



Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

Annual Review 2024 (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024)

“Working together to keep Cambridge safe for residents and visitors”

Q: What is Cambridge Community Safety Partnership?

A: The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (“Cambridge CSP”) meets regularly throughout the year to help keep Cambridge safe. It is made up of representatives from the following agencies with non-statutory and statutory members (those who have a duty to sit on the Cambridge CSP):

- Cambridge City Council (statutory member)
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Systems (ICS) (statutory member)
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary (statutory member)
- Cambridgeshire County Council (statutory member)
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (statutory member)
- Probation Service – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Delivery Unit (PDU) (statutory member)

- Anglia Ruskin University
- British Transport Police
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
- Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
- University of Cambridge
- Office of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

The Cambridge CSP looks at what community safety issues people in Cambridge are experiencing, such as anti-social behaviour or specific types of crime and

decides what actions to take to prevent or deal with these issues together.

Documents such as the strategic assessment, compiled from a variety of data sources by the Policy and Insight Team Cambridgeshire County Council, and other reports, offer valuable insights. These determine which areas CSP need to focus its resources upon (both human and financial): its “priorities”. Each year, the community safety priorities for Cambridge are reviewed with actions for the year ahead set out in the Community Safety Plan.

Q: What priorities did Cambridge CSP deal with 1 April 2023 to 31 August 2023?

A: Following consideration of the strategic assessment, the Cambridge CSP decided to continue to tackle two priorities from 2022/23. These priorities were:

- Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation
- Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm.

What priorities did Cambridge CSP deal with 1 September 2023 to 31 March 2024?

Following consideration of the end of year review strategic assessment, the Cambridge CSP decided to have one priority from 1 September 2023 to 31 March 2025:

- Reducing Violence in our city centre - whilst Cambridge is a safe city, there has been an increase in reports of violence with injury.

Q: How does the Cambridge CSP tackle the priorities it sets?

A: Aside from day-to-day partnership working between the member organisations some of the priorities have multi-agency task groups in place to target work and commission specific projects.

- **A Problem-Solving Co-ordinator role has been funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough since 2022, hosted by Cambridge City Council Community Safety team. This role can bid into the PCC’s Safer Communities Fund to tackle local crime and disorder issues. In addition, the PCC works with key partners to coordinate the delivery of the government’s Serious Violence Duty and funding was secured by the PCC to prevent and reduce serious violence across the county. In 2023/24, the amount of funding that Cambridge CSP successfully received from the PCC’s Safer Communities Fund was £5,000, and Serious Violence Duty Fund was £4,607 - totalling £9,607.**

- A bid to the Home Office Safer Streets 5, led by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), was successful in receiving **funding of £820,000 for interventions from 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2025 for projects in Cambridge City, Fenland, Huntingdonshire, and Peterborough**. Projects in Cambridge City will be delivered focusing on the night-time economy and preventing violence against women and girls.

Q: What projects did the Cambridge CSP fund during 2023/24 to help achieve the reductions in crime?

A: Set out below are the projects that were funded from the PCC's Safer Communities Fund, Serious Violence Duty, and Home Office Safer Streets 5 under each of the priorities:

Priority: Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation

- Work continued in 2023/24 in collaboration with partners, schools and parents to increase awareness **on the issues of County Lines and Knife Crime**, building on the Cambridge CSP's work [Cambs Against County Lines](#) created in 2020. Cambs Against County Lines has been expanded to

County Lines

Gangs and organised crime groups exploit children to transport and sell drugs. It's called 'county lines' because the children involved have a spare mobile phone 'line' which is dedicated to taking orders for drugs.



community groups and Cambridge City Council's Community Safety Team created a **County Lines information poster for parents** - with parents' input - which explains what

County Lines is, spotting the signs and what to do if you're worried about a child. This poster has been sent to schools and available on the [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board](#) website.

