



Welcome to the April edition of our monthly newsletter.

Last week I presented a report to Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Panel highlighting the scale of cost savings achieved by Cambridgeshire Constabulary over the last three years. The savings achieved between 2013/14 and 2015/16 amount to £13.3 million. These savings have been made without reducing the number of frontline officers.

The number of officers in 2015/16 will be 1,343 with 990 of these being local policing officer posts. A total of 816 police staff and 150 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are included in the budget. There will also be 300 Special Constables.

Savings on a similar scale will need to be achieved over the next three years. I am fully aware that what the public want to see from their Police force is greater visibility of uniformed officers. People want to see 'bobbies on the beat' with local officers patrolling the towns and villages. However, we have to operate in the reality of the budget we have available and the work we have to do to keep people safe. The new technology we are deploying will enable officers to receive and send real time information. The steps we are taking now help maximise the effectiveness and visibility of officers in the communities they serve.

In this issue of Connect we highlight the appalling crime of human trafficking which, although not obvious to most, is a crime we have to tackle in Cambridgeshire. We also celebrate the incredible success of the first six months of the Victims' Hub. I am delighted that our commitment to investing in the Victims' Hub has been vindicated and we have a service that is clearly valued by the people who have had cause to use it.

Thank you for the feedback to the previous edition of the newsletter. We will continue to respond to your comments and suggestions. If there are any issues that you would like to raise with me then please get in touch (see back page).

Sir Graham Bright
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner



Police Support Volunteers



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

The Constabulary is looking for more Police Support Volunteers (PSVs) to provide the force with an invaluable range of support in assisting local crime prevention and detection across Cambridgeshire.

PSVs are members of the public who give up their own time to make a difference to their local community and the Constabulary is looking for committed people that will help make Cambridgeshire safer.

No particular experience is required and the Constabulary will provide all necessary training, support and development. If you are aged 18 or over and can spare a few hours every week, then becoming a PSV could help you gain valuable skills in one of the following roles:

- Supporting the Major Crime unit
- Co-ordinating Community Speedwatch
- Contacting and helping the victims of crime
- Operating CCTV equipment
- Working on crime reduction initiatives
- IT and administration
- Vehicle tasking
- Research work
- Property recovery
- Supporting local policing teams on community engagement activities

To find out more or to apply click the link below:

[Find out more here](#)

Human Trafficking

Are your eyes open to human trafficking? Would you recognise it if you saw it?

There are more than 30 million slaves in the world today. Men, women and children forced to work without pay.

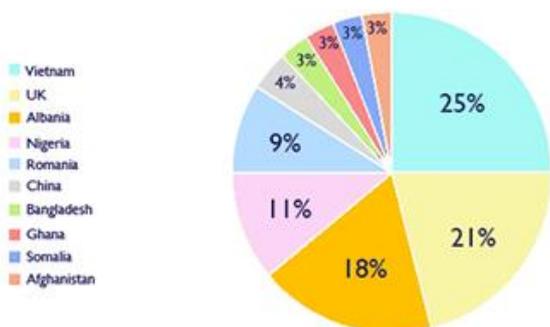
Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people by means of threat, coercion, abduction or abuse of power (amongst other means).

The most common forms of human trafficking are for sexual exploitation, enforced labour, domestic servitude, organ harvesting and criminal exploitation.

Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright says: "You may think that human trafficking does not happen around here but it does. Cambridgeshire Constabulary is working with local partners to stamp out this vile practice and has received national recognition for its work. We will continue to tackle this appalling crime as it has no place in Cambridgeshire. Recent operations such as Operation Pheasant have received national news coverage and well deserved awards." (See panel right).

The trade is international in nature and the Constabulary is involved in regional, national and international operations to target the traffickers and protect those vulnerable individuals who find themselves trapped in a situation they cannot escape from.

In 2013, 451 people under 18 were identified as potential victims of trafficking in the UK - 63 of them were from the UK.



If you have information that can help tackle this issue then call 101 today or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Operation Pheasant wins LGC award

The multi-agency Operation Pheasant won the Local Government Chronicle "Partnership of the Year" award at a recent ceremony.

Operation Pheasant was launched in 2013 to deal with the complex issues of migrant exploitation, illegal gangmasters as well the poor conditions in privately rented housing across Fenland, especially Wisbech.

The operation was headed up by the Constabulary and Fenland District Council and supported by HM Revenue and Customs, Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA), Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Home Office Immigration Enforcement.

Operation Pheasant is a great example of how different agencies can work together on a complex social issue and achieve results. It also led to Operation Endeavour which resulted in two convictions at the end of last year.

[Find out more here](#)

Victims Hub – 6 months on

Cambridgeshire's Victims' Hub opened on 01 October 2014 with the purpose of providing local support to help victims of crime cope and recover from their experience. At the end of March the Hub completes its first six months of operation and has already received 3,340 referrals, supported 781 individuals and written to 11,630 people.

Victim Care Coordinators in the Hub offer emotional and practical support and will work with a victim to identify what they might need to help them cope and recover from the impact the crime has had on them.

The Victims' Hub brings together expertise from a network of support providers, offering a one-stop-shop that can help victims access the support they need. This integrated service allows a quick assessment of an individual's needs and the co-ordination of the delivery of the right services from across a range of agencies – particularly important for the most vulnerable people in our society.

[Find out more here](#)

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Useful Links:

Cambridgeshire Police

www.cambs.police.uk

Cambridgeshire
Neighbourhood Watch

www.cambsnhw.org.uk

Peterborough
Neighbourhood Watch

www.peterboroughnhw.co.uk

Police UK

www.police.uk

Cambridgeshire
Countryside
Watch

www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk

e-cops Cambridgeshire
Constabulary

www.ecops.org.uk

Crimestoppers UK

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Government Services
Website

www.gov.uk

Stop Hate Crime

<http://report-it.org.uk/home>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Surgeries / Contact Points

Details about local surgeries, Police Contact Points and other events where Sir Graham Bright or other PCC representatives will be present are regularly updated and listed on the Cambridgeshire PCC website. Click the link below for details:

[Find out more here](#)

ROAD SAFETY

Following a large number of serious road traffic accidents across Cambridgeshire, mainly on rural roads, the Constabulary urges the public to avoid un-necessary distractions whilst driving and to drive within designated speed limits. For guidance visit the Government THINK! Website by clicking the link below:

[Find out more here](#)

CYCLE SECURITY ADVICE

The Constabulary urges cyclists to take extra security precautions as part of a crackdown on bike thefts in the region.

Police officers are using various tactics to catch those responsible but they need the public to play a part as well.

Security advice for cyclists is available on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website by clicking the link below:

[Find out more here](#)

MAKING CONTACT:

I know that it is important that you can keep up to date with what my Deputy, my team and I are doing. I am here to represent the public ensuring the voice of the people is heard and that the police are accountable to the public.

I pledged to be the voice of the people. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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