



Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

Annual Review 2025 (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

“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 (CCVS)
- 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 2024 to 31 March 2025?

A: Following consideration of the end of year review strategic assessment, the Cambridge CSP decided to have one priority:

- 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 2024/25, the amount of funding that Cambridge CSP successfully received from the PCC’s Safer Communities Fund was £9,840 and Serious Violence Duty Fund was £36,850 - totalling £46,690.**
- 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 delivered focussed on the night-time economy and preventing violence against women and girls.

Q: What projects did the Cambridge CSP fund during 2024/25 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:

Retail Crime Support Packs - Following the rise of acquisitive crime within the city, it was felt that a multi-agency approach was needed to address shoplifting offences and related incidents. Working together, Cambridge City Council Community Safety Team, the Neighbourhood Policing Team and CAMBAC wanted retail and hospitality staff across the city to have increased knowledge and empowerment in knowing how to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of ASB, shoplifting and crime. Retail Packs are in the process of being designed to launch in 2025/26 to include dealing with different types of ASB and crime, reporting, and the contact details of key agencies (e.g. Cambridge City Council Public Safety Team, CAMBAC, Police through an 'A to Z' guide').



Filming Project - An opportunity for targeted young people to engage in positive, structured activity, and subsequently reduce the likelihood of committing ASB or crime or be a victim of exploitation through engagement with a short-term filming project that documents the process and instalment in a local area of a Cabin - a space specifically for the delivery of activity and groups for young people. This fosters an environment in which young people can positively engage with local agencies such as Cambridge City Council. It is also an opportunity for the young people to express themselves, learn and develop new skills and increase their confidence.



Serious Violence posters for parents - As part of the continued Cambridge CSP's work to develop educational campaigns focussing on younger people to increase safety in our city centre, a series of posters for parents has been launched to be used across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The posters were developed with partners and are an extension of the existing county lines poster that Cambridge City Council Community Safety team worked on in 2023. The topics were unanimously chosen by small groups of parents to include drugs, knife crime, online abuse, and unhealthy friendships. Available at <https://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/children-board/resources-for-practitioners/>

If your child
was at risk,
would you spot
the signs?

Cambs Against County Lines (CACL) video licence extended for two years - The CACL video is 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). During the licence extension, Cambridge City Council will continue to facilitate training and look at developing a Cambridge CSP video which will not require an external licence.

After-school diversionary activity delivered by Romsey Mill - 90 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) provided the opportunity for young people, who would otherwise be unsupervised, to engage in positive, supervised activities with trusted adults in their communities.

Pledge Programme delivered by Cambridge United Foundation – The programme is aimed at using football to challenge the culture around gender-issues, violence against women and girls, and create a safe place for all. 123 students aged 12 to 18 years completed the six-week programme with a 100% rate in those taking the Pledge to Respect women and girls at the end of the course.



In addition to the funded projects, the Cambridge City Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team continued to lead **Peer Group and Places meeting (PGPM)**. Since July 2022, agency representatives have been invited to the PGPM including those from Education, Fire and Rescue Service, Housing Providers, Police, and the voluntary sector to look 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 to consider some of the issues affecting children and young people so that we understand these influences.

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.

In March 2025, **Operation ALLEVIATE** was launched to create a process that is accessible and suitable for use by city businesses and venues to raise their concerns about children and young people. This is a key piece of work in reducing violence and supporting vulnerable persons within the city, particularly night time economy, led by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridge City Council, and will continue during 2025/26.

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.

From the **Home Office Safer Streets 5 Fund 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2025:**

- 2,141 day and night-time economy staff were trained in Businesses Against Abuse across Cambridge City, Fenland, Huntingdonshire, and Peterborough, which smashed its target of 1,000 members of staff. As of the end of the project more than double the number of people across the Night Time Economy, universities, bus drivers and businesses had been trained.
- Dedicated police patrolled to target early signs of abuse, predatory behaviours
- Sexual Violence Ambassador Scheme training took place in schools and colleges
- Bus drivers were trained in spotting, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse and predatory behaviour on public transport
- Taxi marshals and open space guardians were 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.

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 lighting and CCTV was added around the city centre market square. This is in addition to the 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.

