In this edition, you can read about what we are doing to support victims of stalking and harassment in partnership with national stalking charity, Suzy Lamplugh Trust. It’s important that we recognise the serious impact these crimes can have on victims and do all we can to help them recover.

I was pleased to receive the go-ahead from the Home Office in March to take on responsibility for the governance of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. This follows an independent assessment of my business case by The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy in December 2017.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service plays a vital role in saving lives through prevention, tackling fires and their many other responsibilities. Having a shared governance structure will strengthen the ability for fire and police to work even more closely together whilst providing opportunities for us to share buildings and land. I always talk about people being more important than places. Saving money on buildings allows us to put funding where it matters – on the frontline, keeping our communities safe.

Some of you may have heard that Chief Constable, Alec Wood has announced his intention to retire from policing. I have been very fortunate to work with Alec over the past two years. His approachable and principled style of leadership leaves the constabulary in a very strong position to respond to the challenges ahead.

I would like to thank him for his exemplary leadership and wish him the best of luck with his future endeavours. He will be missed.
Latest News from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Supporting Victims of Stalking
The Commissioner marked National Stalking Awareness Week 2018, (16th April) by reminding people that victims of stalking and harassment in Cambridgeshire are set to get an enhanced offer of support following an innovative partnership with national stalking charity Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

The move, announced in March, will see the charity, who run the National Stalking Helpline, provide specialist training for a new post holder in the county’s Victim and Witness Hub to provide dedicated support to victims of stalking and harassment.


Chief Constable announces retirement
The Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Alec Wood, has announced he will retire from the service in September.

Mr Wood has served 32 years as a police officer, five of which have been in Cambridgeshire, where he became Chief Constable in August 2015.

He said: “It has been an absolute privilege for me to work in this wonderful force with the dedicated, caring and skilled staff who make up Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Commissioner to become Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
On 26th March, the Home Secretary approved the Commissioner’s proposal to take over responsibility for the governance of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service from the Fire Authority.

The Commissioner will become the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. The changes announced will focus on how the fire service is governed. Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service will remain separate organisations with separate budgets.

The exact date for transfer of responsibilities has yet to be agreed but is likely to be before the summer 2018. Read the background and independent assessment of the Commissioner’s business case: http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/

Deputy attends ICV conference
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby joined more than 70 volunteers at the Independent Custody Visitors’ (ICVs) Eastern Regional Conference in Bedfordshire in April.

ICVs assess the care of people in custody. The visitors can speak to detainees about their treatment or conditions and take up any issues of concern with custody staff.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2tf4afn

Volunteer role models
Inspector Caroline Scully addressed the audience on the importance of role models.

Meeting the projects
The Commissioner was able to catch up with the progress made by projects before the ceremony.

Inspiring speakers
Cadet Leader Max Prince stole the show, sharing what being a Police Cadet means to him.
Commissioner responds to Cambridge Magistrates proposal

The Commissioner has published his response to the consultation on the future of Cambridge Magistrate’s Court.

The consultation (which closed on 29th March) proposed the relocation of the work and hearings from the court. In his response, the Commissioner highlighted the potential impact on court users, judiciary and staff, saying:

“I need to be convinced that any new arrangements have been fully thought through and that any changes provide a sensible, affordable and effective service for the public. Any changes need to consider impact on all organisations involved in local criminal justice. I believe we have the ability here in Cambridgeshire to ‘get better together’.


Partnership projects win national recognition

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership (CPRSP) won ‘The Best Education and Training Initiative of the year 2018’ at the First Car Young Driver Road Safety Awards held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

CPRSP were also highly commended in the Best Partnership Scheme of the year 2018 category.

The judging panel said they were very impressed by the partnership’s planned approach, research of needs, evidence based approach, and ongoing evaluation by Cranfield University, referring to the project as “a well-deserved winning entry”.

Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences

The Commissioner joined colleagues from across local government, education, police, health and the voluntary sector at a regional event in March to discuss the latest research on adverse childhood experiences and early intervention.

The Commissioner said:

“The event was a great opportunity to shift the focus from mending broken adults to creating resilient children.”

Fenland cadet to attend Royal wedding

Volunteer Police Cadet Charlie Calvert, Junior Young Person of the Year 2017, will be joining 2,500 people specially invited to the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19th May, following a nomination from Lord Lieutenant Julie Spence.

Charlie (15), who lives in Murrow has been Head Cadet for the police cadet unit in Wisbech for two years and also supports the Meadowgate unit.

Advice for Cyclists

- Be aware of what is happening around you, look well ahead for obstructions or hazards and behind before you change road position or direction.
- Only move if there is suitable space available.
- If there is anyone who needs to know what you are about to do, signal before you move.
- Only overtake in a stationary queue when it is clear a vehicle won’t suddenly begin to move.

To find out more, go to: [https://www.cambs.police.uk/A-to-Z](https://www.cambs.police.uk/A-to-Z)
News from the CONSTABULARY

Action Counters Terrorism

The Constabulary is urging the public to help tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity.

Communities defeat terrorism. With the enduring terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism. Your actions could save lives.

Don’t worry about wasting police time. No call or click will be ignored. What you tell the police is treated in the strictest confidence and is thoroughly researched by experienced officers before, and if any police action is taken.

Any piece of information could be important, it is better to be safe and report. Remember, trust your instincts and ACT. Action Counters Terrorism. Watch the ACT film to learn more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6SjX2XMMnY

Reporting is quick and easy. You can report in confidence online via a secure form: https://act.campaign.gov.uk/ or alternatively you can call the police confidentially on 0800 789 321.

