



# Cambourne Area Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2015



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## **1. Welcome**

This document is presented prior to the next public meeting for the Cambourne Area which is to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at Cambourne Village College and is open to everyone. Crime and ASB data for your neighbourhood can also be found at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). The aims of a panel meeting are:

- 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.
- To 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 activities.
- To provide an update on the actions taken in regards to previously chosen priorities or other emerging trends.

We are pleased to confirm that Sir Graham Bright, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, will be joining us and will address the meeting.

**Please note that this meeting will be streamed over the internet but only those on the panel will be viewable to people watching the proceedings remotely.**

## **2. Introduction and Update from Inspector Richard Isley**

To be delivered at the meeting.

## **3. Update on activities during the previous period**

### **Previous Panel Priority**

Following the series of panel meetings in June a single panel priority was adopted for the South Cambridgeshire Policing Command, namely a review of options to provide a sustainable means of addressing localised parking concerns.

Chief Inspector Sutherland explained that the priority for officers and PCSOs, in line with the priorities set by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, had to be protection of the vulnerable, particularly 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.

Inconsiderate parking, where no risk of serious harm existed, could not be prioritised above the CDRP priorities; all incidents where someone is killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads are reviewed and there have been no such incidents in the past two years where inconsiderate parking has been a significant factor. This is not to say that we will never take action where we come across such offences and time permits, however we cannot make it a priority.

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On this basis a consultation meeting was arranged on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August and representatives from all our villages were invited to attend. At the meeting various options were discussed but the one recommended and agreed on the night was to consider setting up a Community Parking Fund. Under this proposal, villages could make a financial contribution for a PCSO to be deployed to deal with parking issues, outside of their normal duty time on voluntary overtime.

As a guide the figure of a £1,000 was used to show how that would buy 42 hours of PCSO time and it was suggested this could be spread over 6 months. There was an option for smaller villages to syndicate with others to share the cost. The Constabulary would absorb administration costs to assist the parishes under this scheme.

To date 3 villages from this panel area have indicated their support for the fund and we will shortly be contacting their Parish Councils to complete the arrangements, and we hope to have the scheme up and running by early November.

### **Recent Team Safeguarding Activities**

**Operation Makesafe** – This is our county-wide operation to target Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) by targeting potential offenders, supporting potential victims and raising the awareness of those managing potential venues for CSE. Your local team has been very active in identifying relevant individuals and locations, submitting intelligence and leading on disruptive and supportive action plans ensuing. We have continued to work closely with partners under the CDRP with a particular focus with our safeguarding leads in local schools and colleges.

**Modern Day Slavery Summit** – This event takes place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the South Cambridgeshire District Council Offices and aims to raise awareness and increase understanding within our district of this devastating type of criminality. Your team has been making efforts to identify a delegate from every village in our area to attend this important event.

28 vulnerable adult referrals, relating to some of the most vulnerable individuals within our community, have been received and reviewed at Cambourne Station during the last 4 months. Your local team play a pivotal role in ensuring follow up enquiries are made and for monitoring the development of appropriate support to these residents. By working with partners in the medical and mental health services and housing providers, we aim to implement appropriate safeguarding for them and reduce the risk of them suffering harm or being targeted by criminals in their own home. Additional benefits of this work are wider community reassurance in some cases, and a generally reduced calls for service on agencies which enables the needs of more residents to be dealt with more efficiently.

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In a similar vein, officers from both the Complex Case and PCSO Teams from Cambourne have continued in their regular attendance at Child in Need and Family Intervention Programme meetings, to identify and support the best strategies in dealing with vulnerable young people within the community.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Following a 39% decrease in ASB reported in the June panel document, it is reassuring to see this trend continue with a 24% decrease for this period, compared with the same period last year. The summer period had generally fewer calls for nuisance complaints and when a local ASB hot spot developed, we interceded in a timely manner, by dealing with the perpetrators in conjunction with our partners.

