STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Crime Prevention – Update Q4 2025

Stilton Parish Council is committed to safeguarding the parishioners, with this in mind it will commit to ensuring any decisions made are made with safety and crime prevention measures in mind.

Power to prevent crime

Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 permits a local council, in order to prevent or detect crime, to:

- Install and maintain any equipment
- Establish and maintain any scheme
- Assist others in installing and maintaining any equipment or establishing and maintaining any scheme

Duty to consider crime and disorder implications

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act"), a local council has a duty to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

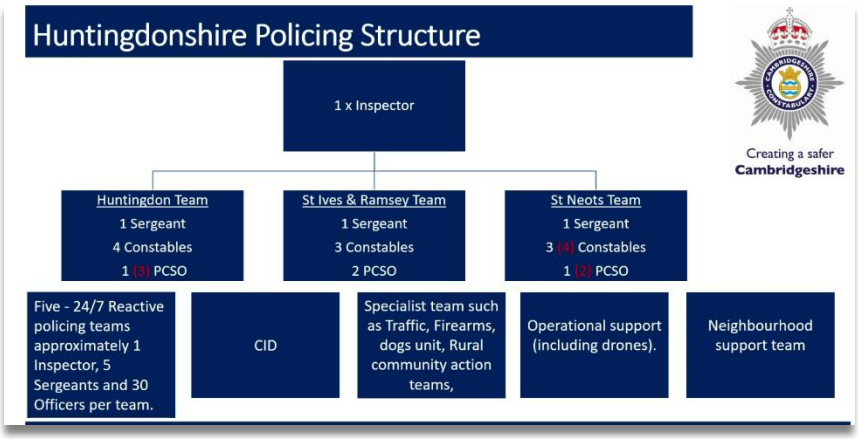
- Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)
- The misuse of drugs, alcohol, and other substances in its area
- Re-offending in its area

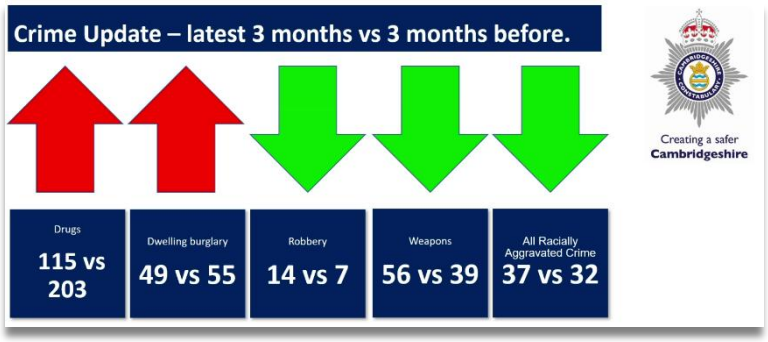
Community Policing Quarterly update

Inspector Colin Norden provided a quarterly update to a number of councillors and members of the public online on Monday 15th December 2025.

He was pleased to report the increase in staffing in both the Huntingdon and St Neots teams in January, as shown here.

This is a rough structure plan, not all department / teams are represented.





The increase in reported drug related crimes is a reflection of the proactive activities carried out by the police in tackling this problem. In particular this last quarter stop and search at a local Science Fair resulted in this marked increase in numbers.

Dwelling burglary increase was directly attributed to a number of people released from prison from this area. They were known to the force and have now been apprehended.

Colin was incredibly pleased with the reduction in robbery, 7 being an incredibly low figure. He explained that 'robbery' was 'theft with violence', carried out generally in connection with drugs, phones etc involving men robbing men.

Weapons, 39 in the quarter is in line with the best national figures for this crime. A number of children who were stopped and searched and knives found in their possession, were given guidance via their parents and schools to educate and reduce activity. Racially aggravated crimes, still predominantly by children is slightly reduced to 32.

Drones are used several times a day in order to locate lost people or apprehend criminals and are an invaluable resource. E-scooters continue to be seized and crushed.

During Q&A the question was asked 'how do I report a crime and ensure that I remain anonymous'. Colin confirmed the best way was to contact 'Crime Stoppers', all reports are sent directly to him to be actioned.

Current Council Priorities

Traffic and Parking

The MVAS system is currently operated by rechargeable batteries, the working group is looking to purchase solar MVAS, with two dedicated posts, one of which would be on Caldecote Road. The unit we already have can be used on the new system.
The group has requested the PC ask HDC parking officials about the frequency they plan on visiting Stilton to enforce parking restrictions. It was felt these visits need to be obvious to help deter bad parking and publish how many tickets were issued.
Members of the Traffic and Parking Working Group gathered feedback from residents at the December Farmer's Market which will be taken back to their next meeting.

Safe Play Areas

Barn Close, Under 6's play area has been dismantled and community engagement in the new year will assist in planning the redevelopment of this area. Please check social media and notice boards when this is due to be held in the village. Once the rough design is agreed we will obtain quotes and apply for grants to create a new play area.

CCTV

CCTV is operational at the Stilton Pavilion. This parish council facility sits outside the main hub of the village and as such is vunerable. This site also has a Skate Park which is subject to criminal activities. Monitoring the entrance and grounds using CCTV helps in identifying those involved in criminal activities.

YES (Young people Engagement Stilton)

Stilton PC supports an independent charity operating in the village that provides activities for the youth of the village.

Empty Buildings | Stilton Cheese, Stilton Lodge and Corner Shop (near pump)

Planning permission for the Stilton Cheese site has now been approved so we look forward to work starting in the new year. The corner shop has been purchased at auction. We have been approached by the landlords of the Stilton Lodge for a meeting to discuss possible options for the development of this site.

Emergency Help Point

Situated at the entrance to the Stilton Pavilion we have an emergency help point which gives 24/7 support to anyone in difficulty.

Document Review

Next issue: Q1 2026
Responsible Officer, Parish Clerk.