- In 2023, schools shared the need for Key Stage 2 content on county lines, particularly for Year 6 children before they move on to secondary school and so a **'Healthy Belonging' resource package was created**. The Healthy Belonging module was commissioned by Cambridge City Council, on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership, and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), and has been developed by the PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) Service in collaboration with Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council's Partnership and Strategic Lead, and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Board, Healthy Schools, and Rewise Learning. It was launched in May 2024 and accessed by over 20 schools in the county by June 2024.
- In 2023/24, Cambridge City Council Community Safety Team began work on

another **educational campaign aimed at parents and carers of young people** to increase awareness and understanding of topics relating to serious violence. Funding by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Serious Violence Duty was provided for a series of posters to be created, with a focus on the following topics: knife crime, drugs, unhealthy friendships, and online abuse. These topics were chosen by parents who attended voluntary workshops, arranged by the Community Safety Team, that explored topics relating to serious violence; the topics chosen were those that parents felt most concerned about and least knowledgeable in. This poster series was agreed as an extension of Cambridge City Council's existing county lines poster, created by and disseminated in April 2023. This work will continue in 2024/2025, for dissemination across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

- In addition to the funded projects, the Cambridge City Council pilot for **Peer Group and Places meeting (PGPM)**, started in July 2022, continued during 2023/24. Agencies representatives invited to the PGPM include the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team, Education, Fire and Rescue Service, Housing Providers, MetHub, Police, Romsey Mill, Safeguarding Team, Social Care, Youth Justice, and Targeted Support Service. The PGPM looks at cases where young people have come to agency's attention for ASB or crime in a contextual safeguarding approach. Contextual safeguarding identifies that no young person can be seen in isolation from the environment around them as they are part of a much wider network of peers, neighbourhoods, and other influences. It is important when we consider some of the issues affecting children and young people that we understand these influences. The County Council has created some training for professionals to explain Contextual Safeguarding.

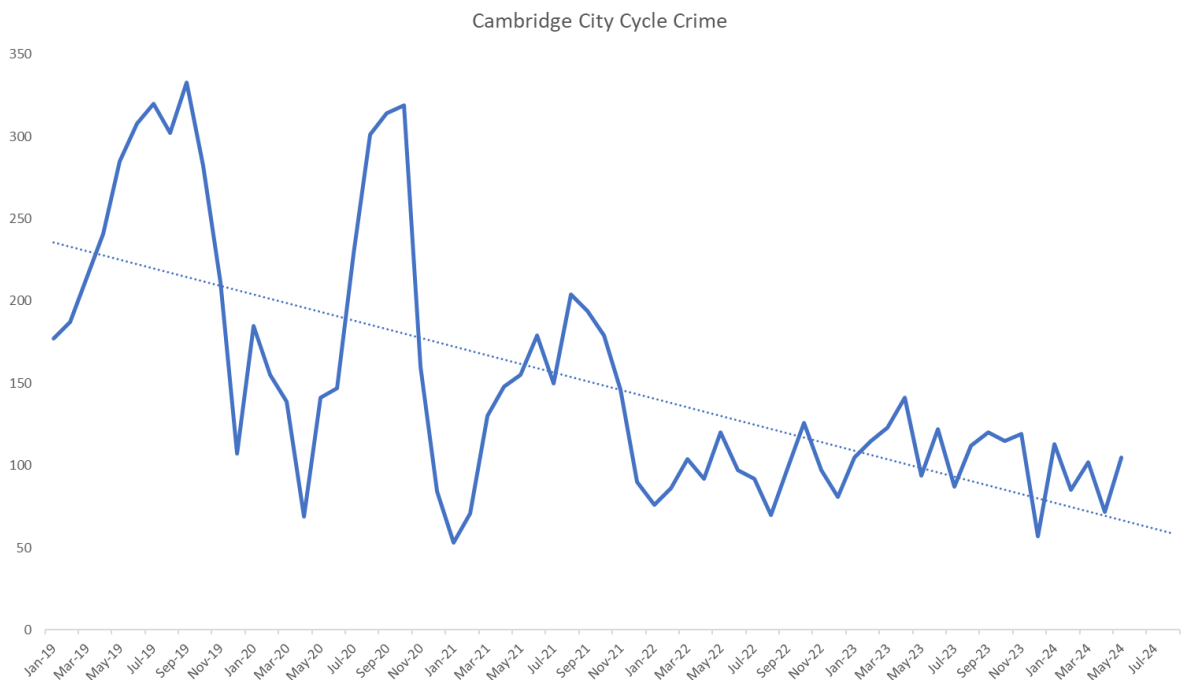
The PGPM aligns with the principles of the countywide **Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) Group** and seeks to address harm to children and communities early. It enables agencies to intervene earlier as well as identify higher risk cases to bring to MACE sooner. The PGPM also enables multi-agency work to continue around a child when cases discussed at MACE have decreased in risk. It has produced successful outcomes for families and communities and enhanced the partnership deliver of both the CSP and the Serious Violence Duty.

