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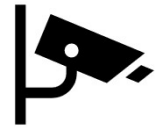
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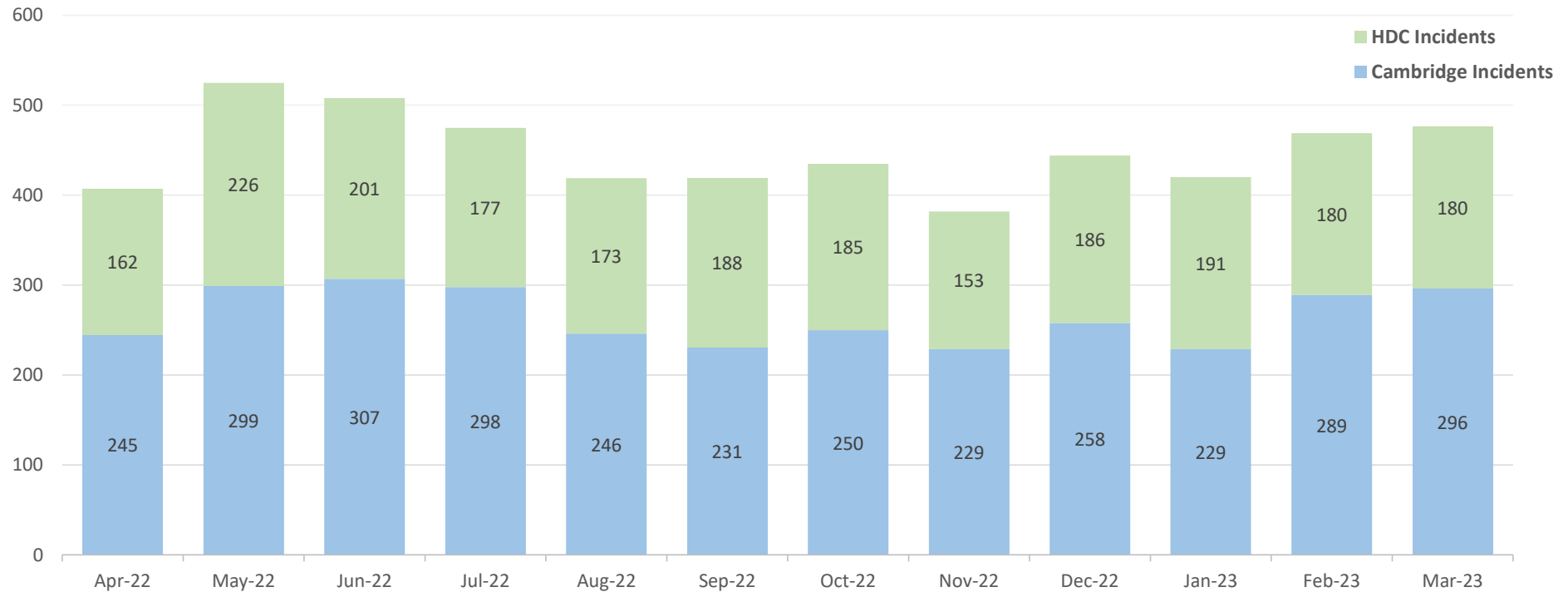


TOPLINE SERVICE PERFORMANCE



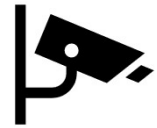


TOTAL CCTV INCIDENTS BY COUNCIL APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

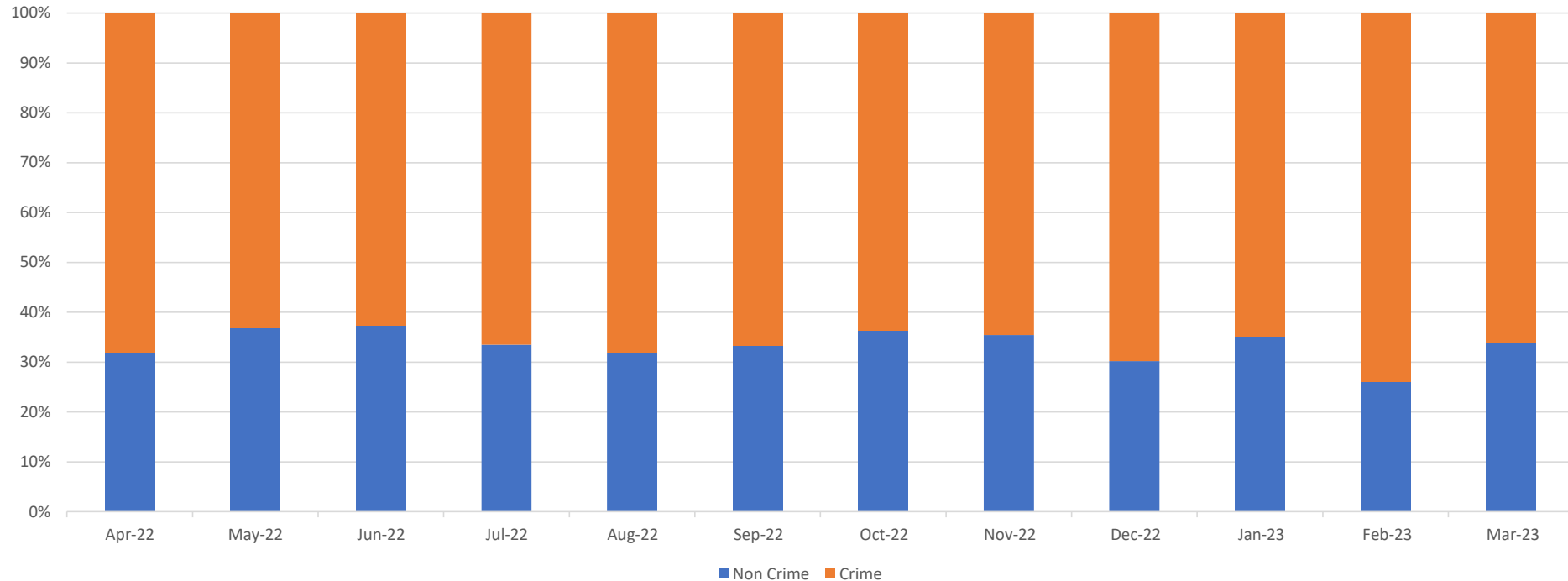


This chart shows the total number of CCTV incidents split by HDC and Cambridge City Council from April 2022 through to March 2023.

The team recorded a total of 5379 incidents throughout the year, these are split into crime/non-crime and by zone in the next slides.



TOTAL CCTV INCIDENTS: CRIME VS NON-CRIME % SPLIT APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



This chart shows the percentage of crime vs. non-crime incidents across the shared service. As you can see the figures have remained fairly steady across the year, with between 30-40% of incidents falling in the non-crime categories.

The table on the right shows the movement % compared to last years figures.

	April '21 March '22	April '22 March '23	Movement %
Crime	3,399	3,579	+ 5.3%
Non-Crime	1,797	1,805	- 0.4%

Source: VTAS



TOTAL CCTV CRIME INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

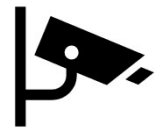


													Sum of Mar-23
Anti Social Behaviour	57	55	67	76	67	65	57	61	76	51	106	63	
Begging/Vagrancy	4	2	2	1	3	1	0	2	6	5	7	8	
Breach of Conditions	3	10	4	6	2	1	1	0	4	4	3	14	
Criminal Damage	11	8	7	3	5	11	5	6	5	3	10	11	
Drug Offences	13	8	10	14	7	10	6	2	7	7	7	6	
Fraud	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	
Hoax Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Possession of Offensive Weapon	7	9	17	7	13	15	8	7	7	5	9	6	
Public Indecency	3	0	3	2	4	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	
Road Traffic Incidents	6	12	13	16	4	9	11	13	13	11	8	6	
Road Traffic Offences	12	27	20	20	22	14	14	16	16	14	14	7	
Robbery / theft	5	7	6	6	9	10	8	4	4	8	9	8	
Sexual offences	3	6	8	3	7	4	7	5	0	2	1	2	
Suspicious Activity	28	37	29	32	26	24	23	20	31	26	24	23	
Theft / Shoplifting	43	58	44	45	34	44	55	50	52	67	61	87	
Violence	73	82	81	80	74	60	72	45	80	59	64	54	
Wanted Person	7	10	5	2	6	10	9	14	5	11	20	16	
Grand Total	277	332	318	316	286	280	277	248	310	275	347	313	

The table above shows the total crime incidents recorded over the last year, broken down into categories. As you can see from the highlighted rows, 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Theft/Shoplifting' and 'Violence' are consistently higher than other categories.

The table to the right shows the significant increases and decreases compared to the last year.

Category	April '21 March '22	April '22 March '23	Movement %
Breach of Conditions	23	52	+ 126%
Robbery	60	84	+ 40.5%
Sexual Offences	33	48	+ 45.5%
Theft/Shoplifting	460	640	+ 39%
Drug Offences	124	97	- 22%
Road Traffic Offences	303	196	- 35%



TOTAL CCTV NON-CRIME INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



Row Labels	Sum of Apr-22	Sum of May-22	Sum of Jun-22	Sum of Jul-22	Sum of Aug-22	Sum of Sep-22	Sum of Oct-22	Sum of Nov-22	Sum of Dec-22	Sum of Jan-23	Sum of Feb-23	Sum of Mar-23
Alarm Activation	4	8	8	10	10	7	8	7	13	29	7	15
Ambulance Incident	1	8	2	5	0	2	3	2	1	2	2	6
Demonstration/Protest	4	2	2	4	4	1	5	2	1	0	5	6
Fire Incident	4	0	3	4	3	2	7	3	4	0	4	0
Police Incident	19	22	29	16	19	21	21	21	15	21	31	30
Public Welfare	98	153	146	120	98	107	114	101	100	97	73	103
Grand Total	130	193	190	159	134	140	158	136	134	149	122	160

The table above shows the total non-crime incidents recorded over the last year, broken down into categories.

Public welfare* is by far the highest category, consistently making up over 50% of the total figures, there were 1310 public welfare incidents over the last year.

*Public welfare category includes incidents such as missing person, concern for vulnerable people etc.



