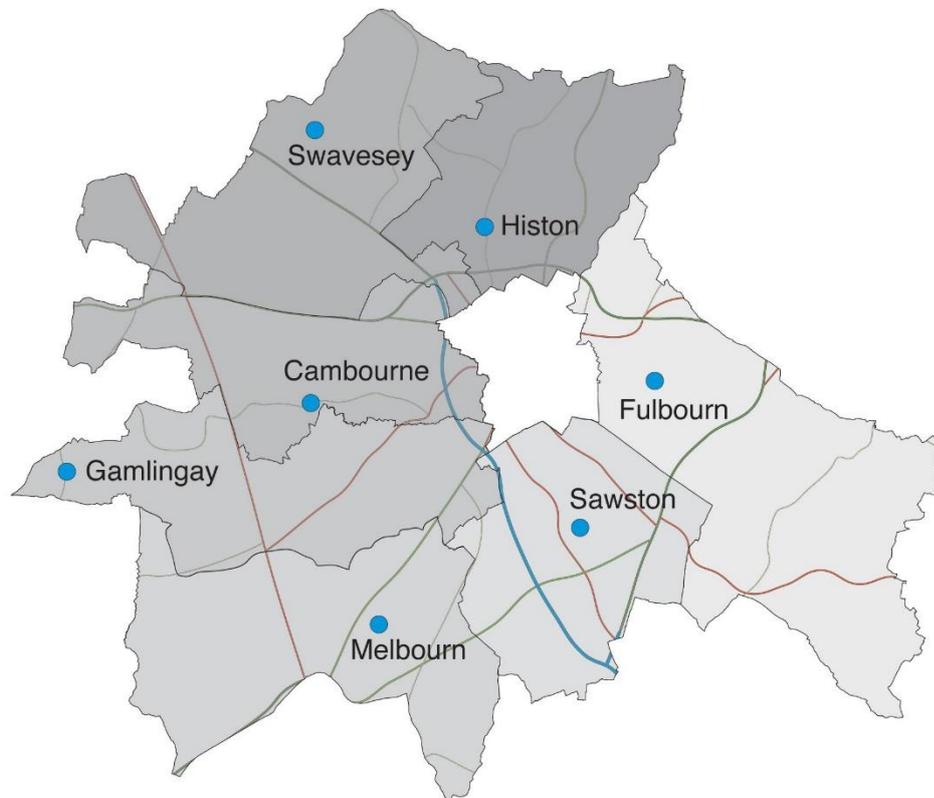




Histon area meeting

Tuesday 20th October 2015



1. Welcome – This document is presented prior to the next public meeting for the Histon area which is to be held on Tuesday 20th October 2015. Crime and ASB data for your neighbourhood can also be found at 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.
- This meeting will be broadcast over the Internet using the application Periscope. The camera will only face Panel members, although the audience may be heard. If you do not wish to identify yourself when asking questions there is no obligation to do so.

7.30 – Welcome and introductions by Insp Isley

7.45 – Overview by PS Rabel

7.50 – Overview by Community SpeedWatch Brian Robbins

7.55 – Address by PCC

8.05 – Open to audience questions

8.55 – Wrap up and summary by Insp Isley

9.00 – Close

2. Update from Inspector Bill Isley & welcome to Police Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright

3. Update from Ps Rabel

This area continues to be a very safe and pleasant place to live and work.

Overall, Crime in our area is slightly down – particularly in relation to Burglary.

As recognised by The Office of National Statistics recent changes in National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) we have witnessed a rise in the recording of violent crime, shoplifting Criminal Damage.

Whilst our sectors' Anti-Social Behaviour reports are down there are still pockets of bad behaviour in relation to motoring and some problematic youths in a particular area as well as some pub nuisance. Theft from sheds and vehicles and also theft of bikes from guided busways remain constant and prevention work within the community continues.

Other type of crime such as domestic violence and sexual offending doesn't get into the public arena but continue to consume Officer time in the subsequent safeguarding tasks.

Road Traffic Collisions caused by usually excessive speed continue to use our resources from our Local team, Response and Traffic Officers.

Our day to day local Police team business is centred on safeguarding vulnerable people – usually the elderly, people with mental health problems and youngsters who are at risk from abuse or exploitation.

There are a small number of ongoing neighbour disputes that have escalated into criminal offences between the conflicting parties. These disputes are usually confined to a very small number of people and the wider community isn't generally aware.

