

GREAT and LITTLE EVERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL



Rural Crime

Public Meeting with Darryl Preston, Police Commissioner for Cambridgeshire

Eversdens Village Hall 7pm January 11th 2024

During our meetings in 2023, the Parish Council has discussed rising reports of burglaries and attempted burglaries in our villages and has been developing a response. To begin with, **Darryl Preston, the Police Commissioner for Cambridge** has kindly agreed to lead a public meeting in the Eversdens Village Hall at 7pm on January 11th 2024 to discuss his perspective on the situation and to answer our questions and receive our views. We are very grateful to Mr Preston for this opportunity to address crime in our villages

A subcommittee of the Council has been approaching a number of agencies to establish how best to counter this problem. We have, for example, had a most constructive meeting with the Cambridgeshire Police Rural Crime Action Team. From them we learned that not all the break-ins we had been experiencing were known to them and our problem had therefore been under-estimated.

Could you therefore take the following actions

1. **Call 999 when a crime is in progress.** This is really important as the Police may be in the vicinity and be able to attend a burglary in progress. Please ask for an Incident Number and record it confidentially on the new Eversdens CrimeLine ..
'crimereporting@eversdensparishcouncil.gov.uk'
2. **Call 101** when a crime has occurred, and get an Incident Number. Alternatively report the crime on the Cambs Police website ...

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

.. and record the Incident Number (then log the incident number on the confidential Eversdens Crimeline)

If you see something that looks suspicious .. like a vehicle cruising the area appearing to be assessing likely criminal opportunities .. **call 101**, get an Incident Number, and record it on the Eversdens CrimeLine.

Please also log your suspicions, with a photo if appropriate, on the Eversdens CrimeLine. If you suspect a vehicle you can check the validity of the numberplate on DVLA vehicle check (<https://www.gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla>). *That Transit van may be registered as a Nissan Micra .. or not have tax and insurance!*

As part of our wider strategy we are assessing surveillance options, including the feasibility of a local register of domestic CCTV cameras and CCTV warning signs. A formal Neighbourhood Watch is under consideration. We are also working with a number of other agencies including Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch.

We will continue to update you, and hope you can join us on January 11th at 7pm.