Such incidents, and those concerned in them, are now routinely discussed at the monthly multi-agency Locality Meetings and frequently link to our safeguarding work with families and individuals discussed at this forum.

There have been recent incidents involving 'car cruises' in the Command including the Cambourne Morrison's car park. We are participating in co-ordinated action with colleagues from other areas to dissuade and control such gatherings which frequently result in ASB complaints but also represent a risk of physical harm to those attending.

### **Dwelling Burglaries**

Following the reduction in dwelling burglaries of 4.4% between April 2014 and March 2015, the period April to September 2015 has seen a reduction of 30.2% in offences, across South Cambridgeshire, compared to the same period last year, and this equates to 52 fewer victims.

This period has also seen the following successes:

- The five persons responsible for the Eastern Region series of burglaries (which included South Cambs offences) have been sentenced to a total of just over 21 years imprisonment.
- Some good initial work from our PCSO's resulted in three burglars from the London area being caught red-handed in Fulbourn. They were prosecuted for 3 burglaries and sentenced to a total of five and a half years.
- Further prompt work by officers at Histon resulted in two offenders subsequently pleading guilty to an offence with a third still awaiting trial.

### **Community Safety and South Cambs Business Watch Update**

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

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

My role is predominantly working with individual victims of crime especially victims of burglary and theft, to provide security and crime prevention advice. I also give security talks to local groups and clubs. I work with partner organisations such as The Bobby Scheme, The Fire service, Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, and District council teams. I also work together with the Business Watch Officer to provide security advice and support to victims of business crime.

#### **Rural Crime PCSO – Cambridgeshire Force – Gemma Dear**

Working with the Rural Crime Team, covering the whole of Cambridgeshire. Linking in with Crime Reduction Officers, Business Watch, and Countryside Watch representatives.

Common areas of work are hare, coursing, working with farming community, plant and farm equipment theft. Cross border crime such as fuel theft, cable theft, poaching, and fly-grazing.

A detailed report for each of these officers is contained in Appendix A

#### **Speeding 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 32 traffic offences have been processed by officers deployed across the Cambourne Area which include 17 for speeding and 10 for mobile phone usage.

#### **Community Speedwatch and South Cambs Speed Team Update**

Speedwatch Co-ordinator Brian Robins and Special Constable Paul Jenkins have continued with the work in response to these concerns, supported by colleagues from across the Command. Brian provides the following update;

The Speedwatch numbers for the last three months in South Cambridgeshire Command are as follows

Total number of vehicles checked (July-Sept)	17175
Total of vehicles reported over limit 10%+2mph	1127
Advisory letters to traceable owners	903

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Percentage of speeding vehicles

July 6.54%

August 5.75%

September 4.38%

10 new Speedwatch teams were established during the same 3 period.

If you have an enquiry related to the Community Speed Watch Scheme, please use the following email address [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

#### 4. Local Team Update

The PCSO team at Cambourne provide the Community with a point of contact and will be available to deal general queries relating to their areas.

- PCSO David Jackson – Cambourne, Bourn, Caxton, Croxton, Eltisley, Caldecote & Hardwick
- PCSO Alex Giltinane – Childerley, Kingston, Toft, Barton, Coton, Grantchester, Madingley, Comberton, Gt Eversden, Lt Eversden, Haslingfield, Harlton, Harston & Hauxton.
- PCSO John Coppard – Gamlingay, Lt Gransden, Longstowe, Hatley, Arrington, Croydon, Orwell, Barrington & Wimpole
- PCSO James Lynch – Bassingbourn Ward
- PCSO Lindsay Gardiner – Melbourn Ward

Their deployments have continued to prioritise the areas of most acute need by providing safeguarding for the most vulnerable members of our community, followed by crime prevention and investigation activity.

#### 5. Update from Rebecca Avery from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office regarding the 101 service.

