

Welcome to the 16th Edition of the Fenland Community Safety Partnership (FCSP) Newsletter

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This newsletter provides an update on the partnership activity of the Fenland CSP.

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are made up of representatives from the police, local authorities, fire and rescue services, health, and probation services. They are known as 'responsible authorities'. Other non-statutory bodies are also invited to be members e.g., residential social landlords.

CSP members work in partnership to tackle crime and anti--social behaviour and to reduce the communities fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The CSP page has resources to provide help and support on a wide range of topics, such as Scams, County Lines (drugs) and Hate Crime. Visit our CSP page by following this link:

https://www.fenland.gov.uk/csp



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FENLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (FCSP) ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Community Safety Engagement events are held across Fenland each quarter to raise awareness of key safety messages.

Community engagement events are supported by a range of partners including: Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Bobby Scheme, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, Speed Watch and the Illegal Money Lending Team.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against Scams Partnership, Cybercrime and Online

Fraud Officers.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership, and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership.

At these events residents can also speak to a Fenland Community Safety Officer to discuss concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour that affect their community.







FENLAND RURAL COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENTS

Throughout 2024/25, the Fenland Community Safety Partnership are visiting rural parishes to hold community safety drop-in sessions along with the local police where possible. The aim of these sessions is to offer advice and support on a range of community safety issues.

A Community Safety drop-in session would be best held around an existing daytime event that is running: such as post office sessions in community halls, coffee mornings, friendship groups, mobile libraires, book groups etc as this offers better engagement.

If there is a community event being held Monday—Friday, during the daytime and you would like to consider the Community Safety Partnership attending, then please contact us via email at:

antisocialbehaviour@fenland.gov.uk

TOWN & RURAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The Fenland Community Safety Partnership has visited the following towns and parishes linking in with local residents, learning about your communities and the Community Safety concerns that matter to you.

WALSOKEN







WISBECH







CHATTERIS







2024/2025 COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS IN FENLAND

Fenland Community Safety Partnership will be delivering further community engagement events throughout 2024 and 2025.

These will be advertised on the FDC website, partnership pages and in your local area.

Come along and meet the Community Safety Partnership for Information and advice on a wide range of community safety matters.

LOAN SHARK AWARENESS ENGAGEMENT EVENT



The Fenland Community Safety
Partnership together with the Stop Loan
Sharks England Team delivered a
Community Awareness raising session at
the Horsefair Shopping Centre and
Wisbech Market place.

Local businesses supported this event by

displaying over 30 posters in the Market Place and the Horsehair Shopping Centre, including advertising space kindly donated by the Horsefair shop-

ping centre to display 3 large A0 posters.



This, along with our teams face-to-face engagement work helped to raise awareness about the dangers of Loan Sharks.

Residents and their children engaged with Fenland Community Safety Partnership Officers and Loan Shark Mascot Sid ,stopping to have their picture taken with Sid and to receive further information about how to identify a loan shark.

Anyone who is worried either they or someone they know might be involved with a loan shark can call the 24/7 confidential IMLT hotline on 0300 555 2222 or can Text a report to 07860 022116.

Alternatively visit the website www.stoploansharks.co.uk and start a live chat

E-mail <u>reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk</u>
Private message us on <u>www.facebook.com/stoploansharksproject</u>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ROUND UP

The Fenland Community Safety Partnership would like to thank the following partners for supporting the Community Safety Engagement Sessions:

- Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Cambridgeshire Police Cyber Crime & Fraud Prevention Officers
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue.
- The Bobby Scheme.
- Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS)
- Stop Loan Sharks England

Within the sessions delivered above, residents were given advice and signposted to appropriate teams and partner agencies, to follow up on the reported concerns.

Further information and Support

Residents attending the Community Safety Engagement Sessions also received the Fenland Community Safety Partnership reporting flyer that maps out reporting pathways on a range of issues. You can find out more information and advice by visiting the Fenland Community Safety Partnership webpage.

https://www.fenland.gov.uk/csp

Useful Online Reporting Options

- Anti-social behaviour, noise, litter, fly-tipping. dog fouling, and much more visit: https://www.fenland.gov.uk/report
- Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS) You can telephone DASS, on freephone 0300 373 1073 or email :DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk
- For concerns about inappropriate road users please ring the police on 101 or report online at: https://www.cambs.police.uk/report

STOPLOANSHARKS Intervention . Support . Education

What would you do if a loan shark targeted you?

