



## Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

### Annual Review 2026 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026)

**“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 Partnership (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 (statutory member)
- Anglia Ruskin University
- British Transport Police
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
- Support Cambridgeshire (formerly 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 partnership looks at what community safety issues people in Cambridge are experiencing, such as antisocial 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 Cambridgeshire County Council Policy, Performance, and Intelligence Service, and other reports such as Cambridge State of the City, and Serious Violence Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 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 2025 to 31 March 2026?**

**A:** Following consideration of the end of year review strategic assessment, the Cambridge CSP decided to have three priorities:

- **For Priority 1: Preventing Violence and Exploitation** - To keep Cambridge safe, by preventing violence and exploitation before it causes significant harm, as part of the county-wide public health approach to serious violence.
- **For Priority 2: A Neighbourhood Approach** - By working on a neighbourhood level, alongside residents and community groups, we better understand their needs, the crime issues affecting them and work alongside residents to keep their neighbourhoods safe.
- **For Priority 3: Tackling Acquisitive Crime** - By continuing with and learning from our approach to cycle crime, we hope to address the increase in shoplifting in the city.

**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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)** since 2022, hosted by Cambridge City Council Public 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 2025/26, the amount of funding that Cambridge CSP successfully received from the Serious Violence Duty Fund was £37,804.96.**

- A bid to the Government Hotspot Action Fund Community Fund, led by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), was successful in receiving **funding totalling £26,876.00** for **Keeping town centres safe - Summer Initiative** (30 June to 30 September 2025: £11,984.00) and **"Winter of Action"** (1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026: £14,892.00). Interventions delivered in Cambridge City focussed on the night-time economy and preventing violence against women and girls.

**Q: What projects did the Cambridge CSP fund during 2025/26 to help achieve the reductions in crime?**

A: Set out below are the projects that were funded from the PCC's Serious Violence Duty and Keeping town centres safe 'Summer Initiative' and 'Winter of Action':

- Building on the work in schools during 2024-25, with the Pledge United Programme delivered by Cambridge United Foundation and Sexual Violence Ambassador Scheme training in schools, a unique **Ambassador Empower and Pledge United Collaboration Project** was delivered working with the same year groups in the same schools to try to create greatest impact for children and young people. **Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre** worked with girls to deliver Empowerment education about Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) to challenge the normalisation and trivialisation of VAWG in peer groups and wider school culture and to disrupt attitudes that contribute to a culture which enables sexual violence. The **Pledge**



**United** Programme delivered by **Cambridge United Foundation** worked with boys using football to challenge the culture around gender-issues, violence against women and girls, and create a safe place for all. The Collaboration Project was delivered to a total 112 students – 61 boys and 51 girls - primarily aged 12–14 year olds in six schools. Almost 95% of girls strongly agreed that the Ambassador Empower Programme supported them to become more aware of misogyny in daily life (both online and offline). For the Pledge United programme, there was a 23.65% increase in the boy's confidence to call out and challenge misogyny or discrimination if they saw it. The student feedback was overwhelmingly positive with students encouraging for this to be delivered more often to more students!

- **After-school diversionary activity delivered by Romsey Mill** - 68 young people aged 13 to 17 participated during the after-school period to divert them away from potential problematic, anti-social, or criminal behaviour. The programmes (such as sports, arts, and cultural activities) were delivered as weekly groups, one-to-one support sessions, school holidays activities and trips provided the opportunity for young people, who would otherwise be

unsupervised, to engage in positive, supervised activities with trusted adults in their communities.

