



# Histon area meeting

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015



**1. Welcome** – This document is presented prior to the next public meeting for the Histon area which is to be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Crime and ASB data 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 an 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 against incidents that pose threat, risk or harm to the public.
- To provide an update on the actions taken in regards to chosen priorities or other emerging trends.

## **2. Update from Inspector Hiron**

### **From Ps Rabel**

This area continues to be a very safe and pleasant place to live and work. There is no significant crime and no significant risk of becoming a victim of crime living in the Histon Panel area. There are pockets of nuisance behaviour which the local Histon Team addresses, in addition to the safeguarding work that they do in relation to vulnerable people – often involving mental health and domestic violence issues. These jobs are not usually in the public domain but are very relevant to the priorities of current Policing practice. You will see the following updates generally endorse that this is a good area to live in and the fear of bad things happening in our area are very few and far between. This meeting is your opportunity to ask us questions and hold us to account rather than being told what we have done. We welcome you to make the most of this meeting.

Our Histon Team comprise of;

Sgt Mark Rabel – Overall responsibility

Pc Gareth Tanner – Legal enforcement / Specialist knowledge of ASB Legislation

Pc Jude Reeves – Mental Health advocate / Vulnerable groups / Traveller Liason

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

There has been some minor reorganisation with Histon staff, the five Police Community Support Officer's are specific point of contact for the following villages;

PCSO Mani Bujar – Bar Hill, Girton, Knapwell, Connington, Elsworth, Dry Drayton, Graveley, Lolworth & Boxworth

PCSO Thomas Baugh – Papworth, Papworth St Agnes, Fen Drayton, Swavesey & Over

PCSO Tony Martin – Histon, Willingham, Longstanton, Impington & Orchard Park

PCSO John Mason – Milton, Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering & Rampton

PCSO James Fuller – Cottenham, Oakington & Histon

As point of contact they will be available to take general queries relating to these areas. Our Officers will be deployed to areas of most need – for example significant ASB, or Community Reassurance following crime activity. Their priority for work will be centred around Safeguarding Vulnerable people followed by Crime Prevention / Investigation activity. Our staff are now issued with electronic notepads and are expected to be working in the community rather than from within the police station. Inspector Hiron will update on this at the Panel meeting.

### **3. Update on current neighbourhood concerns**

During the last Panel meeting in October last year, it was identified that general ASB, Speeding Motorists and Parking concerns were to be adopted as Panel Priorities. Over the last four months considerable effort has been made to address these concerns where possible.

#### **Speeding**

Speeding issues have been mostly managed through the Special Constabulary Speed Team and the Community Speedwatch Team.

Additionally to this, specific concerns relating to speeding motorists have been raised by Swavesey Parish Council in relation to speeding motorists using Ramper Road – the Swavesey end, and also by some concerned residents regarding speeding motorists using Airfield Road – between Oakington and Lonstanton.

In relation to Ramper Road we have conducted a traffic Survey confirming numbers of vehicles using the road as well as the excess speed found. Swavesey Parish are now looking to form a Speed Watch Group with training for new members over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015. The information that they collate along with the Traffic Survey results will be used by Parish Council to consider speed calming measures along this road.

In relation to Airfield Road where vehicles are ignoring the No Access sign and also speeding along the road, we have also conducted a traffic survey which shows that approximately 13,500 vehicles use this road every week. There have been several meetings relating to the use and Policing of this road and considerable discussion has ensued. With the numbers of motorists using the road, it is not possible to take meaningful enforcement action, at the same time there appears reluctance to either

close the road due to legitimate users use of it – ie agricultural vehicles, buses, etc, or indeed invest money in the road due to the fact that it will inevitably be part of the Northstowe Town. Please speak to Sergeant Rabel for further information.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

There has been one major incident of anti-social behaviour which was as a result of a rave that was held at the end of October last year. The noise from this event was heard by numerous villages many miles away. Following this event the Constabulary have worked hard with South Cambs District Council and also the event organisers. A number of legal notices have been served and there is an ongoing criminal investigation surrounding this event. The Constabulary was heavily supported by dozens of residents that were affected by this nuisance rave. At one time it was feared that there would be a repeat over New Year's Eve, however the positive action and threat of legal action appears to have 'quietened' things down.