Drugs tackled in week of action

A week of action to disrupt drug gangs operating across the county held in March resulted in 17 people being arrested and seven being charged.

The operation, which was part of a regional clampdown on county lines, saw warrants carried out, vehicles stopped and welfare visits on vulnerable people.

Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) Detective Superintendent Bernie Morgan said: “We are determined that there will be no place to hide for those who bring harm to our region by exploiting people and pedaling dangerous, illegal substances.”

County lines is a term used to describe gangs, groups or drug networks that supply drugs from urban to suburban areas across the country, using dedicated mobile phone lines or ‘deal lines’. Offenders exploit children and vulnerable adults to move the drugs and money, and to store the drugs in local properties.

The gangs will take over a property within a town, often belonging to someone who is vulnerable, in a process known as ‘cuckooing’ and are known to use intimidation, violence and weapons.

More information about county lines can be found here: https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Drug-networking

If you think somebody is involved in county lines, please report it: https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Concern

Police Campaign tackle speeding drivers

Police in Cambridgeshire targeted speeding drivers across the county in a week of action in April.

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Roads Policing Unit (RPU) worked alongside Speedwatch, a scheme supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner to give the public an opportunity to deter speeding drivers in their community.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said: “I am fully supportive of the enormous contribution Speedwatch volunteers make in keeping our roads safer. The role they play in helping reduce speeding as well as educating inconsiderate drivers to change their behaviour is hugely important. I would like to thank everyone involved in the scheme.”

Police Campaign tackle speeding drivers
In the Transformation strand of his Police and Crime Plan, published in March 2016, the Commissioner outlined how he proposed to improve the police service through innovation and collaboration.

With budgetary pressures set to continue, an increase in crimes such as domestic abuse and child sexual abuse, and a marked increase in demand for the police service, progress continues to be made across a number of areas.

The Commissioner firmly believes a partnership approach offers a clear way forward. This can mean a working with other blue-light services, such as sharing training or garage space with the Fire and Rescue service, or working with community groups such as Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust or Countryside Watch, both of whom have been awarded funding from the Commissioner to provide better security for the rural community.

Below, we highlight just a few ways the Commissioner’s office and the Constabulary are working together with others to pursue this.

**Working across borders**

Both the Constabulary, and the Office of the Commissioner, work with our partners across the East to improve our efficiency and effectiveness. We share services, such as the armed police units, dog units and roads policing teams, with our direct neighbours in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, while we work across seven forces (with Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent) to find value for money and deliver savings. We work at a national level too, with the Commissioner chairing the Policing National Commercial Board, which tries to find savings by, for example, buying and sharing resources nationally.

**Partnerships in the Community**

A key transformation objective in the Police and Crime Plan is to work with partners to realize the benefits for community safety which can be delivered from improved governance and integrity delivery. This means working with partners in local government, for example with Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council at the successful Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, as well as through the Countywide Community Safety Partnership, chaired by the Commissioner.

**The Police Estate**

The Commissioner continues to review police estates to support the changing requirements of operational policing and support services. Where sites are not required operationally, they will be either sold or redeveloped in order to generate long-term income. In the longer term, bringing together emergency services in blue-light hubs, which could allow future savings across police, fire and ambulance services.

**Fire & Rescue Governance**

The decision by the Home Office to allow the Commissioner to take on responsibility for the governance of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service will allow for savings through simpler governance, better use of the fire and police estates, closer working between fire and police and increased accountability (through a directly elected Police and Fire Commissioner). The changes will not affect operational independence in any way.

“Being Commissioner allows me to influence local, regional and national agendas. We need to continue to think and act differently so that we deliver public services that are fit for purpose. I am pleased with the progress made so far, however there is still work to be done.”

Jason Ablewhite
Getting in touch:

It’s important that the Commissioner and his team represent your views, so if you want to get in touch please do. The Commissioner is here to represent you and to make sure your voice is heard.

You can write to the OPCC:

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

PO Box 688
Huntingdon

PE29 9LA
Email: cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Or phone: **0300 333 3456**

GDPR is coming

Many of you will be aware that a new data protection law will be coming into force on 25th May.

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to listen and respond to members of the public. When you contact the Commissioner’s Office, we do not do anything with your personal data other than respond. As a subscriber to this newsletter, you have the option of unsubscribing at any point by emailing your request to cambs-pcc.cambs.pnn.police.uk. Keep an eye on our website for guidance on GDPR over the next few weeks:

Follow us online

Are you on social media? Keep up to date with the Commissioner’s activities by following us on:

- CambsPCC
- PCCCambs
- pcccambs

Book a surgery appointment

The Commissioner offers regular one-to-one meetings across the county. Surgeries are held in the second week of every month, and are rotated around the county in order to provide a location suitable for everyone. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, you can book a 15 minute appointment.

Please email: cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk or phone **0300 333 3456** to make an appointment:

Upcoming 2018 surgery dates

- **June 6th**  
  Parkside Police Station  
  9:00 - 11:00
- **July 11th**  
  Cambourne Police Station  
  9:00 - 11:00
- **August 9th**  
  Wisbech Police Station  
  9:00 - 11:00
- **September 5th**  
  Thorpe Wood Station  
  9:00 - 11:00
- **October 10th**  
  Ely Police Station  
  9:00 - 11:00
- **November 7th**  
  Huntingdon  
  9:00 - 11:00