Successful partnership work together continued in 2024/25 with the multi-agency Cambridge CSP **Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group**, which was set up in October 2020 aiming 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:



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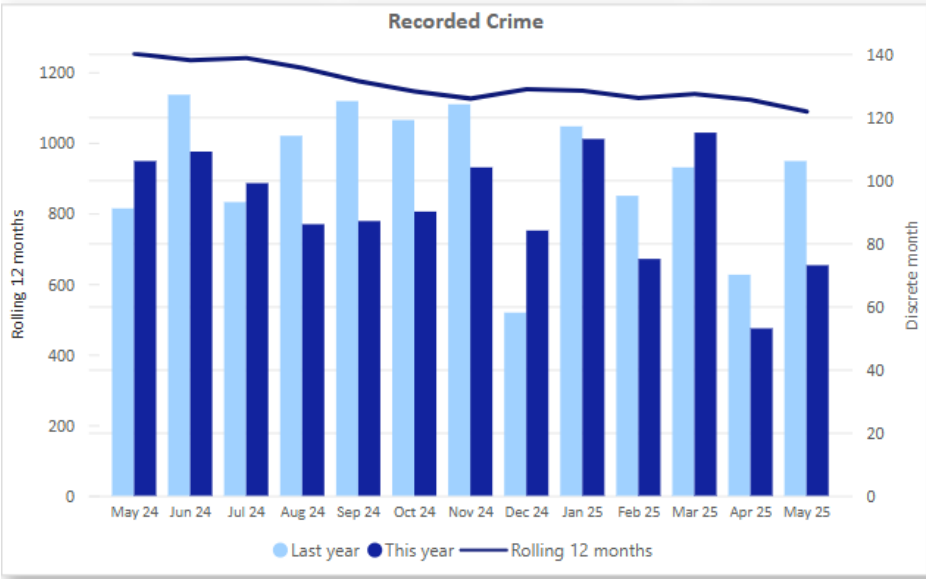
1) Education – ‘[Save Our Cycles](#)’ Campaign, led by Task Group member Camcycle.

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.

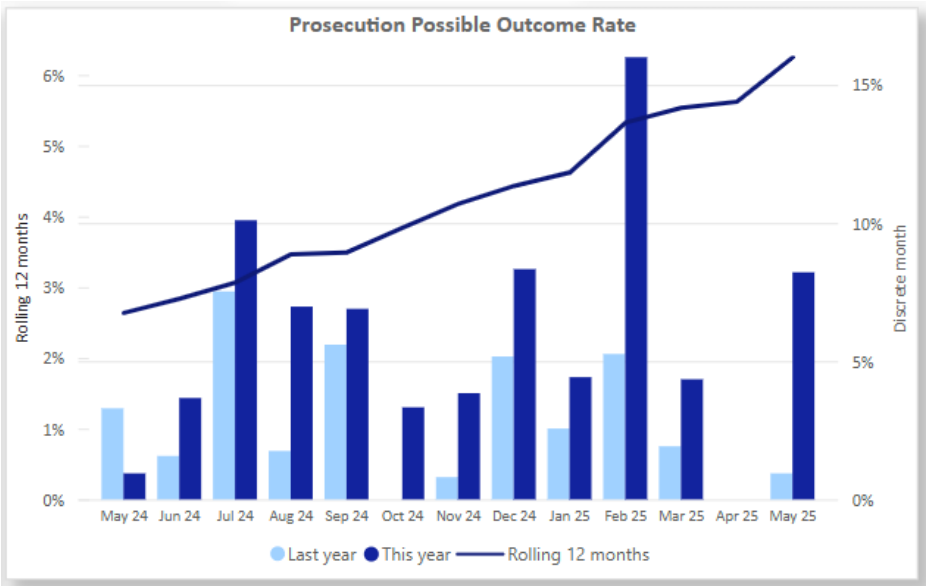
3) Enforcement – Police led enforcement work continues providing crime prevention advice as well. The public are asked to report any crimes directly to the Police online using the link: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime> or by calling 101, so they are officially recorded on the Police database.

- For 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025, Cambridge Police ran monthly 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.
- 2,802 bikes were registered on the national cycle database, BikeRegister, in the Cambridge area (CB1 to CB5) between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. This is in comparison to 2,210 bikes registered on BikeRegister between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.
- For 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025, there are an unrecorded large number of recovered cycles and approximately 30+ cycles have been returned to their owners following online appeals for owners to come forward. The Police has been able to return 15 marked bicycles that have been stolen to their respective owners.

- The graph below shows the month and year with the number of bikes stolen from May 2024 until end of May 2025:



- The graph shows the positive outcome rate for prosecutions from May 2024 until end of May 2025:



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 (Students at the Heart of Knowledge Exchange) Scheme looking at reporting processes.

Q: What other projects were Cambridge CSP involved in?

A: The Cambridge CSP were involved in:

- **VAWG retail posters** - Following some incidents in the city, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Police, and Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre joined together to create a new poster resource for retail staff, highlighting examples of sexual harassment and predatory behaviour with what support is available if someone is subject to these behaviours. Agencies involved hoped that the poster resource highlights that these behaviours do not have to be tolerated and are indeed a form of sexual harassment.
- 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**'. This included collaborating on specialist training aimed at senior leaders on identifying, understanding, and increasing access to safety in the lives of Black and racialised survivors in Cambridge.

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.
- 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. Cambridge CSP received presentations on the County Youth Survey (2024/25) and Access to Nature for Teenage Girls in Cambridge (October 2024) research by Women In Sport commissioned by Cambridge City Council.

- 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.

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



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