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September 2025

Hundreds visit free Youth Fusion events



Over 400 young people attended the fun and free Youth Fusion events at The Hive in Ely and The Beeches in Isleham over the summer.

Youth Fusion events provide a unique opportunity for young people aged 5 to 18 to try their hand at sporting activities with clubs operating locally and find out more about organisations offering support and advice.

There were opportunities to scramble up a climbing wall, take part in a street art workshop, meet the fire service, and receive first aid training.

On a more serious note, the Community Safety Partnership was there offering advice on things like knife crime, anti-social behaviour, and safeguarding. There was also age-

appropriate relationship and sexual health advice from Diverse and Everyone Health, and vaping advice from Healthy You.

The Community Safety Partnership team would like to say a huge thank you to:

- Police, who offered advice and bike security marking
- Fire service, who brought along a fire engine
- The district council's Community Safety team, Community Partnership team, Waste team and advice bus
- Kilo – Street Art
- Fitness Rush
- Highline climbing wall
- Korfbal
- Ely Rowing Club
- Diverse tennis club
- EMS Cycle repairs and servicing
- Basketball
- Healthy You
- Diverse
- Holly active stars
- Integrated neighbourhood (NHS)

Young people who attended described the event as educational, very good, interesting, and really friendly.

Multi-agency illegal vape and tobacco seizure



Neighbourhood policing officers joined Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards and HMRC in a multi-agency crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco and

vapes on 24 June.

In Ely, Soham, and Littleport, they seized:

- 32,040 cigarettes
- 8.8kg of hand rolling tobacco
- 3,171 illegal vapes.

Products seized include vapes with oversized tanks and incorrect labelling, as well as vapes not notified to the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, meaning they are not legal in the UK. Also seized were tobacco products without the correct warnings and labelling in English.

If you would like to share any suspicions you can report it online at www.keep-it-out.co.uk or at www.cambs.police.uk/report

Local Neighbourhood Policing Survey

Help shape your local neighbourhood policing priorities by taking part in the Neighbourhood Policing Community Survey.

Take the **Community Policing Survey**

Data-rich dashboard tackles violent crime

A new dashboard has been created for partners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to assist in tackling serious violence.

The interactive dashboard, produced by the policy and insight team at Cambridgeshire County Council, was created following the publication of the strategic needs assessment in support of the serious violence duty.

It presents data on police recorded crime, those who are suspected or known to have committed a violent crime, and risk factors known locally.

The datasets, provided across a range of organisations, draws together the partnership approach to tackling serious violence. This evidence base will assist partners, communities, policy makers, and researchers.

For the strategic needs assessment and this dashboard, serious violence is defined as: the intentional use of physical force (with or without a weapon) or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group, or community, that either results in, or has a high likelihood of, resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, adverse childhood/early life experiences and adversity.

For further information please contact policyandinsight@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

White Ribbon Day 2025: We Speak Up

Letting sexism slide puts women and girls at risk. Sexist jokes, catcalling, staring, or comments might seem harmless, but they are serious and can lead to violence and abuse.

For White Ribbon Day on 25 November 2025, White Ribbon is encouraging everyone to speak up and create a world where women and girls are safe, equal, and respected.

To access downloadable resources, visit the Resource Hub on [White Ribbon UK](#)

Students' artwork is 'out of this world'



Art students from Ely Community College have showcased their vision and style with a vibrant space-themed street art installation.

The gateway underpass at the Ely Leisure Village has been adorned with colour and flair by students in Years 9 and 10 from the college.

Street artist Kilo, lead artist at Splash & Dash Creations Ltd, worked with the students to teach street art skills and facilitate the development of the mural, with students painting their designs directly on the underpass wing near Costa coffee.

The installation was phase two of a successful and exciting partnership project with young people. The collaborative project has involved key partners City of Ely Council, Ely Community College, East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Lis Every, Chair of the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership said: "Working with the students in the design and installation of the artwork has been inspirational and seeing them engaging fully in the project has been so rewarding.

"Our thanks go to the City of Ely Council for their continued support and funding towards the project."

Cllr Mike Banyard, The Mayor of Ely, added: "Engaging with young people and seeing their collaborative approach to claiming their local area as a place to be both inspired by and proud of has been a positive experience for everyone involved.

"The council welcomed the opportunity to continue to fund and support this worthwhile project."

Phase one last year saw artwork installed inside the underpass and covering the wing nearest the green open space and walkways which lead to the leisure village. This year the

students stepped up once again, adding their designs directly on the wing of the underpass.

Councillor Alison Whelan, chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee at Cambridgeshire County Council said: “After the hugely successful first phase of this vibrant and ambitious art project, I’m delighted we’re supporting this next phase, alongside our local partners.

“Providing opportunities for young people to have their skills and creativity recognised where they live, is one way we can really help them to thrive and their communities to prosper.”



Knife crime discussed at Court Days



The CSP has delivered another successful round of Court Experience Days for school year 2024-2025.

These give young people the opportunity to learn more about the workings of a court, including various job opportunities available, and what to do if they come across a crime. Typically, they take place at the former Magistrate's Court in Ely.

It includes a

- Walk through of a trial (role play)
- Considering the different roles around court
- Analysing a criminal statute
- Seeing how judges' decisions make a difference
- Making decisions in court
- What is a fair trial?
- An introduction to sentencing

As part of the day children are also briefed on knife crime and County Lines.

We are happy to announce the next 5 events are being planned for 2025-2026, thanks to funding from the Serious Violence Duty.