CRIME INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY & ZONE APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



Row Labels	Sum of Cambs City	Sum of Huntingdon	Sum of St Ives	Sum of St Neots	Sum of Ramsey	Sum of Yaxley	Sum of Godmanchester
Anti Social Behaviour	479	237	31	39	2		
Begging/Vagrancy	39	2					
Breach of Conditions	28	18					
Criminal Damage	52	24	2	7			
Drug Offences	42	26	6	14			
Fraud	10	3	1				
Hoax Calls							
Possession of Offensive Weapon	69	23	4	9	4		
Public Indecency	9	5					
Road Traffic Incidents	65	26	14	12	4		
Road Traffic Offences	107	42	21	17	9		
Robbery / theft	64	9	4	4	2		
Sexual offences	30	15	2				
Suspicious Activity	176	100	21	18	5	1	
Theft / Shoplifting	405	172	33	22	5	1	
Violence	537	150	71	51	12	2	
Wanted Person	77	26	3	6	1		1
Grand Total	2189	878	213	199	44	4	1

Note - you can find pie charts for each zone in the appendix



NON - CRIME INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY & ZONE APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

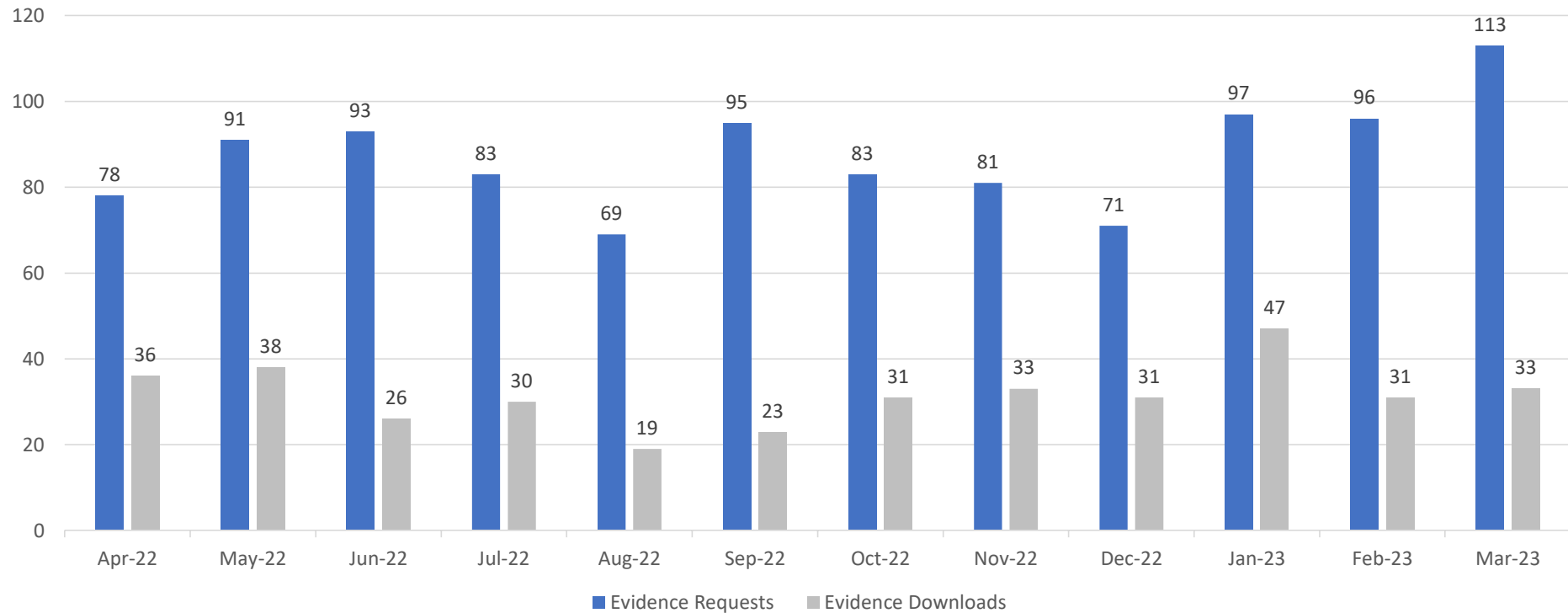


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Alarm Activation	66	33	11	5	1		
Ambulance Incident	15	12	2	2			
Demonstration/ Protest	29	6					
Fire Incident	16	15	1	1	1		1
Police Incident	154	63	11	25	10	1	
Public Welfare	709	315	69	174	15	3	18
Grand Total	989	444	94	207	27	4	19

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TOTAL CCTV EVIDENCE REQUEST & DOWNLOADS APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

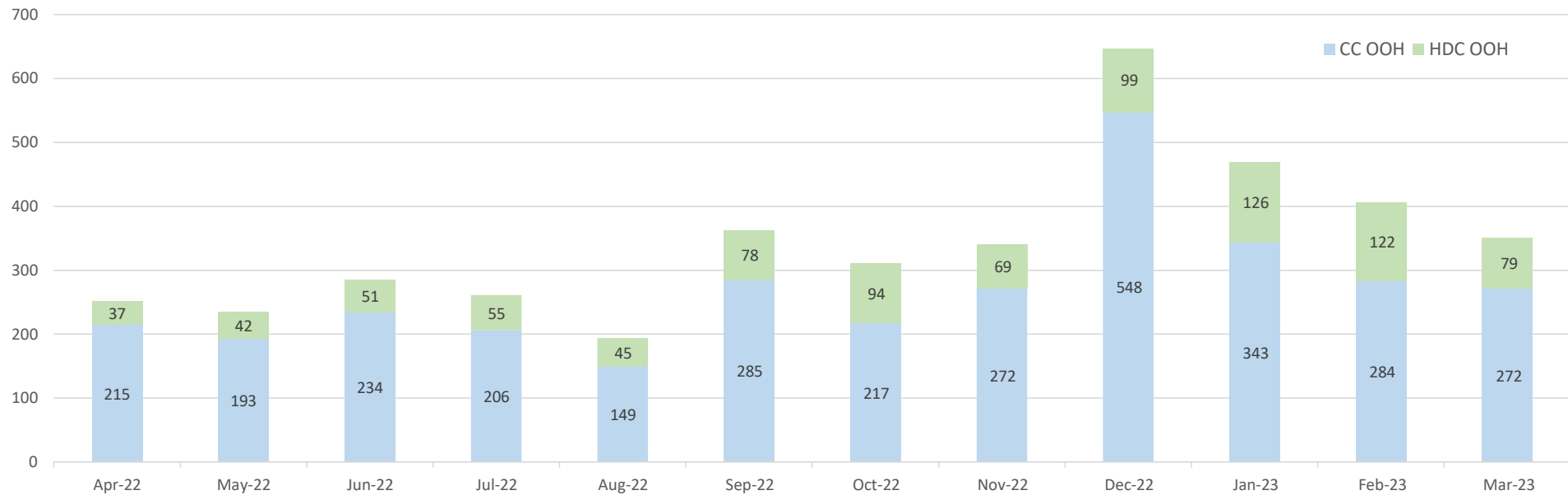


This chart shows the number of evidence requests and downloads over the last year. There has been a significant increase in requests compared to last year, however the number of downloads is almost the same as 21/22.

	April '21 March '22	April '22 March '23
Evidence Requests	570	1050
Evidence Downloads	317	378



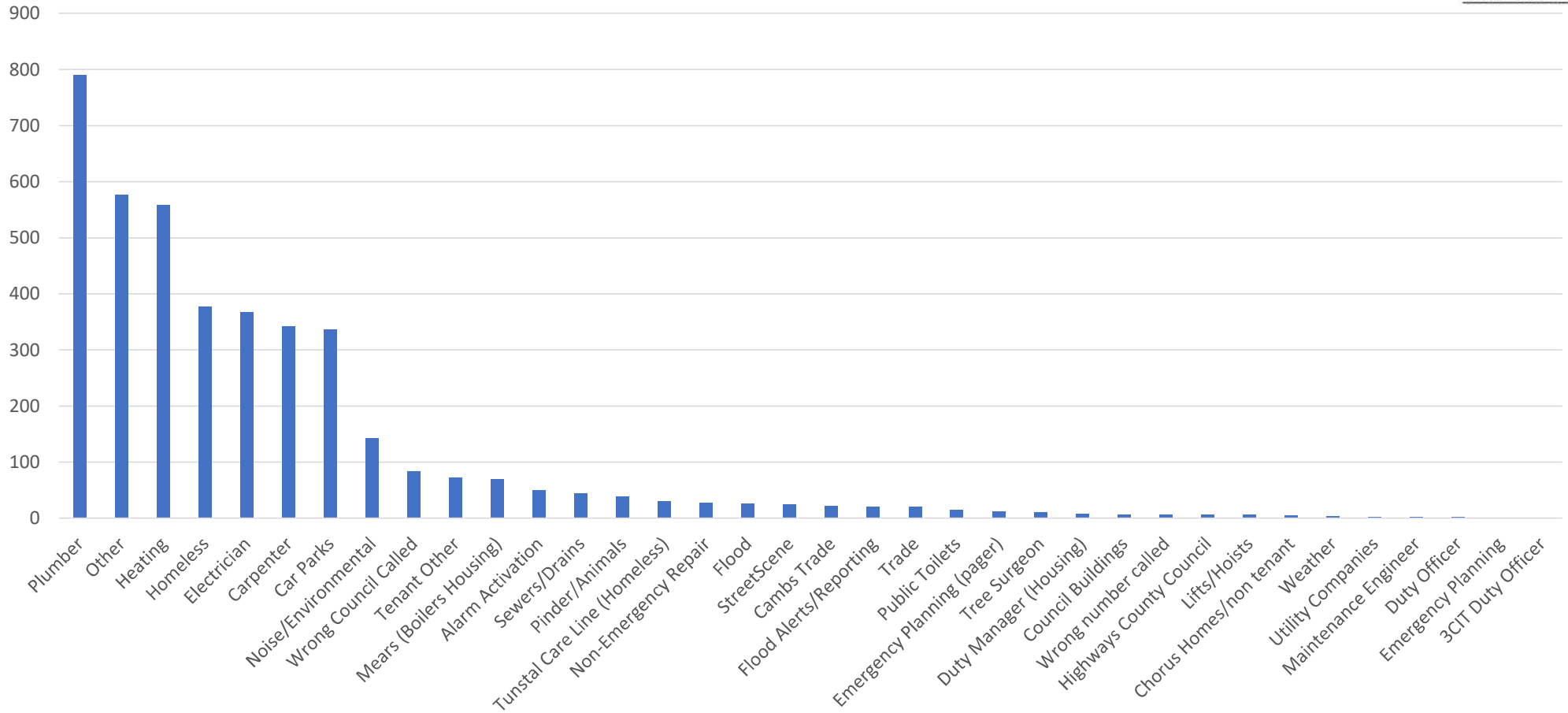
TOTAL OUT OF HOURS CALLS RECEIVED APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



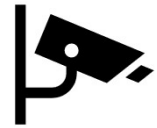
- OOH call numbers have remained at a similar level to the previous year (4115 vs. 4289 in 2021-2022)
- New telephony system STORM has made dealing with OOH calls much easier for the team and also improved reporting and monitoring capabilities.
- There was a significant spike in December '22, this was due to the extreme cold weather we experienced.



