ILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

JULY 2022

WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday	4 July	Blue & green
Monday	11 July	Black
Monday	18 July	Blue & green
Monday	25 July	Black

It is no longer necessary to book to attend any of Cambridgeshire's Household **Recycling Centres.**

For details of locations & opening hours visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/wasteand-recycling/household-recycling-centres

WEST WICKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

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The Plan has been examined by an independent examiner who has concluded that with some minor changes the Plan can proceed to referendum. The set of changes have been agreed between SCDC Planning Policy Team and the Parish Council. The Working Group is now producing a final version of the Plan for the referendum which will be organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Dave Sargeant

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

West Wickham Parochial Church Council will be holding a Wine and Canapé Reception in your church on Friday 19 August at 6pm.

Will our Friends please bring a new Friend; they will be very welcome. We will be celebrating the completion of the works and redecoration that you have contributed to so generously. This will be our main fund raising event for 2022.

Marcus Cornish

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The Parish Council has acquired an Automated External Defibrillator that has been installed at the front-door entrance to the Village Hall.

AED is a fully An automated, easy to use medical device to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. It analyses the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the



heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Research has shown that using a defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50–70%.

The AED can only be accessed by dialing 999 in an emergency. If necessary, you will be directed by the operator to the AED at the Village Hall and given the code to open the cabinet and remove the AED within to transport to the patient. The AED is small, light, battery powered and contained within a special carry case making it very easy to transport. When turned on, the AED gives simple voice instructions along with diagrams printed on the device on how to remove the pads, attach them to the patient and continue treatment until an ambulance arrives. The 999 operator will also provide guidance and instructions and the AED case includes additional items that may assist with its use.

Alex Schuilenburg, West Wickham Parish Council

CHURCH SERVICES

Sadly, due to redecoration, there will be no services in the church in July.

Please visit https://www.grantavale.org.uk for details of services in nearby churches. If anyone needs details of or a lift to services in other villages, please contact our Church wardens.

Marcus Cornish (T: 290203) or Di Licence (T: 290434)



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Nurse: Kim Cox. T: 07498994205 Email: 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com This is NOT a 24hr monitored service.

AgeUK Community Warden: Lucy Cameron. T: 07436102865 email Lucy.cameron@ageukcap.org.uk

Granta Medical Practice / Linton Health **Centre:**

T: 0300 234 5555 option 3, followed by option 1 for appointments, option 2 for the Pharmacy.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE Saturday 16 July

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THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES!

We made the delayed move from the big smoke (thank you Covid) to be closer to family in Norfolk about two months ago. When looking for houses, we fell in love with the quiet charm of Streetly End, West Wickham and the surrounding countryside. We were lucky enough to find our dream cottage nestled in between magical gardens and magnificent trees. It feels very much like a dream.

However, moving to a new place is a nerve wracking adventure and one full of trials and tribulations! For example, our removal company underestimated the amount of things we had, resulting in a whole lot of heavy lifting, an extra lorry and an eventual move-in time at midnight! But, perhaps the most nerve-wracking of all when moving is meeting the neighbours! There were no nerves necessary. From the moment we landed in Streetly End, we were greeted so warmly with cards, flowers, fizz and a wonderful opportunity to meet many folks over the Jubilee weekend. Thank you Your Majesty!

So, to our neighbours in Streetly End and West Wickham, thank you for such a kind and warm welcome. Thank you for the help with the bins, the washing machines, the tools, the contacts, the Jubilee invitations, and the fun! We are so delighted to be here and are truly grateful to have discovered such a fantastic friendly community.

Lizzy & Tristan, (Peacock Cottage)

Come and meet your neighbours

West Wickham Village Hall

at the 8th of our monthly

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday, 14th July from 10.30



COUSINS MEET AGAIN AFTER 50 YEARS

One of the pleasures of coming to the monthly coffee mornings in the Village Hall is to meet and catch up with friends and neighbours. So you can imagine how much cousins Pam Jolly from Home Close and David Pearson from Cardinals Green have to catch up on; they hadn't seen each other for 50 years! So, why not come along to the Village Hall on the 2^{nd} Thursday of each month at 10.30. You never know who you might meet.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following the uncontested election the Parish Council meeting held on 23 May had various duties to carry out before the full meeting could proceed.

