



1.13 Community safety, law and order

Crime and the Police

The Police view the Swavesey Ward of the Cambourne Neighbourhood as a relatively crime-free area: see Table 3.

Police Community Support and Neighbourhood Watch

There is a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, with a village and local coordinators, and two Police Community Support Officers, who hold regular 'surgeries' to discuss local concerns.

The Police hold Panel meetings regularly as part of their Neighbourhood Policing initiative, to discuss with the public concerns over policing and crime in the area.

Anti-social behaviour, usually centred on the Green and Market Street, and occasionally in Gibraltar Lane, is a concern. Open events, such as the annual fair, attract people from neighbouring villages and can contribute to anti-social behaviour, including under-age drinking. The Parish Council expects to reduce disturbance associated with the fair's visit.

1.14 Transport and travel

Swavesey has good access to trunk roads, but severe overcrowding on the A14 and the lack of other routes into Cambridge make local journey times unpredictable. Within Swavesey, there is congestion morning and evening, and parking problems. The

Table 3 Reported crime in Swavesey, August–October 2007

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Violent crime	2	2.7
Burglary	4	5.3
Theft of vehicle	2	2.7
Theft from vehicle	4	5.3
Cycle theft	2	2.7
Theft from shop	0	0.0
Criminal damage	8	10.7
Other	5	6.6
Anti-social behaviour (ASB)	48	64.0
	75	100.0

lack of lorry facilities on the A14 leads to unauthorised parking, principally on the Fen Drayton Lakes road and at Buckingham Business Park.

Buses connect Swavesey with Cambridge and St Ives, between about 6:40 a.m. and midnight Mondays to Saturdays, running at hourly intervals during the day.

Cars and motorcycles are the main means of transport to work (75%). People in Swavesey tend to travel further to work than people in the East of England or England as a whole. 36% of households have one car or van and 56% have two or more.

1.15 Village communications

The monthly magazine, The Meridian, is issued free to all households and carries a diary of events. There is also a website (www.swavesey.org.uk) which posts local news regularly. There are three village notice boards, and shops and road verges also carry posters.

1.16 Change and the future

Although Swavesey is a relatively comfortable place to live, a number of developments between now and 2015 will mean change for the parish.