

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership meeting, 7 July 2026: minutes

- 10am to 12.30
- Hybrid at Parkside Place Community Fire Station, Cambridge CB1 1JF

Attendees

Board

- Samantha Shimmon (Chair), Cambridge City Council (Communities)
- Hannah Archdeacon (Vice Chair), Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Becca Cooke, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- Inspector Shawn Emms, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Mark Freeman, Support Cambridgeshire
- Cambridgeshire County Councillor David Levien
- Ian McLaughlin, Cambridgeshire County Council
- Bethany Markham, Probation Service – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Delivery Unit
- Cambridge City Councillor Mike Todd-Jones, (Cabinet Member for Safety, Wellbeing and Tackling Homelessness)

Members

- Keryn Jalli, Cambridge City Council (Communities)
- Susie Talbot, Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health Team Commissioning (Drugs and Alcohol)
- Louise Walker (Minutes), Cambridge City Council (Communities)
- Michael Yates, Cambridgeshire County Council (Policy, Performance and Intelligence Service)

Guests

- Uche Ezekwueme, Cambridgeshire County Council (Policy, Performance and Intelligence Service)
- Cherryl Henry-Leach, Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Independent Chair
- Perri Selwood, The Bobby Scheme

1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions, and apologies

- 1.1 Samantha Shimmon, Chair of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) welcomed everyone to the meeting hosted at the Fire Station. There was one attending member of the public after the closed session.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Board members: Agata Ciesielska represented by Bethany Markham (Probation Service), Diane Lane (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS)), and Claire Saggiorato represented by Becca Cooke (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB)). There were apologies from members: Peter Fleming (Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Hannah Hancock (Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)), Richard Humphries (British Transport Police), Michelle Reynolds (University of Cambridge), and Andy Sawyer (Anglia Ruskin University). Also, apologies from Mark Kirby (Olive Academies), Shona McKenzie (Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)), Rachel Speechley (Cambridgeshire County Council Missing and Exploitation Team) and Annie Wolf (Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)). It was noted that a new Board representative for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust is awaited.

2. Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews

- 2.1 During a closed session for CCSP Board members, Independent Chair Cherryl Henry-Leach provided an update on the Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) for B. The DARDR for B. was currently with the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel and an action plan had been developed which was being progressed.
- 2.2 For other current Cambridge City DARDRs, Keryn Jalli provided the CCSP Board members with an update on each. Very sadly, also she said that there was another request to initiate a DARDR for someone who died by suicide having experience domestic abuse in the lead up to their death. Once approved by the Home Office, the final DARDRs are published at [Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews - Cambridge City Council](#)
- 2.3 The Chair thanked Cherry Henry-Leach and Keryn Jalli for their updates. Following this agenda item, the Chair opened the meeting to the public.

3. Presentation: The Bobby Scheme

- 3.1 Perri Selwood, The Bobby Scheme Trust Manager presented an overview of [The Bobby Scheme](#), a crime prevention charity supporting victims of crime across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Key points included:

- Over 1,000 home visits and approximately 1,500 referrals completed during the previous financial year.
 - Support provided to older and vulnerable residents, victims of burglary, fraud, scams, antisocial behaviour and some domestic abuse victims.
 - Practical crime prevention measures include security assessments, video doorbell installations and home security improvements.
 - The scheme provides wider support through welfare checks, signposting and referrals to partner organisations.
 - Referrals can be made directly by organisations and members of the public.
- 3.2 The Chair thanked Perri Selwood for her presentation and opportunities were identified for further collaboration with public health services, home improvement agencies, fire safety services and relevant multi-agency groups outside the CCSP meeting. The Bobby Scheme information would be shared with agencies to disseminate and to explore opportunities for closer operational links between The Bobby Scheme and relevant multi-agency groups.

Action point 07/01

4. Confirmation of CCSP Chair and Election of Vice Chair

- 4.1 Samantha Shimmon (Cambridge City Council) was reappointed as Chair of the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP), proposed by Mark Freeman and seconded by County Councillor David Levien.
- 4.2 Mark Freeman (Support Cambridgeshire) was elected as Vice Chair, proposed by Hannah Archdeacon and seconded by Samantha Shimmon.
- 4.3 The Board thanked Hannah Archdeacon (Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service) for her service as Vice Chair during the previous year as well as for her contributions and commitment to the CCSP.

5. Pre-advised questions from the general public

- 5.1 There were no pre-advised questions received from the public.

6. Minutes of 24 February 2026 meeting: Agreement

- 6.1 The Minutes of 24 February 2024 were agreed and would be published.

7. Action points: Review

- 7.1 The action points from the July CCSP meeting were reviewed. The neighbourhood model would be shared at the October CCSP meeting. Work relating to lithium-ion battery safety and e-scooter/e-bike charging remains ongoing. Members discussed the potential role of Trading Standards in leading future work due to the links with product safety and

battery standards.

Action points 07/02 and 07/03

8. Overview of the Crime and Policing Act 2026

8.1 Inspector Shawn Emms gave an overview of the [Crime and Policing Act](#). Key changes highlighted included:

- Decriminalisation of rough sleeping and begging.
- Expanded powers relating to closure orders for addressing antisocial behaviour.
- New powers allowing seizure of vehicles involved in antisocial behaviour without a prior warning.
- Stronger enforcement measures relating to fly-tipping, including driving licence penalty points.
- Continued emphasis on serious violence reduction, antisocial behaviour and partnership-based prevention activities.