As before you will see the following updates generally endorse that this is a good area to live in and the reality 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.

The Histon Team

Sgt Mark Rabel – Overall responsibility for Histon Sector and with specific responsibility for; Licensing Lead, Mental Health & Social Services Point of Contact.

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

Pc Jude Reeves – Vulnerable groups / Specialist knowledge of ASB Legislation

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

The five Police Community Support Officers are specific point of contact for the following villages;

PCSO Mani Bujar – Bar Hill, Girton, Knapwell, Connington, Elsworth, Dry Drayton, Graveley, Lolworth & Boxworth. Additionally Mani is the South Cambs Traveller Liaison Officer

PCSO Thomas Baugh – Papworth, Papworth St Agnes, Fen Drayton, Swavesey & Over. Additionally Tom has a focus on animal related incidents – ie Fly Grazing, Guided Busway disruption, Dog attacks etc.

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, our PCSO's are 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. The priority for work will continue to be focused on 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. All patrol activity is tasked eg crime enquiries, vulnerable adult follow-up, child welfare checks, hot-spot areas of Anti-Social Behaviour, Missing People enquiries, crime prevention activity, neighbour disputes, etc – there is no general patrol.

All staff have recently received specialist WRAP (Working Together to Prevent Terrorism) Training which means they are able to present information to relevant organisations regarding people who are risk of radicalisation.

4. Update on current neighbourhood concerns

During the last panel meetings the majority of questions were in relation to parking.

The Police position is clear; in the current climate we simply cannot prioritise inconsiderate parking where there is no risk of serious harm. We review all incidents where someone is killed or seriously injured on our roads 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.

Many parishes asked what they could do to tackle the problem of inconsiderate parking. We went away and considered a number of options. Each of the parishes were invited to meetings with us in August to discuss these, the options were;

Could the Police provide a form of words on headed notepaper that could be printed and placed on offending vehicles.

Not supported;

Volunteers would be acting without support or the sort of protective equipment that PCs and PCSOs wear.

Some people become irrationally violent when they see strangers touching their vehicles.

There was a high likelihood of an ugly confrontation in the street – We would hate for a well-meaning volunteer to be assaulted because of a process we put in place.

There is the possibility of allegations of criminal damage made against volunteers.

Potential for discord within the community.

One area thought they might still do this albeit they accepted they would need to come up with the format themselves and take appropriate precautions.

Could the Constabulary create a parking version of Speed Watch whereby we are sent an image of an illegally parked vehicle and we write to the registered keeper.

We cannot support this option;

We would be overwhelmed by images of vehicles which may not actually be illegally parked (waiting, actually still moving but doesn't appear so, not showing restrictions in images etc etc)

We would be overwhelmed by images of vehicles belonging to neighbours in the middle of neighbour disputes.

We might have to employ someone to administrate the checks, the letters and the subsequent complaints and appeals processes.

The use of PNC for this purpose might not be lawful – access to the data on the system is only accessible for a policing purpose and for each check the officer conducting the check is personally liable.

Could the County take over responsibility of parking as in our major urban areas.

We approached the Council. At this time there are no plans to take this on.

Enquiries with County reveal;

A Parking Enforcement Officer costs about £30k PA when taking into account salary, employment, administration, pension costs etc.

+ Office Costs

+ an appeals and admin process team

+ Vehicle

The County Council estimate a scheme for an area the size of SC would cost £150k PA. Initially this would need to be met by a rise in the taxes.

Long term it might self-fund as unlike with Police, ticket revenue does not go direct to the Chancellor and can be used to self-fund the scheme. Long term you would all need to be sure that it could consistently issue 100+ tickets a week or inevitably there would have to be a rise in taxes. It is thought this might be achievable initially but doubts exist that it would remain so beyond six months.

Moving responsibility for parking enforcement to County is a legal process involving ministerial support. It would not be simple to reverse (we're not sure it's ever been done) and once it's gone across Police/ PCSO cannot continue to issue tickets for offences other than obstruction.

Can Parishes buy a PCSO just to do parking complaints –Could we hire a PCSO on overtime.

PCSO costs about the same as PEO with on costs too. Additionally they're over-qualified for the role of simply disrupting nuisance parking.

PCSO normally cost about £45 an hour if required for an event – this is partly due to administration costs.

An option may be the offer from the parishes of a conditional grant to a Community Parking Fund.

This would allow the Constabulary to consume the administration costs and do its bit to help.

