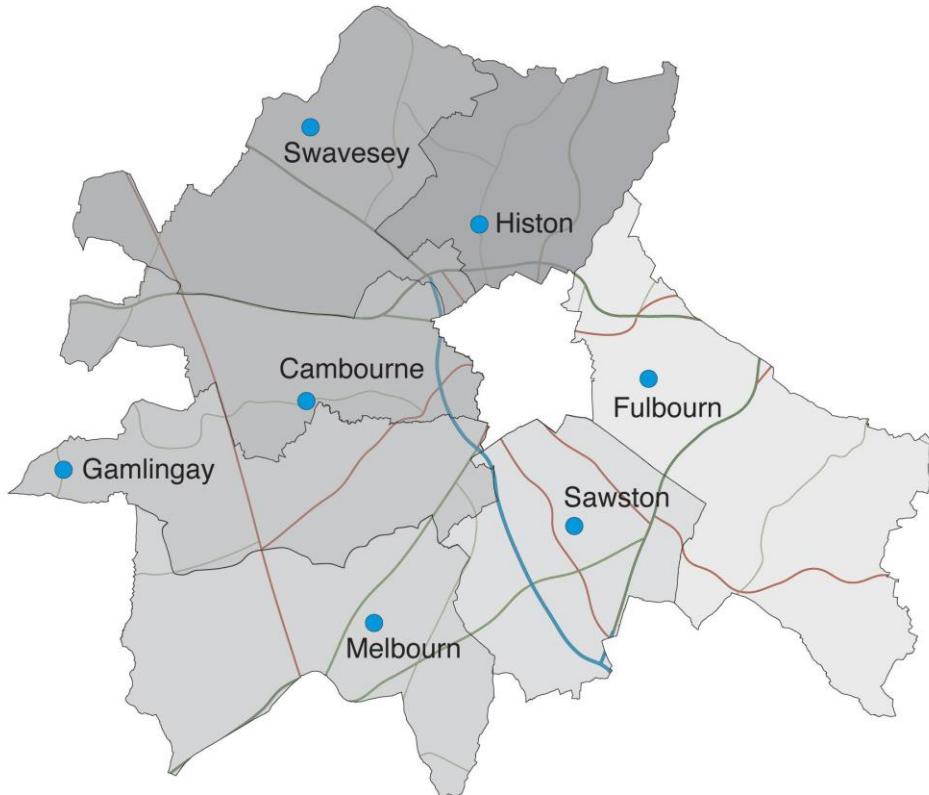




# Sawston Area Meeting

# Thursday 23rd October 2014



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**1. Welcome** – This document is presented prior to the next public meeting for the Sawston area which is to be held on Thursday 23rd October 2014. This is in The Fulbourn Institute in Home End, Fulbourn.

Crime and ASB data is presented in a table at the end of the document and further information for your neighbourhood can also be found at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and can be accessed by any one. The aim of a panel area meeting is:

- For the Police to highlight emerging or concerning trends in crime and anti-social behaviour, and be available to discuss these in a public forum.
- Listen and take note of concerns presented by individuals, parish councils, volunteer organisations such as Neighbourhood and Speed Watch, elected members and other residents or local associations.
- For the panel to decide areas of concern for the community and Police to prioritise as part of local Policing.
- To provide an update on the actions taken in regards to chosen priorities or other emerging trends.

**2. Update from Chief Inspector Sutherland**

**3. Update from Brian ROBINS Speedwatch Coordinator**

**4. Update on current priorities**

The primary concerns of the Neighbourhood, from the last meeting, related to dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries. The other widespread concern related to specific speeding locations across the area. The following summaries outline the combined efforts of all staff across the South Cambridgeshire Command in address these concerns.

**Burglary**

**Panel report June – Sept 2014**

**Rachel Carr (Community Safety) Carly Freed (South Cambs Business Watch)**

**Joint Working**

We participated in a Shed and outbuilding security campaign with Crime stoppers. This was part of an on-going campaign to tackle shed and outbuilding burglary. The initiative was set up to gain specific intelligence about the crime, and the handling of stolen goods, as well as reducing crime by providing security advice and support to residents. The campaign was launched on 6<sup>th</sup> of June at Morrisons' supermarket, with a large Advan



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visiting the location, this was repeated across the region at sites in Bar Hill, and Fulbourn. The van also toured South Cambridgeshire villages where shed burglaries had occurred. South Cambs PCSOs supported all the main events along with Crimestoppers' volunteers and the Crime Reduction Officer. The aim was to increase awareness about shed security and property registration, as well as increasing intelligence reports and information using Crimestoppers' confidential service.