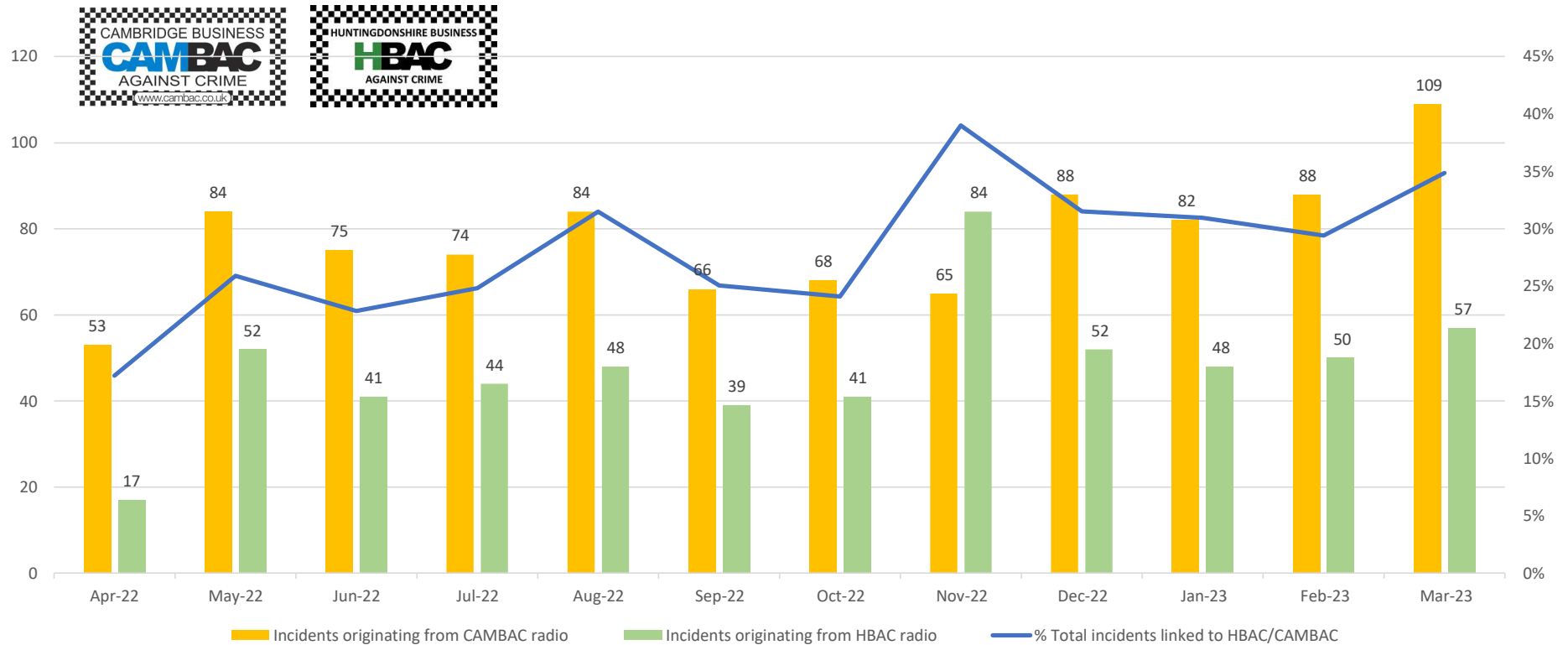
TOTAL OUT OF HOURS CALL CATEGORIES APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



Source: VTAS



TOTAL CCTV INCIDENTS LINKED TO HBAC & CAMBAC APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

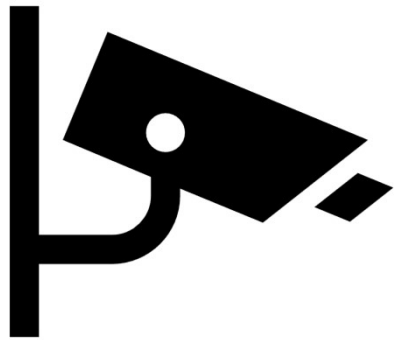


The chart above shows the number of incidents directly linked to the CAMBAC and HBAC radios. The dark blue line shows the total percentage of all incidents recorded. As you can see, the number of incidents have steadily increased over the year. March '23 figures are double the numbers recorded in April '22.

Source: VTAS

CCTV INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2022 –
MARCH 2023



CCTV INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Our CCTV Operators regularly achieve fantastic results and we would like to share a number of highlights captured over the last quarter.
- The following incident write ups include a mix of crime and non-crime across both councils.
- We have experienced some excellent results; from pro-active arrests to tracking down some of our most vulnerable residents; saving lives and preventing crime from the control room.





REACTIVE ARREST – THEFT – CAMBRIDGE

Incident 9555 – 9TH April 2022– AS, GB



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THIEF ARRESTED

A call was received from police, asking for observations at a city centre car park where a reported catalytic converter theft was in progress.

Operators deployed cameras and could see a car that had been jacked up, they relayed this information to police along with a description of the cars involved and their index numbers.

Observations were maintained as police officers made their way to the scene, a description was taken of the male seen at the scene. When police were nearing the location the male in question ran to his vehicle and started to make his way down the multi storey carpark levels. He stopped on level 5 and was seen exiting the vehicle, and running away on foot. Police officers began chasing the male and eventually caught him a few streets away from the crime scene. He was arrested and taken away in a police van.

PRO-ACTIVE ARRESTS – DRUGS - CAMBRIDGE

Incident 9644 – 15TH April 2022 – MO, MP



DRUG DEALERS ARRESTED

Operators noticed two males at a city centre cash machine, they seemed very aware of the cameras and were acting suspiciously. Observations were maintained as the pair walked around the city centre, at one point one of the males was seen to take something out of his trousers, and a short time after this he was seen ducking down behind a car as if hiding from the cameras.

The male was then seen diving into the rear seat of the car, along with the other male and a third male joined them, getting into the driver seat. Once they were all in the car operators used the cameras to observe a package of white powder being exchanged for money, an obvious drug deal taking place. This information was all relayed to the police via airwaves and officers were deployed.

Officers arrived, the male who had been seen buying the drugs ran away and managed to lose the officers who chased him. The other 2 males were arrested and found to be in possession of drugs and imitation firearms.

This pro-active arrest is a great example of operators using their intuition and spotting people who are acting suspiciously – a great result.



REACTIVE INCIDENT – PUBLIC WELFARE – ST NEOTS



Incident 9960 – 4th May 2022 – PM, LM

CONCERN FOR FEMALE

Operators spotted a female walking towards the town centre bridge, as it was the early hours of the morning and she was alone they decided to maintain observations.

As the operators watched the female cross the bridge, she stopped and climbed over the railings, police were informed and officers were immediately despatched. The bridge was closed off at both ends and several police units arrived on scene. Paramedics also arrived on scene and fire brigade were put on standby.

After police officers spoke with the female for a while she climbed back over the railings and was then led to an ambulance.

This proactive work from the team potentially saved a life on this occasion, a fantastic result.

PROACTIVE ARREST – BIKE THEFT – CAMBRIDGE

Incident 10169 – 16TH May 2022 – CJ, MO



BIKE THIEF ARRESTED

Operators spotted a male trying to force the lock off an expensive bicycle locked up in the city centre. He was seen removing the lock and then stealing the bike, cameras were deployed and observations were maintained, police were informed. The suspect stopped to talk to someone and his identity was confirmed, he was a known bike thief and had been arrested in the past, this information was relayed to police and observations continued.

Police arrive at the scene, confirm the identity of the male who had specific court orders not to be with a bike unless he could prove it was his and not to have tools that could be used to steal bikes. He was arrested and taken away in a police van.

A great example of proactiveness, and a bike thief stopped in his tracks!

REACTIVE ARREST – OFFENSIVE WEAPON - CAMBRIDGE

Incident 10623 – 8th June 2022 – CJ, AW, MP



MALE ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A KNIFE

Operators received a call over the airwaves from police, reporting a male walking around the city centre with a knife. A clear description was taken and cameras were deployed.

The male in question was located almost immediately, outside a city centre shop. Police were informed of his location and observations were maintained. The male started walking away from the shops just as officers arrived, they intercepted the male and he was arrested.

This was quick work by the operators and police, a potentially very dangerous incident was prevented.

 REACTIVE INCIDENT – THEFT – HUNTINGDON

Incident 10844 – 16th June 2022 – LM, MC, EFF

GROUP OF SHOPLIFTERS APREHENDED

Operators received a call from a town centre premises via the HBAC radio. They had deterred a group from stealing £150 of items, their descriptions were taken and cameras were deployed.

Soon after, the group were spotted walking through the town centre. Operators continued to observe the group as they split up and went into different premises, always coming out with different items, which were suspected to be stolen. Eventually they were seen exiting a shoe shop, carrying several pairs of shoes and then leaving the location and heading to the bus station. Police were informed of this over the airwaves and officers were dispatched. They caught up with the group and finally stopped them after they were seen throwing stolen items over a wall.

They were questioned and then taken away in a police car.



REACTIVE INCIDENT - MISSING CHILD – HUNTINGDON



Incident 11443 – 22nd July 2022 – RL, AS, LM

MISSING CHILD FOUND

Operators received a call and email regarding a missing child thought to be in the Huntingdon area, her description is given and the operators deploy cameras and search the area.

Later that evening operators spot a female matching the missing child's description, they maintain observations and inform police who dispatch officers to the location.

After initially denying her identity, the female admits that she is the missing child they have been looking for. She is returned to her home safely.



PRO ACTIVE ARREST— DRINK DRIVING – HUNTINGDON



Incident 11877 – 16th August 2022 – PM, CJ

DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTED

Operators spotted a male leaving a town centre restaurant who appeared to be very intoxicated, he was seen getting into the driving seat of a parked vehicle. Details were passed to police via airwaves and cameras were used to observe the male who was sitting in the car.

Police arrived soon after, they arrested the male and also reported significant damage to the car. Operators used playback to review footage of the area, the car was seen reversing into a gate and causing damage, this information was passed to police.

This proactive work by CCTV operators prevented a potentially very dangerous drink driving incident.

PRO ACTIVE ARREST – CRIMINAL DAMAGE - CAMBRIDGE



Incident 11999 – 24th August 2022 – GB, RL

MALE ARRESTED FOR CAUSING CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Operators spotted a male chasing a truck in the city centre. Observations were maintained as the male was acting in an erratic fashion and appeared to be intoxicated.

The male disappeared down an alleyway and then reappeared holding a long wooden pole. He jumped in front of a taxi and then went on to strike the windows of several nearby shops. Police were informed immediately and observations continued.

The male was seen walking around the market square with the pole, which he had broken into 2 pieces, he was becoming increasingly agitated and was seen to hit a parked car with the pole as he walked past it.

Officers arrived on scene and arrested the male, he was seen kicking and hitting the van as he was taken into custody.

REACTIVE ARREST – ASSAULT - CAMBRIDGE

Incident 12631 – 2nd October 2022 – LM, EF-F



CONCERN FOR PERSON, ARREST FOR ASSAULT

Operators received a call from police over the airwaves, they were asked to look out for a male who claimed he is being followed by another male. Using the location provided, the cameras were deployed and the male was located, he looked nervous and kept looking around as he walked.

Operators spotted a second male on the opposite side of the road, he was speaking to the informant and paying him lots of attention. Police had advised the male to make his way to the police station, operators maintained observations.

As the male got closer to the station, police officers approached, as they arrived the second male crossed the road and attacked the informant, in front of the officers. He was arrested for assault, put into a police van and taken into custody.



PROACTIVE INCIDENT – CONCERN FOR PERSON – CAMBRIDGE

Incident 12677 – 5TH October 2022 – AS, PM




SUSPICIOUS MALE SPOTTED AND REPORTED

Operators observed a male acting in a suspicious manner following a female in the city centre, his description was taken and observations were maintained.

The female was seen to cross a main road and begin walking across the park, the male was then seen following her and walking at speed to catch her up. During this time police were informed over the airwaves and officers were despatched. As the male reached the female, officers arrived and stopped him, they confirmed his ID and that he was know for similar behaviour in the past. He was removed from the city centre and taken home by police.

This is a good example of the important work carried out by CCTV operators and a potentially dangerous incident was avoided.



