



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



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

Ely Underpass Graffiti Project



The gateway into the Ely Leisure Village has received a new welcoming and inspirational design.

Students from Ely Community College created a large mural in the underpass leading to the leisure and entertainment location, as a way of creating a positive image of young people and developing their skills in street art.

The collaborative project has involved the following key partners:

- City of Ely Council
- Ely Community College
- East Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council

Kilo, lead artist at Splash and Dash Creations Ltd, facilitated a series of after school workshops with the students, aimed at teaching the skills required to be able to paint a group mural, and working on basic spray paint techniques including filling in, fading colours together, working with complex shapes and outlining.

It is hoped the creation of the mural will instil enthusiasm and joy with all those who use the popular underpass and inspire other young people to take part in supported projects.

You can read more on the [East Cambridgeshire District Council Website](#).

Hate crimes reported at Kite Trust

The Kite Trust in Ely has become a Third Party Reporting Centre (TPRC) for hate crime.

The Kite Trust, based on Market Street, supports LGBTQ+ young people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Their LGBTQ+ trained youth workers offer tailored support to anyone reporting hate crimes and incidents. They can also receive anonymous reports and help people understand what the follow up investigation process looks like.

A hate crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim, or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice

based on a personal characteristic, specifically actual or perceived race, religion/faith, sexual orientation, disability and transgender identity.

You can read the full article on the council's website.

Hate crimes can also be reported to [Stop Hate](#) (opens in new window), [True Vision](#) (opens in new window) or [Cambridgeshire Police](#) (opens in new window).

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a HCRC or hate crime training should contact ECCSP@eastcambs.gov.uk.



It starts with men



White Ribbon is the UK's leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls.

White Ribbon work is preventative. They focus on supporting individuals and organisations to intervene before harmful attitudes and behaviours towards women and girls can take place. This work is called primary prevention; trying to stop violence from happening in the first place.

White Ribbon UK centres women's experiences across all its work. Their work to develop allyship in men and boys is led by an understanding that women have different experiences of abuse and violence based on their identities. Adopting an intersectional understanding to tackle harmful gender norms also challenges other forms of discrimination.

Their work is collaborative and focused on positive culture change. Not all men are violent, but all men have a role to play in preventing and, ultimately, ending violence against women and girls. They encourage men to learn about the gender norms and traits they embody and how these impact women, and understand the difference they can make by being allies.

Make the White Ribbon Promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women at www.whiteribbon.org.uk/promise (opens in new window)

Youth Fusion

East Cambridgeshire District Council worked in partnership with a variety of local agencies to deliver a series of youth events this summer for local young people.

The events were an opportunity to:

- engage with local young people
- promote local groups, clubs, activities and initiatives, such as climate change and community safety
- provide fun activities during school summer holidays
- recruit new members to local clubs/groups
- deliver taster sessions, such as martial arts and dance
- promote resources and signposting tools, such as East Cambridgeshire District Council's Youth webpages which feature information on employment, volunteering, engagement, transport, community safety and climate change

Burwell and Haddenham had a very successful event, with lots of positive feedback from all attendees.



Court event held for Bottisham students

On Tuesday 24 September, Year 9 students from Bottisham Village College attended East Cambridgeshire District Council for a mock court event based on knife crime.

During the half day session students learned about the law surrounding carrying a knife and the processes involved in a police stop and search, and an arrest.

The students then went to the former Ely Magistrates' Court where they ran a mock trial, taking the role of judges, jury, press officers, solicitors and the defendant.

They were joined by Stephen Thompson who is a magistrate and helped explain the processes of a magistrate and a crown court.

The students acted out a script and then decided on whether they would find the defendant guilty, which they did, and what they thought was an appropriate sentence. Finally, the students got to visit the cells that are still located at the old magistrates' court.

Feedback received from the students about the event was really positive and included the following.

“I know a lot more about laws, police and knife crime”

“I have gained a deeper understanding about law and the police”

“I learned to be a good person and listen to our parents”



PCC announces extra investment

Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston has announced new investment plans to step up efforts to tackle local issues such as anti-social behaviour (ASB), road safety and fly-tipping in every area of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The PCC has agreed to extend funding for Problem-Solving Co-ordinators in each of the county's six Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) for a further 12 months until March 2026.

In a further demonstration of his commitment to address local issues that require agencies to work together to solve them, the PCC has reopened the Safer Communities Fund, giving Community Safety Partnerships another opportunity to bid for vital funding to focus on the issues that impact communities most.



From local initiatives to reduce ASB or proactively address fly-tipping, through to extra security resources to deter and detect crime, the Commissioner is making up to £10,000 available in each CSP area.

Darryl said, “Local issues like anti-social behaviour can blight community life and prevent people from enjoying their lives as they should. Cambridgeshire Constabulary now have a record number of officers and have also been using £1m extra funding this year to ramp up proactive police patrols to target anti-social behaviour and serious violence.”

Problem-Solving Co-ordinators work with communities and partners to resolve issues and help the PCC meet the priorities set out in his Police and Crime Plan.

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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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