We experienced a very positive response at all the sites we visited, with lots of people approaching us for information and advice.

There was also a Facebook ad – produced with Crimestoppers regarding handling of stolen goods such as chainsaws and hedge trimmers.

We have attended a number of village surgeries and events including:

Security Surgery at Scotdales, Great Shelford 15th May, Security Surgery Travis Perkins, Cottenham 23rd May, Security Surgery Scotsdales, Horningsea 29th May, Security Surgery, Histon on the green 30th May, Fulbourn Tesco surgery 5th June, Fulbourn 23rd Sept, Milton Country Park Park life event 28th June.

Walk-in Surgery + NHW recruitment at Conington Village 13th August. Walk-in Surgery +NHW recruitment Narrow Lane, Histon 14th August, Security stand at Elsworth District Show 31st August.

We are currently getting involved with Op Dallas, which aims to reduce the theft of heating & cooking oil at residential and business premises in South Cambridgeshire.

Corporate campaign's support – We have continued to support the force's campaigns including ASB, Burglary, Human Trafficking and rape. Up and coming work over the next month will involve Cybercrime, as well as the up and coming Halloween & Bonfire night crime prevention.

Press releases recently have included – Business burglaries & Heating oil thefts.

### **Community Safety - Rachel Carr**

#### **Overview**

I have conducted 30 security visits to private households since May 2014. These include victims of burglary, rogue trading, or theft. Following a visit a number of individuals were referred for further help from organisations such as the Bobby Scheme, Fire Service, or Community Navigator Scheme.

Social media, is also used to get security and crime prevention messages out, including articles for the South Cambs blog, press releases, sending Neighbourhood Alert/ Ecops messages, and using twitter when appropriate.

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### Follow up visits for victims from National Scams Team

A number of residents across South Cambs. were visited in the last month ( Sawston, Fulbourn, Great Shelford, Harston, Hardwick, and Cambourne) as they had replied to scam mailings. A P.O. Box was raided and several cheques and postal orders were returned to victims. They were also given advice and support regarding scam mail and how to avoid becoming a victim in the future.

Security & Personal Safety Talks – 22nd August (Older people event, at Pendragon Junior School, Papworth Everard).

### South Cambs Business Watch – Carly Freed

#### Crime prevention - businesses

A number of business visits have also been visited that are not priority cases, however require advice and support from the police. There have been 55 victim business visits, since Feb 2014. These visits have required various tasks including, security surveys, requests for reports, information and guidance. These visits link in with operational support from neighbourhood teams in South Cambs.

#### Specific Work

These include a diverse range of business types, including – builders' merchants, Hospitals, Garden Centres, Independent business, Stately Homes, and Garages.

Due to the variation of businesses, varied specific work has been provided to suit the business & crime type. These have included continuing pieces of work with;

Fulbourn Hospital – Full site security review and implementation of CCTV across the entire hospital

Scotsdales Horningsea – Shoplifting training with staff with surgeries & follow up work.

Guided Busway – Site visits and follow up surgeries and work following cycle theft & damage

Rachel Carr from crime reduction has also provided her expertise in relation to crime prevention with these businesses.

#### Rural crime

I have collaborated to produce marketing materials to better support rural & agricultural businesses and these are used by officers within the force. Other force areas, have also adopted them. These include a specific rural & farming security survey.

Following this I have worked alongside Countryside Watch to deliver a series of training sessions with officers about looking at rural crime and learning how it needs to be treated differently to normal commercial burglaries. Following the success of the training pilot in South Cambs, this training is due to be rolled out throughout Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

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PCSO Freed, Rachel Carr – Crime Reduction Officer and PC Richard Moore recently spent the day filming with Street Patrol UK for the BBC. To highlight the type of crime farmers and other people living in rural areas have to deal with. It also highlighted the work being carried out by police in South Cambridgeshire.

Continued multi- agency working with Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch to visit vulnerable rural businesses, building relationships with the rural community and offer specialised support and advice.

#### Neighbourhood Alert for businesses

Hundreds of businesses have been added to the neighbourhood alert system to receive updates and information specifically relating to business crime. As well as more general information about events taking place, warning messages, or crime trends.