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and other positions: Cllr Alex Schuilenburg was elected as Chairman with Cllr David Sargeant elected as Vice-Chairman.

The two new Councillors, Cllr Caroline Mulley-Richards and Cllr. Ronnie Temple, were welcomed and their registration forms signed.

Cllrs Mulley-Richards and Cllr Schuilenburg were appointed to be representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee.

Correspondence: A letter of thanks had been sent by the Parish Clerk to Martin Chamberlain who kindly made and donated a plaque for the refurbished village bench.

Planning: There were no outstanding applications to discuss. Cllrs Sargeant and Hazelhurst agreed to attend the Seven Parish Meetings held with South Cambridgeshire District Council during the year.

Finance: The end of year accounts, bank reconciliation and various other documents had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. These were accepted and agreed as being correct. A full list of authorised payments and monies received are shown on the draft minutes posted on the notice boards.

Risk Management Assessment & Standing Orders: The risk assessment had been carried out satisfactorily and the form was signed. Regarding the Standing Orders, the Chairman thought these should be updated and the Parish Clerk will forward the latest Standing Orders issued by CAPALC for discussion.

Maintenance:

- 1. The street sign in Streetly End has at last been replaced.
- 2. The defibrillator should be delivered this week and the Chairman has asked Trevor Hall, Chairman of the VHMC, to organise an electrician to fit it. It was suggested that if the defibrillator is portable it should be charged up and kept in the Hall until installed.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground:

- 1. *Rospa Report:* This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 2. *Heating:* It was agreed that the Parish Council should pay £16 per meeting towards the cost of heating during winter months

Reports by District & County Cllrs. Harvey & Batchelor:

District Cllr Harvey was absent but was congratulated for his re-election.

The full minutes of the meeting can be seen on the Parish notice boards.

A report on the Annual Parish Meeting and reports received from the various clubs and groups etc. will be published in the August Village Voice.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25 July at 7.30pm

All residents are welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

T: 01223 665260; email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

There are a still a few weeks left before the Show and so still plenty of time to prepare. With this in mind, Sue Thurston and Sally Moon offer some advice to inspire children and photographers to take part.

The Show is open to Club members, all residents of West Wickham, Streetly End and visiting children.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

I would love to think that children in the village are reading the Village Voice and will be inspired by these words to enter the Annual Show. More realistically perhaps I need to whip up enthusiasm with parents and grandparents to encourage them to join in.

This year sees a special effort to make these Classes (for those 11 and under) more appealing with some really fantastic prizes. Not only will each Class winner receive a personalised T-shirt (printed after the event), the overall points winner will also have a special Cup to take home for the year.

The two classes are:

- 1. **A miniature garden in a container**, no larger than 38cm x 24cm, e.g. cereal box, ice-cream tub.
- 2. Design a poster to be used to advertise next year's show.

This needs to include all the words from an A4 template we have created for you (downloadable from www.westwickham.org or by contacting me). The template and Show Schedule will also be included in the August edition of the Village Voice.

Children can create their designs by...

- colouring-in the template and adding their own drawings
- cutting out pictures and shapes
- starting from scratch on a fresh piece of paper
- using a computer to produce their entry and printing it out on the day.

Just let their imagination run riot! So please, parents and grandparents, do your best to encourage children to take part.

Sue Thurston, Show Co-Ordinator

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

As we head into July, summer has well and truly arrived: holidays are on the horizon, fledglings have flown the nest and young animals are exploring their new world. It truly promises to be a season of freedom for us and the fauna around us. Maybe even time to go a little wild?

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PEOPLE FROM THE PAST

Group of children in Streetly End c 1936/7. The photo was taken by a member of the Davey family.