REACTIVE ARREST – SHOPLIFTING – CAMBRIDGE

Incident 12825 – 13th October 2022 – MP, AW



5 SHOPLIFTERS ARRESTED IN CITY CENTRE

Operators receive a call from a large city centre shop, reporting a theft from their store in the last hour, they confirmed it was a high value of stock stolen. A description was taken and cameras were deployed.

The suspect was spotted leaving another shop close to the scene, she was seen with 2 males who were also reported to be involved. Police were called over the airwaves and officers were despatched, operators kept cameras on the group as they moved away from the scene. The suspects were seen entering 2 separate vehicles, the index numbers were taken and passed to police. The vehicles were seen driving away and their direction of travel was reported. When stopped at traffic lights a police car pulls up alongside one of the suspects vehicles, the driver is detained but the passenger makes a run for it, he is chased by officers and soon gives himself up.

The other vehicle is still being watched, it is currently held up in traffic further down the road. Officers approach the second vehicle and despite trying to drive away the suspects soon give themselves up and area also arrested.

Together with the shop security and police this incident resulted in 5 arrests and recovered goods of over £7000 in value, a great result for everyone involved.

PRO-ACTIVE ARRESTS – DRINK DRIVING - CAMBRIDGE



Incident 16210 – 14th January 2023 – LM, EFF

MULTIPLE ARRESTS FOR DRINK DRIVING

Operators spotted 3 males in a city centre carpark, they all appeared to be intoxicated. They approached a vehicle and got in, the cars index number was noted and relayed to police over the radio. The car left the car park and cameras were used to follow it around the city centre until officers caught up with it.

Once police tracked the vehicle down it appeared to be stopping but then drove away at speed, officers followed it and the cctv operators used cameras to track its location. Eventually the driver lost control of the vehicle and it rolled off the road through a barrier, ending up on its side. Police removed all males from the vehicle, they had sustained only minor injuries. All 3 were arrested, 2 of them were already known to police for drug and weapon offences.



PRO ACTIVE INCIDENT – VULNERABLE PERSON – CAMBRIDGE

Incident 16392 – 25th January 2023 – MO



VULNERABLE PERSON FOUND

An operator spotted an elderly lady in the bus station, she looked cold and vulnerable, dressed in pyjamas and wrapped in a blanket. Police were informed over the radio and they were asked if there were currently any missing people that matched her description. Police did not have a match on their missing persons list and the hospital had not reported any patients absconding but it was made a high priority case.

Observations were maintained until police officers arrived, the female advised them she had left Addenbrookes hospital and was waiting for transport back to her home in Royston. As the next bus was several hours away the officers decided to drive her home so they knew she was safe.

Operators later discovered that the female was reported missing by Bedfordshire police, this was a great result and an excellent example of how our operators look out for the public and help keep them safe.



PRO ACTIVE ARREST – THEFT– CAMBRIDGE

Incident 16445 – 28th January 2023 – MO, AW



MOBILE PHONE THIEF ARRESTED

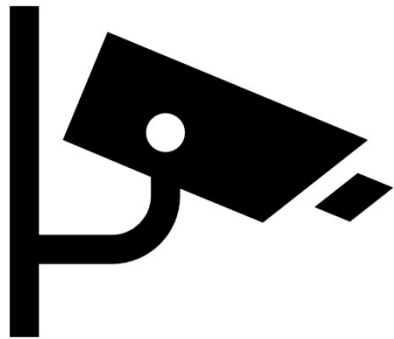
Operators spotted a male who was involved in a previous theft incident, they deployed cameras and followed him through the city centre. It wasn't long before they observed him passing a group of females and attempting to put his hand in one of their handbags.

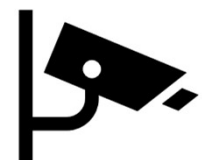
Police were informed and his description and location were given over the radio, unfortunately there were no officers available at that time. Observation were maintained. He was seen retrieving a mobile phone from underneath a bin, and then taking multiple mobile phones out of his pockets. He was seen to be targeting drunk and vulnerable females and attempting to take things from their bags.

Eventually he was seen stealing a mobile phone from a female and then quickly walking away, operator reported the theft and this time officers were dispatched. Cameras were used to direct police to the thief's location and also to where they had seen him stash mobile phones. He was arrested and the phones were recovered.

CCTV IN THE NEWS

APRIL '22 –
MARCH '23





CCTV IN THE NEWS



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Knife-wielding man jailed

Court news
14:21 12/05/2022

A man seen wielding a knife around Cambridge city centre has been jailed.

Nathan Cassidy, 31 of Elizabeth Way, Cambridge, was spotted waving the kitchen knife towards members of the public by security staff outside a nightclub in the early hours of 1 May.

Security officers alerted CCTV operators so Cassidy could be followed safely until police arrived.

Cassidy was arrested in Hobson Street and the knife was found discarded nearby.


At Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Tuesday (10 May), Cassidy was sentenced to six months in prison after pleading guilty to possession of a knife in a public place and affray.

PC Peter Lloyd said: "Thanks to partnership working between the nightclub, CCTV operators and police, Cassidy was apprehended quickly, and the knife removed from the streets.

"It is illegal to carry a knife like this and due to the seriousness of his actions, Cassidy has been jailed.

"Some people think that carrying a knife provides them with protection. What it actually does is put them, their friends and family in danger and increase the chances of someone being hurt."

[Further information about knife crime in Cambridgeshire.](#)



[Knife-wielding man jailed | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(camb.police.uk\)](#)

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Court extends CBO and jails prolific bike thief

Court news
09:29 19/05/2022

A prolific thief has been jailed after he was caught on CCTV stealing a bike.

CCTV operators in Cambridge captured John Bruce Miller as he forced a bike from the railings. It was attached to in Sidney Street and dispose the broken lock in a nearby bin at about 2.50am on Monday (16 May).

Officers caught up with Miller and retrieved the bike and lock.

At Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Tuesday (17 May), Miller, 38, of New Street, pleaded guilty to bike theft and breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) that he was given in April last year (2021) not to:


- Be in possession of any pedal cycle or any cycle part without a verifiable receipt.
- Be in possession of any item that can be used to steal a pedal cycle in a public place.

He was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison and his CBO was extended by a further two years.

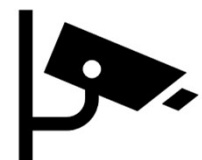
Inspector Ed McNeill said: "Miller is a prolific bike thief in Cambridge with numerous convictions against his name for cycle theft.

"We're working hard to address cycle crime in Cambridge. This includes reviewing and identifying bike-theft hotspots, catching offenders, recovering stolen bikes with proactive patrols and education.

"All reports of bike theft are taken seriously and we would encourage people to report offences so we can build up a picture and deploy resources accordingly."



[Court extends CBO and jails prolific bike thief | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(camb.police.uk\)](#)



CCTV IN THE NEWS



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

News Release

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Jail for man who instigated violent disorder in St Ives

A man who instigated a violent disorder in the centre of St Ives has been jailed.

CCTV operators captured the moment 18-year-old Charlie Wilson lead a group of people to Crown Place on 13 October last year to launch an attack on another group of people.

Wilson carried out the first punch before the fight fully broke out.

During the 20 second brawl Wilson was stabbed with a large kitchen knife to the leg before everyone ran from the scene.

Through CCTV footage officers were able to identify Wilson and other members of the group. A bag of blood stained clothes were found bagged up outside Wilson's home and the kitchen knife was found discarded in a wheelie bin in Crown Walk.

At Peterborough Crown Court on Friday (29 April), Wilson, of Lake Gardens, Dagenham, Greater London, was sentenced to 14 months in a young offenders institute after previously pleading guilty to possession of class B drugs and violent disorder.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary
24 July at 11:03

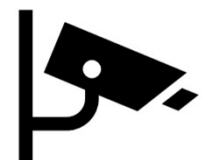
This knife is no longer on the streets of Cambridge thanks to a concerned member of the public. It was called into us that a 17-year-old man was in possession of this weapon last month. With the help of CCTV operators in the city we were able to locate him and seize the knife. The teenager pleaded guilty to possession of an offensive weapon at court and was given 12 month youth rehabilitation order.

More information about knife crime <https://orio.uk/PL3uH>

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Pair charged with theft from Waitrose

News

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Two people have been charged in connection with shoplifting from Waitrose in St Neots.

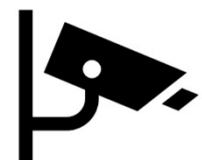
A 34-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were arrested in St Neots' High Street by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team at about 2pm yesterday afternoon (Thursday).

The team, who were on patrol in the area, had received a report of a suspected theft from the Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime (HBAC) 'shopwatch' scheme.

The pair, both from Milton Keynes, have both been charged with theft of goods worth £572.08 from Waitrose.

The man has been bailed to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on 15 September while the boy has been bailed to appear at Huntingdon Magistrates' Court on 7 September.

[Pair charged with theft from Waitrose | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(camb.police.uk\)](#)



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16 weeks prison for thief

Court news

12:23 09/11/2022

A thief has been jailed for 16 weeks.

Ricky Homer, 35, of Berkley Street, Eynesbury, broke into a car parked in Reeve Way, Godmanchester, last month (8 October) and stole a handbag containing bank cards.

He was captured in the road CCTV on a bicycle at around 6am and then again shortly after at a nearby garage where he attempted to use the victim's bank card.

On 31 October he walked through a staff entrance to the Old Bridge Hotel in Godmanchester and stole a backpack containing clothing and other items worth £200. He was spotted on CCTV in Huntingdon wearing some of the clothing and carrying the rucksack.

In both instances Homer was identified by officers at the Constabulary.

At Cambridge Magistrates' Court yesterday (8 November) Homer pleaded guilty to theft from a motor vehicle and burglary with intent to steal. He was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison.

[16 weeks prison for thief | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/court-news/16-weeks-prison-for-thief)

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Teenage gang terrorised victims in racially aggravated crime spree

Court news

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13:58 13/12/2022

A group of teenage boys who committed a series of racially aggravated crimes across Cambridge have been sentenced.

Griffin McGinley, 18, of The Avenue, March, was jailed for a year while six other teenagers, who can't be named for legal reasons, have been given youth referral orders after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated assaults.

The court heard how between 14 August and 27 September last year (2021) the group travelled into Cambridge city and committed up to 40 offences in Mill Road, Hills Road, Burleigh Street, Parkers Piece and Sidney Street.

They targeted innocent members of the public with violent and offensive acts, including inciting racial slurs, theft, robbery and criminal damage.

They threw small rocks at people, as well as cans of drink and squirted others with liquids. During one incident they threw bottles of hand sanitiser at one of the victims shouting the word 'virus' at them. On another occasion they targeted a victim who had only been in Cambridge for 15 days after choosing to study in the UK.

In another incident, they grabbed a man by the car as he confronted them he was assaulted by McGinley, leaving him with a broken nose and needing surgery.

At Cambridge Crown Court on Thursday (8 December) McGinley was jailed for a year after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated assault and making off without payment.

A 15-year-old from Cambridge, a 16-year-old from Doddington, a 16-year-old from Cambridge and a 17-year-old from Milton, were found guilty of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated assault and sentenced to a 12 month Youth Referral Order.

A 17-year-old from Doddington was found guilty of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated assault. He was sentenced to the above but also must undertake 80 hours' unpaid labour and will be electronically tagged for three months.

