

Dear Residents

For those that do not know me I write to introduce myself as your local Neighbourhoods Team Sergeant for South Cambridgeshire and I would like to offer some reassurance.

When you suddenly see an increase in police officers in your village and you haven't seen many officers 'out and about' for a little while it can be a bit unnerving. You may ask yourself "What's happening in our lovely village?" or worse still "Is it safe to go out?" Hopefully I can allay your concerns and reassure you that this is 'business as usual' for us and we would like you to carry out your business as usual too.

I met with the parish council a couple of weeks ago following a number of reports of street drinkers in the area recently and this has resulted in concerns over Anti-Social behaviour on the green spaces in the village so we are completing more patrols in order to tackle it head on. We remain in regular contact with a number of the South Cambs District Council teams to jointly manage the issue. We will continue with these discussions and carry on patrolling the area whilst the issues are ongoing but ultimately our presence should never be a concern unless you are doing something you shouldn't be.

So the answer to the above question. Yes - it is safe to go out. In fact I would encourage you to use the green spaces in the summer. We don't get much sunshine in this country so we should all make the most of it and if you have a youngster that has a love of lights, sirens and funny hats don't be afraid to introduce them to us when we are out and about - you never know, if there is nothing more pressing, they might let them try on their headwear or even press 'THE' button in the police car!

I do have one request though.... We rely heavily on information from the public in order to do our job and would like to know your concerns. If you see something that you think we should know about please report it. You never know... it could be the missing piece of the jigsaw that we need in order to take action.

**Information can be passed to us via one of these three ways:**

Telephone call 101

Online at [www.cambs.police.uk/report](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report)

Textphone 18001 101

**For anonymous reporting please contact crime stoppers:**

Telephone 0800 555 111

Online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>

**Not sure whether to report it or not??**

My advice - If you have to ask that question then please report it and let us make the decision because we can't act upon information we do not know about.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you would like more information you can sign up to ecops and receive the monthly Blog from your Local PCSO for the Waterbeach area, Joe Haylock, at [www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk) and / or you can follow us on facebook 'Policing South Cambridgeshire' or Twitter @SouthCambscops

Enjoy the Sunshine (while it lasts)!

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