A grant of £1k would allow a PCSO to be deployed for 42 hours outside of their normal duties on voluntary overtime.

Some of the parishes are quite small and perhaps they could join a syndicate with others - we would prefer it not to be more than 4 to a syndicate and remain within the geographic Policing Panel Areas to make it manageable and give value.

We would recommend that the hours are spread over 6 months. This makes finding volunteers easier and also would tend to make the period of enforcement longer to potentially change behaviours.

Areas for attention should be determined by the parishes however ultimately discretion of whether to ticket or educate remains with the PCSO.

Would be managed by their area Policing Team and a breakdown of activity would be given to the parishes.

Revenue generated would not go to the Police or parishes but still go to the Chancellor.

Overtime would include travelling to the parish – the Constabulary would do its best to ensure the PCSO started at the local Police Station.

Should the PCSO be taken away for a major incident that time would not be deducted from the parishes' hours.

The final option was to do nothing else – remain the way it is with Police doing what they could with the available resources and communities taking care when navigating inconsiderately parked vehicles and having conversations within their groups about the need for everyone to park responsibly.

At this time a number of parishes have asked to take part in the CPF initiative whilst a number have decided not to.

The next step is to determine the administrative process. We are hopeful of going live in November and look forward to seeing what the outcome will be with interest.

Communications from the Constabulary to Residents

We continue to look for ways to improve our communication with the public. The e-Cops daily alert system of an almost daily update of information relating to acquisitive and criminal damage type crime that has occurred in the preceding period. This has proved very popular with lots of positive comments being received. Some have queried why other crimes are not put out on these bulletin's – the reasoning behind our daily information is that people are more likely affected by acquisitive / criminal damage crime – burglary, theft from sheds, theft of bikes, graffiti, etc. This daily review of crimes also helps identify trends of crime in a particular area which enables us to put out additional information in relation to crime prevention advice.

Please note that the PCSO's tasked with putting out these alerts will "copy, cut, paste" the attending Officer update on the crime notes. This work can take the best part of an hour. Sometimes the grammar is not perfect and occasionally we get feedback reminding us of this. Our PCSO's are not tasked to spell check, grammar check or the like as it will make their tasks too onerous, please don't be too hard on us in this area – but we will try better!

Other types of crime – such as sexual offences, domestic assaults, GBH and the like more often have a media strategy which is determined by the Officer In Charge of the investigation who will affect their own publicity for the investigation.

Additionally to the daily updates, there have been several crime prevention articles appear in the Constabulary Blog and Twitter posts linking these blogs. Our staff are encouraged to use Social Media to give updates on their daily activity. We have on different occasions sent information separately to NHW asking for vigilance in specific areas where hot spots of crimes have been identified – ie Cycle Theft.

101 Service

Update from Sir Graham Bright;

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.

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.

As a gentle reminder to report a crime in progress that requires an immediate response, please use the 999 system. If 101 is used callers may experience a delay due to the high demand in service and then still not have an Officer deployed. For example if a suspicious vehicle was seen but did not justify an emergency response the Police would still like the information as any subsequent crime that maybe discovered could be relevant to the suspicious vehicle. If a note of the vehicle, number plate and descriptions of people could be recorded and emailed, a Police intelligence submission is still possible. This maybe a better solution rather than ignoring capturing the information due to the 101 system.

Safety of children during school drop off and pick up times

Police Community Support Officers continue with patrols around school drop off and pick up times with an aim of disrupting bad driving practice around our vulnerable little people. As always driver behaviour improves with their presence then reverts back to bad practice when they are not there.

We have numerous schools in our area, this priority maybe absorbed as 'business as usual' rather than a specific priority with directed patrols aimed at particularly problematic areas.

Youth issues around green spaces

In June's Panel Meeting we identified that likely problem areas would increase during the warmer weather. As it is the summer has been relatively peaceful – however youth related disorder has been prevalent in Orchard Park with frequent calls for service. We have identified individuals involved and some of the root causes of this behaviour. We are currently working to address the ringleaders and the method in which alcohol is obtained to fuel the behaviour. We are also working with the local off-licence in relation to preventing alcohol reaching these youngsters.

Action on serious anti-social behaviour

LONGSTANTON - We have been managing an ongoing neighbour dispute in Longstanton for some time. Following a number of complaints of antisocial behaviour we have twice taken formal police action against the perpetrator resulting in a conviction for a public order offence, a restraining order to protect the victim from further disorder from the perpetrator, and working in tandem with Bedfordshire Pilgrim Housing Association the perpetrator was evicted from their home. We are hopeful that now the perpetrator has been removed from South Cambridgeshire the antisocial behaviour they caused in Longstanton is at an end.

