



CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

October 2023 – October 2024

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Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in Cambridge. Some organisations, like the City Council and the police are statutory members, but voluntary group and businesses are also represented and play an important role.

Our key role is to understand the kind of community safety issues Cambridge is experiencing; decide which of these are the most important to deal with; and then decide what actions we can take collectively, adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by our individual agencies and organisations. We detail these actions in our community safety plan which we update each year.

To help us to do this we commission Strategic Assessments during the year. These provide a range of detailed information that exists about crime, disorder, substance abuse and other community matters that are affecting Cambridge. In light of this information the assessment makes recommendations about how best to keep the Community Safety Plan priorities on track for the next year.

Area Committees regularly consider the issues that are of concern to the public in their community and these concerns are adopted by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in partnership with other agencies. The priorities set at Area Committees are taken into account when developing our plan.

In producing our plan we have been mindful of the [Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Crime Plan 2021-2024](#) and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities that will be established by the commissioner in his plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner is providing a 'Putting Communities First' funded role for three years. The postholder will be hosted by Cambridge City Council to support partnership work tackling anti-social behaviour via multi agency problem solving approaches.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board decided that the priority for 2023-2024 would be:

- Reducing Violence in our city centre

Since 2019, a new agreed CSP structure has a Multi-Agency Steering Group which oversees the business as usual operational groups. Task and finish groups are set up as required. In addition, the focus is a Transformation Topic, with the aim to reduce demand and work on prevention utilising the opportunities and expertise available countywide.

For each of the Cambridge Community Safety priorities, the lead officer provides a verbal update at the CSP meetings and this is published with the other meeting papers on [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#).

Contact Us

Any comments or queries on this Year 2023-2024 version of the Community Safety Plan should be addressed to:

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Board Members of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- Cambridge City Council – Samantha Shimmer
- Cambridge City Council – Alice Gilderdale
- Cambridge Council For Voluntary Service – Mark Freeman
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Paul Rogerson
- Cambridgeshire County Council – Scott Liddle
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – Scott Fretwell
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System – Diane Lane
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – Maggie Page
- The National Probation Service – Stephen Brickley

Non- voting Members of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- Anglia Ruskin University – Nick Morris / David Walmsley
- British Transport Police – Joe Mills
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) – Hannah Hancock
- Cambridge City Council – Keryn Jalli
- Cambridge City Council – Louise Walker
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Michael Fox
- Cambridgeshire Research Group – Harriet Ludford / Kat Webb
- Public Health Joint Commissioning Unit – Susie Talbot
- University of Cambridge – Michelle Reynolds

In attendance at Cambridge Community Safety Meetings

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Representative

Community Safety Plan 2023-2024 Priorities: Strategic Statement

There are Business As Usual Operational Groups:

- **City Centre**, led by the Police, works with stakeholders such as businesses and universities to discuss issues such as night time economy and retail crime
- **Domestic Abuse**, led by Cambridge City Council, raises awareness, co-ordinates training, a Community Forum and White Ribbon Campaign
- **Problem Solving**, led by Cambridge City Council, Multi-Agency Partners discusses cases including hot spots to develop action plans
- **Street Community**, led by Cambridge City Council, discusses individual cases and develop action plans

Task and Finish Groups are set up as required:

- In October 2020, a multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group was set up. Cambridge City Council is the interim lead with stakeholders involved such as Camcycle, businesses, universities, voluntary sector, and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Our Priority: Reducing Violence in our City Centre

Lead Officers: Keryn Jalli and Paul Rogerson

What we know: Our strategic assessment showed us that whilst Cambridge is a safe city, there has been an increase in reports of violence with injury. Most of these incidents are connected to the night-time economy in our city centre, with victims and perpetrators of this violence most likely to be aged 17 -34.

Our Aim: To prevent violence and increase safety in the city centre at night.

We'll achieve this by:

1. Developing educational campaigns to prevent violence, focussing on younger people,
2. Working together to increase safety in our city centre

What we'll do:

- Create educational resources on county lines,
- Deliver an ambassador programme for young people to prevent sexual violence,
- Have more police in the city centre in the right place at the right time,
- Train businesses in the night time economy to identify predatory behaviours and prevent offences,
- Have more taxi marshalls to help people get home safely from a night out,
- Have more CCTV in the market square and city centre green spaces,
- Deliver targeted interventions to 18 -25 year olds who receive short sentences for violence offences.