A copy of this can be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.cambs.police.co.uk/crimeprevention/business/>

Also via South Cambridgeshire District Council's most recent newsletter & our blog  
SouthCambsCops.org

#### **DS Mike Barnshaw Priority Crime team Sergeant**

#### **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRIME OVERVIEW**

Update regarding dwelling burglaries across South Cambridgeshire over last 4 months. There have been a total of 98 dwelling burglaries reported across South Cambridgeshire in the four month period of June to September. This is an average of just over 5 a week, but in that period there have been spikes where more than 5 offences have been reported, in the first week of June there were 15, and in the last couple of weeks there has been a noticeable drop in offences to less than 5. We have been able to link some of the drop of in offences to arrests of individuals suggesting they may be responsible for more than the offences they are arrested or charged with.

All the evidence/intelligence still suggests that the majority of the people committing burglary offences in South Cambridge are travelling into the area from other counties/force areas to commit these offences.

Good results achieved over the last 3 months.

Burglars dealt with

A male from Cambridge City has been charged and remanded for a burglary in Impington

A male with ties to Essex area has been charged and remanded with a burglary in

Meldreth

A male from Cambridge City been charged with a burglary in Stow Cum Quy

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A male was charged with several burglaries and admitted the distraction burglary of an elderly couple in Bar Hill.

A male who was charged with offence in another force area admitted to 4 offences in South Cambridge including several in Knapwell and 1 in Girton.

An offender from Essex admitted committing burglaries in South Cambridgeshire and had them taken into consideration when charged with offences in another force area.

Successful results at court:

Daniel Biddle –sentenced to 7 years for robbery of post office in Swavesey

Sean Peters, sentenced to 5 years for robbery at– McColls newsagents in Great Shelford

#### Sawston/Linton area overview

It is pleasing to note that burglary dwelling and non- dwelling offences are down compared to both the other 2 periods on the table at the end of this document. The summary above however reflects the challenge we face in preventing these type of offences with offenders coming from other force areas to commit offences in South Cambridgeshire, meaning we cannot just rely on local intelligence. We rely on the public to alert us to suspicious activity and to make their property as secure as possible.

In relation to the 4 robberies recorded this period across the area, I can report that there are active enquiries ongoing in all four of these cases and there are suspects for all the offences and charges are anticipated.

#### Speeding

As you can see from the updates below given by the PCSOs for their areas they have carried out speed checks on known problem roads and supported villages and neighbourhoods in setting up speedwatch schemes so residents can get involved in encouraging drivers to drive responsibly through their area.

There is also the option to request speed checks via our speed request database accessed by the following link

<http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>

The special constabulary have been responding to these requests and below is a short summary from Special Constable Paul Jenkins who heads up the speed team:

#### **SOUTH CAMBS SPEED TEAM – NOTES TO PANEL MEETINGS**

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Background: The principle behind the team follows the three 'Es', Engineer (camera, roads), Educate (NDORs course, WOA) and Enforcement as a last resort.

Mr Hopkins our ACC, refers to his police officers as paid or unpaid but trained to do the job, I am the latter.

The team was set up with great support from the management team, colleagues (regulars and Special Constables).

South Cambs Speed Team – hours of business 24/7 but prefer days, lates or targeted times such as 06 to 0930 hrs and 1500 to 2200 hrs unless asked differently.

### Duties

- 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost, a police officer, to be deployed or abstracted when the need arises through Sgts/Insp. Example of this is a recent operation for ASB which aligned the speed team to it.
- Speed enforcement along with ASB work combining
- Support speedwatch – up to May, facilitating, training and working with Brian Robins
- Policing Of Roads Trainer for the Constabulary Driving School, teaching incident management to officers
- UK Football Policing Unit trained spotter, used up the end of last season.

### Statistics

- I would like to show what is being done on your behalf in addition to your speed checks from S Cambs Speed Team, my colleagues did more:
  - Attended RTCs
  - Arrested drink drivers – 3 (very high numbers)
  - ASB patrols – series of arrests
  - Drugs seized – linked to above
  - Vehicles seized – no licence/insurance
  - Burglaries and inquiries
  - Domestic violence attended incidents
  - Safeguarding of adults and children
  - Trained colleagues on ASB and traffic duties
  - Trained colleagues on incident management

7 arrests, 11 assist arrests, 126 incidents attended, 10 DPs transported, 9 events, 3 warrants for a total of 742 hours from 1 Jan to 8 Oct 14

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Conducted 25 breath tests, seized three vehicles, closed roads for 10 hours, submitted 6 vulnerable child/adult forms, raised 10 crimes, issued 2 cannabis street warnings, 6 DVs, issued 6 fixed penalty notices and 4 GAP forms. I also led Police team at the Bank Holiday Market working with Trading Standards where we seized counterfeit goods.