Hate Crime on the rise in East Cambridgeshire

The number of hate crime offences in East Cambridgeshire has increased by a third over the last year.

A hate crime is defined as ‘any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards someone based on a personal characteristic’.

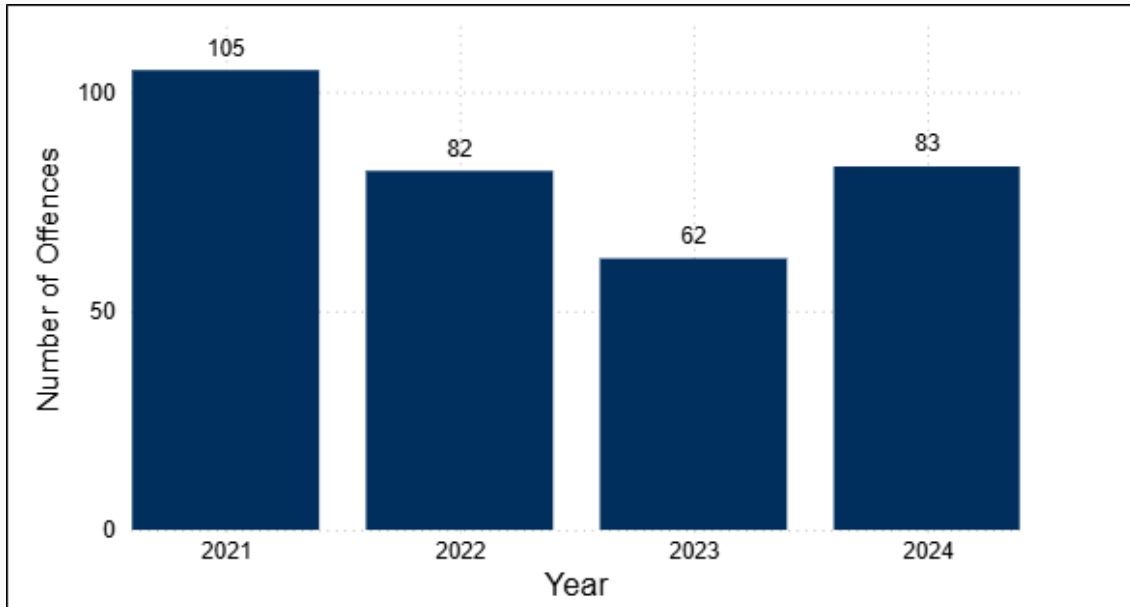
The police can apply a hate crime related marker to any offence where it appears to be motivated by at least one of the 5 monitored hate crime characteristics: race or ethnicity, religion or beliefs, disability, sexual orientation, and transgender identity.

As shown in the graph below, after annual decreases in hate crime offences in East Cambridgeshire between 2021 and 2023, last year saw an increase of 34% compared to 2023.

However, the count for 2024 remained 21% lower than 2021. Given the high level of under-reporting of hate crime caution should be taken when interpreting these figures. This is an area where lived experience of residents would add value to the CSP’s understanding of the impact locally.

The latest release of national data shows that levels of hate crime fell by 5% in 2023/24. This is the second consecutive reduction since records were first collected in 2013.

The release of the figures coincides with Hate Crime Awareness Week, which this year runs from 11 to 18 October.



Hate Crime in East Cambridgeshire. Chart produced by Cambridgeshire County Council Policy and Insight Team, using data provided by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Useful hate crime links

A list of places where hate crime can be reported in East Cambridgeshire is available on the [council's website](#).

[Plan your National HCAW](#)

[Ask For Clive](#) to register your venue's awareness of scheme

[Recognising and reporting disability hate crime | Disability charity Scope UK](#)
[Home - Stop Hate UK](#)

Think Bike Safety

So far this year, 10 lives have been tragically lost in collisions involving motorbikes across Cambridgeshire. That's 10 lives too many, and it's a reminder that every road user must ride or drive with care and responsibility.

Advice for riders is to take every precaution:

- **All the gear, all the time:** use a helmet with a high SHARP rating, impact-certified jacket, gloves, trousers, and boots. Bright and reflective gear boosts visibility, all the time
- **Maintenance matters:** check tyres, brakes, lights, mirrors, chain and fluid levels before every ride
- **Ride defensively using the IPSGA approach:** consider Information – Position – Speed – Gear – Acceleration to navigate hazards safely
- **Stay visible:** use lights at all times and position yourself where drivers can see you - especially at junctions or where obstructions exist
- **Ride to arrive:** adjust speed to road, traffic, and weather conditions
- **Consider advanced training:** [Cambridgeshire Constabulary - BikeSafe](#)

Drivers and other road users should Think Biker!

- **Take longer to look:** Look, look and look again, especially at junctions, before you pull out, change lanes or open a door
- **Time and space:** Give other road users space when overtaking, don't tailgate, and be patient when filtering bikes pass through traffic
- **Expect bikes everywhere:** Riders may pass on either side at low speeds or in traffic - remain vigilant
- **Be extra careful on rural roads and bends:** Uneven surfaces like gravel, potholes or manholes can quickly send a bike rider off course

Motorcyclists make up just 2% of road users nationally but account for around 20% of those killed or seriously injured.

We all share responsibility. Every journey, long or short, is an opportunity to ride or drive safely, so everyone arrives home.

#SaferCambs #VisionZero #ThinkBike #BikerDown



The Community Safety Partnership is made up of organisations working together to
Protect their local community from crime and to help people feel safer

