



Welcome to my second monthly newsletter of 2015 in which we share some of the activity going on to keep the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough safe.

At this time of year we focus on budgets, particularly looking ahead to 2015/16 and beyond. My team have worked closely with the Constabulary to ensure we can meet the budget reductions we face over the coming years. Next year's budget will be £129 million which represents a 5.1 percent reduction on the current year - £4 million less in terms of money.

We have known this reduction was coming and have been planning to ensure we can meet it without impacting front line policing. I am delighted to say that we have succeeded and we are able to meet next year's budget and still maintain current police officer numbers.

I have always promised not to add unnecessary additional financial burden on the public and because of the savings achieved I have recommended a freeze on the policing element of the council tax for 2015/16. This was approved by the Police and Crime Panel on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Looking ahead we can expect similar budget reductions in the coming years. Our current forecast is that we need to find further savings of £17.2 million by the year 2018/19.

There are several projects under way to meet these future saving requirements. One big potential area of savings is through working in collaboration with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary. For example, we are currently exploring options for a collaborated approach to Public Contact Services which includes 999 calls, non-emergency contact and crime recording.

While we look to the future we also keep an eye on our current performance. The recent publication by the Office for National Statistics of crime figures for the year ending September 2014 showed an increase in reported crime, particularly in relation to violence and sexual offences. We are not surprised to see this rise and there are a number of reasons for this. As Police and Crime Commissioner I have made a commitment to keeping people safe and the Constabulary has responded, targeting specific areas of crime. This activity, along with a focus on the quality of our crime recording, has led to an increase in reported crime over the last year. By listening to victims and responding to people's concerns we have seen the public become more confident in reporting crime and the figures reflect this.

However, we are not complacent and I shall be asking the Constabulary to provide detailed analysis of the figures. We will continue to monitor the various statistics and reports to ensure that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough remains a safe place.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I welcome feedback you may have about any of the activities outlined in this newsletter.



## On-line Protection & Cyberbullying



Sir Graham Bright recently voiced his continued support for two separate child care initiatives regarding online internet safety and cyberbullying.

The first, an NSPCC scheme, gives practical tips and advice relating to child internet use which includes NetWare, an NSPCC guide to social networks, websites and apps children use. As technology advances the way in which criminals target young people is changing with ever increasing levels of sophistication, covering the internet and social media.

The second initiative, with Child Online Protection Trust (COP) centres around a poster which will be distributed nationally in April. The objective of the COP initiative is to educate and inform young people on the safe use of online tools whilst making parents aware of the dangers of unfiltered internet access. The activities of the COP Trust are of vital importance and one which the Commissioner fully supports.

The Police and Crime Commissioner remains committed to increasing the protection of young people at a time of growing risks of online sex exploitation and works closely with the Constabulary on all their public awareness campaigns.

[Find out more here](#)

## Restorative Justice in Cambridgeshire



**RESTORATIVE  
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Not-for-profit Community Interest Company, Restorative Solutions has been appointed by the Commissioner and Constabulary to help develop restorative justice across the county. Restorative justice is a process which brings those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward.

The ministry of Justice is providing funding to all Police and Crime Commissioners for an initial two years', as part of the Victims' Services Grant, to facilitate victim-initiated restorative justice.

The funding will mean victims of crime can now request to meet their offender in a restorative justice conference. Such meetings are proven to help repair the harm caused by the crime by allowing the victim to explain to the offender the impact of their actions. Conversely, it also enables the victim to understand why the offender behaved the way they did. In many cases offenders are then motivated to change their lives for the better and this means less crime and fewer victims across Cambridgeshire. Restorative meetings are carefully managed at all stages by trained facilitators.

Sir Graham Bright will be formally launching 'Developing Restorative Justice' in Cambridgeshire at a conference on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Speakers include former offender Peter Woolf who will share his experience of Restorative Justice and describe how it changed his life. Peter is now an Associate Trainer and Offender Mentor for Restorative Solutions.

[Find out more here](#)

## Volunteer Police Cadet Attestation



On the 21<sup>st</sup> January, the first 28 Cambridgeshire Volunteer Police Cadets were welcomed into the Police family by Sir Graham Bright and Chief Superintendent Dan Vajzovic at Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough.



