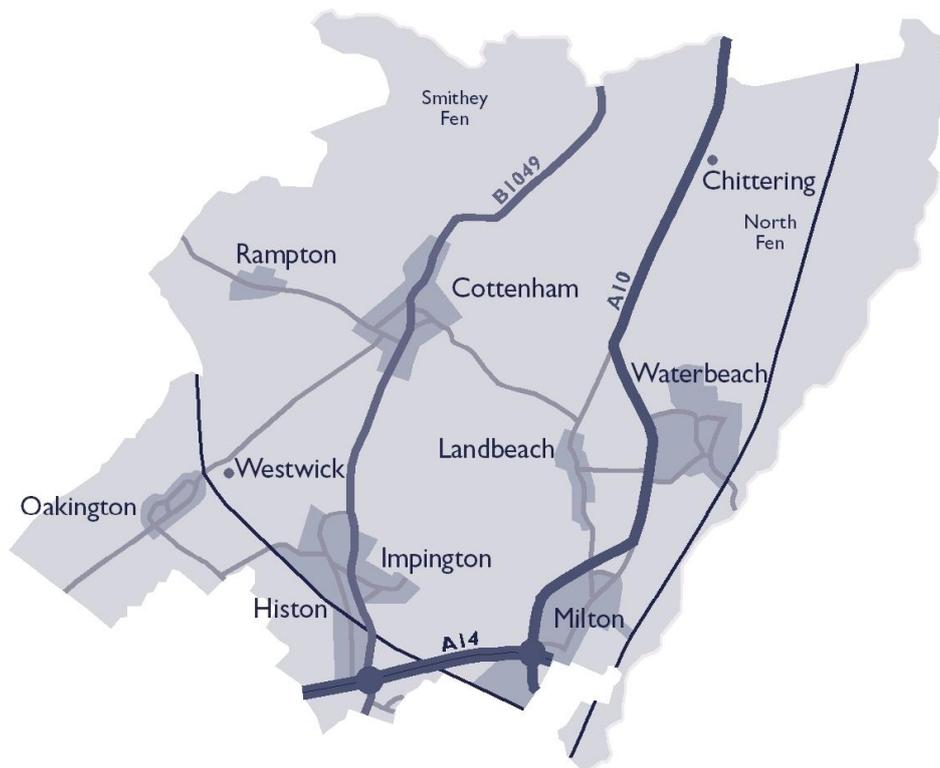


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South Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team Histon Neighbourhood



Histon Panel Meeting Update

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1. Introduction

The aim of the neighbourhood profile update is to inform quarterly consultation meetings between police and public to identify and prioritise issues of concern to local communities. The profile document includes police crime and incident information to help identify ongoing and emerging crime and anti-social behaviour issues, along with feedback provided by individuals and groups within each area gathered by a variety of means by the local policing team.

Based on the data within this document and contributions at the meeting, the chair will identify a number of priorities for the local policing team to progress and report back on.

2. Previous Priorities

Parking Cottenham – Working Group	
Objective	<p>To work with the Parish council and residents to construct a longer term approach to designing out parking and issues along the high street.</p> <p>To plan physical amendments for the High Street to design out unlawful parking and reduce the dependence on Police enforcement.</p>
Action Taken	<p>Prior to the last panel meeting in April a brief residents meeting was held to discuss parking problems on the high street in Cottenham. Following the panel a full meeting was held to talk through what action was already in progress and what further work was required.</p> <p>Copies of the minutes of this meeting have been included within the update.</p> <p>A site meeting was subsequently held with a County Council representative who was asked to comment on the feasibility of the suggestions that came from the residents meeting. This feedback has been taken on by the Parish Council who will now consider all the suggestions and debate which improvements could be funded.</p> <p>Police have continued whenever possible to deal with unlawful parking by way of tickets, accepting that Police officers and PCSO's cannot always stop to deal if they are en-route to an emergency call.</p> <p>The Co-op have made a concerted effort to close their gates between deliveries to prevent parking to the side of the store, and have put in place signs to deter unlawful parking.</p> <p>All the shops along the high Street have been given posters to display to raise awareness of the issue.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Most of the physical amendments that have been suggested by residents will come at a cost directly to the Parish. A number of suggestions were not able to be taken forward such as marking of a red route (this is for Great London only).</p> <p>The view of the County Council is generally that the high street has sufficient physical restrictions and that the majority of street furniture and markings are in good order.</p> <p>36 Parking tickets have been issued in the three month period; it would appear</p>

	that the signs placed by the Co-op have had a small impact on parking in the area. Feedback from residents suggests that problems fluctuate but in general remain about the same.
Continue or Discharge?	<p>There remains a need to intervene; parking continues to be an issue. The Parish Council have now to consider their approach to the design and layout of the street.</p> <p>Police enforcement will continue as is practicable, but remains an ineffective solution to medium to longer term issues.</p>

