



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



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**Working together to help make East Cambridgeshire
a safe place to live**

Ask for Ani domestic abuse campaign launched

A campaign targeted at kicking domestic abuse out of East Cambridgeshire has been launched ahead of the Euros.

One in four women and one in six men experience domestic abuse.

These numbers can increase dramatically during major football tournaments. During the last European championships in 2020 reported rates of domestic violence increased as much as 38% if a national team lost and 23% when it won or if there was a draw.

To help prevent this, East Cambridgeshire District Council is encouraging anyone who is experiencing domestic violence – whether its football related or not – to Ask for Ani.

Visitors to its office at The Grange can go in and Ask for Ani, which stands for Assistance Needed Immediately. They will be shown into a room where trained staff can offer a safe place, help with making essential phone calls and provide support and assistance. [Read more](#)

Safer Communities Fund



The last Safer Communities bid was approved in March 2024 for hate crime awareness and was supported by CSPs across the county. The funding will allow for posters, leaflets and badges to be created for use at Hate Crime Reporting Centres, to raise awareness around hate crime and show that there are safe spaces to report a hate crime. In East Cambridgeshire there are five hate crime reporting centres located at Littleport Town Council, Sutton Parish Council, Fordham Parish Council, The Lighthouse, Ely, and The Kite Trust, Ely. To find out more about becoming a hate crime reporting centre please email ECCSP@eastcambs.gov.uk.

Community Safety Forum

Community Safety Forums are designed for allowing members of a community to raise concerns around local crime, disorder and safety. The forums are run by the local parish council and supported by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). If you feel your parish would benefit from a community safety forum please get in touch via email ECCSP@eastcambs.gov.uk.

Young people 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 13 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.

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 via email at communityscrutinypanel@cambs.police.uk or via telephone on 0300 333 3456. Alternatively, for more information about the Community Scrutiny Panel or to request to join, please visit the Community Scrutiny Panel page on the OPCC website.

Staying safe as temperatures rise



With temperatures heating up Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) have some important outdoor fire and water safety advice so that people can enjoy the warm weather safely.

High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread rapidly. There are simple steps residents can take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

- ensure cigarettes are completely out before disposing of them, do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation

- keep barbecues well away from buildings, fencing and vegetation, put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place them directly on grass
- ensure any barbecues are completely cool before disposing of the ash
- avoid having bonfires in these dry conditions, please use local recycling centres to get rid of unwanted rubbish and waste

CFRS also ask parents to speak to their children about the dangers of starting fires, and the serious consequences they can have.

CFRS is also reminding residents to 'be water aware' and resist the urge to enter open water, such as rivers or lakes, for the sake of cooling off. There can be hidden dangers beneath the surface that can have deadly consequences.

Open water can often be deeper than expected with unknown hazards below the surface, such as strong undercurrents, rubbish, rubble and broken glass. Despite the warmer temperatures the water can be much cooler than people expect.

The most important thing to remember if you do get into difficulty in water is Float to Live. You should lean back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat, control your breathing, then call for help or swim to safety. In an emergency call 999 or 112 for the coastguard. If you see someone else in trouble near water, call for help immediately. Never try and carry out a rescue yourself, you could put yourself in danger too.

To help be prepared in the event of an emergency, download the free what3words app so that emergency services can help pinpoint your location quicker in hard to find areas.

Police update



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We have had a busy year so far with some excellent examples of collaborative working with partner agencies. Below is just a snapshot of what we have been up to.

Speeding and anti-social driving

Speed checks have been carried out at Broad Piece, Soham, Cam Drive, Ely and Newmarket Road, Fordham.

Regular patrols have been carried out on the A142 from Sutton to Ely and the A10 to the leisure park.

Warning letters are still being given to drivers using Elean Business Park for anti-social driving.

We have supported the Haddenham Road Safety launch which encourages HGV drivers to reduce their use of village roads and to reduce their speed.

Drugs supply and use (especially involving youths)

A large cannabis farm was found at an address in Ely. This was as a result of some proactive work carried out by officers on the night.

We have safeguarded some young males who were being coerced by an older male into robbing drug dealers.

A male was stopped in Littleport in an uninsured car with no driving licence and was also found in possession of high strength cannabis and wraps of cocaine.

18 people have been dealt with for possession of drugs resulting in either a community resolution, conditional caution or a court appearance.

Five people have been prosecuted for supplying drugs.

Anti-social behaviour

Regular patrols of Ely, Burwell, Soham, Littleport, Stretham and Haddenham have resulted in numerous young people being engaged with and educated about how ASB affects the community.

One young male has been given an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) regarding his anti-social behaviour in Littleport. If breached, his family's tenancy could be affected.

ABC's have been issued to three young males at the same address in Sutton due to their anti-social behaviour. Their mother was also issued with a tenancy action plan.

Concerns were raised around ASB in Isleham. Patrols have been carried out and young people engaged with.

we have worked with housing associations to help tackle tenants causing ASB issues for their neighbours.

Other business

We have attended local youth clubs and given talks on drugs and county lines.

We have attended local primary schools and participated in the 'Sussing it out' project which covers team building, online safety and risk-taking behaviour, peer pressure, drug awareness, 'what is anger?', county lines and finishes with a scenario and games.

We have taken part in a national Safer Business Week, offering crime prevention advice to local businesses.

Issued fixed penalty notices for illegal parking outside the local schools during drop off and pick up times. Drivers have been educated and the schools have been given advice on how to tackle the issue.

Investigated 26 hate crime offences, with offenders being either charged and sent to court or given an out of court disposal (for example conditional caution).

Carried out a bike marking event at Kings School, Ely, with 72 bikes marked.

We currently have 8 young males on our Op Guardian cohort, who are all being monitored at varying levels as they have been or there is intelligence to suggest that they are carrying knives.



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CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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Working together to improve community safety



Ely Primary Care Networks



The Community Safety Partnership is made up of organisations working together together to protect their local community from crime and to help people feel safe

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