A 15-year-old from Cambridge and a 16-year-old from Braintree were found guilty of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated public order and sentenced to a 12 month Youth Referral Order.

They were all given a one year restraining order, preventing them from being a pedestrian in Mill Road, Hills Road, Burleigh Street, Parkers Piece, Sidney Street and Cambridge Leisure Park.

Detective Constable Louise Clarke and PC Aga Strykier, who investigated, said: "This gang terrorised innocent members of the public with violent and offensive acts.

"The unprovoked attacks caused widespread concerns amongst the community but, thanks to CCTV, and the courage of witnesses and the victims, we were able to arrest, charge and put them before the courts.

"There is no place for hate crime in our community. We will continue to work hard to encourage victims to come forward so we can take action against offenders."

Anyone who finds themselves targeted for abuse because of their gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability [should contact police through our dedicated hate crime page](#).

[Teenage gang terrorised victims in racially aggravated crime spree | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk/news/court-news/teenage-gang-terrorised-victims-in-racially-aggravated-crime-sprees)



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News Release

Date: 31 October 2022

Status: Approved

Duo who ambushed two men in premeditated attack jailed for combined 48 years

Pair who launched a savage attack on two men in Cambridge have been jailed for a combined 48 years.

Remi Loader and Jacob Montique spotted their victims while drinking in a bar in the city on the evening of 20 August 2021.

The duo are believed to have plotted their attack before leaving the bar and walking to Montique's vehicle where they changed into black clothing and donned facemasks. Armed with weapons they returned to the city and hid within the city's Market Square until their victims arrived.

Loader and Montique were captured on CCTV ambushing the two men stabbing them multiple times in an unprovoked attack.

Loader was arrested by officers that night and Montique two days later.

A 30-year-old man suffered stab wounds to the stomach, left leg and left hand while a 37-year-old man was stabbed to the stomach, chest and head.

Emergency services were called and the two victims were found nearby where they received medical treatment.

Both were taken to Addenbrookes' Hospital where they were placed in induced comas and admitted for several weeks of treatment. Doctors revealed their injuries would have been fatal without medical intervention. More than a year on and their recovery to full health continues.

The pair were both found guilty of attempted murder, grievous bodily harm with intent and possession of an offensive weapon, following a four week trial at Cambridge Crown Court in April.

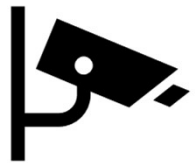
At Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday (28 October), Montique, 19, of Bishops Road, Trumpington, was sentenced to 21 years in prison and Loader, 27, of no fixed address, was given a 27 year sentence.

Detective Sergeant Hamish Cowley said: "Loader and Montique are both high harm, prolific offenders who have caused fear within their communities.

"This was a planned and premeditated attack, believed to be motivated by revenge from a previous incident, with one using a large hunting knife. Both victims were fortunate to survive the attack.

"This was an extremely complex investigation with limited witnesses or forensic opportunities. With the help of CCTV and mobile phone evidence we were able to place the pair at the scene and this dangerous duo will now be locked away from the public for a considerable amount of time."

ENDS



CCTV COMPLIMENTS



For your info, off the back of CCTV obtained for this job, a man has been charged with 4 offences today and remanded in custody by us to appear at court tomorrow.

Thanks again.

Oliver Bissill
Southern CID – D Relief
23rd June 2022

Thank you for such a quick response, it's great that quick action resulted in the arrest.

Thanks again.

(Regarding damage to railings and street furniture in St Neots)

Chris Robson
Town Clerk
St Neots Town Council
30th May 2022

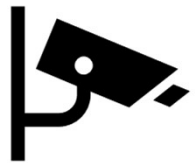
Good morning,

I have been reading the reports from over the weekend and in case you weren't aware your door team did a great job at notifying CCTV control via the radio of a male with a knife in the street.

Due to this the male was promptly arrested by officers, and a large knife was recovered.

Great work!!!

Clare Metcalfe
Licencing Officer for Cambridge
Constabulary – Licencing South
1st May 2022



CCTV COMPLIMENTS



All

Thanks to the VERY keen eyes of CCTV Cambridge City, myself and my crewmate Rob nicked ***** today 😊 Needless to say we are doing a little victory dance!! He is being interviewed tonight with a view to remanded and put before the courts in the morning.

I will update with sentencing when I know.

Many thanks

Emily-Jayne Matthews
Neighbourhood Policing Cambridge City and West
6th March 2023

	Total for Apr 22 – Mar 23
Compliments Received	11
Complaints Received	0

APPENDIX

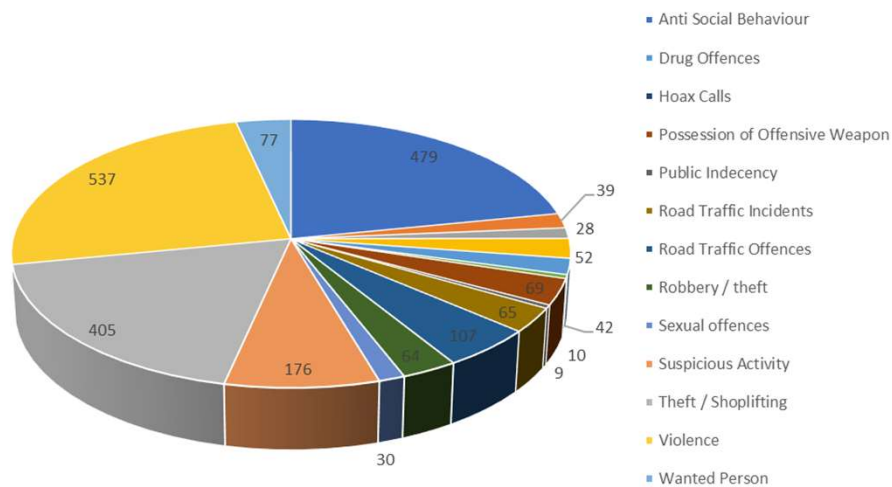




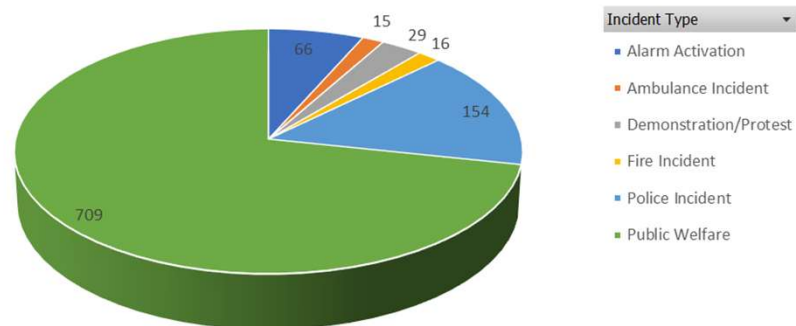
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Crime Incidents in Cambs City April 2022 - March 2023

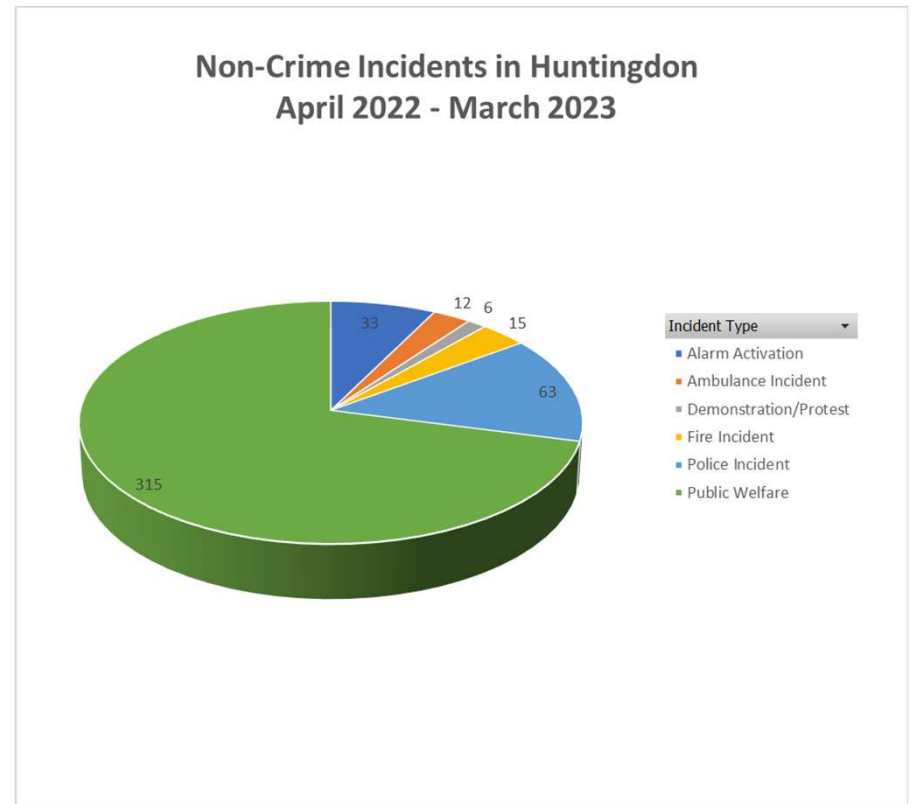
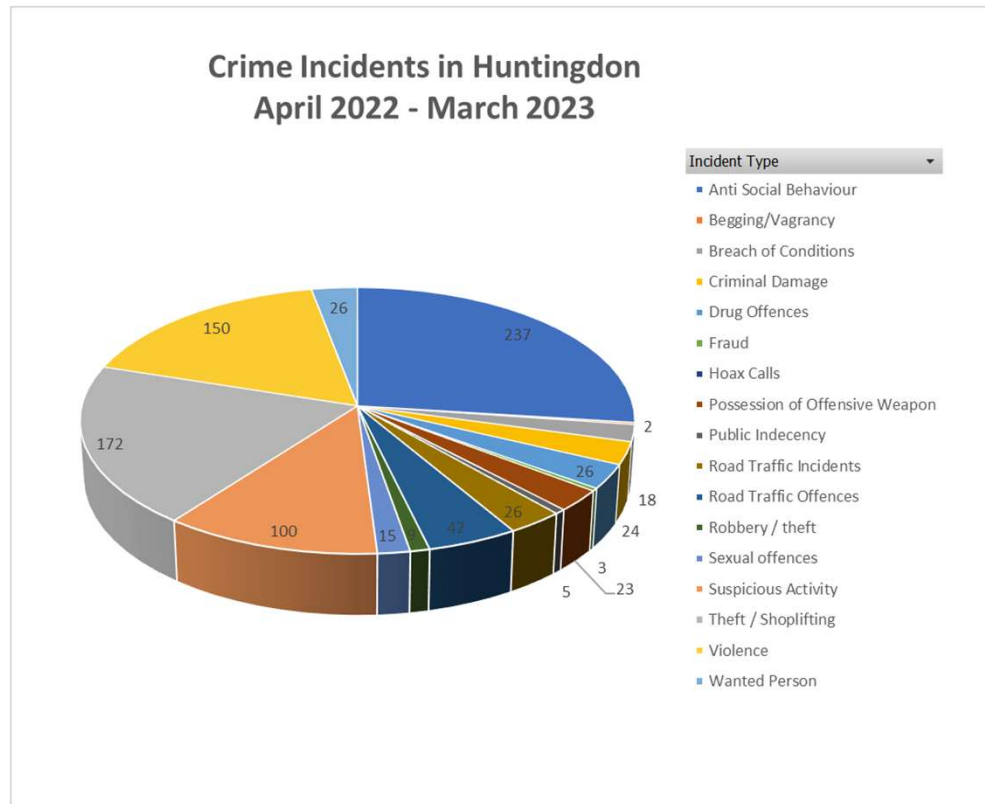