Road Safety – A14 Junction Histon

Objective	<p>To improve road safety at junction 32 of the A14 with Histon following comments about poor driving, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jumping red lights - Using mobile phones - Tail gating.
Action Taken	<p>Officers conducted three checks in rush hours around the A14 junction.</p> <p><u>Day 1</u></p> <p>6 penalty notice for mobile phone offences 3 penalty notices for no seat belts 1 fine for no vehicle excise licence</p> <p><u>Day 2</u></p> <p>1 penalty notices for mobile phone offences 4 penalty notices for no seat belts</p> <p><u>Day 3</u></p> <p>1 penalty notice for mobile phone offences 2 penalty notices for failing to conform with red lights 1 fine for no valid MOT</p>
Continue or Discharge?	To be discussed at the panel.

Speeding – Landbeach, Waterbeach, Histon

Objective	Conduct speeding checks at locations identified by the panel.
Action Taken	<p>Locations identified were:</p> <p>Histon Rd Cottenham to support speed watch activity. 8 tickets were given out in this period.</p>

	<p>Landbeach High Street, 4 speeding tickets were given out in this period.</p> <p>Waterbeach - The roads around the primary school were identified to Police as being a concern. The streets surrounding the school are not best suited for laser enforcement. Parked cars and the layout of the road prevented officers from getting effective line of sight for enforcement. Cars that were surveyed using the laser device from other locations were not found to be speeding. Cars using the main drag past the chip shop at the junction of Bannold road were seen to accelerate around the corner towards the school, but were not speeding. Where this may create a perception of speeding, the density of traffic around school times does not allow for unlawful speeds to be achieved. Checks could be continued outside of school hours; however this would not represent the concerns made by the public.</p> <p>Histon – Five volunteers for a speed watch team have now been identified. Work will now begin to train volunteers and have them conduct checks. It is hoped that they will be able to gather evidence of where checks need to be conducted and when, as well as acting as an education to drivers who speed.</p>
<p>Continue or Discharge?</p>	<p>To be discussed at the panel.</p>

3. Police crime and incident data

A full table of crime and incident data for April 2013- June 2013 is included at the end of the document.

Overall there has been an increase of six crimes compared to the last period, and a reduction of eight crimes against this time last year.

Histon, Impington and Orchard Park

Crime

There were twelve thefts of cycles in the last period; four cycles were stolen from various guided bus way stations. There was no pattern to cycle crime during this last period, the rise may be accountable to the increase in good weather. The recent rise in graffiti that was discussed at the last panel meeting can now be seen in the figures for this period. There are also six linked crimes where cars have been damaged, three males have been arrested in relation to these (1st June) and remain on bail whilst enquiries are made. There were two house burglaries in the last period, one in Orchard Park where a patio door was smashed to gain entry. The second burglary in Histon, a known male entered a house as a guest, then stole items within having been asked to leave.

Anti social behaviour

There were fifty nine reports of anti-social behaviour in the last period. There are three locations in Histon and Impington that are being case managed by Police and social landlords, these account for eighteen calls for service. Eight further calls relate to noise nuisance. Graffiti remains an issue for the parish; graffiti tags have continued to appear over the last three months but are focused now around the school. There is ongoing partnership work between all agencies SCDC, IVC and Police to work to prevent these crimes.

Cottenham, Oakington and Rampton.