During this reporting period there have also been several other incidents of anti-social behaviour which have effected people's quality of life. These have included, incidents of motorbike riding in Cottenham, a couple of specific motorists driving like idiots in Swavesey, nuisance youths in Orchard Park, a pub in Cottenham ignoring its licenced hours of business. Not to mention numerous neighbour disputes – over fences, smoking in communal areas, loud music, social-media fall outs.

The Histon Team have been identifying individuals responsible for bad behaviour and we have started to make use of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Laws that came into effect in October 2014.

We have issued several Community Protection Notices (CPNs) warning letters to individuals who have been identified as causing nuisance behaviour – if the behaviour continues we will then seek to serve a formal CPN which if breached could result in a court appearance and a £2500 fine. Of the several individual's issued warning letters and the one who was issued a formal CPN, they all appear to have been effective in stopping the unwanted behaviour.

There have been low level reports of nuisance groups of youths, but the weather over this reporting period has meant rowdy behaviour has decreased.

The other newer ASB legislation such as Closure Notices, Criminal Behaviour Orders and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) have not had to be used. The village of Bar Hill currently has a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in place which was brought in several years ago to deal with large groups of youths publically drinking alcohol and causing lots of nuisance. Since the DPPO has been in place, then general nuisance behaviour has mainly been checked. There is opportunity to replace the DPPO with a PSPO and this is being discussed at the moment.

### **Parking**

Reports of problem parking in Histon, Willingham, Milton, Cottenham and Swavesey and more minor reports in other areas. Problem parking reports invariably relate to school pick up and drop off times. As a result our Police Community Support Officers have been specifically tasked to be out at a

local school during drop off and pick up times. Feedback is usually positive and the occasional ticket is issued. The problem of errant and sometimes dangerous parking is eased or goes away when the officers are around and then comes back when they're gone. The danger that errant parking poses to young children will mean that our team will continue with this type of activity. Where we identify recidivist 'offenders' the CPN process maybe considered to make a more meaningful impact to people who don't seem to care!

### Other

Over the winter months – no reports of Flygrazing

Warrants Executed in relation to Human Trafficking at some of the Hand Car Wash places – as you may have seen in the local news.

Burglary rates of approx. 1 a day haven't changed

Op Oaklands – the crime prevention initiative relating to Burglary and Theft from Vehicles continues. For full crime figures please see the end of this document.

## 4. Local concerns raised via parish councils/NHW

Concerns regarding burglary and the best preventative measures people can take.

Speeding through Villages

Bad Parking

Heavy Goods Vehicles driving through one particular village

Below is Neighbourhood Watch summary of current concerns;

	BURGLARY	FLY GRAZING	YOUTH	PARKING	OTHER	COMMENT
BAR HILL					NOTHING TO REPORT	Shed burglaries were of a great concern
GIRTON						request for better feedback with regard to incidents reported
BOWWORTH					NOTHING TO REPORT	
DRY DRAYTON					NO RESPONSE	
ELSWORTH					NOTHING TO REPORT	
LONGSTANTON					NO RESPONSE	
PAPWORTH					theft builders equip.	
SWAVESEY	x			x	speeding	Rural theft of horse equipment is steady but persistent, much unreported; speeding Ramper Road and High St; parking Market St
WILLINGHAM		x				Appreciation for police actions stated
FEN DRAYTON					NO RESPONSE	
GRAVELEY					NO RESPONSE	
OVER					NOTHING TO REPORT	
LIDLWORTH					Speeding	Speeding on narrow access road especially where pedestrians and bike riders are endangered.
HISTON					NOTHING TO REPORT	
ORCHARD PARK					NOTHING TO REPORT	
WATERBEACH						
LANDBEACH	x				new residents also speeding issues.	Concern at new residents Frith Fen without planning and advertising premises on Right Move. Ask for police interest to reassure village
COTTENHAM				x	speeding	Speeding past coop with attendant parking issues; B1049 speeding, mud on roads
RAMPTON					SENT VIA PARISH CLERK	
MILTON					NOTHING TO REPORT	
OAKINGTON					NOTHING TO REPORT	

