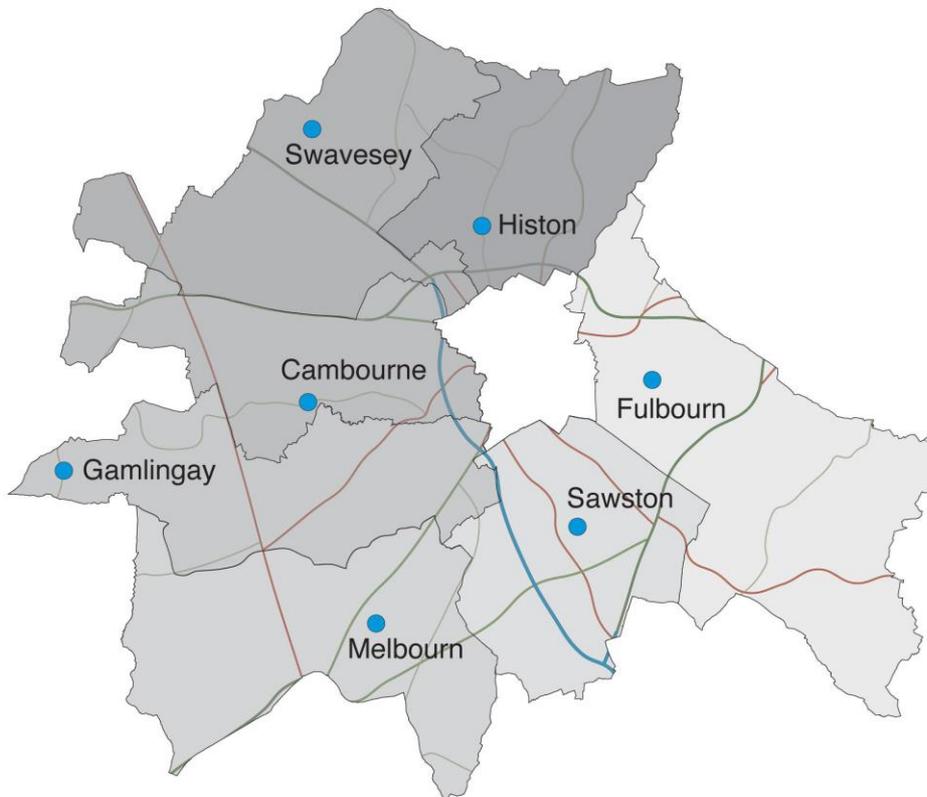




# Sawston Area Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015



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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 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Linton Heights Junior School, Wheatsheaf Way, Linton at 7:30pm.

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 on current neighbourhood issues

Inspector Hiron explained at the last panel meeting that our priorities focus on protecting the vulnerable, in particular in relation to child sexual exploitation; domestic abuse; crimes targeted at elderly or vulnerable such as rogue trading, scams or internet fraud and human trafficking offences. I wanted to give an insight into the work the local team have been carrying out in relation to these priority areas as well as looking at the concerns you have raised locally.

Since the last meeting we have worked with other agencies to support and protect vulnerable adults in Sawston (2 cases); Horningsea (2 cases, one of which is a victim of phone scams); Linton; Shelford; Duxford (2 cases, one of which may be the victim of fraud), and Abington.

Again working with schools and other agencies, including social care, mental health teams and housing, we have investigated concerns for children in Horseheath, Great Shelford, Teversham, Fulbourn, Linton and Sawston.

From a preventative perspective an officer from the Complex Cases Team, PC Parkin, has worked closely with both Sawston Village College and Linton Village College arranging a programme of inputs to pupils around internet safety at both colleges. She will be supported in these by the PCSOs.

### Local concerns

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We have also focused on anti-social behaviour issues affecting both individuals and the community. In relation to individual cases we currently have ongoing cases in Thriplow, Little Wilbraham and Sawston. We have also been dealing with dog related incidents in Ickleton, Stapleford and Linton. One of these has led to an owner being summonsed for keeping a dangerous dog.

Great Shelford Parish Council were concerned about youths hanging around the sports' pavilion on the recreation ground, leaving litter and climbing on equipment. This was in March and we carried out patrols and several individuals were spoken to, either on the night or with follow up visits. There was also a joint meeting with representatives from the parish council, ourselves and the youth workers from the Friday night youth initiative. The problems stopped after this and to date there have been no further reports.