Do you know what a loan shark is?

A loan shark – or illegal money lender - is someone who lends money illegally without proper authorisation from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

That means if you borrow from them, they don't have to follow the rules – they can decide how much you pay back and when.

These criminals are not always easy to spot - they can be another parent in the school playground, a friend of the family, or a neighbour.

Illegal lenders can make the offer of quick cash seem hard to resist, but very quickly the situation can spiral out of control and borrowers can be subjected to threats, violence and intimidation.

Warning signs to indicate that you could be dealing with an illegal lender include:

- being given no paperwork upon the agreement of a loan
- being given no detailed information about a loan
- having items such as a bank card or passport taken from you until the debt is paid

being threatened or intimidated you if you do not pay on time.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT), also known as Stop Loan Sharks, is a dedicated team of specialists that are leading the fight against loan sharks across the country.

Set up 20 years ago, the team has helped thousands of people escape the clutches of these criminals and wiped out more than £91.2 million worth of illegal debt.



The team is committed to investigating reports of illegal lending in communities and prosecuting those responsible. Over the past 20 years, it has successfully prosecuted more than 400 illegal lenders, leading to jail terms of almost 600 years.

If you or someone you know is affected by illegal money lending, contact Stop Loan Sharks for support and advice without delay.

There is a confidential 24/7 hotline available on 0300 555 2222 and a **Live Chat** facility is available on the website www.stoploansharks.co.uk between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For further information, advice and more ways to get in touch, visit stoploansharks.co.uk

Remember that you are not in trouble if you have borrowed money or have been paying back a loan from a loan shark – they are the people committing a crime, not you.





CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE IS DELIGHTED TO LAUNCH A BRAND-NEW SCHEME ACROSS FENLAND AND THE WIDER COUNTY – OLDER DRIVERS' WORKSHOPS!

The Older drivers' Workshops are for drivers aged 65+ who wish to future-proof their driving career and learn about driving fitness in later age. Those under 65 can attend provided they are supporting a driver aged 65+ (relative, spouse, friend, carer etc).

The workshop aims to inform drivers about how to keep themselves safe in the latter stages of their driving career, including simple checks they can complete at home to help maintain their fitness to drive.

The course covers age-related changes to driving, eyesight and the law, medical conditions and the DVLA, renewing a license, signs to look out for in friends and alternatives to driving.

This is a FREE, in-person, 2-hour workshop hosted at locations around the county, including free refreshments, but contains no driver assessment at all.

More information, including dates and how to book onto workshops, can be found at https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/road-safety/older-driver-workshops/.

Those unable to access the website should call Cambridgeshire Fire service on 01480 444500 and give their name and phone number for a call back to book onto an appropriate workshop.

Older driver workshops in 2024:

Chatteris Fire Station: Monday March 18 - 1pm until 3pm

Littleport Fire Station: Wednesday March 27 - 10am until 12pm

Ely Library: Thursday April 4 – 10am until 12pm

March Fire Station: Tuesday April 9 - 1pm until 3pm

Wisbech Fire Station: Thursday April 11 - 1pm until 3pm Yaxley Fire Station: Wednesday April 17 - 1pm until 3pm

Sawston Fire Station: Tuesday April 23 – 1pm until 3pm

Sutton Fire Station: Wednesday May 1 - 10am until 12pm

Ramsey Fire Station: Thursday May 9 - 1pm until 3pm Sawtry Fire Station: Tuesday May 14 - 1pm until 3pm





Biker Down is a FREE course that offers motorcyclists the opportunity to learn practical skills to help avoid being involved in a crash, as well as essential first-aid training and advice on what to do should they find themselves first on the scene of a crash where someone is injured.

This three hour session covers the following topics:

- Initial Scene Management
- First Aid for motorcyclists with the help of <u>MAGPAS</u>
- The science of being seen

Our Biker Down course does not involve a motorbike ride out.

Once you've completed the course you'll receive a certificate.

https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/road-safety/biker-down/https://youtu.be/nwiZ7DWIQRQ

Biker Down courses 2024

- Sunday 3 March, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Tuesday 12 March, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 31 March, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Wednesday 10 April, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 28 April, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Thursday 9 May, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 26 May, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Monday 10 June, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 23 June, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station





- Tuesday 2 July, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 21 July, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Wednesday 31 July, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 18 August, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Thursday 29 August, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 15 September, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Monday 23 September, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Tuesday 22 October, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 10 November, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Wednesday 20 November, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Sunday 8 December, 10am 1pm, St Ives Fire Station
- Thursday 18 December, 6pm 9pm, St Ives Fire Station

*Please note that we can host up to 15 attendees per Biker Down course and most courses are held at St Ives Fire Station

To book yourself onto one of the above courses, please email: road.safety@cambsfire.gov.uk and provide your name, email address and contact telephone number.



Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team

Over the last three months, your Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team (who cover Wisbech, Elm, Friday Bridge, Coldham, Guyhirn, Murrow, Wisbech St Mary, Leverington, Tydd Gote, Parsons Drove, Newton) have been focussing on two main areas as their local priorities, based on feedback from the community.

Street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour in Wisbech town centre – a further ten people have been adopted onto the Operation Luscombe cohort after police intervention due to street drinking and associated behaviours of which, following the invite onto the scheme, have not come back to police attention.

Regular patrols have continued throughout the winter months, alongside Fenland District Council ASB officers. Feedback received from partners such as Streetscene indicate a large reduction in litter in the areas associated with higher levels of street drinking and reports into us about street drinking have reduced.

Speeding in villages on the outskirts of Wisbech

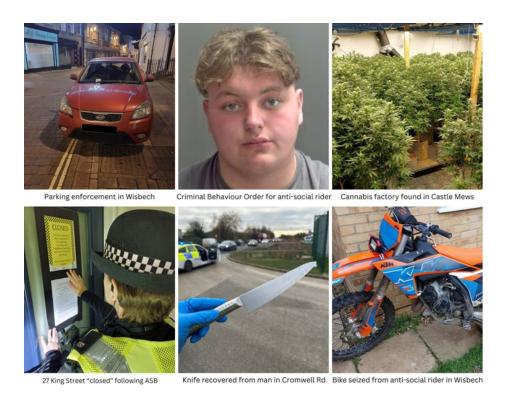
Speeding in villages on the outskirts of Wisbech – over the last three months officers have supported community Speedwatch volunteers at some of their sessions to help provide enforcement opportunities as well as setting up speed checks in Elm, Friday Bridge, Christchurch, Wisbech St Mary, Parson Drove, Guyhirn and Gorefield.

The team have committed approximately 30 hours of speed enforcement across the different locations, reported a number of offenders and seized a handful of cars along the way.

Current priorities for your Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team (Covering Wisbech, Elm, Friday Bridge, Coldham, Guyhirn, Murrow, Wisbech St Mary, Leverington, Tydd Gote, Parsons Drove, Newton)

Every three months we use a combination of our own data and your feedback via our community policing survey to set three priorities for each of our neighbourhood policing teams to focus on for the coming quarter. Between January and March this year, your Wisbech team will be prioritising:

- Street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour in Wisbech town centre
- Shoplifting in the Horsefair Shopping Centre
- Anti-social use of pedal cycles (including lack of lights) across the sector



What we've been up to across the sector (in pictures!)

You can find more like this on our https://www.facebook.com/FenCops/

Court news

 Teenage motorcyclist given Criminal Behaviour Order https:// www.cambs.police.uk/news/cambridgeshire/news/2023/december/ teenage-motorcyclist-given-a-criminal-behaviour-order/

Wisbech flat "closed" by neighbourhood officers

- https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/cambridgeshire/news/2023/ december/wisbech-flat-closed-by-neighbourhood-officers/
- Repeat Shoplifter sent to Prison https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/ cambridgeshire/news/2024/january/repeat-fenland-shoplifter-sent-toprison/

You can find more articles like these in the <u>news section of our website</u>. https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/cambridgeshire/news/

March Neighbourhood Policing Team

Over the last three months, your March Neighbourhood Policing Team (who cover March, Wimblington, Doddington, Benwick, Chatteris, Pondersbridge, Whittlesey, Coates, Turves, Manea) have been focussing on three main areas as their local priorities, based on feedback from the community.

<u>Illegal parking around primary schools</u> – 32 tickets issued across schools in March, 20 issued across Whittlesey and 19 issued across Chatteris. This priority has been well received by both the community and schools, and will be continuing throughout the next three months.

Drug use and supply – a well-known drug dealer in Whittlesey was charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs and is due to appear in court later this month.

A vehicle stop in Gas Road, March, resulted in 50 wraps of class A drugs being seized and £700 in cash, as well as weapons from the suspect's home. The individual remains under investigation at this time.