Dealing with speed motorists through rural villages and dealing with bad parking that could endanger school children will remain a focus of the Constabulary. We will look into the matter of HGV's and the village in question.

## 5. Update from partner agencies

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has agreed the following priorities for 2015-16:

- Child sexual exploitation including grooming via the internet and child-on-child offences (e.g. 'sexting' and domestic abuse within teenage relationships)
- Domestic abuse between adults.
- Crimes targeted at the elderly or other vulnerable members of the community including rogue trading, distraction offences and internet fraud.
- Human trafficking including forced labour, workplace exploitation and sexual exploitation.

These priorities will be reflected in the Histon Policing Team's activities – with Safeguarding as the underlining reason for deployment of Officers.

## **6. Date of next panel meeting**

**TBC**

Wards	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	
ST	Total Histon	Oct-14	49	65	90	1	8	58	43	25	64	199	602	233	
		Oct-13	98	67	122	10	10	76	49	21	92	169	714	303	
		Jul-14	46	53	85	0	9	52	57	23	81	244	650	305	
	Bar Hill	Oct-14	2	19	10	0	0	4	4	0	6	6	25	72	27
		Oct-13	7	4	9	0	0	16	1	6	9	20	72	72	20
		Jul-14	2	4	11	0	0	6	0	7	5	35	70	70	29
	Cottenham	Oct-14	9	9	12	0	1	8	1	1	2	13	17	72	39
		Oct-13	7	6	19	1	1	7	3	3	5	8	18	75	36
		Jul-14	4	9	8	0	1	6	3	3	3	17	23	74	42
	Girton	Oct-14	1	2	3	0	1	6	1	1	0	6	12	32	8
		Oct-13	5	3	5	0	1	7	0	0	0	3	8	32	9
		Jul-14	1	2	1	0	0	6	2	0	0	7	9	28	15
	Histon and Impington	Oct-14	8	8	30	1	1	19	15	15	6	20	36	144	48
		Oct-13	26	13	30	3	3	15	30	30	0	13	29	162	90
		Jul-14	18	7	25	0	1	8	23	6	6	18	54	160	62
Longstanton	Oct-14	3	6	5	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	6	30	13	
	Oct-13	1	5	11	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	8	32	28	
	Jul-14	0	5	9	0	1	0	0	13	0	8	8	44	23	
Milton	Oct-14	7	4	10	0	0	4	9	9	10	4	35	83	22	
	Oct-13	10	9	9	0	0	6	7	7	8	9	27	85	14	
	Jul-14	5	1	3	0	1	2	7	7	7	10	22	58	24	
Papworth and Elsworth	Oct-14	5	3	5	0	1	3	0	0	0	6	9	32	14	
	Oct-13	11	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	1	4	24	50	18	
	Jul-14	3	6	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	6	20	47	28	
Swavesey	Oct-14	5	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	10	26	7	
	Oct-13	6	5	10	1	0	8	1	1	0	3	10	44	18	
	Jul-14	3	5	2	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	11	28	19	
Waterbeach	Oct-14	4	5	2	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	17	37	24	
	Oct-13	16	13	8	1	1	11	2	2	1	18	11	82	41	
	Jul-14	4	2	8	0	3	7	4	4	0	4	23	55	23	
Willingham and Over	Oct-14	5	6	11	0	1	6	5	5	0	8	32	74	31	
	Oct-13	9	6	19	3	3	2	2	2	0	22	14	80	29	
	Jul-14	6	12	14	0	2	5	4	4	0	4	39	86	40	