Non-Crime Incidents in Cambs City April 2022 - March 2023





TOTAL INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY – HUNTINGDON APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



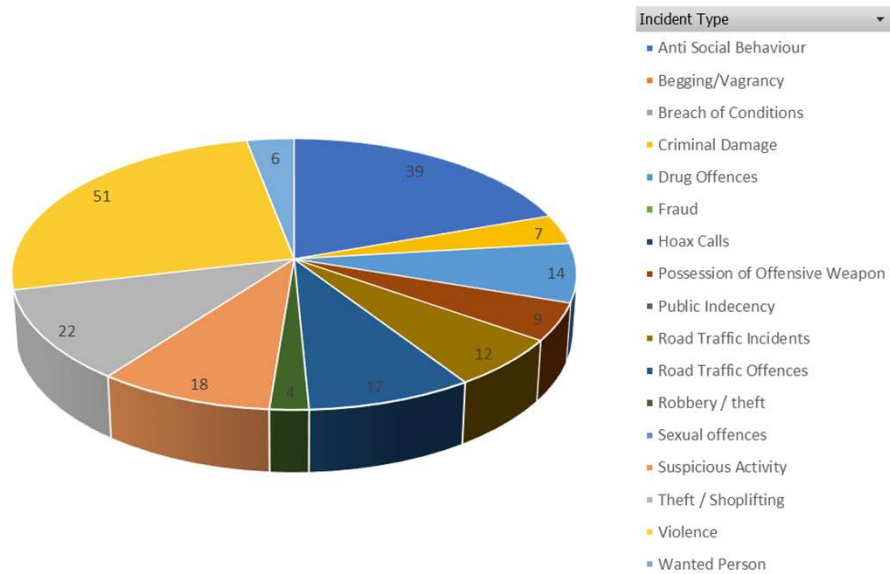
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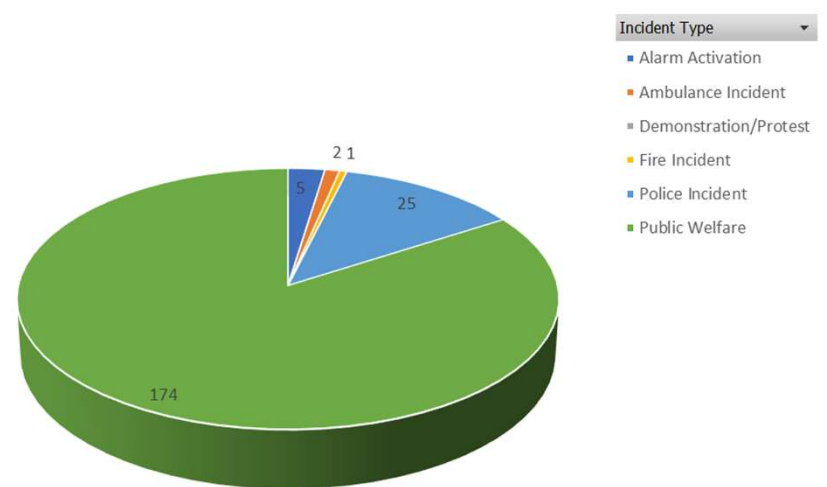
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Crime Incidents in St Neots April 2022 - March 2023

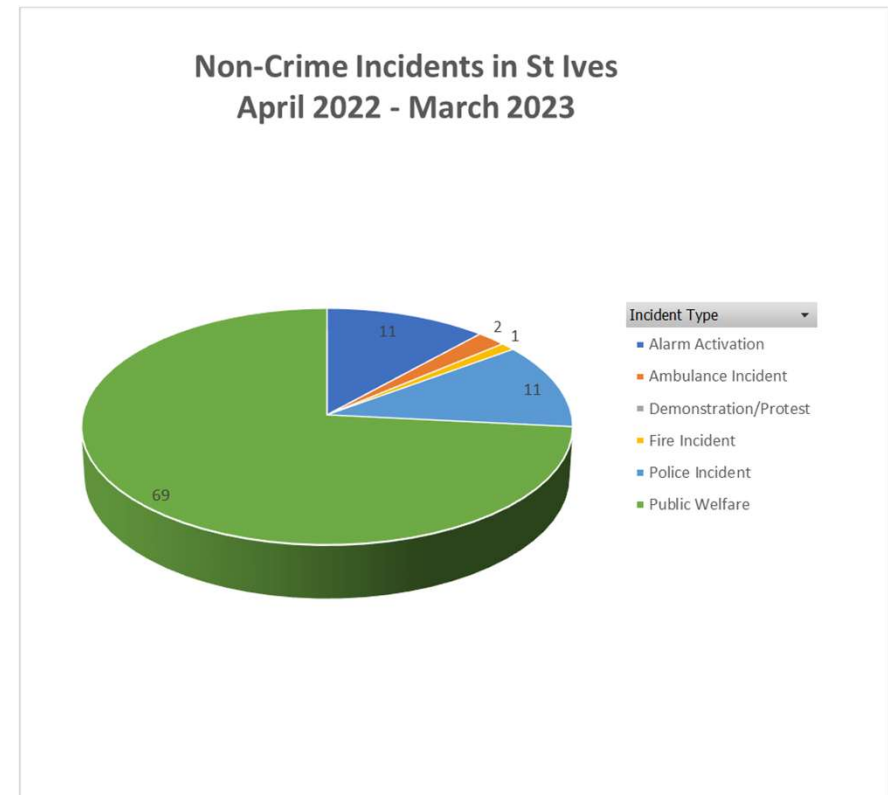
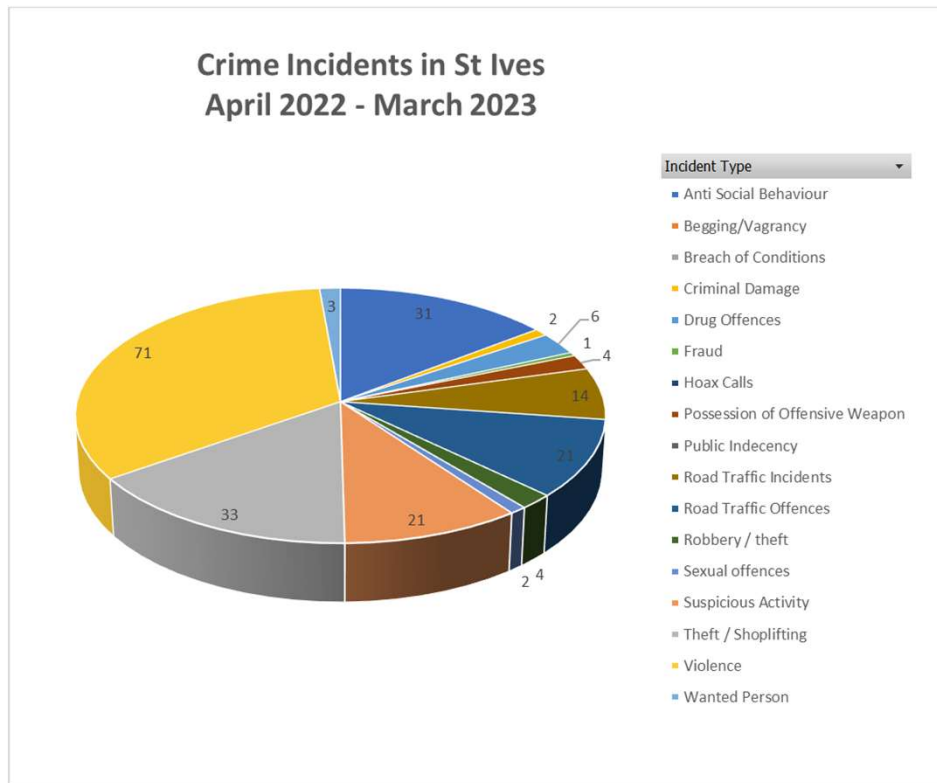


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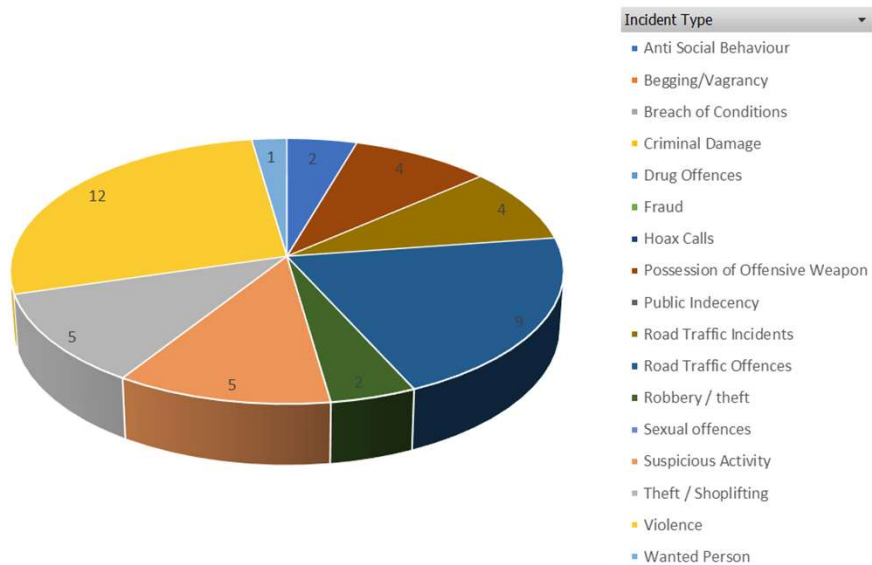




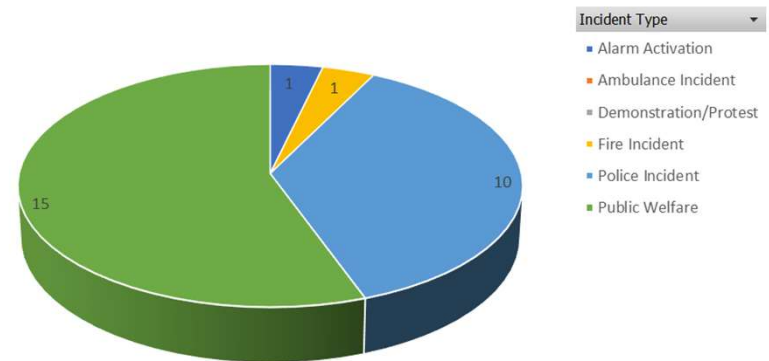
TOTAL INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY – RAMSEY APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



