



SECTOR INSPECTOR ADAM GALLOP

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EAST CAMBS NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Welcome to the new monthly newsletter from East Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Policing Team. The team consists of the Neighbourhood Uniform officers and the investigation team. It is intended that the newsletter will follow a standard format every month. The format will include crime data based on the two Neighbourhood areas, an update on any staff changes and a short report from the two Neighbourhood Sergeants. The report will be a flavour of the work completed in the previous month, but clearly not an exhaustive list. The newsletter will be available mid month in order that crime data is available and to give some time for the report to be compiled.

Crime report.

	North Neighbourhood				South Neighbourhood			
	Total Crimes		Change		Total Crimes		Change	
	04/05	05/06	Total	%	04/05	05/06	Total	%
Dwelling Burglary	76	71	-5	-6.6%	27	57	+30	+111%
Non Dwelling Burglary	270	203	-67	-24.8%	96	83	-13	-13.5%
Violent Crime	405	283	-122	-30.1%	180	117	-63	-35%
Vehicle Crime	272	229	-43	-15.8%	163	71	-92	-56.4%
Criminal Damage	510	488	-22	-4.3%	247	191	-56	-22.7%
Total Crime	2135	1798	-337	-15.8%	950	781	-169	-17.8%

All figures are year to date. ie April 05 to Nov 05. Comparisons are with last year.

You will not have seen crime data in this format before. It is split between the two Neighbourhoods. The crime categories displayed represent the priority crime types in East Cambridgeshire at present. The only exception being non-dwelling burglary. This ranges from commercial premises to sheds, and is included, as it is a figure that I am frequently asked about and appears to be of particular local interest.

I do not want to swamp you with figures each month, but know this is important information for the Police to share. If you want more detailed crime information you can obtain this by logging onto the Cambridgeshire Constabulary web site, www.cambs.police.co.uk.



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The dwelling burglary figure in the South Neighbourhood stands out. The 30 additional crimes are spread fairly evenly across the year with the exception of a rise in Burwell and Bottisham totalling 7 crimes in October. There were two further reports in November so this is clearly something to keep an eye on.

Generally the crime figures make extremely good reading. Total crime is significantly down, with 506 fewer victims of crime in the first 7 months of the year. This is testament to the amount of work local officers have put in and the effective way in which targeted Neighbourhood Policing is now starting to work.

Team News and Changes.

The nature of Police work as with many occupations is that staff come and go. The Neighbourhood Teams have been set up to minimise this disruption as far as possible. The Teams are each led by a Sgt and whilst officers have primary responsibility for geographical areas, they work collectively as a team. If one officer moves on, all the knowledge will not be lost, and you will still have contact with officers you recognise and know.

As at the start of December the team is as follows with geographical responsibilities based on District Ward Areas.

North Neighbourhood Team - Sgt Alan Savill	
PC Dave Bishop PCSO Emma Graves PCSO Julie Collins	Littleport
PC Tudor Treharne	Downham Villages
PC Dan Botterill PC Will Creasy PCSO Simon Rampley PCSO Alun Bradshaw	Ely
PC Andy Martin	Sutton/Haddenham/Stretham
South Neighbourhood Team - Sgt Nigel Leadbeater	
PC Humble PCSO Gaynor Foster PCSO Kieran Moran	Soham/Fordham Villages/Isleham
PC Wayne Davies	Burwell/The Swaffhams/Bottisham
PCSO Jonathan Hall	Burwell
PC Neil Evans	Cheveley/Dullingham Villages
PCSO Sue Loaker	The Swaffhams/Bottisham/Cheveley/Dullingham Villages.

You may notice three new names on the list, as some additional Police Community Support officers have now joined us. The three Officers Sue Loaker, Julie Collins and Kieran Moran have completed their initial training and arrived at Ely on 5th December. They will receive additional one to one training with the qualified PCSOs before starting patrol on their own. The new recruits have allowed the vacancy at Littleport to be filled and provided two new officers for the South Neighbourhood in areas that were previously not covered by PCSOs. I welcome them as I hope you will.