The number of calls received by the 101 call centre is around 30,000 per month. The percent that are answered within 30 seconds is around 95%. The trouble comes when the calls are transferred to the appropriate call handler. I am aware that there can be considerable delay in answering these calls and this is where I am focussing my attention. There is an average wait time of 5 minutes and around 15 to 20 percent are abandoned after 30 seconds.

The management of the 101 service, including staffing levels, is an operational matter and is the responsibility of the Chief Constable. However, I have made it clear that the current level of performance is not acceptable and I asked him to bring some recommendations to me on how performance can be improved.

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I am pleased to say that we have agreed a number of improvements to strengthen the service. This includes:

- The recruitment of 10 additional 101 call handlers
- Upgrading the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system allowing callers to be routed to their required destination in a more timely and efficient manner. It will include improved options to route calls direct to officers, reducing demand on 101 staff and therefore reducing waiting times.
- Installing a Queuebuster system, which having notified the caller of their wait time and queue placing, will give callers the option of a ring back. Their place in the queue will be retained. This should reduce the number of callers that hang-up as they do not have to wait on the phone.

The following link provides a new internet based method of contacting the Constabulary for non-emergency issues, as an alternative to calling 101. <http://bedspolicedirect.r.cambspolice.net/>

## **6. Local concerns raised via Parish Councils/Neighbourhood Watch**

The following items have been received from Parish Councils and NHW as current concerns;

Gamlingay Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch have raised concerns regarding low level ASB - possibly drugs related - on the recreation ground, Eco Hub site and on Cinques Park with N2O canisters left behind at times.

- PCSO John Coppard has been patrolling these areas in response but has not encountered any groups during these times. As always, we would ask that such gatherings are reported to us when they occur to give us the best chance of engaging with the individuals concerned.

Jeanne McCarten from Toft Parish Council has reported concerns from Toft about another spate of shed and garage burglaries in Toft, and whether there was any information on that. Additionally if there was a planned visit to Toft by Operation Oaklands.

- Op Oaklands continued between June and August with local PCSO teams focussing on villages in their respective areas with the aim of 'target hardening' communities against such offences by raising awareness of crime prevention options and supply certain security products at cost price. Between December 2014 and August 2015 524 Smartwater kits, 250 Shed alarms, 171 Window alarms. Since the beginning of September Op Oaklands has been suspended whilst important IT training was delivered across the Constabulary. The re-commencement of Oaklands will be reviewed in the near future and such recent crime trends as that experienced in Toft will be considered in this process.

Roger Daw from Orwell Neighbourhood Watch raised two issues; Speeding in Orwell High Street following a car colliding with a lamp post on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, which raised interest in the potential of a new Speedwatch scheme and whether a speed survey could be instigated in support of these concerns;

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Secondly, whether the 'SLOW' road markings in Fishers Lane were best positioned to influence drivers particularly with reference to residents leaving the drives of their adjacent properties.

- Brian Robins replied: As you know we do not currently have a Community SpeedWatch (CSW) team in Orwell but I would be very pleased to help you set one up. There are teams in the nearby villages of Wimpole, Barrington, Harlton, Eversden etc., so there is no problem with setting up a team in Orwell if you can get the required number of volunteers together. The traffic survey equipment we have is used only in support of existing CSW teams. We have only 10 units and 250 CSW teams across the County, so as you can see there is a high demand for the equipment. The County Highways department also conduct traffic surveys but I think they are fully committed at the moment with the A14 upgrade proposals so might not be able to assist you. I would suggest the best way forward is to set up your CSW scheme and once you get going, you will be included in the schedule for the survey boxes. You will need a minimum of 6 people to make up an effective team, we provide all the training and access to equipment on a shared loan basis. I have attached a copy of the working guidelines for you, please feel free to circulate this as you require.
- Sharon Piper, Policy and Regulation Manager, Local Infrastructure and Street Management, Cambridgeshire County Council also replied: The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions suggest that although the marking may be used alone, it is most effective when it complements a warning sign so that drivers are told why they need to slow down. The legislation also advises that discretion should be exercised in the use of 'Slow' markings to ensure that their impact is not reduced by proliferation. If a 'Slow' marking achieves a speed reduction, it is not generally sustained over any distance. Speeds entering villages are at most reduced by 1 or 2 mph if there are no additional measures in place. For maximum benefit, such markings need to be used in conjunction with other measures within the village, so that drivers are made aware that lower speeds are required throughout. I hope the above is useful but please let me know if you require anything further.