Crime Incidents in Ramsey April 2022 - March 2023

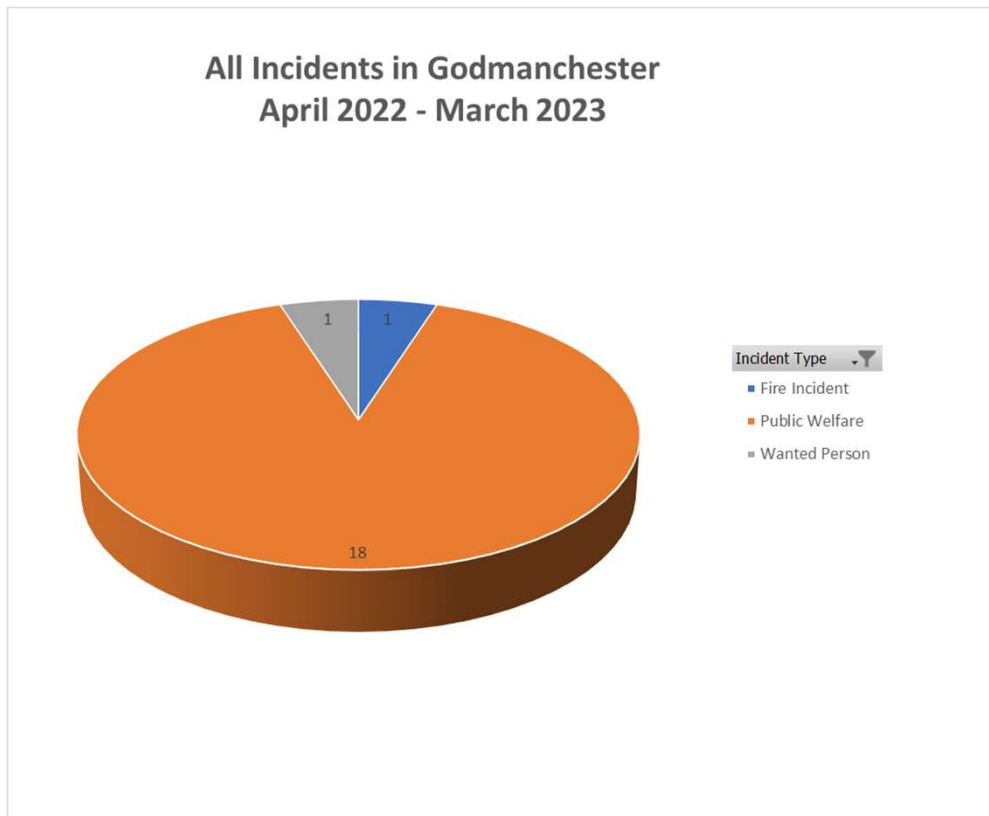


Non-Crime Incidents in Ramsey April 2022 - March 2023





TOTAL INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY – GODMANCHESTER APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



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CAMERA PERFORMANCE

APRIL 2022 –
MARCH 2023





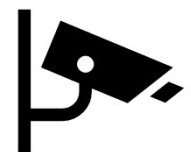
CCTV CAMERA PERFORMANCE APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023



	Cambs City Faults	HDC Faults	Total Faults	% Downtime
Q1	41	41	82	1.41%
Q2	73	42	115	3.94%
Q3	49	17	66	0.99%
Q4	46	48	94	0.57%

Overall, the camera performance remains very reliable and any faults logged by operators are dealt with in a timely manner.

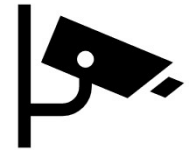
There are 454 operational CCTV cameras across both councils, with many additional projects in the pipeline. Current projects include Cambridge Park & Ride sites, One Leisure centres (both indoor and outdoor) and Hinchingbrooke Country Park.



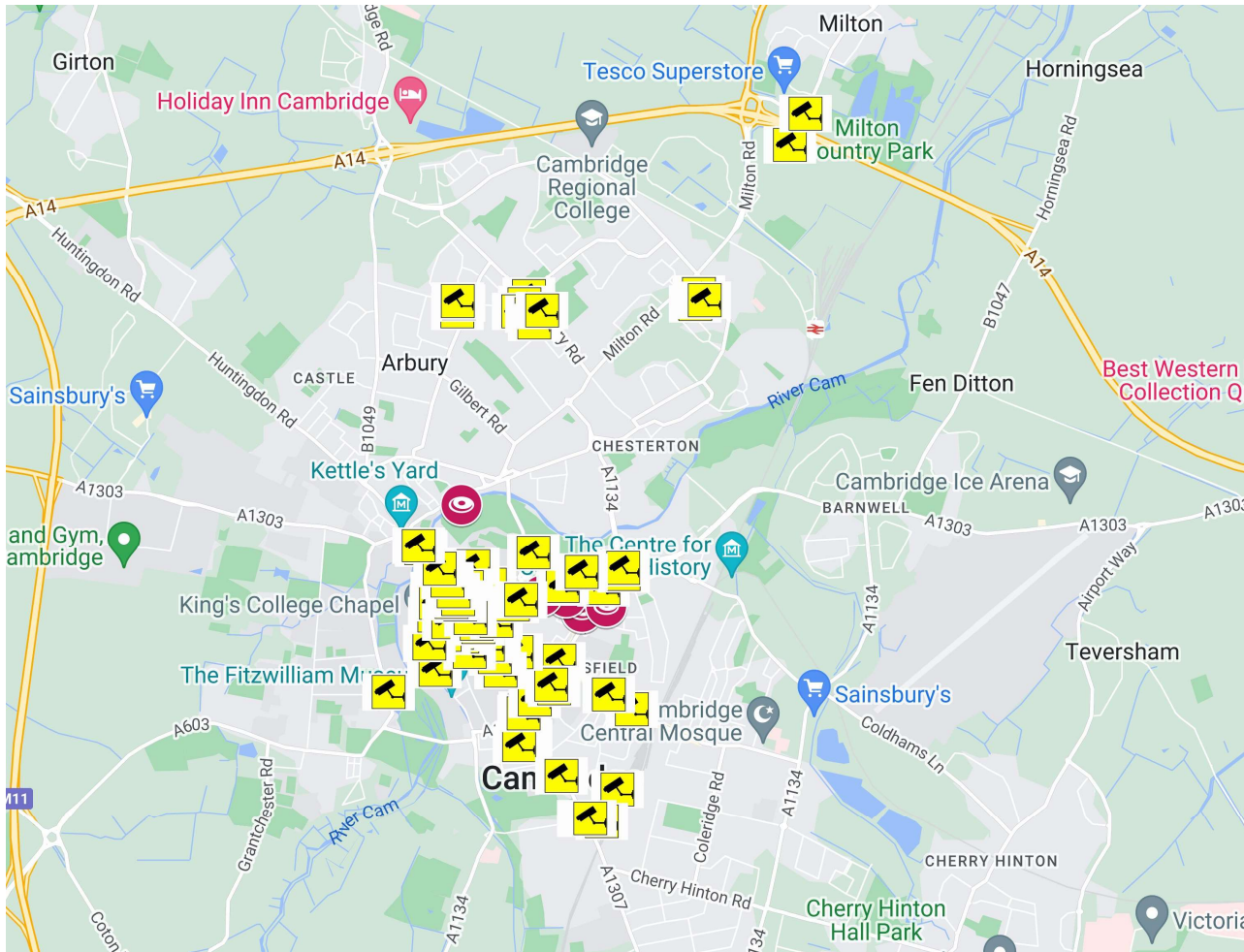
VIEWING REQUESTS (APRIL '22 TO MARCH '23)

Type of requests	Total
RIPA Requests	1
Third Party viewing requests	5

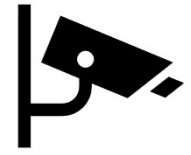




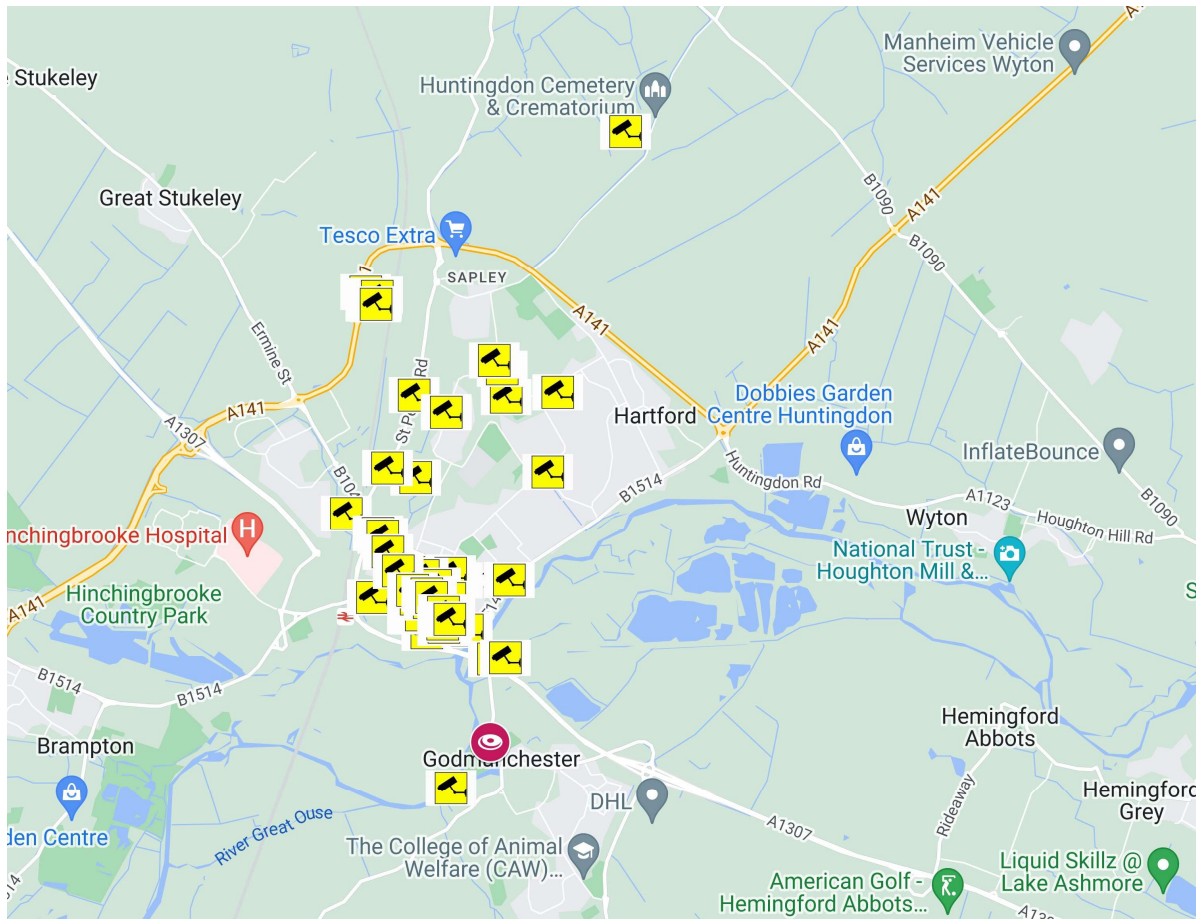
CCTV CAMERA MAP – CAMBRIDGE CITY AS OF MARCH 2023



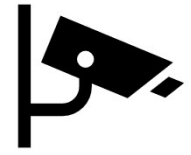
Cambridge Cameras – 206 cameras covering the city centre, Milton and Arbury