Left to right

Back row: Irene Loveday, Phyllis Cottage, Iris Denley, Ruth Davey, Maisie Davey, Ken Barker, Eric Denley

Middle row: Hazel Barker, June Davey, Dennis Davey, Heather Davey, Ray Barker, Roy Long

Front row: Pauline Davey, Roy Denley, Bill Denley

Many of you will remember these villagers. If any identification is wrong, please do get in touch.

Photo from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

Janet Morris, 21 High Street, T: 290863, Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com Consequently, we hope that the third category in the photography classes, *Born to be Wild*, should fit in with the summer mood.

The subject is deliberately open for your own interpretation of the wild side of life. You might see a pet getting up to a little mischief, or even somebody in your family! If you are lucky enough to encounter visitors from the natural world, why not pick up your phone or camera and see if you can capture the moment? At home or further afield – insects and animals large or small – the choice is yours. Many previous winning shots have been taken on phones, so the equipment isn't important; the trick is to capture an image that you love.



Fox cub. Peter G Trimming

This year's other titles are *Patterns in Nature* and *My Favourite Season*. All entries will be displayed at the Village Show and photography judge, Ronnie Temple, will be available to give advice.

Photographs can be submitted the following ways:

- By email to sally@sallymoonpublishing.com
- In person on a memory stick
- In person as a print no larger than A5 (21 x 14.8cm).

Deadline 5:00pm on Friday 5 August for judging prior to the Show. Entries cost 50p each (up to two per Class) and must have been taken after 1st October 2021. Classes are open to children and adults.

Please deliver memory-sticks, cash and prints to me. For electronic payments contact Sue Thurston.

Sally Moon, Photography Co-ordinator

Sue Thurston: 41 Streetly End, mail@suethurston.co.uk 01223 897811 Sally Moon: 30 Streetly End, sally@sallymoonpublishing.com 07889 341880





The feast is back and you are invited.....

The Feast is a biennial event bringing our wider communities and villages together with plenty of fun activities for all ages. After a gap in 2020, the Feast returns on 2 July on the Balsham recreation ground, with donkey rides, crazy golf, inflatables, classic cars, raptors, teddy bear drops, a Have a Go Show run by the Balsham Horticultural Society for all to exhibit! and many more activities.

Refreshments are available throughout the day. A café will be serving cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks and pizzas during the day. Balsham scouts provide a daytime and evening BBQ and the Black Bull runs the bar.

Music includes the Haverhill Youth & Community Band, The Balsham Singers, the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band and Life and Soul are back to provide the evening entertainment. Get your dancing shoes on!

All major activities are free of charge. 12:30 -11PM Facebook - @balshamfeast

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

Get ready for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge, arriving in the library this summer. Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and technology behind the world around you! Read amazing books, collect awesome scratch & sniff stickers, join in with our marvellous sciencethemed activities. Complete the Challenge and claim your own special Gadgeteers Medal and Certificate. Sign up for free at the library from Saturday 9 July.

- Our Story and Rhyme times for under 5s are at 10.30am on Tuesday 5 and 19 July.
- On Monday 11 July our Engage session at 2pm is with Edward Gildea, an adventurer, poet, sailor, teacher, and green activist! All welcome.
- Our Knit and Natter group will meet on Tuesday12 and 26 at 2pm, just bring your latest craft project (knitting or otherwise).
- Do you need help with IT or a bus pass renewal? Please call in to make an appointment with our Digital Buddy.
- Looking ahead, we have a Lego session on Monday 22 August and a SRC craft activity on Tuesday 2 August, please check at the library or on the library facebook pages for more information nearer the time or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news

Lindsay Healy and Ann King, Community Library Assistants

Linton Library opening hours:

Tuesday 10am-5pm Wednesday 4-7pm Thursday 2-5pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-1pm

General library enquiries: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 5225

NATURE NOTES

As I write this in JUNE, the garden is full of the whistles, squeaks and chirrups of young birds calling for their parents' attention. They are new fledglings searching the leaf canopy for tiny caterpillars, but still very reliant on their parents for food. We have a family of three young spotty robins in the garden, very much like their parents, but without the red breast. They peck about under the feeder, and seem quite tame under my feet when I am watering. Their rarer cousins, the spotted flycatchers, also nest in our gardens but I have not seen any for the past two years. Has anyone else?