PC Parkin and PCSOs Kendall and Wiseman have supported Sawston Village College with concerns about issues involving some of their pupils and they were present during the leavers' barbeque to prevent any problems arising.

PC Parkin together with representatives from the fire and ambulance service ran a 2 day event for a small group of young people from Sawston Village College looking at issues around anti-social behaviour. Representatives from the college attended with the pupils and everyone considered it a great success, with the young people building positive relationships with the professionals they met and being encouraged to make the right choices at this crucial time in their lives.

### **Operation Oaklands**

Since December we have reintroduced Operation Oaklands across South Cambridgeshire. We last did this in December 2013 and January 2014 when we visited one village in South Cambridge every day for the 2 months and spent that day going from house to house providing crime prevention advice. More recently we have decided to concentrate on a village per area, with the PCSOs from that area spending as much time as they can spare over a 3 week period in that village. For the Sawston and Linton panel areas we were in Whittlesford from the 30<sup>th</sup> of March to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, in Thriplow from the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May and in The Wilbrahams from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. We are currently focusing on Sawston. As well as going door to door offering crime prevention advice the PCSOs have identified locations where numbers of people can be spoken to and offered advice and the opportunity to buy crime prevention materials such as Smart-Water and shed alarms.

### **E-Cops and other communication.**

We have recently adopted a policy of sending daily e-cops messages rather than a weekly one. The thought process behind this is to provide up to date information on what is happening crime wise across the Sawston and Linton areas. This is to alert people to current trends and ensure they are taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their property. We'd welcome your

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thoughts on this. There have also been comments about not just wanting to receive details of crimes, but also wanting to hear of crimes being successfully solved. This latter point is very understandable, and we are trying to send out good news stories when possible. Unfortunately the legal process can take time and very often the results are months after the initial offence.

Over the last year we have been putting out posters highlighting the achievements over the previous few months to reassure people we do deal with offenders. Also, we have recently had some excellent results around dwelling burglary. Over the last year our burglary rate has fallen by four and a half percent. This is most likely due to a combination of our ongoing work in Operation Oaklands and the hard work of our CID department who have been responsible for getting a number of prolific offenders convicted and locked up for their crimes. Set out below is a recent summary of convictions for burglary *just within South Cambs* over the last 6 months:

**Scott Cannon** – Sentenced to 3 years Nov 2014

- 19 TIC's (offences 'taken in consideration' - i.e. admitted in court and taken into account by the Judge in sentencing) in total, including 3 dwellings and 10 non dwellings in South Cambs.

**Gareth Farrington** bn 24/01/1987 – Sentenced to 3 years Nov 2014

- 1 South Cambs burglary

**Oliver Dalby** bn 06/01/1987 – Sentenced to 3 years December 2014

- 8 South cambs dwellings & 2 City dwellings

**Ricky Wilson** – Sentenced to 3 years March 2015

- 3 dwellings in Suffolk + 1 non dwelling in South Cambs

**Sam Ellis** – Sentenced to 3 years March 2015

- 3 dwellings Suffolk + 1 non dwelling in South Cambs

**Arron Duffy** bn 28/02/1988 – Sentenced to 3 years March 2015

- 1 South Cambs dwelling

In addition we have the 5 nominals from the Eastern region (1 Essex, 1 Cambs and 4 met area) who are awaiting sentencing for a series of burglaries spanning the whole of the eastern region including 26 in South Cambridgeshire alone (Op Juneberry).

We have two persons currently charged and remanded with the aggravated burglary/robbery at Coton.

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Additionally to the daily updates, there have been several crime prevention articles appear in the Constabulary Blog and Twitter posts linking these blogs. One area we would still like to improve in is communication via Parish Magazines so that we can reach people who do not have access to a computer.

### **Speeding & Parking Concerns**

Speeding is regularly raised by all communities as a concern which is why we have established the South Cambs Speed team who carry out speed checks on roads where members of the public highlight issues of speeding. They do this via our website link <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>.

During this period a total of 96 traffic offences have been processed by officers deployed across the Sawston and Linton area, of which 43 were for speeding and 4 for driving whilst using a mobile phone.

