



Congleton Town Council

Title	Community Committee
Date of Meeting Time	27 th November 2025 7 pm
Status	Draft Minutes – to be ratified at the next Committee meeting
Reference Documents	Agenda Papers for the Community Committee – 27th November 2025

Attendance

Committee Members	Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair) Cllr Sally Ann Holland (Vice Chair) Cllr Dave Brown Cllr Emma Hall <i>left at 8:10 pm</i> Cllr Amanda Martin Cllr Susan Mead Cllr Richard Walton Cllr Glen Williams
Ex Officio	Cllr Robert Brittain (Mayor) Cllr Suzy Firkin (Deputy Mayor)
Non-Committee Members	
Officers	David McGifford (Chief Officer) Cathy Dean (Communities Manager) Debbie Coxon (Communications & Civic Manager)
Members of the Press	0
Members of the Public	0

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mark Edwardson and Cllr Shaun Radcliffe. And Sgt Karl Tatlock.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CO/21/2526 resolved to approve and sign the Community Committee minutes held on 18th September 2025 as a correct record.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Dave Brown, Emma Halland Sally Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to Cheshire East. Cllr Robert Brittian for item 7 relating to the toy appeal. Cllrs Richard Walton, Suzy Firkin, Amanda Martin, Glen Williams, Kay Wesley for the item relating to Congleton Partnership.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Urgent Items

Cllr Williams highlighted that Cheshire Police is conducting an internal consultation to save £13 million over the next four years by reducing PCSOs and redistributing warranted police officers into neighbourhood policing teams. It's towns like Congleton that will suffer the most if this goes ahead. PCSOs build trust with members of the community, and aren't tied up with legal procedures after arrests in the same way that warranted police officers are. Although not a public consultation, could the Chief Officer write to Cheshire Police and express the council's concerns?

Action – Chief Officer to write to Cheshire Police for more information and check standing orders to confirm the correct procedure for urgent items. Officers will add this to the next Community Committee agenda for discussion with a Cheshire Constabulary representative.

6. Cheshire Police

There was no representation from Cheshire Police; a written report is attached in Appendix 1.

7. Committee Updates

CO/22/2526 resolved to note the report and recommend to the council that the Health & Wellbeing working group be reinstated to discuss items such as the SDAS and proposed funding from central government for health centres. The group was a good link between various services in the town.

8. White Ribbon Working Group

CO/23/2526 resolved to approve the minutes of the White Ribbon Working Group meeting held on the 24th September 2025.

8.1 White Ribbon Day

Councillors noted the verbal update.

9. Community Safety Working Group

CO/24/2526 resolved to approve the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group meeting held on the 6th November 2025.

9.1 The Congleton Code

CO/25/2526 resolved to adopt, consult the public on and then promote the 'Congleton Code'. With the amendment, 'to protect children' changed to 'protect everyone'.

10. Equal Access Advisory Group

CO/26/2526 resolved to accept minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Group meeting on 18th November 2025.

11. Communications Update

CO/27/2526 resolved to receive and note a report from the Town Council's Communications and Marketing Officer, Debbie Coxon, highlighting the Town Council's Communications activities from 21st August to 20th November 2025.

12. Your Voice - Your Town. Have your say on local services: Survey Results

Councillors noted the report.

13. Cheshire East Council's Local Transport Plan

CO/28/2526 resolved to:

1. Submit the points in this document as CTC feedback to the Local Transport Plan and Investment Framework, with any points Councillors wish to add.

2. Ask the Congleton Equal Access Advisory Group to meet with the Local Transport Plan Strategy team at CEC and provide insight and input for the next version of the Plan and Investment Framework.
3. Set up an Integrated Transport Task & Finish Group to provide ongoing input as the Local Transport Plan Strategy and Investment Framework, and subsequently the Congleton Transport Development Plan, are developed.

Action – Chief Officer to contact bus operators/transport department to discuss bus plans for the Tall Ash farm development. It's Cllr Hollands' belief that a bus stop was planned to serve the new estate, despite best efforts, Cllr Holland can't seem to get commitment from Cheshire East departments.

14. Youth Council Update

CO/29/2526 resolved to:

1. To note the Youth Council workshop.
2. To recommend that the Youth Council constitution be approved at Council and added to the Congleton Town Council Constitution, replacing the previous version.

15. Congleton Partnership Update

Councillors noted the report.