In relation to speed checks 93 Traffic Offence Reports have been issued to speeding drivers.

#### Some Events from your area – names removed to protect the guilty

Vehicle causing nuisance in a village by revving up and irritating residents. We established a time and stopped and engaged with the driver, explaining his choices and inviting him to take a course of action that took him off our radar. The alternatives were that he could have his car seized S59 with costs and consequences, or we could come to an agreement that we would never meet again,,,,,, he supported our proposal,,,,,

Chap stopped for speeding at 37mph in a 30 mph zone said it was slow enough for his village,,,,,

Husband and wife team stopped separately for speeding within 20 minutes of each other,,,,,

A road in Longstanton where the drivers thought the national speed limit applied when it was in fact a 30mph zone

#### **5. Update from PCSOs for their respective areas:**

##### **PCSO Coppard:**

Over the last 3 months during term time I have conducted parking patrols outside all of my primary schools with visits /talks to 2 of them. I have asked for the standard parking letter to be sent out at the beginning of this new school year to remind all parents of the issues the schools face in relation to parking. I have received some complaints about inconsiderate parking and will endeavour to follow them all up, speaking to individual parents if necessary.

I have also spent over 2 hours speaking with cyclists in Horningsea to try and educate them about cycling on the footpath following a third party report that an elderly gent was nearly assaulted –no complaint is being made but advice and contact details have been given to this gent. I will continue to monitor this area.

I have conducted the following speed checks on the area:

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High street, Horningsea on Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>, between 7.50- 8.30hrs. 11 vehicles were caught in excess of speed limit ( 30mph) and letters of advice sent. Overall 65 vehicles recorded during this time frame.

Great Wilbraham, junction of Frog End / Station road on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 7.45 – 8.30 hrs . 24 vehicles recorded but none were speeding.

Stow cum Quy Stow Road Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September between 4.30-5.30pm. 38 vehicles recorded but none were speeding.

I have assisted colleagues with various tasks in the Sawston /Linton areas regarding crimes and carried out patrols around Macaulay Avenue regarding reports of anti -social behaviour over the summer months.

I have also attended village fetes at Fulbourn, Little Wilbraham and Great Wilbraham.

Everyone had great fun running against the speed gun and learning how it works.

Hopefully an important road safety message was taken on board at the same time.

I have also been liaising with city officers and housing regarding anti- social behaviour issues on the Foxgloves Estate involving individual households. The work we have done on these issues is captured on incident files and on the multi-agency database E-Cins. Burglary patrols have been carried out in the Stow Cum Quy area and Teversham with visits to local shops and residents giving out security and contact information.

I have also visited Scottdales' in Horningsea to discuss the use of a porta-cabin as an office from which to work from, particularly once I have received my IT equipment to enable me to work more away from the station.

I have also arranged for Speed Watch info to be sent out via parish councils and any interest has been forwarded to Brian ROBBINS the speedwatch co-ordinator. So far Horningsea and Great Wilbraham have managed to get a group of residents together to form a good group that will hopefully be up and running in the not too distant future.

I am currently dealing with issues around parking in Abbotts Way, Horningsea and ASB reports in Teversham.

## **PCSO Hajredini**

### **Fulbourn Overview**

#### **Swifts Estate**

There have been numerous complaints from residents of Swifts' Corner regarding the Art Wall and how it's used by some children and adults as a goal post. Accent Nene and Police conducted a "Meet and Greet" morning setting up a gazebo with information leaflets and a competition for children. A Letter was sent to all residents, social housing and private residents inviting them along to discuss any issues/concerns with the housing officers and ASB officer. Just a few of the private residents attended to discuss the

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positioning of the Art Wall and what it's being used for. I have attended at various times of the day from Monday to Sunday and have not seen any misuse of the wall. I have fed back this information to residents and the Housing Association.

### **Fires**

There has been 2 reports of fires in Fulbourn, one being a stack fire on Shelford Road, where 2 young boys were seen playing on it just before it ignited. These 2 boys have not been identified.

The second was a wheelie bin fire at Fulbourn Primary School in the early hours of the morning. 1 bin was destroyed completely and two lids from other bins were melted. (Industrial size bins). Mark Taylor, the community fire safety officer attended the location and gave advice to school caretaker regarding the best place to keep the bins in future.