Crime

Crime is up on last year and the last three month period. This is mainly due to an increase in damage and drugs offences. There was one house burglary in Cottenham where a male was found by an occupant and chased away. Nothing was taken; the UPV door was not double bolted and was opened using a crowbar. There were seven business burglaries one being a break in to the Post office in Cottenham. The other six locations were generally targeted for machinery. "Other" crime has been influenced by one single incident where six young people were found in possession of cannabis (6 crimes) and one found in possession of a bladed article that was being used to build a tree house! Crimes of damage have increased, the only pattern being three reports from the Pelham way, Wilkin Walk area where fences and cars have been damaged. Although crime is increased seven crimes were created from pro-active patrol generated by officers stop searching people. One person was prosecuted for failing to keep a dog (not a dangerous dog) under control, having allowed her dog to bite a passerby.

Anti-social behaviour

Following on from last periods report, a male has now been charged following a series of serious complaints about harassment. The 17 year old male was reported to be following younger girls inviting them to go on dates, his persistence causing them alarm and distress. This male has now appeared at Crown Court and has been found guilty on two counts of using threatening words or behaviour under section 4a of the public order act. He is also now subject to a restraining order and a referral order to address his offending.

Two young females were arrested as result of anti-social behaviour around Lambs Lane Cottenham and the recreation ground. This is linked to a number of calls about abuse and rowdy behaviour. One female was found guilty of obstructing a Constable and another received a youth caution for the same offence. Both are now subject to youth offending team intervention and acceptable behaviour contracts.

Waterbeach and Chittering

Crime

There has been a steady reduction in crime year on year and over the last period. The exception to the rule being cycle thefts, four cycles were reported stolen in the last three months. Four young men have been arrested in connection with burglaries and cycle thefts. Two males were stopped with cycles believed to have been stolen after the owner saw them for sale on a web site. There were three house burglaries in Waterbeach other the last three months. One of the four males mentioned above has been charged with one burglary in Bannold Road and awaits a court appearance. Waterbeach has suffered alongside the rest of South Cambs from an increase in burglaries from out buildings. Premises such as the recreation ground, Pavilion and Sailing Club at Clayhithe have all been targeted. One crime was recorded of outraging public decency in May; a male was seen to expose his genitals in public to a passing female. This took place along the cycle path by the river at Clayhithe. This incident prompted an investigation and increased patrols along the river. Photographs were shown to the victim to try and identify the suspect; however the male has yet to be identified. Patrols have remained in place, albeit now reduced since the initial report. There has to date been only one report of this nature. Six persons were found to be in possession of drugs following stop searches over the last three months. A warrant was executed at an address in Waterbeach. One person was charged with possession of Cannabis and a further person remains on bail for possession with intent to supply.

Anti-social behaviour

Reports continue in regards to parking problems in Waterbeach. The junction of St Andrews Hill and Chapel Street and around Greenside. PCSO Mason has met with the traffic management team from County Highways in regards to the junction of St Andrews Hill. On the back of this meeting the proposed solution (by the traffic team) is to extend yellow lines and add a number of marked parking bays. Both of these measures will make it clearer to motorists where they can park. These ideas have been presented to the Parish Council. It remains the Council's choice as to which measures to adopt, however there is a cost implication. In the mean time enforcement will

continue as a when offences are reported or seen by officers. There have been a number of enquiries and one court case heard in regards to tickets given out at this junction. Its wide layout leaves a great deal of debate as to what enforcement is necessary. Each individual car will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Residents are asked to contact the Police using the 101 number to report.

Parking around the railway station continues to be a concern, and again officer have consulted highways officials. Clarification has been sought about ownership of certain strips of land around the verge on Clayhithe Road, until this time fines will not be able to given out in certain areas. This is not a clear cut situation and will require further work by the Parish to again decide if physical restrictions such as barriers are required.

There are a number of persons being managed by the local Police team and housing authorities in regards to anti-social behaviour, one such case is being heard at County Court this month.

Milton, Landbeach

Crime

Crime in Milton is slightly reduced on last year and year on year. There is however a trend around vehicle crime in the village. Vehicle crime continued to be a trend around the park and ride side, along with the Sycamores, these crimes are a mixture of opportunistic thefts of personal valuables and a few thefts of number plates. There were two house burglaries in Milton, they appear to be linked due to the times and dates however no one has been identified as a suspect. Entry was gained from the rear of both homes and an untidy search was made of both premises. Small items such as jewellery and electronics were taken. Pedal cycle crime has increased, four of the nine crimes reported are from the regional college site. The other cycle crimes are from mixed locations and at various times of the day. Six persons were stopped in the area with drugs following searches; two of these persons were in the county park and were searched as part of pro-active patrols in the area. Four people were charged with shoplifting in the last three months and one person arrested and charged with theft of a cycle from CRC.