As you read this in JULY, the birds will have mostly gone silent, recuperating from parental duties and moulting. This is the month for butterflies and other winged insects. The 'Big Butterfly count' between 15 July - 15 August is well worth doing. I am always surprised by the wealth of butterflies we have in this parish. On the grass verges and in the fields, skippers (small butterflies), meadow browns and gatekeepers are abundant along with some stunning blues. Painted ladies and speckled woods are also about. Around areas of water the tiny jewel like damsel flies, bright iridescent blue or bright red, hover over the water. The magnificent demoiselles that fly with helicopter movements to show off their spotted wing pattern, the broad bodied chasers and other dragonflies are on the wing.

Flowers are at their peak, and meadow flowers worth seeing are the ox-eye daisies (around the Gallop footpath at Yen Hall). They appear as a white sheet, but on closer examination reveal a field of white daises covered in pollenseeking insects. Our often overlooked buttercup is glorious in large numbers and in our grass verges (we apparently have a rare buttercup in our parish, which I am going to report back on next month). Many of you have reported seeing orchids, especially the beautiful bee orchid, but also early purple and common spotted in greater numbers than in previous years, which is great news.

Moths, love them or hate them, are fascinating things. them have Some of extraordinary habits while they are caterpillars and festoon our trees with webs of silk. These are the orchard ermine caterpillars, which feed on hawthorn, or spindle the ermine caterpillars, which feed on spindle bushes. You will often see brown gaps in the hedgerows, Ōn closer examination, they are 'tents' of silk webbing filled with munching caterpillars, using



the webs as protection from hungry predators. Some of these tents can cover a whole tree. Jan and I found one at West Wratting, starting in an ash tree (uneaten leaves) 10ft up, stretching down to the ground and spreading across the grass. It looked like something out of a horror movie or house adornment for Halloween. Interestingly, the caterpillars never kill their host. Pete is enjoying the learning experience of a garden moth trap. His most spectacular find to date is the 'eyed hawkmoth' but he finds identifying the less spectacular ones a challenge. One beauty to watch out for in the garden, especially on honeysuckle, is the 'hummingbird hawk moth.'

Di Licence. T: 290434, E:dianarubylicence@gmail.com

Please send your nature sightings to Di or Peter Grieve. T: 01223 897811, E: mail@petergrieve.co.uk

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

Face Masks. NHS England have updated the guidance around the wearing of face masks in GP surgeries. You no longer have to wear a mask when coming into our buildings, unless you have respiratory symptoms such as coughing or wheezing. Of course if you prefer, you can continue to wear a mask. Doctors and nurses are advised to wear face masks when they are seeing patients with respiratory symptoms, and some clinicians may prefer to wear a mask when seeing any patient.

Long Term Conditions (LTC). You may have received a text recently regarding your "LTC Review". LTC stands for Long Term Condition, which describes illnesses such as asthma, COPD, hypertension, kidney disease and diabetes. Since April we have started aiming to review patients around their month of birth. There will be a transition phase as we work towards this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Ukrainian Refugees. Ukrainian refugees can access healthcare in the same way as UK residents. If you are hosting a family please encourage them to register with us as soon as possible to ensure they have access to different services they may need. Further information can be found at: www.cambridge.gov.uk/i-am-a-guest-from-ukraine#A7

The Granta Travel Clinic. If you are planning your summer holidays and need some travel health advice, look no further! In our dedicated Travel Clinics, our travel nurses will talk to you about where you are going and what may be required. This could include travel vaccinations and other travel health risks that you might like to consider, such as malaria prevention. We will ensure you get your injections at the right time for your trip, and we will also assess the impact of any existing medical conditions on your vaccination requirements.