### **Speed Checks**

I received a request for speed checks on Balsham Road due to excess speed in a 30mph limit.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August Myself and PCSO Coppard stayed for just over an hour from 08:10 to 09:15 on Balsham Rd near to the national speed sign catching the traffic on its way out of the village towards the Charterhouse Bridge. The total number of vehicles that went through were 124 and 40 of those were in excess of the speed limit, most of the vehicles were around 36mph but we did have a few that were travelling 47 - 49mph. Letters were sent out to all the registered keepers of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

### **ASB Green Spaces**

There have been no reports of ASB since the last Panel meeting on any of the green spaces in Fulbourn. There was one report of youths camping in the Beech Woods causing some minor damage to trees and lighting a fire. The youths were not there when Police arrived. Witnesses took photographs of some of them as they left the area heading towards the city. The information was passed to the Warden/Assistant Warden via email.

### **Police Surgery**

PCSO's Hajredini and Coppard did a Crime Prevention Event at Fulbourn Tesco's on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July between 14:00 and 16:00 hrs.

### **Parking**

I have received reports of vehicles left parked in the High Street all day (2 hour waiting limit) possibly due to Park & Ride now charging vehicles to park and to use the bus into the city. People can catch the bus from the High Street to the city. I am monitoring this situation at this time.

### **Fulbourn Hospital and Ida Darwin**

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There have been numerous calls from both sites regarding missing persons, assaults and criminal damage. Also report of a homeless person sleeping rough on Fulbourn Hospital site. The male has been identified and spoken to, and the matter is being monitored for evidence of anti-social behaviour. Our crime prevention team have been to give advice to the hospital on security in general.

I have had regular meetings with staff at 316 Cambridge Road, supported living unit.

**PCSO Fisher:**

Overview since our last panel meeting in June 2014.

Linton

In relation to parking on the High Street, Linton, outside the Co-op. A new loading bay has been put in outside the Co-op, but we are waiting for the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to be agreed in respect of when loading can and cannot take place. Also the TRO needs to be amended in respect of the yellow lines so that tickets can be issued. At the moment tickets issued in this area would be challengeable. David Champion has confirmed that this is being discussed and should be sorted soon.

25/6/2014 Ticket issued to vehicle parked on Church Lane, Linton – near the primary school – parked during restricted times.

We have received no further reports of problems in Paynes Meadow – this was something raised at the last panel meeting. Also the communal hall in Chalklands have not reported any further problems in that area since the new fencing and gate access has been put up. These measures were recommended as part of my security advice.

Speed checks were done on Hadstock Road, Linton as follows:-

6/6/2014 – between 8.05 am and 9.00 a.m – 107 vehicles checked – 42 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with

29/8/2014 – between 0.50 a.m. and 9.30 a.m – 85 vehicles checked – 15 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with

I sent Information out via e-cops about villages setting up Speedwatch schemes. One person was possibly interested about 2 months ago in setting one up in the Linton area, but I have heard nothing further.

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One resident has raised the issue of speeding down the High Street in the 20 mph area.

### Linton Skate Park/recreation ground

It has come to light that there are older youths at this location dealing drugs and intimidating younger youths at the location, also trying push drugs on them. No reports are coming in on the 101 number however, it would seem a few parents are aware of the issues there. Younger youths feel they can't use the skate park due to these older youths congregating there. We continue to try and build a picture of who is involved. There is a group of younger youths who want speak to the Parish Council regarding the possibility of getting the skate park extended.

There were a number of vehicles damaged along the High Street in Linton one night in the middle of June. We arrested a suspect in respect of these and he is going to court in relation to these offences.

### Balsham

A speedwatch group is now set up and running for Balsham. All training has been conducted.

In relation to parking at the School, I have been liaising with the Parish Council and the School about what measures can be put in place to reduce the issues of vehicles mounting the pavement and parking on the corner. I have written to the Parish Council and the School putting forward my views and this matter is on-going

There was a week of action set up by The Meadow School, Balsham in relation to - walking to school, parking issues and speeding. I conducted a number of patrols around school dropping off and picking up times and also did the following speed checks. This was during the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

23/6/2014 – West Wrating Road, Balsham – between 8.55 a.m and 9.10 a.m – 19 vehicles checked – no vehicles over the limit

23/6/2014 – Cambridge Road, Balsham – between 9.15 a.m. and 9.55 a.m – 64 vehicles checked – 2 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with

24/6/2014 – Cambridge Road, Balsham – between 7.55 a.m. and 8.45 a.m – 117 vehicles checked – 9 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with

24/6/2014 – High Street, Balsham – between 11.20 am and 12.30 am – 63 vehicles checked – 1 vehicle over the limit and being dealt with

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26/6/2014 – Cambridge Road, Balsham – between 8.35 a.m. and 9.20 am – 121 vehicles checked – 5 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with.