All the Volunteer Police Cadets took their oath in front of distinguished guests including the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, Mayor and Mayoress of Whittlesey as well as friends and family.

The Volunteer Police Cadet scheme supports the Commissioner's pledge to "support work with young people and divert them away from a life of crime" and his commitment to volunteering.

[Find out more here](#)

## Long-Service Awards

Sir Graham Bright was proud to present long-service awards to 15 members of the county's Independent Custody Visitor scheme.

The recipient of an award with the longest service was Geoffrey Rogers with an impressive 25 years. The event was a celebration and acknowledgement of the commitment by all independent Custody Visitors in ensuring the highest custody standards for detainees.



Photo: (Left to right) Chief Superintendent Dan Vajzovic (Cambridgeshire Constabulary), Geoffrey Rogers (ICV member) and Sir Graham Bright.

[Find out more here](#)

## New Outreach Worker

The New Year has brought with it the introduction of Rebecca Avery, to the Police and Crime Commissioner's office as Sir Graham Bright's Outreach Worker for Cambridge, Huntingdon, East and South Cambridgeshire. Rebecca joins the team with a track record in public engagement and outreach activities in the public sector.



You can expect to see Rebecca out and about working closely with local people and community groups as well as attending community events and public meetings across the region.

Commenting on her new role, Rebecca said "I am really excited about my new role. I have already met so many engaging people that are committed to making Cambridgeshire safer and supporting vulnerable people in our community. There is a real enthusiasm by partners to work together and I look forward to supporting collaborative working between the Commissioner and our partners."

## Alcohol Diversion Scheme



People caught behaving drunk and disorderly on the county's streets now have the option of undertaking a course designed to confront the implications of their actions and change their behaviour rather than face a £90 fine.

The three-hour-long course, which still carries a £45 fee, will be offered to people as an alternative to a Penalty Notice for Disorder for an alcohol-related offence which carries a larger fine. Staff from DrinkSense will challenge current behaviour and teach participants the potential long-term damage alcohol can have on their health in a bid to encourage greater responsibility and change future behaviour.

This new Alcohol Diversion Scheme has been set up with funding from Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Commissioner as part of his commitment to tackling alcohol-related incidents in the county.

[Find out more here](#)

## Police Contact Point

A new Police Contact Point has been opened at Tesco in Wisbech. Sir Graham was accompanied by his Outreach Worker for Peterborough and Fenland, Nicola Fenton and the local Policing team from Cambridgeshire Constabulary.



Police Contact points are an initiative by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to help the public engage with the Police and the Commissioner about local policing whilst they do their shopping. Contact points are highly visible and located in a focal point of the community.

Members of the public do not need to make an appointment and contact points are regularly manned by the Constabulary and Sir Graham's Outreach Workers.

Other pilot sites can be found at Bretton (Sainsbury's), Cambridge (Coldhams Lane, Sainsbury's) and St. Neots (Tesco).

[Find out more here](#)

## Christmas Drink Drive Campaign

Continuing with the theme of excessive Alcohol consumption and its effects, statistics from the Christmas drink drive campaign have been released by Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The Commissioner is heartened by the significant reduction in the number of motorists found over the drink drive limit.



During the festive season 75 drivers were caught under the influence of alcohol or drugs which represents a 22% drop from the 2013 campaign.

[Find out more here](#)

## Useful Links:

Cambridgeshire Police

[www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

Cambridgeshire  
Neighbourhood Watch

[www.cambsnhw.org.uk](http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk)

Peterborough  
Neighbourhood Watch

[www.peterboroughnhw.co.uk](http://www.peterboroughnhw.co.uk)

Shape Your Place

[www.shapeyourplace.org](http://www.shapeyourplace.org)

Cambridgeshire  
Countryside  
Watch

[www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk](http://www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk)

e-cops Cambridgeshire  
Constabulary

[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)

Police UK

[www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

Crimestoppers UK

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## 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 Cambs PCC website. Click the link for further details:

[Find out more here](#)

**GET CLOSER  
AND SUPPORT THE FORCE!**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary will be promoting a 'Domestic Abuse' campaign in February and the help that is available to victims.

The campaign is designed to increase reporting and confidence by dialling 101 and to highlight the police's approach to dealing with Domestic Abuse incidents.

The Constabulary will be using social media and radio adverts to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse. Campaign information will also be published in newspapers across the county.

[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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