Anti-social behaviour

There have been two large funerals in the village in the last two months. The volume of mourners overwhelmed the village on both occasions; PCSO Mason will be consulting with the Parish about a plan to design out these issues.

There were three incidents of a porta-loo being knocked over on a building site. Five young people were identified as being responsible and were spoken to at school about this behaviour. There were no other patterns in ASB.

4. Community consultation and feedback

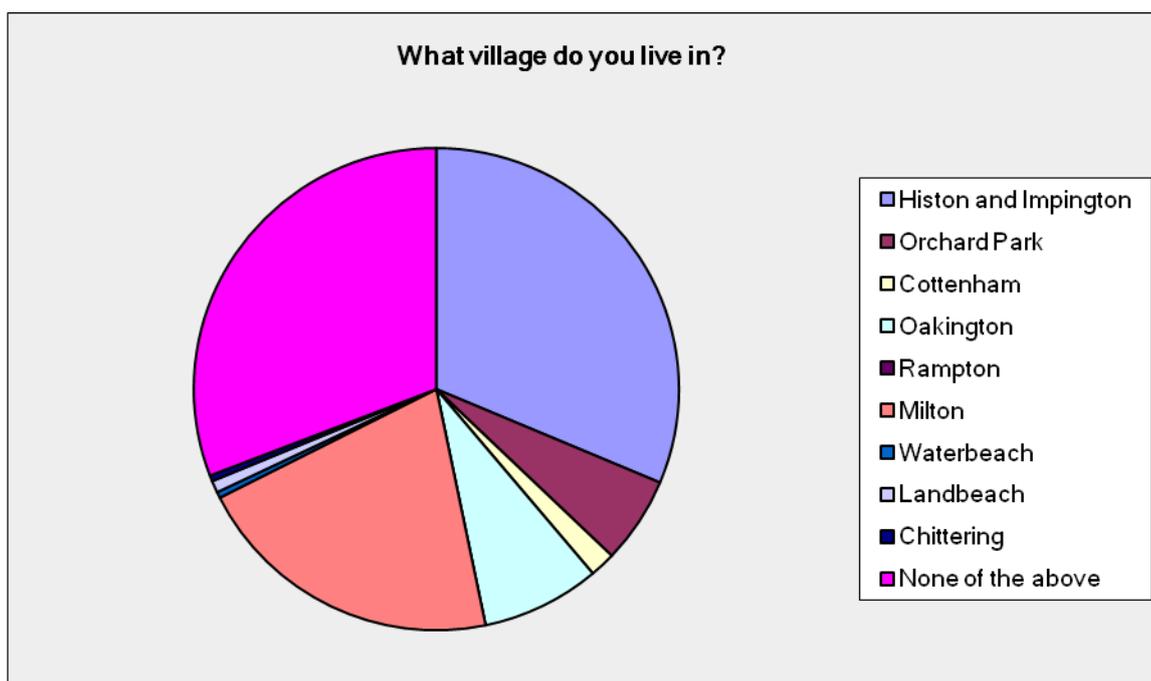
Update on engagement work:

Online survey:

This period we conducted a young person’s survey asking students from Cottenham and Impington Village colleges to take part.

What village do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count

Histon and Impington	31.3%	75
Orchard Park	5.8%	14
Cottenham	1.7%	4
Oakington	7.9%	19
Rampton	0.0%	0
Milton	20.8%	50
Waterbeach	0.4%	1
Landbeach	0.8%	2
Chittering	0.4%	1
None of the above	30.8%	74
<i>answered question</i>		240
<i>skipped question</i>		3



Question2

Is there an area of your village or town that you feel unsafe in? (Please tell us as much as possible)

115 replied "no"

Other comments included:

In Milton I feel a bit unsafe behind the Tesco and the rec.
 There's no set area but when certain people are about I stay away.
 Dog walks i.e near the church yard - secluded wooded areas near the recreation ground.
 Arbury - the flats are just filled with crime sometimes
 Orchard park skate park, too many Drugs
 No, it's all safe
 The back of Tesco's [Milton] at night.
 I live in Chesterton and I feel un-safe at green end road park.
 Around the pubs sometimes [Histon]
 The bus stop near the rec cos they sell drugs there [Waterbeach]
 Girton rec at night. Or just walking through Girton at night
 Wellbrook Way [Girton] mostly.