During that week, 6 people were spoken to regarding parking issues outside the school.

Speed checks were also conducted on the following dates on Cambridge Road, Balsham:-

6/6/2014 – between 3.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. – 76 vehicles checked – 8 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with.

29/8/2014 – between 7:58 a.m. 8:30 a.m. – 115 vehicles checked – 7 vehicles over the limit and being dealt with.

Damage was caused to pheasant pens in Balsham around the 17<sup>th</sup> August and a number of pheasants were killed at the location.

Fox Road – 2 caravans parked up at the location over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> September. Occupants spoken to and will be moving on shortly. Enforcement officer for SCDC was contacted.

#### Hildersham

There was a theft of bronze statues around the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 and an attempt break in at a property on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

I am trying to sort out a possible surgery in the village before Christmas with the Parish Clerk. No specific concerns from residents have been raised with me.

#### Bartlow

Nothing has been raised by residents with me. I have kept in regular contact with the NHW co-ordinator and the Parish Council. A Surgery for the area will be agreed before Christmas.

#### Shudy/Castle Camps

Castle Camps – I am looking at issues of parking and speeding in the area I continue to carry out patrols where there are reported parking issues and have been liaising with the School, Parish Council and NHW regarding these issues. A school bus from Haverhill to the School is being looked into which will reduce the number of vehicles at dropping off

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and picking up times. Patrols will continue in the area. Also some speed checks will be carried out in the area.

Issue of vehicles parking on the pavements near the Public House, High Street, Castle Camps have died down. There have been no further complaints.

There were 9 shed burglaries around the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Castle Camps. Myself and PCSO 7256 Wiseman attended the area the next day and did extensive house to house in the area. This revealed a suspicious silver van reported in the area. Various checks and intelligence were submitted regarding this van, however there was no evidence to prove this van was linked. A nearby village in Essex (Helions Bumpsted) was also hit with shed burglaries around the same time.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September a further outbuilding was broken into in Castle Camps and a large amount of power tools, a generator and other electrical equipment was taken.

I keep in regular contact with the NHW co-ordinators for both Shudy and Castle Camps.

No-one has shown an interest in setting up a speedwatch group for the Castle Camps area – there is a speedwatch group for Shudy Camps but this has not been very active lately.

#### Horseheath/Cardinals Green

I have had no further enquiries regarding a Speedwatch Group being set up for the area of Horseheath so at the present time no group is set up. I will however be conducting some checks in the coming months.

A residential property being constructed in Horseheath has been the victim of 2 thefts since June - approximately 20 gallons of red diesel has been taken.

A catalytic convertor was stolen from a vehicle parked on a drive in Cardinals Green on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### West Wrating/Weston Colville/West Wickham/Carlton

Training for the Weston Colville Speedwatch group took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The group is now set up and will be conducting checks soon. West Wrating has 2 more volunteers for the Speedwatch group which is already set up and running. Concerns have

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been raised regarding speeding in West Wrating and I will be getting out to the area to conduct some speed checks in the next few months.

There was a Surgery in the village of Weston Colville on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August which proved successful. We are looking at a date before Christmas for a talk to be conducted by Rachel Carr the Crime Prevention Officer, this will hopefully be held at The Reading Room. Regular contact with Allen Scott from NHW and the Parish Clerk Christine King continues.

There was a burglary at a property in Mill Hill Weston Colville and an attempt break in to another property on that road at the same time around the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Also around the 25/26 July around 1200 partridge poult were taken from pens in Weston Colville. Also in August there was a theft of heating oil from a property in The Green, Weston Colville. We are currently looking into an issue involving the school bus drop off point in Brinkley Road.

In West Wrating someone has raised concerns of 2 vehicles parking up in the Sport Pavillion car park on Bull Lane, West Wrating in the evening. It is believed cannabis is being smoked there and possible dealing is happening. This is being looked into.

In Carlton, red diesel was taken from a property in Church Road, 5 drums were stolen from the driveway of the property - this happened in August.

A police surgery has been set up for the village of West Wrating. This will be on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014 between 9.00 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Village Hall on the High Street.

