

Volunteering in Cambridgeshire

Would you like to play a more active role in supporting your community? More and more people are getting involved in volunteering, putting their own time and energy into activities for the benefit of society, the community or the environment.

Cambridgeshire Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the organisations we work with, have a range of volunteering opportunities for you to consider. This document highlights some of the many ways you could volunteer, allowing you to support your community while also developing your own skills and interests.

Volunteers get a unique insight into the current challenges of delivering local policing and provide an independent voice on behalf of the communities we serve. We will:

- Set out clearly defined roles with mutually shared expectations and responsibilities
- Ensure there are clear pathways into volunteering with a simple application process
- Match your skills, knowledge, experience and personal interests to volunteering opportunities
- Reward and recognise the contribution committed volunteers make
- Fully integrate volunteers into Cambridgeshire's policing culture

Here are some of the opportunities on offer:

Special Constable

Special Constables come from all walks of life and volunteer for a minimum of four hours a week providing vital support on a whole range of policing activities. Special Constables have the same powers and equipment as regular officers but are volunteers. The role is varied, interesting and, at times, exciting. Above all you will have the satisfaction of reducing crime, and the fear of crime, in your community.

Find out more

Tel 101
 E-mail recruitment.applications@cambs.pnn.police.uk
 Web www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/specials/

Police Support Volunteer (PSV)

Police Support Volunteers utilise their existing abilities to support the police in a variety of ways depending on their skills and interests. Examples include contacting and helping victims of crime, helping with IT and operating CCTV. Training and support will be provided so if you can spare a few hours a week then we would love to hear from you.

Find out more

Tel 101
 E-mail recruitment.applications@cambs.pnn.police.uk
 Web www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/volunteers/

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Independent Custody Visitor (ICV)

ICVs are volunteers from the local community who make unannounced visits in pairs to places of detention to check on the welfare of detainees and the conditions under which they are detained. The purpose of their role is to act as an independent monitor of police custody areas and to comment on whether PACE (Police and Criminal Evidence Act) guidelines are being met.

Find out more

Tel 01223 333 3456
E-mail ICV@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Web www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-schemes/independent-custody-visitors-scheme/

Volunteer Police Cadet Leader

Leaders support the operation of the Volunteer Police Cadet (VPC) unit and assists with the planning and delivery of the VPC programme. This is a fun and rewarding role allowing you to support young people to enjoy the events and activities, growing in confidence and ability over time. No specific qualifications or experience is necessary as full training and support will be given. Experience of working with young people may be useful but is not essential.

Find out more

Tel 01223 333 3456
E-mail Cadets@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Web www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-schemes/volunteer-police-cadets-scheme/want-police-cadet-scheme-volunteer/

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch schemes vary in size from a few houses to a large estate. Typically led by a local co-ordinator, groups are aware of local issues, share information and advice, develop closer community links while supporting and reassuring vulnerable households. To check if there is already a group active in your area go to <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Find out more

Tel 101
E-mail Neighbourhood Watch Secretary polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com
Web www.cambs.police.uk/crimeprevention/nhw/

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles through their neighbourhood. Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices and those caught exceeding the speed limit receive an advisory letter from their local policing team.

Find out more

Tel 101
E-mail Speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Web www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/

Police Chaplain

"Chaplaincy to People at Work" provide the chaplaincy service for Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The basic remit of the chaplaincy is to provide safe, independent, confidential support and understanding to all members of staff, whether or not they have a defined religious belief.

Find out more

Tel 101
E-mail Rev Dorothy Peyton Jones: dorothy@workplacechaplaincy.org.uk
Web www.workplacechaplaincy.org.uk/

You may also be interested in:

Countryside Watch www.cambs.police.uk/crimeprevention/csw/
Boatwatch www.cambs.police.uk/crimeprevention/boatwatch/
Horsewatch www.cambs.police.uk/crimeprevention/horsewatch/

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