The first step is to complete one of our Travel Risk Assessment forms so we can assess your risk. Please note that each traveller must complete their own Risk Assessment form. Once you have completed and returned the form, we will contact you within 7 to 10 days with further instructions. At your appointment, the recommended vaccines or medications will be given and follow up injections planned.

On our website you will find our travel vaccinations price list. We also have a range of travel essentials for sale such as first aid kits, travel adaptors, sun screen, mosquito repellent and chlorine dioxide tablets. For further information and to complete a Travel Risk Assessment form visit our website www.grantamedicalpractice.co.uk/grantatravel-clinic/

If you do not have access to the internet please feel free to ring our reception team on 0300 234 5555, and they will be happy to help you.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services T. 0300 234 5555, Email: sandra.east@nhs.net

WEST WICKHAM POST OFFICE Use it or loose it!

A reminder that the Post Office van visits the Village Hall car park on Thursdays between 2—3pm



BEWARE OF SCAMS AND FRAUD

As lockdown eases, ticket and holiday fraud are now particularly prevalent. There's also been a significant increase in delivery company branded 'smishing' (SMS fraud), with scammers asking customers to click a link to reschedule deliveries or pay incomplete shipping charges. Other recent scams have seen victims contacted via email and/or text and being asked to take a fake post-vaccine survey with the promise of a cash prize.

So please stay alert. Stop and Think. Around £2.5billion has been reported lost over the last 13 months by almost 1/2 million consumer fraud cases.

Did you know you can help by:

Reporting suspicious email messages by forwarding them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Reporting suspicious text messages (SMS) free of charge by forwarding them to 7726.

For more information, see https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/ protectfromfraud

Alex Schuilenburg

FROM THE VICARAGE

Looking back at our Jubilee long-weekend - those four days of mixed rain and sunshine at the beginning of June - we came together to celebrate as many of the seventy years of our Queen's reign as we are old enough to recall. Some of us may even remember the Coronation itself. Either way, we all have a recollection of how the Queen has come to serve us with her quiet and reserved smile. Her warmth and generous spirit perhaps most evident when, through her many addresses to the nation, we have shared in her bright vision for tomorrow. The days to come may not be easy, but her message is so often one of 'unity of spirit' and a heart-felt desire to help others.

When we listen back to some of the messages the Queen has had for us at Christmas and at other times in the year, we come to realise it is her faith in God we see shining through her character. She smiles with her eyes in an infectious way. A smile that has caught the loving attention of millions of people in her time and just when you might think it's not British to speak publicly of one's faith, the Queen has not hidden her light under a bushel. In a recent broadcast we recall her saying: 'Many thousands of people now follow Christ's teaching and find him a guiding light in their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love'. What an extraordinary confession of faith for all to see and share.

Sometimes we need people in our lives to help kindle within us what the Bible calls the 'life-giving spirit'. Whatever your religion, or none, we are all driven by the Spirit of God's love. We are all coming out of a pandemic, where we have done our best to avoid harmful and infectious viruses. Perhaps, however, the time is now here when we may be open to catching the joy and Peace of the life-giving Spirit, and to see that Spirit alive in others around us.

Steven Wheeler

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

LVC students enjoyed a full week of enrichment at the start of June. Following limited opportunities for trips and visits over the last couple of years, it was fabulous to see students benefiting from a varied programme of fun opportunities.

While Year 11s were busy with their GCSE exam series, all year groups were experiencing extra-curricular activities including a range of day trips for Year 7s and 8s. Highlights included the Nuclear Races, an extremely muddy assault course, bush craft workshops, a visit to Dance East in Norwich and hosting Year 6s from Linton Heights to showcase Year 7s' performance skills.

Year 9 students enjoyed a week's residential, either exploring cultural sights of London, engaging in water sports in Dorset or enjoying a week in the Peak District.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students had the option of a week of activities at a PGL site in Lincolnshire or a work experience placement. I'm proud of the responsibility shown by LVC ambassadors in varied workplaces and to all of the students that engaged brilliantly with the week's enrichment programme. It's a testament to LVC staff commitment that we could organise so many trips.

