used in conjunction with other measures as part of a 'tiered' approach to tackling ASB. The Order is normally issued for a minimum of two years. Breaching an ASBO is a criminal offence.
Challenge 25	This project aims to reduce underage sales of alcohol (and other restricted products such as cigarettes, solvents/volatile substances etc). This follows on from the successful Challenge 21, but has additional benefit to retailers in the often-difficult process of assessing who is (and isn't) underage (i.e. under 18). Therefore retailers are now being encouraged to refuse alcohol sales to anyone who looks under 25 (unless they can produce suitable photographic ID). Similarly, young people are being encouraged to carry acceptable forms of photo ID.

Designated Public Place Order – DPPO	Designated Public Places Orders, under section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, enable local authorities to designate places where restrictions on public drinking will apply. They are available in areas that have experienced alcohol-related disorder or nuisance. The police have powers to enforce this restriction.
DV – Domestic Violence (also known as Domestic Abuse)	Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse: This is emotional, physical, financial or sexual abuse between people who have at some time had an intimate or family relationship.
Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)	The Drug and Alcohol Action Team is a multi-agency partnership working to implement the National Drug Strategy. The Cambridgeshire DAAT is made up of senior staff from the main organisations in the county involved in tackling drug related issues: County Council (including Education and Social Services); NHS Primary Care Trusts; Police; Probation; District Councils; HM Prison Service and representatives of local services.
Drugs Intervention Programme (DiP)	The Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) is a key element of the Government's National Drug Strategy. DIP brings together a range of agencies including the police, courts, prison and probation services, treatment providers, government departments and DAATs to provide tailored treatment for offenders with drug problems
E-Cops	Subscribers receive regular emailed updates about crime and anti-social behaviour in their area, as well as feedback from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team about what is being done to tackle it. You can also email any concerns you have, or help local officers with their enquiries by providing feedback on incidents, or appeals for information. You can subscribe online for free via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website.
Guardian Awareness Programmes (GAP) Enhanced GAP	Guardian Awareness Programme: A letter sent from the Police to the parents/guardian of young people found involved in or committing acts of anti-social behavior. It is designed to bring to the attention of the parent/guardian that there is a behavioural issue, which may be resolved by taking parental responsibility. This is the first warning and generally no further action is taken. The Enhanced GAP uses the same process, but is purely focused on young people found in possession of alcohol. It was initiated in May 2010 to respond to the legislative changes that can make this (3 instances of possession of alcohol in a 12-month period) a prosecutable offence.
Hotspots	Identified areas of higher crime.
Independent Domestic Abuse Advocate – IDVA	An independent advisor/advocate employed to support victims of domestic abuse. For example an IDVA can offer support and advice during any court proceedings, signpost users to other useful services and work with other agencies to help increase an individuals safety.
Integrated Offender Management - IOM	IOM is the strategic framework that brings together a wide range of agencies to prioritise intervention with offenders who are known to cause the most crime in our communities. The IOM will build upon the successes of the Prolific & Priority Offender Scheme and Drug Intervention Programmes by continuing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, but will also seek further ways to assist offenders to break the re-offending cycle and therefore offer a sustainable solution to re-offending in our communities.

MARU – Multi-Agency Referral Unit	The MARU is an integrated, multi-agency referral unit that acts as a single point of contact, referral, risk assessment and allocation for agencies and service-users with domestic abuse and 'honour-based' violence issues. It is hoped to extend this in the near future to include Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection.
Neighbourhood Panels (NPs)	Meetings held in local areas for members of the community to influence services. By attending these meetings you can have your say on local services provided by the county council, district councils, parish councils, police and others, as well as raising issues that affect your local community.
Neighbourhood Survey	An annual Community Safety Partnership survey that seeks the opinions of those living and working in East Cambridgeshire about how they feel about a number of community safety issues in their district, and gives an opportunity to raise any other concerns in regard to Community Safety. The information is used as part of the process that shapes what priorities the CSP will focus on in the forthcoming year.
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch: A national voluntary organisation set up by local residents to help reduce crime and the fear of crime.
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer. A trained community beat officer whose role focuses on community engagement and protection.
Prolific & Other Priority Offenders Scheme (PPO)	A national government scheme that was put in place in Sept 2004 to target the offenders who commit the most crime and cause the most harm to local communities. The programme allows partners to concentrate their efforts on a number of initiatives to deter the likelihood of offending, identify and convict persistent offenders, and offer rehabilitation to those wishing to address their offending behaviour.
Speedwatch	The scheme encourages members of the public to get involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles in their community and has the dual aim of both educating motorists about speeding, as well as having a monitoring function by highlighting hotspot areas of speeding in neighbourhoods. The scheme is run by volunteers (who receive full training) and is supported by Cambridgeshire Constabulary & Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership. To find out more about becoming a Speedwatch volunteer contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0345 456 456 4
Violence Against Women & Girls Action Plan (VAWGs)	This Home Office Action Plan gives an overview of what actions the Government will be taking forward to tackle VAWGs. The Action Plan covers a wide range of issues, predominantly effecting women/girls, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, so-called 'honour-based violence', female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

To request a copy of this strategy contact:
East Cambridgeshire District Council
Tel: 01353 665555
Web: www.eastcambs.gov.uk

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