



November has seen us welcome a number of new people to the Cambridgeshire policing family. On 14<sup>th</sup> November I joined the latest intake of Volunteer Police Cadets from Meadowgate School in Wisbech (pictured above) and the following day I welcomed our newest cadre of Special Constables. On 17<sup>th</sup> November the Constabulary was further enhanced by the latest intake of Police Constables. All these individuals will play an important role in keeping the people of this county safe and I would like to welcome them all.

November has also seen the latest inspection report by HMICFRS (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service). I was very pleased to see the Constabulary awarded a 'good' grading in its latest Efficiency Report. It is heartening to see the significant work carried out to address the issues highlighted in the previous report have been recognised, particularly in terms of managing demand. I consider this an exceptional performance given the very difficult environment we find ourselves in with reducing resources and increasing demand.

We continue to see that increase in demand in calls for service, a shift in crime types, an increased demand in non-crime related issues and increased focus on supporting vulnerable people. For that reason a review investigating the way the constabulary will work over the next five years has been carried out by Chief Constable, Alec Wood. The purpose of the review is to create a sustainable local policing model which will manage demand effectively and provide the best service possible to the public.

The Constabulary has an exceptionally strong leadership team in place and I will continue to work with them to ensure that plans are in place to meet the challenges ahead.



**Jason Ablewhite, Police and Crime Commissioner**

*Jason is pictured with Meadowgate Volunteer Police Cadets from Wisbech at their recent Attestation Ceremony.*



## Cambridgeshire scheme supporting people from reoffending shortlisted in national award

A scheme that supports people at risk from reoffending has been recognised by the Howard League for Penal Reform in their annual Community Awards.

The Offender Hub tackles the root causes of early offending behaviour by offering conditional cautions. The Hub was nominated alongside five other projects in the 'Policing and Adults' category. You can find a list of the 2017 winners by clicking on the link.

[Find out more](#)

## Force rated good at keeping people safe

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has been rated 'good' at keeping people safe and reducing crime by the latest Efficiency Report published by HMICFRS (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service).

The report demonstrated a big step forward for the force and the significant work carried out to address issues highlighted in the previous report. You can find out more here: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/news-and-appeals/HMICFRS-keeping-people-safe-report>

## Commissioner supports Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite has provided a £10,000 grant to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust to help protect valuable heritage sites from theft. The money will be used to help churches install specialist alarms to protect lead roofs which have been prime targets of thieves in recent years. The Commissioner said:

"I am pleased to be able to support this cause. For many places, the Church is the hub of the community and these thieves have no consideration for the cost of replacement and repairs and the huge risk it creates for further internal damage once the lead has been stripped. The Constabulary's Rural Crime Action Team continues to make regular visits to churches across the county to raise awareness and offer appropriate advice. These roof alarms are a good deterrent and can prevent this sort of crime."



## Councillor Ray Bisby proposed as new Deputy

The Commissioner has announced his intention to appoint Councillor Ray Bisby as his Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Bisby started his career in the military before joining the Royal Ulster Constabulary, serving 19 years in Northern Ireland. He was elected Councillor for Stanground South ward in Peterborough in 2015 and is also Chair of Peterborough City Council's Corporate Parenting.

The Commissioner is required to formally notify the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel of the proposed appointment and they will then be required to arrange a public Confirmation hearing.

[Find out more](#)



## Heroes commended at special ceremony

The Police Commissioner joined Chief Constable, Alec Wood at the force's bi-annual ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> November to recognise the rewards the work, commitment and bravery of police officers, staff and members of the public.

The Commissioner said: "I am always humbled by the amazing stories that highlight the professionalism and commitment from officers, staff and volunteers involved in our policing family."

[Find out more](#)



## Call for better support for people suffering as a result of alcohol

The Commissioner has added his voice to national Alcohol Awareness Week (13-19 November). The week was a chance to drive conversations about alcohol intake and signpost those who need help to the support they need.

Alcohol Concern has produced a series of informative blogs covering a number of topics from 'Alcohol and parenting' to 'Parents who drink too much'.

You can read the blogs here:

<https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/Blogs/the-alcohol-awareness-blog>

## Cambridgeshire joins national firearms surrender campaign

The Constabulary is taking part in a national campaign encouraging members of the public to surrender any firearms in their possession to the police. Cambridgeshire remains one of the safest counties in the country and has little gun crime. However, this operation is being carried out in support of the national campaign, which along with other crime prevention initiatives, will contribute to making Cambridgeshire and neighbouring counties safer places in which to live.

If you have a firearm in your possession that you do not want contact the firearms surrender team on 101. For more information on the firearms amnesty, click on the link.

[Find out more](#)



## Road Victims honoured at special ceremony

Police Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite joined dignitaries at an event on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November to remember those killed on the county's roads. Organised by the Roads Victims Trust, the service was held at the Church of St Mary's the Great in Cambridge.

The Road Victims Trust is dedicated to supporting people who have been affected by the grief and trauma of a death or life changing injury resulting from a road traffic collision, Around 80 people die each year in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Last year alone the Road Victims Trust supported over 500 people.

## USEFUL LINKS

- [Safer Peterborough Partnership](#)
- [Fenland Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership](#)
- [East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership](#)

## FORTHCOMING SURGERIES

The Police and Crime Commissioner offers regular one to one meetings across the county. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, you can book a 15 minute appointment. Please email: [cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk) or phone 0300 333 3456 to make an appointment:

5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am – 12 noon, Cambridge

10<sup>th</sup> January, 9.00am – 11am, Cambourne

9<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00am – 11am. March

7<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am-11am, Peterborough

## Useful Links:



## Getting in touch:

It's important for me and my team to represent your views so if you want to get in touch, please do. I am here to represent you and to make sure your voice is heard.

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