- **Operation GUARDIAN**, led by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, is force wide and is being delivered in Cambridge. It is a policing plan to tackle habitual knife carriers consisting of an outlined multi-factorial approach through target hardening, engaging with the identified individual, school engagement, and engagement with youth services. Cambridgeshire Constabulary provided a

presentation to the Peer Group and Places meeting (PGPM) in July 2023.

Priority: Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm

- Successful partnership work together with the Cambridge CSP **Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group** continued in 2023/24 with the aim to decrease bicycle theft in Cambridge City.
- **25 monthly cycle marking events** for the public were held organised by Cambridge Police and the charity Camcycle. These events benefitted from the 2022/23 investment of 2500 x Cycle Marking Kits funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Cambridge City Council. Events are listed at <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/bikemarking/>
- **20,775 bikes were registered** on the national cycle database, **BikeRegister**, in the Cambridge area (CB1 to CB5) between **1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024**. This is in comparison to **2,210 bikes between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023**.
- The graph below shows the month and year with the number of bikes stolen:





[Save Our Cycles Campaign](#) is led by the charity, Camcycle, to raise public awareness about cycle security, including to the many students arriving in the city. Digital and hard copy materials - promoting public awareness and best practice guidance to protect bikes from theft and encourage bike registration to increase the chances of successful outcomes of bike theft reports made to police - have been shared with the university colleges, schools, and at public events.

Priority: Reducing Violence in our City Centre

- **Two Refuge Points have been installed within the city centre Market Square** funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The refuge points are part of Cambridge's [Purple Flag](#) initiative, which is all about a safe and vibrant night-time economy. The refuge points can give access a trained operator at the CCTV control room to those who feel a risk who assess the situation and contact services if required.

- From the **Home Office Safer Streets 5 Fund**:
 - Over 200 day and night-time economy staff trained in Businesses Against Abuse

 - Dedicated police patrols to target early signs of abuse, predatory behaviours

 - Sexual Violence Ambassador Scheme training to take place in schools and colleges

 - Bus drivers have started to be trained in spotting, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse and predatory behaviour on public transport

 - Taxi marshals and open space guardians are in place to spot and challenge unwanted and repeated behaviours all of which are signs of stalking and predatory harm

 - Additional funding for CCTV staffing for the night time economy for 18 months on a Friday – Saturday night from October 2023 to March 2025.

In addition, funding towards CSP 'Business as Usual'

To improve community safety as well as public safety within the Night Time Economy in 'hotspot' anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder areas:



Further investment of **permanent CCTV and redeployable cameras installed across Cambridge, including for events**, funded by the OPCC and Cambridge City Council.

- **Emergency medical care in busy nightlife areas** as well as welfare support was provided within the Night Time Economy (NTE) during the festive season funded by Cambridge City Council.

More information about the 2023/24 Police and Crime Commissioner at [Safer Communities Fund \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

In addition to the Cambridge CSP Business As Usual Groups, Task and Finish Groups are set up as required.

- In October 2020, a multi-agency **Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group** was created to respond to increasing concerns about cycle crime led by Cambridge City Council, with a number of different stakeholders from local businesses and other organisations involved: British Transport Police, Cambridge Ahead, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shared Service CCTV, Greater Anglia Rail, Anglia Ruskin University, University of Cambridge, the voluntary sector: Camcycle and Neighbourhood Watch, a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and relevant Cambridge City Councillors. There has been continuing success of the multi- agency approach to make a real impact. There has been multi-partner work undertaken around 3 areas:
 - 1) Education – [‘Save Our Cycles’](#) Campaign, led by Task Group member Camcycle.
 - 2) Infrastructure – safety and shaping designs for security improvements to strengthen user confidence and prevent cycle related crime. This has included joint investment in CCTV enhancements and work by rail operator Greater Anglia at the city railway stations.
 - 3) Enforcement – Police led enforcement work continues providing crime prevention advice as well. The public are asked to report any crimes directly to the Police online using the link:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime> or by calling 101, so they are officially recorded on the Police database.