Also across the villages there have been 3 thefts from motor vehicles in the Balsham and Linton areas.

**PCSO Wiseman and PCSO Kendall:**

## **Report for Panel Meeting.**

The ASB situation in Brookfield Road Sawston has improved dramatically. A joint meeting was set up with the housing officer from Metropolitan Housing to see the individuals

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causing the issues. This was well received and we felt the meeting had been very successful. This has been confirmed by subsequent visits to the residents who say that things are much quieter in the street.

Work has also been done around ASB in Macaulay, Great Shelford. Regular patrols in the area have taken place over the summer as part of OP-Casal. ASB in the area seems to have quietened down at this time.

There have been some concerns raised by Sawston Parish council regarding ASB on Mill Lane recreation ground. This is mainly around littering. Regular patrols are carried out and some of the offenders have been identified. The main problem we have is that we need to actually see them in the act of dropping the litter. We have spoken to those present on the recreation ground, which of course is not an offence in itself, and we are seeing an improvement which is being noted by the Parish Council. However they have asked us to continue giving this area attention.

We are continuing to conduct regular surgeries on the neighbourhood, the main ones being Great Shelford (Memorial Hall), Sawston (Parish Council office) and Duxford (The Plough pub). All of these are reasonably well attended.

There are still some concerns in Ickleton about the use of so called "legal highs" by young people. These are small gas canisters such as those used for frothing coffee. They are inhaled and give a short burst of euphoria much like laughing gas. The danger is that young people think they are safe but can in fact cause health problems. We have made the local schools aware and this is considered during patrols of green areas.

We have had at least three abandoned vehicles removed this period. This involves reporting the vehicles to Environmental health at SCDC. Also parking tickets are issued where necessary.

Speed checks have been carried out across the neighbourhood as per requests from the public. In particular we have assisted with the setting up of speed watch in Hinton Way, Great Shelford. The scheme has been up and running for a couple of months and we have continued to support it with our own speed checks. The scheme has provided the statistics for the application to reduce the speed limit to 30, which has been successful. Approval has also been given for the limit to be reduced to 30 along Cambridge Road.

Speed checks have also been done in Newton to provide statistics to support the application for road calming measures to be put in place. Speedwatch has also been offered in Newton, but to date they have not decided to take up this option.

Speedwatch in Little Abington is now active once again. They have recently been conducting speed checks along the A1307 in the 40 limit through Abington. We have been

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out to support this and are in communication with Brian Robins to provide up to date forms and equipment.

Other speed checks this period have included High Street Babraham, Cambridge Road Great Shelford, and Hunts Road, Duxford.

In July we were involved in the policing of the Tour de France coming through the area. From our point of view this was a successful operation. Everyone seemed to have a great day and there was a real party atmosphere.

Work in progress: A NHW scheme is currently being set up in Royston Road, Whittlesford. Arthur Greaves is canvassing residents for interest. This is following burglaries in Whittlesford earlier this year. This will include a vulnerable resident who has been a victim of burglary in the past. The Bobby Scheme has recently been out to fit door chains and window alarms for this individual.

#### **6. Local concerns raised via parish councils/NHW**

Please can you raise the issue the Parish Council have with our Mill Lane Pavilion? I have raised the issue with James Sutherland this has been added to the summer-time ASB operation 'Op Casal' and we appreciate this is a particularly wide-spread problem but it is not getting any better. Youths are congregating at Mill Lane pavilion drinking and whatever else they do and leaving glass bottles and all their rubbish. Our concern is that there is play equipment nearby and a lot of young children visit this. The youths have also been seen climbing our football goals which we have also reported and have had to repair many times at our cost.

I have attached a picture to show you how it looks most mornings (and our groundsmen have to clear up

Mrs Jo Keeler  
Sawston Parish Clerk

At our recent parish council meeting in Little Shelford, concern was expressed about 'pelotons' of cyclists speeding through the village at speeds which appear to be in excess of 30 mph. Since they are cycling 4 or 5 abreast at this sort of speed, they can often prove to be a hazard to motorists and pedestrians alike. It was felt that cycling clubs from Cambridge were cycling around the villages, i.e. Little Shelford, in this way with scant regard to the danger they might be posing.

I wonder if it might be possible for you to address this in some way. Perhaps you could get a line out to Cambridge cycling clubs to make them aware of our perspective. We



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wondered also if the 30 mph speed limit applies exclusively to motorists or if cyclists also are obliged to obey it. We would be grateful if you could clarify this point. If they are breaking the law, then perhaps you could further advise us.