The rec the woods adjacent to the A10
Not really, however when biking back through town at night I feel slightly unsafe.
I feel safe in my village
Yes near the Abruy Court. Also at night at the back of King hegdes school.
The alleyway by Cottenham curry palace and places at night
The Dole [Histon]
Yes I do feel safe because I regularly see the police patrolling the village, but also we are sometimes told about people in the village and it makes me feel un safe.
Sometimes down the bus track [guided bus]
Around the green [Waterbeach]
The dole, lots of big groups gather there after school [Histon]
Around Merrington place and the back streets [Histon]
I don't feel unsafe in any area.
No, I feel safe in my village
Girton feels like a very safe place to live in.
I live in Girton and I feel it is a very safe place to live.

Not really, but maybe the bus shelter near the Girton Recreation Ground; sometimes people lie on the roof and throw stones at passersby, but this has only happened once.

Tesco and the rec is very unsafe no lights that working always drugs about and the country park [Milton]

Just passed my house up Cottenham road there is a gypsy village and sometimes we get people walk past shouting also we sometimes hear dogs barking and growling like there's a dog fight going on somewhere near.

I don't feel unsafe in any area, to be honest.
The outskirts of Girton - around the main road into Cambridge. (only at night)
Alleyways such as near Tesco [Milton]
The Tesco park, people there are intimidating and have fires with alcohol.[Milton]
Tesco tunnel [Milton]
Tesco rec, community centre at night [Milton]
No there is nothing really bad that happens in my village
No because i have lived there for years
Behind Tesco's and Tesco rec.
School Lane [Histon] which is a small, narrow alleyway
Alleyways, such as near Tesco
No, I live in Girton, which is quite a small village, so it isn't very busy, so i always feel safe in it.

Question 3

What could the Police do in your village or town to make it a better place to live in?

Nothing really, i don't have a problem with my village. So good work i guess.
Not come to it as often or patrol and actually help people who need it
Show up more often to make yourself aware let us know that they are in and making a difference in the village- there are no police in the village
Prevent people from leaving broken glass all over the place.
More routine walks? or to have talks on violence etc.
Nothing really, Histon is generally a very safe and family orientated village.
Clean up litter
Have police officers around parks and alleyways.
Sort out Hereward close [Histon]
they could walk around it more often this would show a police presence

Have a pcso on the track. [Guided bus]

Patrol more, make sure there's less litter and less tension/scaryness with older people (18-25 yrs old)

Do regular patrols of the area

Put some proper goals up or an astro turf.

Make it known where we can go to speak to the police, as I'm not sure we have an official police station in Girton and I believe that many residents are unsure where they can go should they need to speak to them.

I don't think we have a police station in Girton, so if anyone needed to speak to them I'm not sure that many people would know how to go about doing so.

Perhaps there could be a few more CCTV cameras, but there is rarely any crime stop people speeding along the main road

Deal with the root of crime instead of throwing people into overcrowded cells.

Is the lollipop man still outside the Co-op? I think Station Road can be rather dangerous.

Sorting it out would be nice.

Nothing really - they are pretty good and there aren't usually any problems.

Maybe observe the Tesco rec more closely at later times.

Don't listen to every single report about teenagers there normally pre-judging about anti-social behaviour

Question 4

Your local Police team would like to be approachable; do you feel you can talk to us? If not how could we do things differently?

This was a free text answer

70 students responded – “Yes”

45 students responded – “No”

Other comments:

No because they seem really scary

They are approachable

Not particularly. I guess, and i probably speak on behalf of the teenage population when i say this, teenagers are generally intimidated by the police and this is due to British and Global media portraying an image that all teenagers are criminals. I don't really think you can change that... but a friendly approach towards 'us' would probably loosen the pressures between teens and the police.

No i have no intention of talking to the police, it just that your out of touch with young people. looking at that youth police commissioner who quit is a good example

I feel I can approach a Police officer

Sometimes you feel a little intimidated and you don't really want to talk to them because they look a bit too serious and busy.

No, I think the whole uniform (I know you have to have them) and their presence is very intimidating.