THE MEADOWS – Histon Complex Case Team have been dealing with probably our most challenging antisocial behaviour case to date on the Meadows Estate Impington for a long time. The behaviour of one individual was persistent in nature and had caused severe distress to a large number of residents in the area. We have been working closely with Wherry Housing Association to bring this persons behaviour to an end. Police have prosecuted the offender for criminal offences against their neighbour and subsequently officers have attended court with Wherry Housing to assist them in first obtaining an injunction to protect the victims, and later to evict the perpetrator for the area entirely.

HISTON – Within this quarter police became aware of a vulnerable adult who was the victim of serious antisocial behaviour from their neighbour which included verbal abuse, intimidation and some violent incidents. We quickly identified that due to the victim's health he was unable to defend himself. Working with our partner agencies we were able to safeguard the victim and are currently working with the perpetrator's housing agency to deal with the perpetrator's behaviour.

ORCHARD PARK – We have been receiving a number of calls reporting anti-social behaviour at a number of locations in Orchard Park. Residents of Orchard Park may have noticed the increased police patrols in the area to tackle the problem. We still need more information to deal with the perpetrators though and this can only come from local residents. We encourage residents of Orchard Park who have experienced anti-social behaviour in the area to contact police to report the problem. eCops subscribes will have received an ASB survey which can be completed anonymously to provide us with more information. A link to the survey is also be included in the Orchard park newsletter.

Rave update from last year in Cow Fen Drove Swavesey

The matter remains with the Crown Prosecution Service, the Noise Abatement Notice and Community Protection Notice are still in force and there have been no further massive disturbance reported from the area.

Speeding issues

Regular reports of bad driving and speeding motorists continue to be received by the Constabulary. We have a four pronged approach to dealing with speeding motorists.

1. In the last three months the South Cambs Speed Watch village teams have; checked 17,175 vehicles passing through check sites, 1127 of those have been detected exceeding the ACPO guideline speed limits (24/35/46) and 903 letters were sent to traceable registered owners. 10 new Speed Watch sites have been set up.
2. Where it appears that enforcement action is taken our Special Constabulary colleagues have trained specialist Officers who will attend locations where excessive speed has been noted. Motorists stopped in these areas are likely to be issued either words of advice or issued with a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) which may result in a fine, or speed awareness course or prosecution through the Courts. 25 Traffic Offence Reports have been issued in the area. See Appendix AA for full breakdown of figures.
3. To identify areas where speed is a problem we use information gathered by our Speed Watch Teams. We also have an online facility where residents can report directly their concerns regarding speeding motorists. The link for this reporting mechanism is <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>
4. Lastly all uniformed Officers have the power to stop and deal with errant motorists through the same process as our Special Constabulary colleagues – words of advice or the TOR process.

Boy Racers

There have been recent reports of large groups of motor vehicles coming into the area and undertaking 'car cruise / meet / 'drifting' activity. We are looking into this in regards to Anti-Social Behaviour and motoring offences. This activity is taking place mainly on business sites so the alarm caused to the wider community is limited, however the risk of serious accident is high and therefore attracts our attention. Incidentally the term 'Boy Racers' is a bit unfair as we have identified older males as the organisers of such events. Please watch this space for updates!

Nuisance Pubs

We have had reports of nuisance behaviour regarding five pubs in our area. Reports received include operating outside licenced hours, excessive noise and general Anti-Social Behaviour caused by

patrons. The 2003 Licencing Act made Local Authorities responsible for Licencing administration and granting of premise licences, opening hours, type of entertainment etc. The Constabulary has an advisory role – yet are usually who people call when there is an issue. In regards to the pubs reportedly causing problems we are working with South Cambs District Council to investigate these reports. Additionally we are working closely with an Off-Licence where it is apparent that alcohol from the shop is reaching young people, actions include retraining of staff, improve store layout and security, increased Police presence in the area and action against offenders. If the measures taken do not resolve the issues and the evidence supports the problems being reported we will take further action that may include a Licence Review. In extreme circumstances a Police Closure Order can be considered but as yet that is not warranted.

Crime Prevention

Op Oaklands has now finished during the period that it ran we have called at 1000's of households offering specific crime prevention advice.