Other arrests include one for drug driving and possession of cannabis in London Road, Chatteris, a drug driver in Kings Dyke, Whittlesey, another drug driver and possession of cannabis in Pinewood Avenue, Whittlesey.

The team executed four warrants relating to drugs – three in March, one in Whittlesey – resulting in more than £10,000 cash being seized, as well as a large amount of both class A and B drugs. Suspects remain under investigation.

More than 200 intelligence items have been gathered and submitted for the team to take action against, and section 8 Misuse of Drugs Act notice was issued at an address in Quaker Way, Chatteris, to prevent others from using the premises for drugs consumption.

Speeding – more than 45 hours of speed checks have been carried out in Benwick, Eastrea, Coates, Turves, Wimblington, Doddington and Manea. 15 tickets have been issued, mainly for speeding along the A605. Words of advice have been given to many other motorists whose speed was only marginally over the limits. This priority will continue throughout the next three months.

Current priorities for your March Neighbourhood Policing Team

(Covering March, Wimblington, Doddington, Benwick, Chatteris, Pondersbridge, Whittlesey, Coates, Turves, Manea)

Every three months we use a combination of our own data and your feedback via our community policing survey to set three priorities for each of our neighbourhood policing teams to focus on for the coming quarter. Between January and March this year, your March team will be prioritising:

- Illegal parking around primary schools across the sector
- Retail crime across the sector



Speed checks in Chatteris



Visit to Doddington Christmas fair



Support with bungalow fire in March







Speed checks in Wimblington, Benwick & Coates Disqualified driver has car seized in March



Strawbear Festival in Whittlesey

Speeding in rural parishes

What we've been up to across the sector (in pictures!)

You can find more like this on our https://www.facebook.com/FenCops/

Court news

- Tradesman hit with car in parking row: https://www.cambs.police.uk/ news/cambridgeshire/news/2023/december/tradesman-hit-with-car-inparking-row/
- Teen assaulted police with broken bottle: https:// www.cambs.police.uk/news/cambridgeshire/news/2024/January/teenassaulted-police-with-broken-bottle/
- Repeat Fenland shoplifter sent to prison: https://www.cambs.police.uk/ news/cambridgeshire/news/2024/january/repeat-fenland-shopliftersent-to-prison/

You can find more articles like these in the news section of our website. https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/cambridgeshire/news/

Finally, Your information helps us to understand the types of issues affecting you and your local community and informs our quarterly neighbourhood policing priorities. To have your say, please head to our community policing survey.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx? id=G53Fo_G4mUKdajmtj1cEluNSj2t2XR9Ajs9uyzmKHftUMDcwWTZZU0 IONENSNk9PV1g2Tk9BR0c5SCQlQCN0PWcu&origin=lprLink

Please DO NOT use this form to report a crime – this should be done either via our website's online reporting forms or webchat service, or by calling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

Inspector Andy Morris

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team



STREETSCENE NEWS

Three Fenland residents have each been given £400 penalties after paying bogus traders to take away rubbish that was later found illegally dumped. The three each failed in their duty of care to carry out proper checks on the people they employed to ensure their waste was properly disposed of.



A Fenland councillor has warned householders they must under-

stand and carry out their responsibilities regarding disposing of rubbish.

Fenland District Council (FDC) encourages residents to make use of compliant waste companies, including its own bulky waste service, to dispose of larger household items in confidence. FDC's bulky waste service costs £32.50 for up to five items.

Cllr Peter Murphy, Fenland District Council's portfolio holder for refuse and cleansing, said: "We don't want to see our residents being the subject of an investigation, fixed penalty or possible court appearance for using a rogue trader. "The fact is that householders have a duty of care to ensure anyone they use to take their rubbish away disposes of it properly. "In these three recent cases, the residents in question clearly hadn't made reasonable efforts to check on the legitimacy of those they employed."

A man from Wisbech was given a £400 fixed penalty after waste he said he paid 'someone' £80 to tip for him was among decaying rubbish dumped in Trinity Road, Wisbech.

A March man was given a £400 penalty after showing enforcement officers messages between him and the person he employed to dispose of his waste where the fly-tipper admitted he'd had complaints about not disposing of things properly. The man still agreed to pay £460 for disposal of his waste which was found dumped in Turves.

In another case, waste found in Pondersbridge was traced back to a March resident who said he'd handed his rubbish to a man advertising on Facebook. The March man was unable to provide any detail about the

man he said he'd paid.