## 7. Partner Agencies Update

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 Cambourne Policing Team's activities with the related safeguarding activity providing the primary focus of operational deployment of officers across the Command.

## 8. Date of next panel meeting – To be confirmed.

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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
SNT	Wards														
Total Cambourne		Jun-15	Sep-15	29	63	113	2	9	44	11	8	109	171	559	260
		Jun-14	Sep-14	24	61	141	3	7	49	9	6	74	128	502	316
		Feb-15	May-15	39	94	138	0	7	53	1	8	50	134	524	190
Barton		Jun-15	Sep-15	2	2	5	0	2	6	3	0	3	12	35	11
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	9	4	0	2	10	2	0	4	11	44	15
		Feb-15	May-15	4	13	3	0	1	3	0	0	2	11	37	13
Bassingbourn		Jun-15	Sep-15	0	4	34	0	0	2	0	0	12	12	64	18
		Jun-14	Sep-14	1	5	47	0	1	0	0	0	7	19	80	31
		Feb-15	May-15	2	3	30	0	1	6	0	1	4	10	57	16
Bourn		Jun-15	Sep-15	1	12	31	1	2	9	5	4	39	51	155	86
		Jun-14	Sep-14	1	9	36	1	1	4	4	3	15	39	113	118
		Feb-15	May-15	3	4	48	0	1	4	1	6	16	38	121	70
Caldecote		Jun-15	Sep-15	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	31	8
		Jun-14	Sep-14	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	16	13
		Feb-15	May-15	1	5	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	13	37	9
Comberton		Jun-15	Sep-15	2	6	7	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	25	13
		Jun-14	Sep-14	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	11	5
		Feb-15	May-15	2	6	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	18	5
Fowlmere and Foxton		Jun-15	Sep-15	1	1	4	0	1	3	0	1	2	8	21	22
		Jun-14	Sep-14	0	3	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	14	10
		Feb-15	May-15	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	11	3
Gamlingay		Jun-15	Sep-15	5	4	4	1	1	4	0	2	5	23	49	20
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	2	7	0	2	3	0	2	6	12	36	11
		Feb-15	May-15	2	14	5	0	1	12	0	1	4	14	53	12
Hardwick		Jun-15	Sep-15	3	2	7	0	0	3	0	0	3	10	28	9
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	11	20
		Feb-15	May-15	4	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	17	7
Harston and Hauxton		Jun-15	Sep-15	2	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	22	10
		Jun-14	Sep-14	3	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	18	5
		Feb-15	May-15	4	12	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	5	28	5
Haslingfield and The Eversdens		Jun-15	Sep-15	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	19	9
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	14	10
		Feb-15	May-15	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	21	5
Melbourn		Jun-15	Sep-15	7	3	6	0	0	4	2	1	15	15	53	24
		Jun-14	Sep-14	5	6	19	1	1	5	1	0	11	10	59	37
		Feb-15	May-15	8	3	15	0	0	8	0	0	4	16	54	25
Meldreth		Jun-15	Sep-15	1	9	2	0	1	4	1	0	4	2	24	15
		Jun-14	Sep-14	4	4	5	0	0	6	1	0	8	9	37	23
		Feb-15	May-15	2	5	6	0	0	3	0	0	3	9	28	7
Orwell and Barrington		Jun-15	Sep-15	0	1	5	0	0	3	0	0	2	6	17	12
		Jun-14	Sep-14	0	9	2	0	0	9	1	0	4	2	27	6
		Feb-15	May-15	0	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	21	9
Morden		Jun-15	Sep-15	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	6	16	3
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## Panel report June to September 2015

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We now have **335** members signed up to the SCBW scheme.