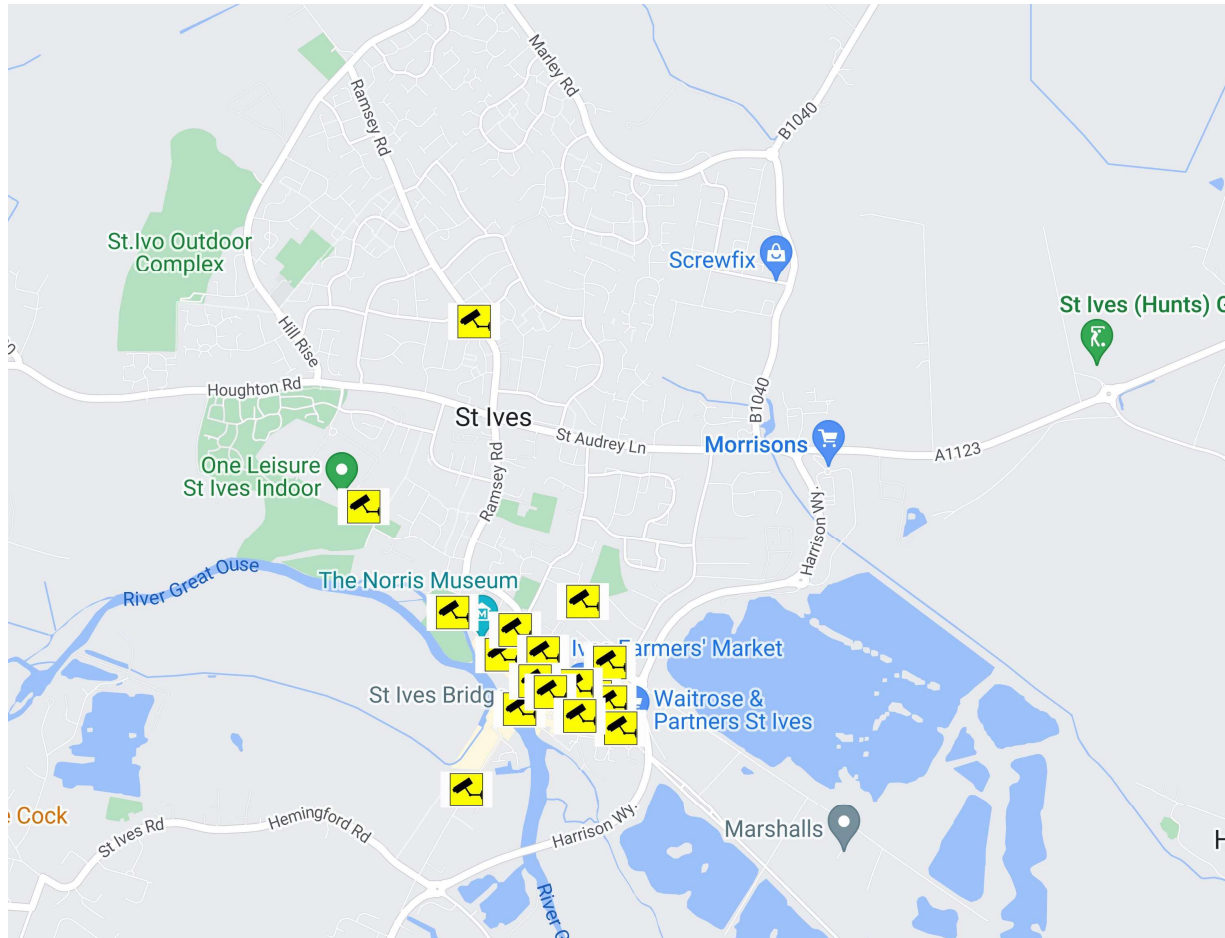
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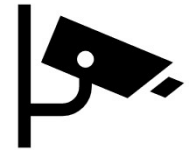
Huntingdon Cameras – 198 cameras
(including cameras located at Huntingdon
Crematorium and Godmanchester)



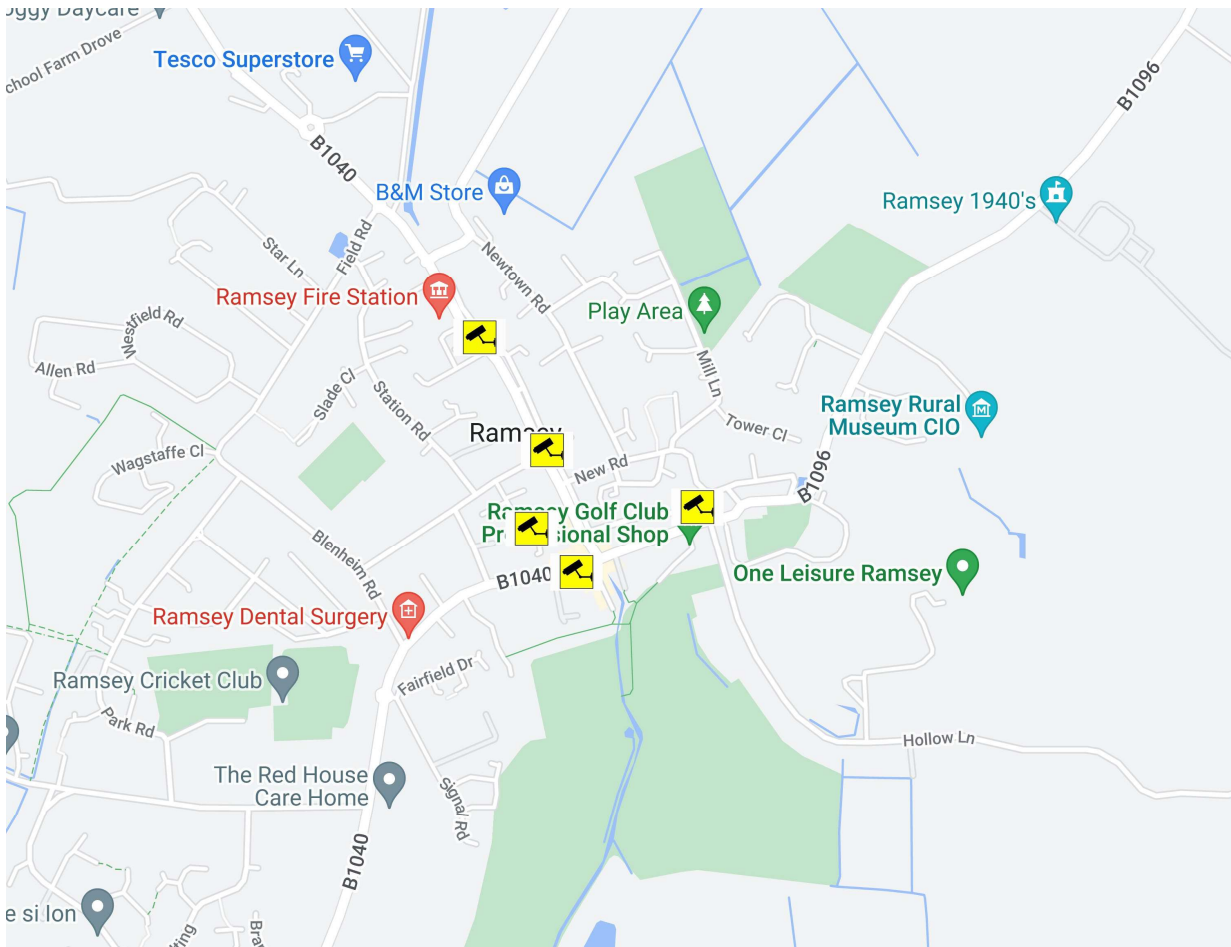
CCTV CAMERA MAP – ST IVES AS OF MARCH 2023



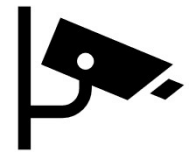
St Ives Cameras – 17 cameras



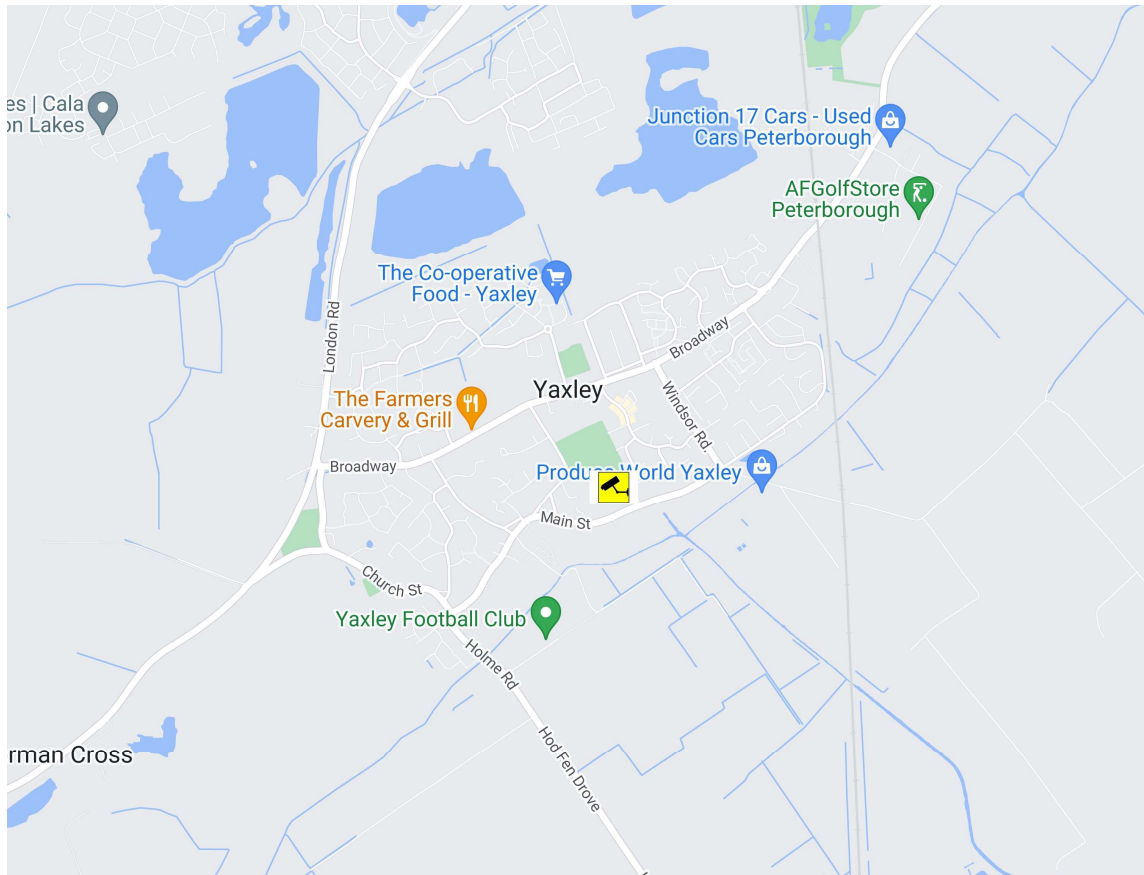
CCTV CAMERA MAP – RAMSEY AS OF MARCH 2023



Ramsey Cameras – 5 cameras



CCTV CAMERA MAP – YAXLEY AS OF MARCH 2023



Yaxley Cameras – 1 camera