The Task Group continues to work with partners and actively seeks to expand community consultation. For example, the Group has been working with Anglia Ruskin University SHoKE (**S**tudents at the **H**eart of **K**nowledge **E**xchange) Scheme looking at reporting processes.

Q: What other projects were Cambridge CSP involved in?

A: The Cambridge CSP were involved in:

- **Free E-Bike safety day in Cambridge (March 2024)** - Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Electric Bike Sales joined together to hold a free E-bike safety day for delivery drivers. There was free e-bike marking, safety checks to help prevent e-bike fires as well as advice on keeping themselves and their e-bike safe.
- Continuing to support research led by Dr Mirna Guha at Anglia Ruskin University: '**Investigating the needs and vulnerabilities of Asian women around Domestic Abuse in the East of England to strengthen service provision and responses**'.

Q: How does Cambridge CSP link into local, countywide, and national strategy?

A: The Cambridge CSP Member organisations were involved in:



Strong partnership work with licensed premises and businesses. This included achieving [Purple Flag award](#) for the evening and night-time economy, Cambridge City having first achieved this in 2019.

- Continuing implementation of the [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#) which includes supporting the work of local services as well as [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence \(DASV\) Partnership](#). The County Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Needs Assessment (November 2023) informed the [Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2024-27](#) (June 2024).
- The county [Vision Zero Partnership](#) committed to preventing all road deaths across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and to significantly reduce the severity of injuries and subsequent costs and social impacts from road traffic collisions.

- Cambridge City Council [Transformation Cambridge Together](#) project and companion piece Cambridge [State of the City Report](#). Qualitative data provided ‘the rich picture’ and framework for a dashboard, which provides a data-led overview of the city and comparisons to other cities in England and Wales.
- The Cambridge CSP is represented on the **Cambridgeshire Countywide High Harms Board**, which is chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This Board focuses on high harm issues such as drugs, serious violence, violence against women and girls (VAWG), and links into county and local delivery groups as well as national strategy such as:
 - The new 10-year national drugs strategy: [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives](#)
 - [Serious Violence Duty](#) in accordance with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
 - [Tackling Violence Against Women And Girls](#) (VAWG) strategy.

Q: How does the Cambridge CSP know whether these priorities are working to reduce crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)?

A: The Cambridge CSP requires the lead officer for each priority to provide a progress report at meetings of the Cambridge CSP. These meetings are usually open to the public and details of each meeting, as well as copies of all the papers to be discussed, are made available on the Cambridge CSP’s webpage on the City Council’s website:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>.

Q: Where can I get further information about the Cambridge CSP and the work it does?

A: You can get further information about the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership by visiting the Cambridge City Council’s website:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>.

Alternatively, you can contact the Community Safety Partnership Support Officer on 01223 457950 or email: community.safety@cambridge.gov.uk.

Useful Contacts

Antisocial behaviour team: For information and reporting antisocial behaviour (ASB)

 01223 457950

 <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-antisocial-behaviour>

 asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk

CAMBAC - Cambridge Business Against Crime

 <http://cambac.co.uk/>

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

 101 (Non-emergency) / 999 (Emergency)

 <http://www.cambs.police.uk/>

Domestic violence directory

 <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/domestic-violence-directory>

Advice for people affected by domestic abuse


 <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/advice-for-people-affected-by-domestic-abuse>

Environmental health issues

 01223 457900

 <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-a-noise-issue>

First Response Service: Puts mental health first: 24-hour access, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, to mental health care, advice, support, and treatment

 111, then press option 2

 <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/helpinacrisis>

Hate crime against race, faith, gender, sexuality, disability, and age

 <https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime/triage/v1/report-hate-crime/>

Personal safety advice for young people


 101 (Non-emergency) / 999 (Emergency)

 <https://www.cambs.police.uk/studentsafety>

Public Health Joint Commissioning Unit

 Email: publichealth.adminteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Racial harassment

 01223 457967 / 07973 883 261

 <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/racial-harassment>