We have also have three people working in our area who are involved in crime prevention activity, they are;

South Cambs Business Watch - Leanne Fisher

Leanne has settled into the role of South Cambs Business Watch Officer since starting in February this year. The main purpose of this role is to identify victims of business crime, sign them up to the SCBW scheme, offer crime prevention and security surveys if required. Keep businesses up to date with business crime and crimes trends, working with those businesses who have been victims and identifying repeat victims. We now have **335** members signed up to the SCBW scheme.

Community Safety – Rachel Carr

Rachel's role is predominantly working with individual victims of crime especially victims of burglary and theft, to provide security and crime prevention advice. Rachel gives security talks to local groups and clubs and works with partner organisations such as The Bobby Scheme, The Fire service, Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, and District council teams. Working together with the Business Watch Officer to provide security advice and support to victims of business crime is another aspect of the role.

Rural Crime PCSO – Cambridgeshire Force – Gemma Dear

Gemma is responsible for working with the Rural Crime Team, covering the whole of Cambridgeshire. The role links 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.

For more information see Appendix EE

South Cambridgeshire CID

Detective Inspector Simon Harding updates that during the period of April to September 2015 in comparison to the same period last year has seen a reduction of 30.2% in offences of dwelling burglary. That is 52 fewer victims.

This period has also seen the following successes in terms of positive outcomes:

- The five persons responsible for the Eastern Region series of burglaries 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 resulted in two offenders subsequently pleading guilty to an offence with a third still awaiting trial

Please refer to Appendix DD – crime statistics for the area.

5. Local concerns raised via Parish Councils/NHW/Residents

Swavesey;

Lack of policing of local issues and of burglaries plus the continuing poor response to 101 calls.

PCSO coverage in villages – question raised as to how this might be increased?

Discussion also included the item on Parishes paying for PCSO overtime to help combat parking problems in villages. The Council is not entirely in agreement with this, primarily on funding issues, but would like to discuss it further, in association with other parishes.

Bike thefts – alert emails regularly mention bike thefts at guided busway stops at Swavesey, Longstanton, Histon. Plus bike thefts now from premises in villages. What can be done at the busway stops to try to reduce the level of bike theft?

“Folk are very aware in the villages and in Swavesey that there are clearly groups of folk systematically travelling around looking for all kinds of pickings, even when people are at home (eg High St. Swavesey) and that these criminals clearly have a confidence or a feeling of invulnerability about them as they do so, so blatantly. This unsettles folk and creates a nervousness and indeed an anger, that to be honest is greater now than has been for a long time. We even had an incident recently when one elderly neighbour in Whitton Close reported back that he had actually resorted to manhandling a male away from a neighbour's bungalow, in the daytime, where the male had been aggressive and intimidating to a frail and vulnerable lady and who then would not leave...I am not sure if this was reported.”

Elsworth;

Issues getting through on 101

Longstanton;

Youth Disorder on green spaces

Waterbeach;

Youth Disorder on village green

Cottenham;

Anti social driving – tractors - and kids in the play park

Op Insight

Member's of Parliament Lucy Fazer and Heidi Allen have both taken time out of their busy schedules to spend an afternoon/evening shadowing uniformed Police Officers during their working shift. Both have had an eye opening experience in viewing first-hand the demands and pressures placed on officers responding to calls for service, that often don't relate to a crime being raised – ie reports of missing people, road traffic accidents, verbal domestics, coroner's office activity etc. If you want to join us for a shift and see exactly what we do please contact Sergeant Rabel for more information.

6. 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.

7. Date of next panel meeting

TBC

Appendix AA Breakdown of the Traffic Offence Reports (TOR) issued between June & Sept 2015

Offence description	Cambourne	Histon	Sawston	Grand Total
Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without due care and attention		2		2
Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without reasonable consideration to other users		1		1
Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - endorsable offence	3	1	2	6
Drive motor vehicle fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure flashing light signals - manual detection			1	1
Exceed 30 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	1			1
Exceed 40 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	3			3
Exceed 50 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	7		9	16
Exceed a temporary 30mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment			1	1
Exceed temporary 40 mph speed restriction in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment		1		1
Exceed temporary 50 mph speed restriction in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment		1		1
Speeding - exceed 30 mph on restricted road - manned equipment	2		21	23
Speeding - exceed 5 / 18 / 20 / 30 / 40 / 50 / 60 mph limit for a goods vehicle - manned equipment			1	1
Speeding - exceed 70 mph motorway limit - manned equipment		1	16	17
Speeding - motor vehicle exceed 70 mph on a dual carriageway - manned equipment	4	1	2	7
Stop vehicle in pedestrian crossing controlled area		1		1
Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	10	15	6	31
Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	2	1	2	5
Grand Total	32	25	61	118