Parking offences still get raised as an issue, particularly in Mill Lane, Sawston; Woollards Lane Great Shelford and a Station Road, Whittlesford. 7 tickets have been issued in Woollards Lane and 1 in Station Road, Whittlesford over the last period. We would note that while parking continues to be a perennial issue of concern within the villages and while officers will continue to issue tickets where appropriate, we will not be prioritising parking issues over the far more serious issues highlighted elsewhere in this document. Our focus on parking will be to work with local schools and parishes to address the issue long term.

### **Crime Prevention**

The South Cambs area has 2 people dedicated to crime prevention work and below is their report for the past 4 months:

#### **Panel report February to May 2015**

**Business Crime** – SCBW Officer – PCSO Leanne Fisher  
**Community Safety** – Crime Reduction Officer – Rachel Carr  
**Rural Crime** – PCSO Gemma Dear

#### **South Cambs Business Watch - Leanne Fisher**

I have been in the role of now been in the role of South Cambridgeshire Business Watch Officer since February this year. I am an experienced officer having previously covered a number of beat areas in Sawston panel area for 7 years. The main purpose of this role is to work with key businesses that have been identified as priority cases that would benefit from a more detailed response from the force.

Any businesses that signs up to South Cambs Business Watch scheme (SCBW) is added to the force neighbourhood alert system so they can receive updates and information that relate to business

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crime. As well as more general information about events taking place, warning messages, or crime trends.

30 new members have been signed up to the scheme since February 2015.

4 x referrals to Bobby Scheme after identifying vulnerable adults following visits in Duxford, Histon and Over areas.

2 x referrals to Countryside Watch Scheme

21 x business security surveys carried out to victims of business crime – (12 of which required written surveys) and further follow up work.

7 x other business victims contacted but did not want a survey or any other security advice/help.

5 x security surveys carried out with Rachel Carr – not business related.

Working with Ellen Muirhead of Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch (CSW) (2/3 days a month) visiting South Cambs Businesses promoting SCBW and CSW. We also visit and reassure existing members of both schemes. I also work with Gemma Dear Rural Crime PCSO – visiting farms and other rural locations on the South Cambs areas. Sending out rural crime alerts if related to business crimes.

19/Feb – security talk given at the David Rayner Centre, Shelford with Rachel Carr.

End of February - Alerts/blog sent out regarding rise in transit van tool thefts.

Attended an open day on 1/4/2015 at Collings Brothers, St Neots with Ellen Muirhead CSW, Gemma Dear rural crime PCSO – learning about farming equipment and meeting local farmers at the event. Promoting SCBW and CSW.

7/8 April – 2 day vehicle crime initiative. Visiting Hotels whose car parks have been victims of vehicle crime specifically theft of tools from Transit vans. Hotels visited in Orchard Park, Bar Hill, Whittlesford, Abington, Melbourn areas.

13 April – Crime Reduction Event attended by myself and Rachel Carr in Birmingham. A number of crime prevention companies promoting their products, some of which could help businesses in relation crime prevention and will help in my role as SCBW officer.

Operation Oaklands Specific Events – Promoting SCBW scheme. General security advice, promoting shed alarms and smart water to attendees. 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Thriplow Village Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> April - Hardwick School (with Rachel Carr) and 1<sup>st</sup> May - Ickleton Village Hall.

New marketing materials such as the Rural Crime Survey, and Business Crime Survey have been produced to better support rural & agricultural businesses and are now in use by Officer's within the force.

Each week - Business Crime updates are sent out to all SCBW members. Also media alerts on twitter and blog re – Transit Van Thefts, Catalytic Converter Thefts and Tack/Equestrian thefts.

Working with PCSOs on their beat areas looking at Businesses in their areas.

Since February to the end of May the main types of business crime being targeted are:-

Building sites – out buildings, porta cabins, metal containers holding power tools inside.

Businesses with Mercedes Sprinter vans for Cat Converter thefts.

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Business burglary – range of different businesses, car garages, retail shops including Co-ops, One Stop shops, Stables and business park premises.

