



SECTOR INSPECTOR ADAM GALLOP

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## EAST CAMBS NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

### Crime report

There were few significant changes in the overall crime picture for November. There was a series of 6 house burglaries in the Dullingham Villages area, some high value and high profile that you may have read and seen in the news. The investigation into these offences is ongoing. Overall burglary has shown some slight reductions.

The first weekend in November was of course fireworks weekend, and a number of the local officers worked additional duties in anticipation of problems. The weekend was generally quiet with some very well run local events.

The following weekend also saw the whole team working to cover the large number of Remembrance Day parades held across East Cambridgeshire. This is a very important day in the calendar, and I am proud of the efforts of all officers involved to ensure that the services and ceremonies of remembrance from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November were able to continue with dignity and minimal disruption.

November 15<sup>th</sup> was a significant date as the first Neighbourhood Panel was held in Soham. The Panel is a pilot for East Cambridgeshire involving a number of partner service providers such as the District Council, Housing Association and County Council. The Police element of this meeting involved a presentation of crime and issues in the localised area of the Soham, Fordham Villages and Isleham Wards. A total of 7 Parish Council areas, all with representatives, then hear comments from the public before setting some local priorities for the Police to tackle. At the conclusion of this first meeting the two priorities set were in relation to speeding vehicles across the neighbourhood and a pocket of anti social behaviour in the Thirlwell Drive area of Fordham. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the Beechurst site of Soham Village College. During this meeting I will report on the priorities set in November and the Panel will set new priorities. Please come along to have a look at the process and express an opinion. The panel covers the Parishes of Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett, Soham, Snailwell and Wicken, but anyone is welcome to attend.

The pilot will be reviewed in April 2007 and hopefully rolled out to other areas of the District in the near future. As well as presenting an opportunity to express opinions and have concerns heard, the Panel also gives a chance for everyone to influence local policing priorities. Local officers are on hand at all the meetings along with representatives of other service providers.

I would also like to mention a relatively new national property database that some of you may have heard of either through Neighbourhood Watch, local press or other mediums. Across the force we are pushing a national register called immobilise which holds information on property. It is free to register and quite simple – even I have registered some items! The database is free and the idea is that you can record details of property such as mobile phones, bicycles or basically anything with a serial number or that can be readily identified. The internet site to check is at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). The Police can then check found property against the database and hopefully reunite it back to the owner. There have already been some successes with the database. We regularly find large amounts of property and it can be very frustrating when we cannot identify property as stolen that clearly must be. Please use the database as it will help not just to return property, but also catch and convict criminals.



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	North Neighbourhood				South Neighbourhood			
	Total Crimes		Change		Total Crimes		Change	
	05/06	06/07	Total	%	05/06	06/07	Total	%
<b>Dwelling Burglary</b>	71	122	+51	+71.8%	57	87	+30	+52.6%
<b>Non Dwelling Burglary</b>	203	171	-32	-15.8%	83	135	+52	+62.7%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	283	286	+3	+1.1%	117	116	-1	-0.9%
<b>Vehicle Crime</b>	229	314	+85	+37.1%	71	147	+76	+107%
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	488	466	-22	-4.5%	191	220	+29	+15.2%
<b>Total Crime</b>	1798	2036	+238	+13.2%	781	1024	+243	+31.1%

All figures are year to date, ie for April 06 to Nov 06. Comparisons are with last year.

### Team News and Changes

This month I have to report the departure of PCSO Sue Loaker from the South Neighbourhood. Sue will be taking a new job with a local School, she will be missed and we all wish her well. Sue has been replaced immediately by our newest recruit PCSO Stuart Thorburn. Stuart is currently working alongside PCSO Simon Rampley whilst he learns the ropes. Both Simon and Stuart will be spending some time in the Bottisham/Swaffhams/Burwell area before Stuart is given full independent patrol status.

<b>North Neighbourhood Team - Sgt Alan Savill</b>	
PC Dave Bishop PCSO Emma Graves PCSO Chris Watson	Littleport
PC Kevin Humble PCSO Julie Collins	Downham Villages
PC Chris Herring PC Will Creasy PC Tony Payne PCSO Alun Bradshaw PCSO Sophia Draven PCSO Malcolm Burt (Part-Time)	Ely
PC Andy Martin PCSO Sam Johnson PCSO Robert Dewsbury	Sutton/Haddenham/Stretham
<b>South Neighbourhood Team – Sgt Ken Moffat</b>	
PC Anna Day PC Andy Day PCSO Gaynor Foster PCSO Kieran Moran	Soham/Fordham Villages/Isleham
PC Wayne Davies	Burwell/The Swaffhams/Bottisham
PCSO Jonathan Hall	Burwell
PCSO Stuart Thorburn	The Swaffhams/Bottisham/Burwell
PC Neil Evans PCSO Simon Rampley	Cheveley/Dullingham Villages



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### **North Neighbourhood News – Sgt Alan Savill**

The North neighbourhood team are being kept extremely busy with a few people who are intent on spoiling everyone else's fun with their behaviour. We have had a significant increase in amount of reported criminal damage to both vehicles and property in the Ely area, with the Back Hill and Station Road area suffering most. Working together with local residents we are committed to bring the offenders to justice and extra patrols have been and will continue to be undertaken.

Extra patrols have been organised to tackle the alarming increase in the number of youths hanging about in the town during the late afternoon and evenings causing disturbances. Youths as young as 13 years old have been found in town under the influence of alcohol, which clearly is having a major impact on their behaviour. My officers will confiscate and dispose of any alcohol found on a person under 18 years of age and will seek to prosecute by means of an £80 fine any person who has supplied alcohol, either by sale or gift, to under age persons.

### **South Neighbourhood News – Sgt Ken Moffat**

The South Neighbourhood Team is working extremely hard to address the concerns of the community.

The Soham Panel meeting produced two priorities.

Priority 1 was speeding in Soham and the surrounding villages with priority 2 as tackling anti social behaviour and criminal damage in Thirlwall Drive/Newport Avenue in Fordham.

Speed enforcement measures are being conducted on a daily basis in the highlighted areas and patrols have been increased in Fordham to tackle the anti social behaviour.

Both priorities are based on Action Plans which are monitored and updated daily by all officers within the team. A detailed report will be presented at the next panel meeting which takes place at Soham Village College on the 17 January 2007 at 7pm. This meeting is a public meeting please come along and let us know your concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome PCSO Simon Rampley to the team. Simon has transferred from the North neighbourhood team where he was responsible for community support in Ely city centre. His new beat area is the Cheveley beat and the surrounding villages where he will be working alongside PC Neil Evans as community support officer.

The team are all participating in Operation Sodium duties throughout the festive season, this operation deals with alcohol related disorder caused by offenders who have over indulged with alcohol and persist in spoiling every body else's fun. Offenders and suspects will be dealt with positively and robustly.

Remember crime is low in East Cambridgeshire, and it is a great place to live. Please help us to keep it that way. If you have any information about crime call us on 0845 456 456 4 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. If you have any comments on this newsletter, let us know. What do you think the local policing priorities should be? Let us know.