Work between the period of June to September includes the following:-

Weekly - Business Crime updates are sent out to all SCBW members, Country Side Watch, Rural Crime Team and Crime Reduction officers. Also media alerts on twitter and the blog are sent out when there are trends in crimes. i.e. Transit Van tool Thefts, Catalytic Converter Thefts and Tack/Equestrian thefts

The main types of business crime being targeted over this period are:-

- Building sites – out buildings, porta cabins, metal containers holding power tools and generators inside.
- Businesses with Mercedes Sprinter vans for Cat Converter thefts.
- Business burglary – a range of different businesses, car garages, retail shops, catering companies, schools, hairdressers, stables and business park premises.

I Work with PCSO's on their beat areas looking at Businesses in their areas.

22 x Business security surveys have been carried out to victims of business crime – (most of which are written up and sent out to victims). Plus two follow up visits to priority case businesses.

37 x other victims of business crime written to, advising of SCBW scheme, offering crime prevention advice and surveys.

7 x security surveys carried out- not business related - (some with Rachel Carr) – From these visits 2 referrals to the Bobby Scheme were made after identifying vulnerable adults following visits to addresses in Swavesey and Whittlesford.

I continue to work with Ellen Muirhead of Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch (1/2 days a month) visiting South Cambs Businesses, promoting SCBW and CSW. We visit and provide reassurance for existing members of both schemes. 2 referrals made to Countryside Watch, who have since joined the CSW scheme. Working with PCSO Gemma Dear (Rural Crime PCSO) and sending out rural crime alerts if related to business crimes.

2/9/2015 – attended Seminar on Vehicle Crime – gained knowledge on plant/farm vehicle/motor vehicle thefts. Also presentation from Tracker – the knowledge of the Tracker system helped with the investigation of a crime on 4<sup>th</sup> September (Papworth Everard) which resulted in a Stolen Audi being recovered.

Drafting and producing crime prevention materials specific to crime trends.

**July/August 2015** – saw a series of Catalytic converter thefts from businesses on Industrial Estate/Parks.

During this period Sawston, Bar Hill, Waterbeach, Harston were targeted. Investigations found Royston

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area was also targeted. Business Watch message, Ecops, and a feat in local newspapers, plus Truckpol magazine were carried out. Also a Cat Theft security information sheet was put together

**Also in July 2015** – we saw a series of vehicle thefts. 4 Ford vehicles were stolen without keys from and near Whittlesey Railway Station. This happened between the 30<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July. Investigations found this as a national issue with clone type key-fobs being available online. Business Watch message, e-cops message sent out, media press release, flyers put out on all vehicles in car park and Royston Rd area. Flyers to all residents in Royston Rd.

**August 2015** – saw an increase in theft from motor vehicles, namely Transit vans, whereby power tools are taken from inside. Some vehicles showing no signs of forced entry. Intelligence suggested that there is a master key that can be used on Ford models. A number of villages in South Cambs were targeted including some Hotel car parks. Business Watch updates sent out, e-cops, tweets and blogs.

**Schools** - we are presently looking into security at schools, in light of 8 schools in the South Cambs area being targeted. 1 x attempt burglary, 2 x burglary, 5 x shed/outbuilding burglary. These have happened between June and early October. The areas targeted were Cambourne, Shelford, Babraham, Comberton, Foxton and Impington,

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#### **Victims of Scam mail**

In July, I conducted a number of visits to victims of scam mail across South Cambs. together with local PCSO's and Trading Standards Officers. These victims were identified by the National Scams Team, following a raid on a P.O. Box used by a scam company. Scam mail victims can become very isolated and vulnerable, as once they reply to one company their details are passed on and the number of mailings increases. This can be anything from miracle health cures, vitamins, toiletries, or prize drawers. Any victims that needed further help or advice were referred as appropriate. Any scam mail the victims still had was removed, so this could be analysed by Trading Standards Officers.