### **Community Safety – Rachel Carr**

Operation Oaklands has been running since early December to help improve both home and shed / outbuilding security 28 villages have been visited so far including Longstanton, Hardwick, and Great and Little Wilbraham over the past month. Officers patrol each village regularly for a three week period, making security checks and offering items such as shed and window alarms at cost price, plus Smartwater coding kits at a reduced price. I have attended a number of evening surgeries to support Operation Oaklands activity in South Cambs.

A No Cold Calling Zone was set up 7 March 2015 together with Cambridgeshire Trading Standards in Elin Way, Meldreth following reports of cold callers and rogue trading in the area.

I have conducted 32 security visits to private households since 24 Feb 2015. Plus 19 visits to business premises. 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. I have also provided talks for local groups and organisations regarding doorstep crime and home security.

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.

Media messages have been sent out regarding Rogue Trading incidents, shed and garage burglaries, vehicle crime, including details of a national series targeting transit vans.

### **Rural Crime update – Gemma Dear Rural Crime PCSO**

Rural Crime training has now been completed in South Cambs, Fenland and Peterborough and we are currently working on the Huntingdon and East Cambs areas receiving theirs. Officers from the areas including reactive, Detectives, PCSOs and the local council and fire service have attended the on the farm training and are now fully aware of security marking systems for agricultural machinery, the impact of crime on a farm business and identifying equipment and their serial numbers etc...

Normal daily work continues between Ellen Muirhead (CSW) and I. Visiting victims of crime and offering security advice and reassurance.

Rural related crime is down in the South Cambs area in general, but we have seen a slight rise in tack and horse equipment theft. I have been working with Herts and Northants extracting their intelligence on possible offenders which now lies in the CIB to develop further, and gain more information and evidence on.

Deer poaching night patrols carried out in the Swaffham areas, prevention but no one caught. National Rural Crime Seminar held in Birmingham attended with lots of ideas taken from it, of which CI Sutherland is acting on.

National Rural Crime Network. PCC has signed Cambridgeshire Police to join in. A rural crime survey is being sent around for rural community residents can fill in and be honest so the network

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can get a true picture of the national rural crime issue. The survey can be found on the website of the NRCN.

Cambridgeshire Countryside watch are holding a Pleasure horse ride around the Wimpole and Kingston estates. Monies raised will go towards the work carried out by the CCW coordinators. It's being held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and details with entry forms can be found on the Cambridgeshire Horsecatch Facebook page or in your local feed merchant or tack shop.

RCT attended the Cambridgeshire County show at Wimpole. It was a slow day due to the weather, but the officers met a lot of people and were gratefully received.

Leanne and I attended the Open Day at Collings Brothers with Ellen Muirhead. A good afternoon catching up with the farming community and teaching Leanne the farming world.

Op Armitage meeting x2 since February. This is an operation targeting stack fire offenders. It's a joint working group between the Fire Service, Police and local straw contractors targeting the prevention of the fires and pushing for convictions of the caught offenders. Very successful operation as we have reduced the fires by nearly 90% since the start and the fire service have put many youths through the Consequences of Fire course, with one individual ending up at Crown Court at only 14 years old for a stack they set fire too last year.

The PCC outreach worker Rebecca Avery was shown the rural sights of South Cambs in March. We introduced her to a few farmers in the area of different farming backgrounds so she had a full picture of rural farming life.

Patrols have been carried out on the rivers and lakes looking for fish poachers. 2 people have been caught / reported for fishing offences (on-going) on the river at Duxford. The patrols have been carried out by our dedicated Special Rural Constables.

#### 4. Update from partner agencies

##### **From Brian Robbins Speedwatch Coordinator:**

In the last quarter we have introduced 21 new speedwatch teams into the scheme, we are now up to 220 teams County wide. The average number of volunteers per team is 6. We have lost one team whose coordinator was unable to accept the updated operating procedures, however the village volunteers are looking to rebuild the team with a new coordinator.

The constabulary has appointed 3 Police Service Volunteers who will shortly take over some of the area teams, I will continue to manage the South Cambs Teams as well as support the new area coordinators.

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We have been trialling a new lightweight kit which seems to be receiving favourable reviews. The new lightweight pop up signs are very popular with the teams and much easier to erect.