- **Cambs Against County Lines (CACL) video replacement** - The CACL video continues to be used across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as a universal prevention offer on county lines. The CACL campaign was launched in 2020 to raise awareness around drugs, violence and gangs in Cambridge and supports schools to raise awareness of the dangers of county lines amongst pupils aged 11-18 (academic Year 7–11). In 2024/25, there was a video licence extension and Cambridge City Council continue to facilitate training as required. Cambridge City Council is working closely with Anglia Ruskin University and several external agencies on the development of a Cambridge CSP video that will not require an external licence. This work is ongoing, including focus groups of young people to guide the video content and delivery. The new video is expected to be completed and ready for use in January 2027.
- In addition to funded projects, Cambridge City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team continues to lead the **Peer Groups and Places Meeting (PGPM)**. This multi-agency forum brings together representatives from education, the Fire and Rescue Service, housing providers, the police, and the voluntary sector. The group reviews cases where young people have come to the attention of services due to anti-social behaviour or potential involvement in crime, using a contextual safeguarding approach. Contextual safeguarding recognises that young people are influenced by their wider environment, including peers, neighbourhoods, and community settings. By considering these wider factors, agencies can better understand the challenges facing children and young people and respond more effectively to their needs.
- The PGPM aligns with the principles of the countywide **Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) Group** and aims to address risks to children and communities at an early stage. It supports earlier intervention, helps identify higher-risk cases for referral to MACE where appropriate, and ensures continued multi-agency support when risk levels reduce. This coordinated approach has contributed to positive outcomes for young people, families, and communities, and strengthens partnership working in support of Community Safety Partnership priorities and the Serious Violence Duty.
- **Operation Alleviate** - launched in March 2025 to provide an accessible process for city businesses and venues to report concerns about children and young people. Led by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridge City

Council, it plays a key role in reducing violence and supporting vulnerable individuals across the day and night-time economy.

- Between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, 15 referrals were made. The Council's Public Safety Officer for Children and Young People coordinate the multi-agency response to each referral. All cases are reviewed at the Peer Groups and Places Meeting (PGPM), where young people are identified and actions agreed.
  - Refresher training sessions were delivered between 1 January and 31 March 2026 (and continuing into 2026/27) to raise awareness of the referral pathway and response process. Sessions were provided to CCTV control room staff, council car park teams, CAMBAC Night-time Economy/Pub Watch, City Centre Working Group, and The Junction.
  - These sessions appear to have increased awareness, with referrals rising significantly—matching the total for all of 2025/26 within April–May 2026 alone.
- **Operation GUARDIAN tackling habitual knife carriers** - led by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, this work is aimed at reducing knife crime. Individuals are identified as being at risk of carrying knives, graded as per a RAG system and those at most risk are assigned an individual Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) officer who then works with them to understand their behaviour and reduce their risk of carrying knives and associating with other knife carriers. The overall approach is multi-factorial, including target hardening, education and engagement with the identified individual, schools, family and peers as well as with youth services.

The **Government's Safer Streets Initiative 2025/2026** aimed for increased activity in designated hotspots and town centres to tackle retail and street crime, and anti-social behaviour. Each district CSP had the opportunity to bid into the Police's Hotspot Action Fund. Cambridge CSP were successful with the outcomes below:

**Safe Summer Initiative (July to September 2025):**

In the Night-time economy - Taxi Marshals (7 nights, 196 hours, 597 taxis), Open Space Guardians (2 staff over 7 nights), and Cambridge Street Pastors (12 patrols, 13 NightLite sessions, 400 volunteer hours).

Student engagement at both University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) Freshers Fairs.: 650+ interactions, 500 giveaways (bottle toppers, bag bells).

Joint Police-Council ASB actions during National ASB Awareness Week, 30 June to 5 July.

35 cases discussed by Adult Problem Solving Group.

10 individuals and 6 hotspots reviewed by Streetlife Working Group.

2 Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and 2 Community Protection

Notices (CPNs) issued; partial closures on 2 addresses; extension on 1 closure.

162 complaints investigated (fly-tipping, littering, abandoned vehicles, dog control and street life encampments) with Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued.

For Young People, 13 cases discussed by Peer Groups and Places Meeting (PGPM) including 3 safeguarding referrals from Operation Alleviate.

**Winter of Action Initiative (December 2025 to January 2026):**

in the Night-time economy: Taxi Marshals (40 staff covering 10 nights, 196 hours, over 700 taxis used when Taxi Marshals were working), Open Space Guardians (20 staff covering 10 nights), and Cambridge Street Pastors (patrols for 5 evenings, 9 NightLite evenings, 169 volunteer hours during the hours 22.00 to as late as 04.00).

Student engagement with 2 Welcome Back Freshers events – footfall of approx. 3,256 (University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University), 2 staff at each event.

**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:



**More CCTV** was added where required. This is in addition to the city centre market square refuge points installed in 2023/24 as 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.

- **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.

