

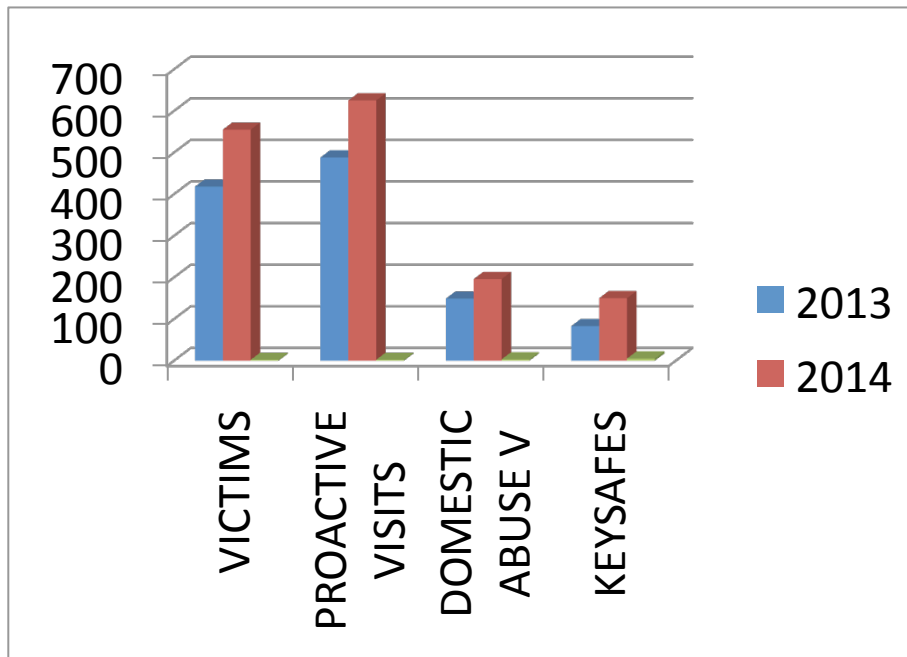
## Report on the Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust 2014

The Trust continues to operate The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme, now in its thirteenth year, which has helped in excess of 22,000 older, vulnerable and disabled people who are either the victims of burglary, domestic abuse and other crimes, or who are concerned about home and personal security.

The Scheme operates throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, maintaining an urgent response to victims which has significantly reduced the repeat victimisation rate amongst the people it has visited. Our repeat victimisation rate is very low. The Scheme is a crime reduction programme and its work helps overcome the shock and trauma of crime and restore feelings of safety, peace of mind, well-being and self - confidence. This enables many older people to live independently for longer than they otherwise might. The Scheme is able to reduce the rate at which elderly and domestic abuse victims of crime believe they are unsafe in their own homes and transfer to institutional or refuge care. For domestic abuse victims, feeling safe in their own homes allow them and their children to continue living in their own home and ensures current support networks are maintained in the local community.

For these reasons, together with the wider crime reduction benefits, the scheme is widely acknowledged to be an effective and beneficial programme.

### *Bobby Scheme Visits in Cambridgeshire in 2013 and 2014*



	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Victims	418	555
Non Victims	488	625
Repeat Victims	7	5
Keysafes	83	150
Domestic Abuse Victims	149	196

The feedback received from beneficiaries is exceptionally positive.

To raise the awareness and profile of the charity we have given talks to many groups who have requested a visit as well as attended community events.

As a small charity with four staff, two are part time, funding is a concern and it is continually seeking year on year funding to support its work. For victims the service is free and for non - victims a donation of £25 is requested. However this is waived if there are financial difficulties. It costs the charity on average £125/£180 to work at each home.

Our funding this financial year has come from a wide range of organisations in the form of grants and donations. These have included the Office of the Cambridgeshire Crime Commissioner, Ministry of Justice, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership, Fenland Community Safety Partnership, Safer Peterborough Partnership, Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership, East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership, Huntingdon Town Council, Godmanchester Town Council, The Pye Foundation, Cambridgeshire Freemasons, Peterborough Freemasons, The Clothworkers Foundation, Central England Co-operative, Whiting & Partners, Parish Councils, Waitrose stores, Police Service Centre staff.

The Trust also held its second annual golf day to raise funds for the charity. This was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at St Ives [Hunts] Golf Club and 18 teams of four players took part. Over £2000 was raised for the charity. The third golf day will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at St Ives.

The scheme works with many other agencies and organisations to ensure residents receive the best service possible. It is part of the Community Navigator programme run by Care Network and sends/receives referrals from a wide range of services. From May 2014 it started working in partnership with the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and carries out Home Fire Safety checks at every home it visits.

The Trustees intend that during the coming year, the Bobby Scheme, will continue to help victims over 60 years, domestic abuse victims and non- victims who are disabled or over 65 years. It will also work ever more closely with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and other key organisations to deliver a broad ranging citizen focussed service, meeting the aspirations of both those organisations and the aims of the Trust.