I would feel fine to confront a member of the police team if I had to, so yes I feel as though I could talk to you if I had to.

I would approach them in an emergency or if I had a crime committed against me but otherwise no.

No because I would not feel comfortable talking to the police team.

Not really, they are intimidating
Yes but they are intimidating
Be more approachable to young people

Not really, I don't tend to see the police very often, so more patrols would be a good idea

No I would prefer to write things down rather than talking as it could be anonymous

I feel like I can approach a police man/woman if I ever feel unsafe.

It is not clear where they are located or how to get in contact with them.
Sort of approachable but some of them aren't [are not] as they don't bother starting convos [conversations]

I don't really see the police very often around Girton, but should I need to speak to them I feel that I could.

I don't really see many policemen in person for long enough.

Sometimes police give young people dirty looks cause if we were in groups thinking we were doing stuff wrong when we were not ... not be as scary cause police scare me.

Sometimes police judge us young people has bad people but they don't take on board that it could be others not just us also you should come across more friendly I think it's hard to talk to police person
I never even see any police on patrol.

Make the police station more friendly place

If I had a problem that involved a criminal side to it I wouldn't feel uncomfortable speaking about it because it's necessary.

Yes I do as I have already had an experience with the police and they were very approachable and understanding of the situation but not about personal things

I often find members of the police force quite intimidating, so maybe be more friendly and more approachable

Sometimes policemen can look a bit intimidating, but if there was an emergency I would definitely talk to one.

Force satisfaction survey

Each month the force conducts telephone surveys to measure satisfaction over a number of different crime types and performance measures (see annex).

Over the last two period's satisfaction with "whole experience" increased with reductions in satisfaction around follow up and treatment.

5. Recommendations

1. Recommendations

Respond to young person's concerns around Milton Tesco and recreation ground.

6. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Crime and Incident Levels in the Histon Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

	Date from	Date to	Burglary dwelling	Burglary non dwelling	All violent crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Pedal cycle theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	Total Crime	Anti social behaviour
Total Histon	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	8	25	43	0	5	16	26	13	42	72	250	156
	<i>Apr-12</i>	<i>Jun-12</i>	27	18	37	2	5	7	21	17	60	64	258	130
	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	14	25	51	1	3	30	12	12	32	65	244	148
Cottenham	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	1	7	12	0	1	3	1	5	16	12	58	43
	<i>Apr-12</i>	<i>Jun-12</i>	9	2	7	0	3	1	1	2	9	7	41	24
	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	5	8	10	0	0	6	3	3	7	11	53	41
Histon and Impington	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	2	6	20	0	3	1	12	2	15	28	89	59
	<i>Apr-12</i>	<i>Jun-12</i>	9	8	14	0	0	2	15	6	14	28	96	58
	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	3	8	21	0	1	5	6	4	15	26	89	67
Milton	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	2	5	8	0	0	8	9	5	9	17	63	22
	<i>Apr-12</i>	<i>Jun-12</i>	5	5	7	2	1	2	3	8	19	18	70	29
	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	2	2	15	1	0	13	3	5	6	19	66	15
Waterbeach	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	3	7	3	0	1	4	4	1	2	15	40	32
	<i>Apr-12</i>	<i>Jun-12</i>	4	3	9	0	1	2	2	1	18	11	51	19
	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	4	7	5	0	2	6	0	0	4	8	36	25

Annex.

Satisfaction- South Cambridgeshire (last two periods)

Question asked:	Whole experience	Ease of contact	Police actions	Follow up	Treatment
Current period (April 12- June 12)					
Total respondents	68	61	69	69	69
Number satisfied	62	61	60	52	62
Lower confidence interval	84.8%	100.0%	79.4%	65.7%	83.1%
Percentage satisfied	91.2%	100.0%	87.0%	75.4%	89.9%
Upper confidence interval	97.6%	100.0%	94.5%	85.0%	96.6%
Last period (Jan2013- March 2013)					
Total respondents	72	60	72	72	72
Number satisfied	62	57	64	63	69
Lower confidence interval	78.5%	89.8%	82.0%	80.3%	91.5%
Percentage satisfied	86.1%	95.0%	88.9%	87.5%	95.8%
Upper confidence interval	93.7%	100.2%	95.8%	94.7%	100.2%