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

**Cycle theft in Cambridge has fallen by 70% since 2019** with the multi-agency Cambridge CSP **Cambridge Cycle Crime Reduction Group**, working in partnership to decrease bicycle theft in Cambridge City. There are a number of different stakeholders from local businesses and other organisations involved: British Transport Police, 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 City Councillors. There has been continuing success of the multi- agency approach to make a real impact undertaken around 3 areas:

1) Education – ‘[Save Our Cycles](#)’ Campaign led by Task Group member Camcycle



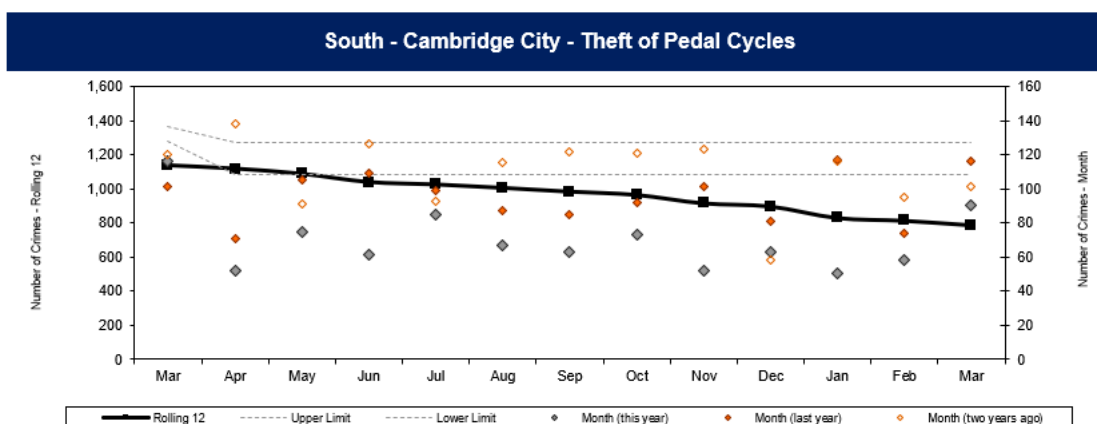
[Register](#) | [Reduce](#) | [Report](#)



2) Infrastructure – 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 and preparation for the opening of Cambridge South station.

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.

- For 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026, Cambridge Police ran regular cycle marking events for the public across the city, with multiple events with the University each day for a week during intensive periods such as Freshers Fair. Further bike marking events are planned in 2026/27.
- 2,494 bikes were registered on the national cycle database, BikeRegister, in the Cambridge area (CB1 to CB5) between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. This is in comparison to 2,210 bikes registered on BikeRegister between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.
- For 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026, the Police recovered in excess of 26 cycles, which could be returned to their owners following online appeals for owners to come forward.
- The graph below shows the month and year with the number of bikes stolen from April 2025 until end of March 2026:



**Q: What other projects were Cambridge CSP involved in?**

**A:** The Cambridge CSP were involved in:

- **Healing Through Art: A Healthcare and Anglia Ruskin University Collaboration Project** - Young people attending the Trusted Adult Scheme at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) took part in powerful health education sessions exploring how trauma can affect both the body and mind. Using street art as a creative medium, the project worked together with a street artist to express lived experiences through colour, key words, and visual storytelling. The artwork reflected not only the impact of trauma, but also the young people's strengths, coping strategies, and the ways they can access professional help and support. The artwork is being exhibited around the city during 2026/27.
- Continuing to support **research around Domestic Abuse** such as work led by Dr Mirna Guha at Anglia Ruskin University around '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 informed the [Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2024-27](#).

- 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. Vision Zero is a road safety partnership strategy adopted and built on, incorporating the international Safe System policy approach for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- The Cambridge '[State of the City](#)' report and dashboard provide a data-led overview of what Cambridge is like economically, environmentally and socially. It also compares Cambridge 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:
  - [A new Police and Crime Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough](#) (2025-2028)
  - [Serious Violence Duty](#) in accordance with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
  - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough [Serious Violence Duty Needs Assessment](#) (2024)
  - The 10-year national drugs strategy: [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives](#)
  - [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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

Report a Crime



<https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime>

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership



<https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk>

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/information/v1/hate-crime/how-to-report-hate-crime>

Personal safety advice for young people



101 (Non-emergency) / 999 (Emergency)



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

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