



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



# **CSP Newsletter**

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

# Toolkits now available on CSP website

Do you want to know more about cyber bullying, hate crime or how to keep your business safe? The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety partnership website now includes a host of resources which are free for everyone to access. Toolkits included are:

- Cyberbullying
- Drink Spiking
- Hate Crime Toolkit
- Home Security Advice
- PREVENT Community Toolkit
- Safer Business Safer Streets
- Violence Against Women and Girls Toolkit

**Visit the Community Safety Partnership's webpages**

# Local crime figures announced

Latest Home Office figures of crimes reported show there were 467 crimes reported in East Cambridgeshire throughout the month of March 2023. Of these, violence and sexual offences were reported 195 times, while anti-social behaviour was reported 51 times. This is significantly lower than South Cambridgeshire which had 2223 crimes reported. Of these 666 were violent or sexual offences and anti-social behaviour reported 233 times. The new CSP action plan, which is in the process of being signed off, is focused on reducing these numbers further.

# Fire service helps students develop core skills

Students from Witchford and Ely secondary schools got to learn the fundamentals of fire safety and good teamwork during an intensive week long Firebreak course at Ely Fire Station. Firebreak is a national course that aims to promote a culture of safety, teamwork and citizenship by teaching young people a range of vital life skills whilst undertaking the various disciplines of the fire service .As well as learning practical skills like the basics of fire safety, how to run out hoses and use breathing apparatus, students had to undergo parades, keep their accommodation clean and learn first aid. In addition to boosting self confidence, the course aims to reduce the risky choices made by young people and anti-social behaviour by raising awareness of the consequences of actions. All 13 students enjoyed the course and completed it successfully.



# Apply for the PCC Safer Community Fund

Community groups and parish councils across East Cambridgeshire are being encouraged to apply for up to £5000 in funding for projects designed to reduce levels of crime. The Safer Community Fund has been set up by the Police and Crime Commissioner(PCC). The money has been set aside to help communities address known problems such as anti-social behaviour, graffiti, and fly-tipping. Projects which have been awarded funding to date include bike racks in Haddenham, a security light at St George's Church in Littleport, spiking awareness training and CCTV at Soham toilets (see articles further down). All projects must be completed in a 12 week period. For more information and to apply please email [Joanne.Andow@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Andow@eastcambs.gov.uk)

# Youth Webpages

The youth pages have been developed to signpost young people, families and anybody that works with or supports young people to youth services, resources and support in East Cambridgeshire. The following links are available

Youth Climate Action

Youth Education and Work

Youth Engagement

Youth Safety

Youth Spaces and Activities

Youth Travel

Youth Wellbeing

The webpages can be found at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/youth-pages/welcome-ecdc-youth-webpages](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/youth-pages/welcome-ecdc-youth-webpages)

# CSP Showcase

More than 70 people attended the Community Safety Partnership's first ever networking event at Ely Cathedral. The event featured a number of presentations to share what organisations are doing to help keep the public safe and support wellbeing. They included a presentation on SisterSafe, which offers free self-defence classes for women; a talk on drink spiking from the Stamp Out Spiking Campaign and a presentation on the mock court days run by East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP). There were also a number of stalls, including Burwell Safety Campaign, police hate crime awareness, police recruitment, Sanctuary Housing, Think Communities and East Cambridgeshire CSP. The event was a great success highlighting the work of the CSP across East Cambridgeshire and a great opportunity for partners and members of the public to come together.





# Cambridgeshire constabulary knife amnesty

More than 270 weapons including large knives, knuckle dusters and swords are off the streets after being handed into Cambridgeshire police during a countywide amnesty. The items were surrendered at amnesty bins in Cambridge and Peterborough, as well as at events in Cambourne, Sawston, Histon and Ely. Police said some of the 272 weapons are illegal to own, even if kept on private property, due to changes to the Offensive Weapons Act, which bans items such as knuckledusters, extendable batons, curved swords and zombie knives. Officers also visited numerous schools across the county during the week-long amnesty event, taking part in extra patrols in hotspot areas, and conducted weapons sweeps in an effort to locate any hidden items in public spaces.

# Free Spiking awareness training

Pubs, restaurants and other related organisations are being invited to attend free spiking awareness training on Monday 3 July. The two-hour nationally accredited course run by Stamp OutSpiking and will take place at The Maltings in Ely. To find out more scan the QR code with your phone and it will take you through to a delegate information form.

# CCTV to cover Soham toilets

Soham public toilets have re-opened. East Cambridgeshire District Council temporarily closed the toilets on Fountain Lane following a spate of vandalism which culminated in a cleaner being verbally threatened by a gang of youths. Since then, thanks to funding from the PCC, East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership has been working with Soham Town Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and East Cambridgeshire District Council to upgrade CCTV in the area, which will be monitored by the police. The cleaner has also been issued with a body camera.

# Award nomination

The East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership's Court Experience Day has been nominated for the Police One More Step Prevention Awards. These recognise the excellent prevention and problem-solving work undertaken by police and partner agencies in the past year. The aim of the court experience is to raise awareness of the community safety issues that some young people may face including knife crime and county lines. The event raises awareness of the wide range of activities and services available to young people.



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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