The Partnership noted that the new legislation broadly supports current local priorities rather than creating significant changes in local direction.

9. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and Update on CCSP Strategic Priorities 2025-2027 Year Two:

9.1 Keryn Jalli updated the CCSP on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Key points included:

- Future Community Safety Partnership arrangements will need to reflect new unitary authority structures.
- Existing statutory duties must continue seamlessly through the transition process.
- Consideration is being given to governance, operational delivery, local intelligence sharing and maintaining effective partnership arrangements.
- Further updates will be provided as government decisions on future geography become available.

It was agreed for Keryn Jalli to seek further information from the OPCC regarding impacts of devolution and governance changes. [Action point 07/04](#)

9.2 As there are changes within different agencies such as the Probation Service, Police and NHS, it was agreed for agencies to bring an update on their organisational change programmes to a future meeting. [Action point 07/05](#)

9.3 Keryn Jalli updated about the Strategic Priorities 2025-2027 (Year Two)
Priority 1: Preventing Violence and Exploitation - Progress included:

- Continued implementation of Operation Alleviate to identify and support children at risk of exploitation.
- Referrals from businesses and community organisations continued during Quarter 1.
- Tackling County Lines education work delivered in schools.
- Development of new educational materials with Anglia Ruskin University.
- Ongoing support for Romsey Mill targeted youth work and projects tackling violence against women and girls.

Priority 2: A Neighbourhood Approach - Progress included:

- Continued neighbourhood engagement activity.
- Deployment of remote CCTV where appropriate to address antisocial behaviour concerns.
- Development of neighbourhood-based data and intelligence approaches.

Priority 3: Tackling Acquisitive Crime - Progress included:

- Development of a retail crime evidence pack.
- Ongoing work on a retail crime pilot.
- Continued success of offender-focused activity.

Ongoing work of the Cambridge Cycle Crime Reduction Group, with a reported 70% reduction in cycle crime since 2019.

10. Deep Dive Reports 2026/27

10.1 Following a presentation by Keryn Jalli and Mike Yates, the Board agreed two proposed deep-dive areas:

- Development of a neighbourhood dashboard and data framework to improve understanding of local communities and to enhance decision-making. The deep dive report is not to create the dashboard, nor make the final decision on the datasets to be included but to produce a detailed review of the potentially available datasets with recommendations where possible.

- A review of Community Safety Partnership governance, statutory duties and future arrangements in light of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and wider organisational change across partner agencies. The Board emphasised the importance of ensuring future governance arrangements continue to support effective partnership working.

Action point 07/06

11. Update on the Health and the Street Art Project

- 11.1 Becca Cook provided an update on the "Healing Through Street Art" project which worked with young people to explore the impact of trauma through creative arts. Highlights included: Exhibitions have been displayed at Cambridge Central Library, Huntingdon Library and are planned for further venues including Anglia Ruskin University. Positive public feedback has been received, particularly regarding awareness of trauma, wellbeing and available support services. A journal article and wider communications activity are being explored to share learning nationally.

12. Serious Violence Duty Funding and High Harms Board Update

- 12.1 Keryn Jalli said that the CCSP funding applications had been approved for:

- Romsey Mill targeted youth support.
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) prevention work.

The CCSP noted concerns regarding increased national requirements for match funding and tighter criteria for future Serious Violence Duty funding allocations. These developments may present future funding risks for local prevention projects.

13. Annual Review 2026: Agreement

- 13.1 Louise Walker presented a draft version of the Annual Review, which provides an overview of the work of the partnership, priorities, and projects. The CCSP Board noted the wide range of partnership activity undertaken during the year, including violence prevention projects, Student safety campaigns, and Purple Flag activity. The Annual Review was approved and would be published on the [CCSP webpage](#).

14. Community Safety Fund 2025/16 End of Year Financial Report

- 14.1 Louise Walker presented the financial report. The Partnership Members were advised that available funding had been fully allocated to agreed projects and initiatives. A small balance will be carried forward for future partnership priorities.

15. Partnership Terms of Reference: Agreement

- 15.1 The revised Terms of Reference were approved. Updates reflected the Crime and Policing Act 2026, organisational name changes among partner agencies, and administrative updates.

16. Future Meeting Dates: Agreement

- 16.1 The meeting dates were agreed for 2026/27. The Chair thanked Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service for hosting the meetings. Venue arrangements for future CCSP meetings were discussed and alternative city locations would be explored with other CCSP agencies. Action point 07/07

17. Written reports noted

- 17.1 The County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Report for Q4 2025/26 was noted.

18. Any Other Business

- 18.1 The CCSP noted national recognition received for partnership work:
- Cambridge BID's Purple Flag partnership work was shortlisted in the Town and City Management Industry Awards 2026.
 - The CCSP Cycle Crime Reduction Group was shortlisted in the National Acquisitive Crime Reduction Awards 2026. In addition, Inspector Shawn Emms and Keryn Jalli were presenting the Cambridge Cycle Crime Reduction Group's work at a national conference.
- 18.2 As there was no other business, the Chair thanked the Board and Members for their valuable contributions and the meeting was closed.