#### **Trailer Thefts**

During August and early September there were a number of trailer thefts. These occurred in Hatley, Gamlingay, Dry Drayton, Caldecote, and Swaffham Prior. Ecops messages, and a blog article were produced as well as media messages by the Rural Crime PCSO.

#### **Caravan thefts from storage sites**

Between May and June this year a number of caravans were stolen from storage sites and a tourist park in South Cambridgeshire. One caravan had a tracker installed and was later recovered in Bournbridge, Essex. A press release was sent out, plus a blog article, Ecops alert and interview with BBC Radio Cambridge.

#### **Car battery theft**

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Thefts of car batteries, from recycling centres May and June. This had been picked up initially in East Cambs. and there were subsequent offences across South Cambs., including Thriplow, Milton, and Impington. Ecops message sent out for Business Watch members and farms/ rural businesses.

I have carried out 23 surveys for victims of crime such as burglary, and 6 crime prevention visits, as well as attending the majority of Business Crime surveys.

I also assisted with some Internet Safety presentations at Linton Village College 18 June this year, as part of their PHSE programme. On 12 June I delivered a Crime Prevention Talk in Harston village for a local retirement club.

I have sent out a number of Ecops alerts, and written blog articles over the past few months regarding fake gold ingots, thefts of car batteries, trailer thefts, caravan thefts, and plant theft.

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

So for the period of June to September this is how rural crime has looked.

Trailer theft issue that seems to have quietened down. A number of trailers mainly Ifor Williams and Brian James have been stolen and they have been flat bed, horse trailer, livestock and some that have been adapted to suit the purpose of work. They were mainly stolen from the South Cambs area but also Huntingdon and Fenland. Messages and alerts were sent to all CCW members, NFU and NaVCIS who also notified the ports. None of which have been found but there is some intelligence that is being worked on by the CIB regarding a person from out of Cambridgeshire and a vehicle that was caught on CCTV. The Cross border Team covering Peterborough, Northants, Lincs, and Leicester visited some locations in these force areas that have been known previously for trailer theft but nothing this time.

Hare coursing has started and it has started early this year. From July we have seen a steady flow of incidents and it's been the last week where these incidents have raised due to the wet weather making the ground better for the dogs. We are deploying officers for dedicated hare coursing patrols where possible and they are hitting the areas that are our flagged hotspots from last season. Local officers are still attending and the RCT officers will be a point of contact for specialist knowledge and advice if they are unable to attend. If offenders are caught then we will look to report and seize the vehicle if evidence allows. A guide for officers will be available shortly to assist them and this will be available through the internal police systems.

Op Armitage is ongoing. Lots of 'Arson Watch' signs have been given out again this year and joint agency working continues. 2 stacks have been on fire and both were classed by the Fire Service as deliberate. One in a village near Huntingdon and another in Staploe, Beds. Beds Police are taking on the Staploe fire investigation and a couple of youths names have been put forward.

4 males have been arrested for offences connected to diesel theft. They were found by officers in Farset and Wisbech. HMRC have been notified and working with the OIC's on these cases. The vehicles were also seized. In general diesel theft directly affecting tanks in farms or machinery is quiet at the moment in this county.

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Our Rural Specials have been doing some late / night patrols specifically targeting lamping. We have received a number of reports from land owners in the villages along the A14 corridor to Northants of damage caused to fields which has been found the next morning. An interesting incident took place near Woolley where 2 vehicles were spotted on fields and gave the officers attending a run for their money by driving across fields and ditches to get away. Some good intelligence came from that incident and further enquiries are ongoing.

The fish poachers in Duxford that were caught on the last update. 2 have been to court and heavily fined and the other is being called back up in the near future. Once we can give the full result we will let you know.

Business continues as normal within the Tac Team which the RCT are part of, with various warrants for the different departments within the constabulary. DAISU, RIT, Local commands and the FIO's.

Day shift and night shift action days are planned targeting directly fuel theft working with HMRC.

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