#### Stapleford

The parish council have noted that the parking outside the Johnson Hall on the junction with Church Street, Mingle Lane and Gog Magog Way is becoming increasingly dangerous.

It is difficult for cars to get through sometimes, let alone buses or emergency vehicles.

It seems to be particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The council would be very grateful for any assistance you and your team could give.

#### Issues raised by NHW members

Shudy Camps PC have asked me to raise the issue. Whilst not a NHW issue it may be relevant to the meeting.

Some while ago there was a major incident on the A1307 resulting in the road being closed. The traffic was diverted around Shudy Camps and neighbouring villages. This caused a great deal of damage to verges and one heavy lorry took out a telegraph pole which meant Mill Green was without phones and internet access for, I think, a number of weeks. Lorries and cars were stuck because they were coming from different directions and couldn't get passed each other on the narrow lanes.

Leanne Fisher was faced with trying to direct the traffic through the villages with great difficulty.

The Parish Council would like to know what plans are in place to deal with future instances of this kind and who makes the decision to divert traffic and to where. Also does anyone check on the impact of the decision for local residents.

Some time ago you may recall that I brought to your attention a concern raised at the AGM of the Coppice Avenue Residents Association that we receive regular communications from the police about thefts, burglaries, etc, but almost nothing about successes in apprehending criminals. I realise of course that there may be legal constraints but surely something can be said after a conviction. All the Residents agreed that it would be encouraging to receive good news some times along with the bad news.

Received from a resident in Great Shelford is a complaint about drivers undertaking queues of cars waiting to turn right into Granhams Road from High Green and putting at risk pedestrians using the footbridge. The gentleman has written to Highways to ask for a bollard to be put on the pavement to prevent cars being able to drive onto it. They have replied saying that this would restrict access and visibility for adjacent properties, and



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cause issues because there are utilities in the footpath. He was advised however to speak to his local Parish Council.

**7. Update from partner agencies**

**8. Date of next panel meeting** Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at Sawston Village College

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	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 behavio
<b>Total Sawston</b>	Jan-13	Sep-14	29	42	77	4	10	32	20	20	60	132	426	207
	Jan-13	Sep-13	35	66	70	0	10	36	19	19	50	107	412	211
	Feb-14	May-14	44	51	51	1	4	60	15	18	42	162	448	176
<b>Balsham</b>	Jan-13	Sep-14	3	12	4	0	0	2	1	0	4	14	40	17
<b>Duxford</b>	Jan-13	Sep-13	2	15	5	0	1	6	0	0	7	8	44	8
<b>Fulbourn</b>	Feb-14	May-14	2	4	5	0	0	9	0	0	0	3	24	17
<b>Linton</b>	Jan-14	Sep-14	1	5	4	0	1	5	2	0	0	3	6	27
<b>Teversham</b>	Jan-13	Sep-13	4	6	16	0	3	4	3	2	0	3	5	22
<b>The Abingtrons</b>	Jan-14	Sep-14	2	11	4	0	1	8	0	2	0	3	12	40
<b>The Shelfords and Stapleford</b>	Jan-13	Sep-13	0	3	14	0	0	4	3	2	3	12	20	32
<b>The Wilbrahams</b>	Jan-14	Sep-14	3	2	6	0	0	5	0	4	5	7	37	27
<b>Whittlesford</b>	Jan-13	Sep-13	0	3	7	0	1	1	4	1	6	3	26	11
	Feb-14	May-14	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	17	7
	Jan-14	Sep-14	3	0	5	0	0	4	1	1	3	9	26	13
	Feb-14	May-14	2	10	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	11	32	16
	Jan-14	Sep-14	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	19	27	10
	Feb-14	May-14	2	10	9	0	0	4	4	2	6	12	49	35
	Jan-13	Sep-13	8	9	17	0	1	4	5	2	6	14	66	30
	Feb-14	May-14	8	4	9	1	0	10	3	2	4	23	64	19
	Jan-14	Sep-14	4	3	2	1	2	3	0	1	7	19	42	15
	Jan-13	Sep-13	12	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	4	18	43	23
	Feb-14	May-14	4	6	3	0	1	11	4	3	2	12	46	15
	Jan-14	Sep-14	1	2	6	0	1	2	3	0	2	4	21	8
	Jan-13	Sep-13	2	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	24	8
	Feb-14	May-14	10	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	26	5

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