In the last three months the South Cambs village teams have checked 11,103 vehicles passing through check sites, 1091 of those have been detected exceeding the ACPO guideline speed limits (24/35/46) and 848 letters were sent to traceable registered owners. (We do not pursue leased/hired vehicles)

A number of locations identified by CSW teams have been targeted for enforcement by the #SCSpeedteam, LPTs and the RPU, TORs have been issued for speeding, seatbelt & mobile phone offences as well as document offences and some vehicles have been seized for other offences as a result of stops for excess speed. This targeted approach has proved successful in other parts of the county where CSW operates as well.

In May we had a record number of 12 teams sign up in S.Cambs and so far in June we have had 4 more (5<sup>th</sup> June).

The success of CSW is totally as a result of the efforts of volunteers initiating the process.

For the Sawston/Linton area in particular new schemes have been started up in Great and Little Wilbraham; Newton and Little Abington. 9 volunteers have just been trained for a new scheme in Fulbourn and Brian Robbins is working with volunteers in Horningsea to set up a scheme there.

5. **Date of next panel meeting** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at Fulbourn Institute, Home End, Fulbourn.

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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 behaviour	
<b>SNT</b>	<b>Total Sawston</b>	Feb-15	May-15	26	91	79	0	1	61	6	4	73	94	435	152
		Feb-14	May-14	44	51	51	1	4	60	15	18	42	162	448	176
		Nov-14	Feb-15	50	66	68	2	4	59	6	12	47	88	402	125
<b>Wards</b>	<b>Balsham</b>	Feb-15	May-15	2	1	4	0	0	8	0	0	7	3	25	12
		Feb-14	May-14	2	4	5	0	0	9	0	0	3	24	47	17
		Nov-14	Feb-15	9	4	7	0	0	6	0	0	4	2	32	11
	<b>Duxford</b>	Feb-15	May-15	4	8	3	0	0	9	0	0	4	10	38	15
		Feb-14	May-14	1	13	1	0	0	8	2	0	3	12	40	12
		Nov-14	Feb-15	0	10	2	0	0	9	0	0	1	2	24	10
	<b>Fulbourn</b>	Feb-15	May-15	1	4	25	0	0	5	2	4	21	17	79	11
		Feb-14	May-14	9	2	18	0	2	3	2	9	12	22	79	31
		Nov-14	Feb-15	7	5	10	0	0	8	3	11	12	12	68	10
	<b>Linton</b>	Feb-15	May-15	4	5	6	0	0	7	0	0	7	11	40	18
		Feb-14	May-14	2	11	4	0	1	8	0	2	2	17	47	27
		Nov-14	Feb-15	5	1	15	0	2	1	0	0	6	14	44	13
	<b>Sawston</b>	Feb-15	May-15	1	11	21	0	0	4	0	0	14	10	61	32
		Feb-14	May-14	3	2	6	0	0	4	2	2	12	24	55	33
		Nov-14	Feb-15	0	12	15	1	0	6	1	0	11	15	61	29
	<b>Teversham</b>	Feb-15	May-15	1	1	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	15	5
		Feb-14	May-14	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	17	7
		Nov-14	Feb-15	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	9	4
	<b>Abingtons</b>	Feb-15	May-15	2	6	8	0	0	12	0	0	0	11	39	18
		Feb-14	May-14	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	19	27	10
		Nov-14	Feb-15	8	8	6	1	1	10	0	1	1	8	44	8
	<b>The Shelfords and Stapleford</b>	Feb-15	May-15	5	30	5	0	1	4	0	0	7	8	60	18
		Feb-14	May-14	8	4	9	1	0	10	3	2	4	23	64	19
		Nov-14	Feb-15	7	7	5	0	0	5	1	0	3	13	41	17
	<b>Wilbrahams</b>	Feb-15	May-15	4	4	0	0	0	6	1	0	4	11	30	16
		Feb-14	May-14	4	6	3	0	1	11	4	3	2	12	46	15
		Nov-14	Feb-15	9	7	5	0	0	8	0	0	5	18	52	12
<b>Whittlesford</b>	Feb-15	May-15	2	21	2	0	0	4	0	0	9	10	48	7	
	Feb-14	May-14	10	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	26	5	
	Nov-14	Feb-15	2	11	2	0	1	5	0	0	4	2	27	11	

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