

Background

During a recent meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council Communities Team and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, they reiterated the importance of residents reporting crimes directly, rather than relying solely on posts on social media.

Reporting incidents through official channels ensures they are properly logged, enabling agencies to map trends, identify hotspots, and allocate resources and support where they are most needed.

While posting on Facebook can be useful locally, by raising awareness and alerting others, it does not contribute to the data relied upon by these organisations. As a result, when concerns are raised with the Communities Team, issues may not be recognised as “nothing has been reported”.

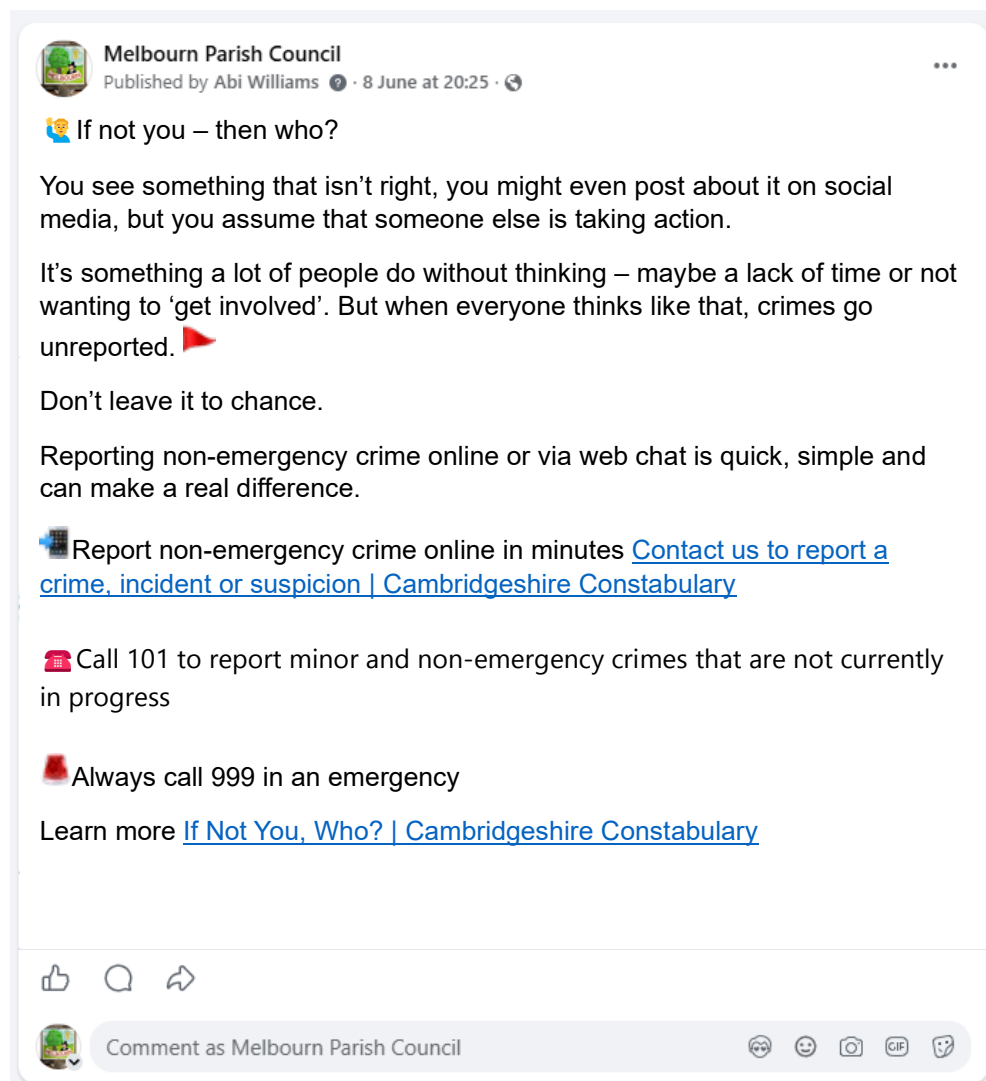
Proposal

Melbourn Parish Council to:

- Create a series of social media posts
- Produce a poster for parish noticeboards
- Promote awareness of how and why to report crime through the appropriate channels

Subject to agreement, there may also be an opportunity to access funding through Cambridgeshire County Council to produce supporting materials (e.g. fridge magnets) as a practical reminder for residents.

Posts could include:



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Report it!

If you are having any issues using the online tools or phone line to report the result of crime please contact the Parish Council for assistance.

- Call on 01763 263303 ext 3
- Email parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Pop in and see us in the office

Please remember:

- 📞 Call 101 to report minor and non-emergency crimes that are not currently in progress
- 📱 Report non-emergency crime online in minutes
- 🚒 Always call 999 in an emergency



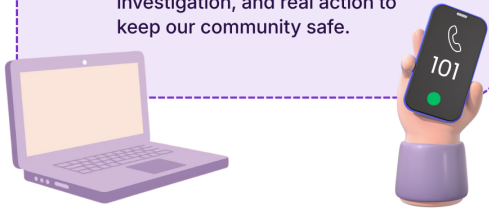
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**Help keep our community safe!**

Q : Should I post about crimes I see on Facebook?

A : Please report crimes directly to official authorities. Call the police or use Report it! or call 101 - this ensures faster response, proper investigation, and real action to keep our community safe.





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