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E-Cops.

E-cops is an e-mail scheme from Cambridgeshire Constabulary. We would like to inform you what is happening in your area. E-cops gives us an opportunity to do just that and gives you an opportunity to communicate with us. Complete your registration on-line by visiting:

www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops

Items of news, crime prevention notices and appeals for information may all be sent to you via the e-cops scheme. This newsletter is also sent out on e-cops. So if you receive this via e-cops – thank you for signing up!

Adam Gallop
East Cambs Sector Inspector

North Neighbourhood News – PS Alan Savill

November has been an extremely busy time for the North Neighbourhood team.

In addition to our normal duties we have been involved in enforcing a Section 30 Dispersal Order on the Ely Business Park combating vehicles causing damage and being used in an anti social manner. Fortunately our local Cruise Club have heeded our intervention and have ceased to gather on the Business park, however the group that have started to gather at the Ely Rugby club can expect similar treatment from the team with a zero tolerance to anti social behaviour.

With the introduction of the new Licensing laws this month we have been actively engaging as part of Operation Sodium with members of the local Licensed premises. We have increased our visible patrols at the weekend to ensure that our night-time economy can be enjoyed by all. At the time of my writing this I am very pleased to say our Neighbourhood has not seen any significant increase in problems caused by the extended licensing hours and our intervention via Operation Sodium patrols has been widely welcomed by the licensed trade.

Crime in our Neighbourhood is still continuing to fall in the majority of areas however we have had a marked increase in vehicle crime, with tools being stolen from works vehicles overnight. Please help us by reporting all suspicious incidents or vehicles in your area and ensure that no items are left in vehicles overnight, remember if there is nothing there it can't be stolen, a few minutes taken to remove such items can prevent a lot of cost and disruption later.

South Neighbourhood News – PS Nigel Leadbeater

It has come to my attention that the communities we serve do not feel that they receive enough information or contact from their local Police officers. This concerns me, because until we do improve our contact, the fear and perception of crime will continue to grow despite the number of crimes being committed reducing, that is not a healthy society to live in.

In order to address this matter my team and I discussed what we could do to engage more effectively with you, we agreed we had to try new methods. Some of those methods will include meeting with parents at the



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gates of our schools, being outside our local shops and meeting with you at the places you frequent such as sports centres, clubs and events. To ensure that you know where and when these meetings are going to take place we

will put up posters in local shops and notice boards and we will advertise in the local press. We also agreed that when you do speak to us you will be welcomed and listened to and your views will be sought on how we can improve our service to you. If you have any ideas how we can improve our contact with you please e-mail me at Nigel.Leadbeater@cambs.police.pnn.uk or telephone our switchboard who will pass on your message, thank you.

DON'T LET THIEVES SPOIL YOUR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a busy time for most of us and it is easy to get carried away with all the excitement. Thieves also get excited around Christmas time because we sometimes forget about securing our vehicles and protecting our property, and that is what the thieves depend on.

Whilst you are out doing your Christmas shopping they are out doing theirs, looking into your car to see what you have left on show for them to steal.

Don't let them get away with your presents and belongings.

- Try not to leave shopping in the car while you go back to buy more. If possible, shop in stages.
- Remember to keep everything out of sight and locked away in the boot.
- Don't leave keys, money, mobiles, handbags or coats in the car.
- Always lock the car and be aware of people hanging around watching your movements.

Present Protection.

- When displaying your wrapped presents at home, try not to have them on view to people outside.
- If you are away from your home when darkness falls you may want to consider installing automatic lights, to give the appearance of someone at home.
- After Christmas it is a good idea to mark your property using an ultra violet pen with your postcode & house number.
- New bicycles should also be post coded and kept locked when not in use.
- When putting out the rubbish please do not have packaging on display, which advertises your new belongings.

Have a very secure and merry Christmas

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