We are looking forward to our Prom celebrations taking place on the College site on Friday 1 July. Our Year 11s have shown incredible resilience during their lengthy exam series following disruption to their education. It will be lovely to be able to welcome parents and members of the community to observe the students' arrivals this year.

Helena Marsh, Principal

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

May and June were jam-packed months of exciting activities. We were delighted that our Year 5 children finally got to go on their residential trip to How Hill in Norfolk. They had time away from home and school for 2 nights and 3 days in the beautiful setting of the Norfolk Broads. The children participated in dyke dipping, owl pellet dissection, orienteering, a boat trip on the Broads as well as many other activities - including playing hide and seek in the maze! Considering, that for many of the children it was their first time away from home for a while due to Covid, they were superstars and had an amazing time.

The week after our Y5 trip, it was the turn of our Y6 children who went to Norfolk Lakes for 4 nights and 5 days. They had an action-packed week of raft building, paddle boarding, caving, climbing, kayaking, crate stacking and fencing to name but a few of their activities. The children showed resilience, bravery, compassion and kindness through the week and everyone had a fantastic time, with lots of children declaring it the best time ever!

Back in school, the long-awaited re-opening of our newly refurbished swimming pool finally happened! The changing rooms are incredibly smart, the new liner makes the water shimmer and look so inviting and the children are loving their weekly swimming sessions.

We also celebrated the Jubilee with a morning of activities followed by a whole school picnic. We loved the creativity of our children and their non-uniform of red, white and blue.

We are still enjoying the 'firsts we are having' from being out of lockdowns and restrictions in the last few years. We have already had our first parent open evening, our first reading café, our first new Reception parents meeting and messy play sessions, our first June Revels and our first parent as partners meeting. We can't wait for the rest of the 'firsts' this term including the Y5/6 production with a live audience and the whole school trip to the beach!

Nicola Pickford, Head Teacher

LINTON DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING

Jubilee celebrations were everywhere in Girlguiding. We also had a special badge or three to sew on our camp blankets.



Girlguiding Cambs East had its very own Beacon Lighting Ceremony at the Jarman Centre. An amazing experience and one we will never forget. We attended village picnics, and in our units did our own celebratory skills builders and activities. The Queen herself had a Guide unit, the 1st Buckingham Palace Guides, along with Princess Margaret as a Brownie, all meeting up in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. It was set up by the then Queen, Elizabeth the Queen Mother ,to enable her daughters and their friends to earn their Girlguiding challenge badges. Since her Coronation in 1952 Her Majesty the Queen has been patron of Girlguiding and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, has been our President since taking over from Princess Margaret in 2002. Then, as now, Girlguiding offers a place where girls and young women can just be themselves. They can build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, build their confidence and raise their aspirations, encouraging them to be a powerful force for good. It really is incredible to think we span every corner of the globe and have done so for over 100 years, today tomorrow together.

Louisa Powell-Owens

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HELP SHAPE POLICING PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA

Residents across Cambridgeshire are being invited to have their say and help shape policing priorities in their area.

Following a pilot in Cambridge city, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have launched a new way to influence what officers in your community focus on. This online tool provides a quick and easy way to have your say.

People living in Cambridge city, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire are invited to take five minutes to fill out an online survey each quarter so local officers can understand what crime is happening in their area.

Residents are also invited to attend an online meeting each quarter where there will be a presentation on recent policing activity from the team and the results of the survey will be shared. During the meeting neighbourhood teams will be able to listen to concerns, discuss, and allow residents to have an influence on what local police teams tackle.

After the meeting, the team will work on the matters agreed and update residents with progress over the following three months before the process begins again.

Residents can fill in the survey here: https:// forms.office.com/r/bYXEZWCb3u



Residents can also see a list of dates for the online meetings over the next eight months and sign up here: https:// www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cambridgeshire -constabulary-14356769797

A QR code can also be used by people to scan to take them to the events web page.

Tara Dundon, Senior Communications Officer