Appendix DD Crime statistics Histon Panel Area

		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
SZT	Total Histon	Jun-15	Sep-15	29	65	142	5	7	60	42	29	99	191	669	286
		Jun-14	Sep-14	45	67	93	0	7	51	65	17	78	235	658	316
		Feb-15	May-15	38	65	102	4	14	107	37	23	77	182	649	301
Wards	Bar Hill	Jun-15	Sep-15	1	5	21	0	0	15	0	5	9	29	85	23
		Jun-14	Sep-14	3	5	10	0	0	7	1	4	6	36	72	23
		Feb-15	May-15	4	7	9	0	2	15	0	6	4	30	77	77
	Cottenham	Jun-15	Sep-15	6	12	22	1	1	4	1	3	20	31	101	35
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	9	7	0	1	5	3	2	14	21	64	39
		Feb-15	May-15	5	8	8	0	3	12	3	4	9	22	74	47
	Girton	Jun-15	Sep-15	2	5	7	2	0	3	0	0	7	11	37	11
		Jun-14	Sep-14	1	2	2	0	0	5	2	0	4	6	22	14
		Feb-15	May-15	5	8	8	0	0	4	2	0	9	10	46	24
	Histon and Impington	Jun-15	Sep-15	8	7	37	0	2	19	16	15	19	37	160	80
		Jun-14	Sep-14	20	8	25	0	1	10	21	4	16	53	158	72
		Feb-15	May-15	7	5	21	0	1	30	16	5	12	31	128	80
	Longstanton	Jun-15	Sep-15	1	1	4	0	1	0	7	0	4	16	34	14
		Jun-14	Sep-14	0	5	11	0	1	2	14	0	8	14	55	25
		Feb-15	May-15	2	4	12	0	1	5	5	0	4	11	44	14
	Milton	Jun-15	Sep-15	2	15	5	0	1	1	8	4	10	22	68	24
		Jun-14	Sep-14	5	3	4	0	1	2	8	6	12	17	58	24
		Feb-15	May-15	2	3	8	2	3	6	2	4	8	31	69	26
	Papworth and Elsworth	Jun-15	Sep-15	3	6	6	0	1	8	3	0	4	12	43	22
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	10	8	0	0	8	1	0	6	19	54	31
		Feb-15	May-15	0	5	8	0	1	9	0	0	3	8	34	24
	Swavesey	Jun-15	Sep-15	2	4	6	0	0	7	2	0	5	5	31	17
		Jun-14	Sep-14	2	9	1	0	0	1	7	0	2	13	35	22
		Feb-15	May-15	3	12	4	0	1	5	4	0	1	7	37	13
	Waterbeach	Jun-15	Sep-15	2	7	20	0	1	3	1	2	7	17	60	23
		Jun-14	Sep-14	5	4	9	0	2	8	4	0	5	21	58	27
		Feb-15	May-15	5	8	9	1	0	11	2	0	12	11	59	18
Willingham and Over	Jun-15	Sep-15	2	3	14	2	0	0	4	0	14	11	50	37	
	Jun-14	Sep-14	5	12	16	0	1	3	4	1	5	35	82	39	
	Feb-15	May-15	5	5	15	1	2	10	3	4	15	21	81	33	

Panel report June to September 2015

Business Crime – SCBW Officer – PCSO Leanne Fisher

Community Safety – Crime Reduction Officer – Rachel Carr

Rural Crime – PCSO Gemma Dear

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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 4th 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 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 Whittlesord Railway Station. This happened between the 30th June to 15th 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 are. 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,

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.

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, including Cambridge Rd, Newton. The caravan had a tracker installed and was later recovered in Bournbridge, Essex. Caravans were also stolen from a storage site Hunts Rd Duxford, and Church Street, Steeple Morden.

Other thefts occurred in East Cambs early July Swaffham Rd, Burwell, and in May two caravans were stolen from a tourist park in Willingham

A press release was sent out, plus a blog article, Ecops alert and interview with BBC Radio Cambridge.

Car battery theft

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 I for 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 Farcet 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.

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.