Regarding waste carriers, residents are advised to follow the 'S.C.R.A.P. code':

Suspect all waste carriers. Do not let them take your rubbish until they provide proof of registration. Note their vehicle's registration plate.

Check that a waste carrier is registered on the Environment Agency's website https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers Or contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 for a free instant waste carrier validation check.

Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.

Ask how your rubbish will be disposed of and seek evidence of this.

Paperwork must be obtained - a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carrier's contact details.

A Cambridgeshire County Council issued permit to take a van or trailer onto one of its recycling centres is not proof of being a registered waste carrier.

Householders or businesses caught using unlicensed waste carriers to dispose of their rubbish can be issued with fixed penalty notices of up to £400 if they failed to take reasonable steps to determine the person that took their waste was authorised to do so. Failure to pay may result in court action where fines can be much larger.

Recently published figures show that between April and the end of October last year Fenland District Council's cleansing team responded to 1,191 requests from the public to deal with fly-tipping, graffiti, street cleansing or similar requests. Of these 96 per cent (1,142) were actioned the same or next day

Household waste can be taken to the local household waste recycling centres. For Fenland residents, Fenland District Council runs a cost effective bulky waste service where a number of larger household items can be collected from outside your home for a fixed fee.

Visit: www.fenland.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Report fly-tipping at www.fenland.gov.uk/flytipping or on 01354 654321.

STREETSCENE NEWS

Two bin lorries worth of waste cleared from a layby and embankment

An embankment and layby in Friday Bridge that saw almost 40 incidents of fly-tipping in nine months has been cleaned up and preventative measures put in place to deter offenders.

Fenland District Council cleared 22 tonnes of waste from Coldham Bank – the equivalent of almost two full district council refuse vehicles.

The clean-up and deterrent measures were possible thanks to support from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Cambridgeshire County Council and landowners.





Most of the waste was historic and in a ditch running along the boundary of the highway verge and a farmer's field but was being repeatedly added to

Cllr Peter Murphy, Fenland District Council's portfolio holder for the environment, said: "This is a fantastic piece of work to clear an area that had become an entrenched grot spot and site of environmental abuse.

"Now the site has been cleared, should anyone choose to fly-tip there again our enforcement officers will have much more opportunity to find the evidence they need to trace it back and prosecute.

"We hope it doesn't come to that and that now this site is clear there'll be a new respect for the area and residents and wildlife can be free of this nuisance and pollution."

Between January and September last year there were 38 separate incidents of items being dumped at the site, including both commercial and household waste.

The PCC awarded grant funding totalling £2,400 from the Safer Communities Fund to enable the clean-up.

The money allowed the removal of all waste and the purchase of new signage to highlight the consequences of fly-tipping.

Partnership working with the local highways authority Cambridgeshire County Council and landowners allowed the construction of a soil and concrete bund to prevent any future dumped waste escaping into the water course and make it more difficult for items to be unloaded at the site

Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said: "Pleased to see Fenland District Council putting money from my Safer Communities Fund into cleaning up waste and installing preventative measures to stop the blight of fly-tipping from happening again.

"I want to be clear, fly tipping is a crime and completely unacceptable in our communities. It can have a significant environmental and health impact, as well as a financial burden on law-abiding citizens and our public services."

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence that carries an unlimited fine and potential prison sentence.

Last year, Fenland District Council dealt with 914 separate incidents of fly -tipping. Most incidents are dealt with within 48 hours.

Householders who pay anyone to dump waste for them have a responsibility to check the person is registered with the Environment Agency or they could face a fixed penalty of £400. Checks can be made at https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers Or contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 for a free instant waste carrier validation check

Fenland District Council runs a bulky waste service where household items can be collected from your home for a fixed fee.

Visit: www.fenland.gov.uk/bulkywaste

And residents can use Cambridgeshire Household Recycling Centers free. https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/household-recycling-centre-locations-and-opening-hours

Report fly-tipping in Fenland via www.fenland.gov.uk/flytipping

USEFUL INFORMATION



Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

Phone the police on **101** for non-urgent crime or **999** for an emergency. Or use the quick online reporting tools to report a wide range of crime, anti-social behaviour, and vehicle offences,.

https://www.cambs.police.uk/report



https://crimestoppers-uk.org/



https://www.fenland.gov.uk/report



https://www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk/



Report Hate Crime

https://www.met.police.uk/true-vision-report-hate-crime/



https://twitter.com/actionfrauduk



https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website