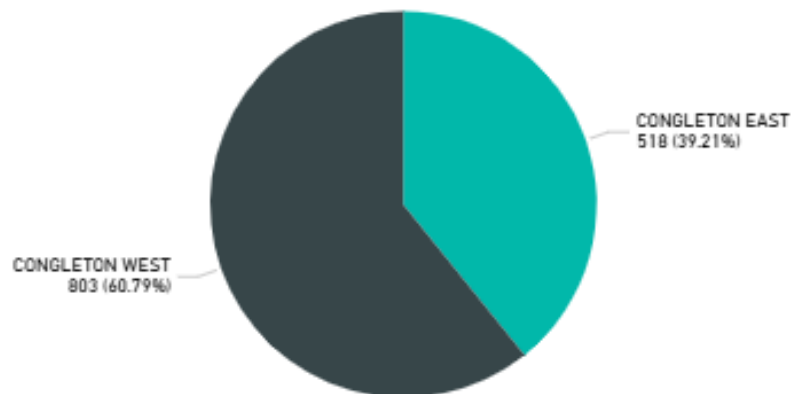
Total number of incidents between July to September 2025:

Violence/Harassment	258	19.53%
Domestic Incident - Between Adults	186	14.08%
Concern For Safety	147	11.13%
Suspicious Activity	115	8.71%
Police Generated	91	6.89%
Road Related Traffic Offence	53	4.01%
ASB - Nuisance	36	2.73%
Missing Person	32	2.42%
Bail Breaches/Wanted Person	30	2.27%
Message to Pass/OOF Enquiries	28	2.12%
RTC - Damage Only	28	2.12%
Complaints Against Police	26	1.97%
Sexual Offences	25	1.89%
Highway Disruption	24	1.82%
Theft Other	22	1.67%
Criminal Damage	21	1.59%
Abandoned Phone Call	20	1.51%
Drugs	17	1.29%
Total	1321	100.00%

RTC - Injury	17	1.29%
Advice/Directions/Admin	15	1.14%
Burglary - Residential	10	0.76%
Fraud	10	0.76%
ASB - Personal	9	0.68%
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	9	0.68%
Sudden Death	7	0.53%
Alarm - Activation	6	0.45%
Alarm - False Activation	6	0.45%
Crime Not Verified	6	0.45%
PNC Markers	6	0.45%
Police Vehicle Recovery	6	0.45%
Property Lost/Found	6	0.45%
Shoplifting	6	0.45%
Police Installed Alarm	5	0.38%
Prevent Potential Breach of the Peace	5	0.38%
ASB - Environmental	4	0.30%
Warrant Crown Court	3	0.23%
Total	1321	100.00%

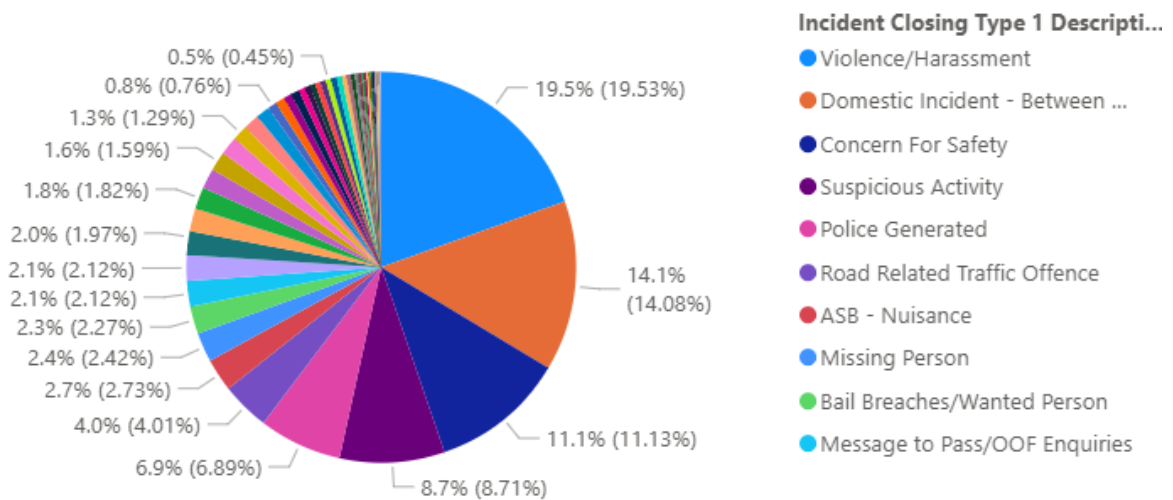
Audible Only Alarm	2	0.15%
Domestic Animal Concern	2	0.15%
Firearms Involved Crime	2	0.15%
Pre-Planned Events	2	0.15%
Robbery	2	0.15%
Suspicious Activity - Cash Vans in Transit	2	0.15%
Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	0.15%
Burglary - Business/Commercial	1	0.08%
Civil Disputes	1	0.08%
Collapse/Illness/Injury/Trapped	1	0.08%
Crime Related Incident	1	0.08%
Domestic Incident - Involving a Juvenile	1	0.08%
Found Stolen Vehicle	1	0.08%
Hoax Call	1	0.08%
Industrial Accident	1	0.08%
Intelligence Information	1	0.08%
Other Notifiable Crime	1	0.08%
Suspicious Package	1	0.08%
Total	1321	100.00%

Locations



Type Chart

% of Incidents by Closing Type



Breakdown per month:

Month Year	Total
September 2025	442
August 2025	438
July 2025	441
Total	1,321

Number of incidents that've been crimed:

Month Year	Recorded Crime
☐ Sep 2025	144
☐ Aug 2025	152
☐ Jul 2025	166
Total	462

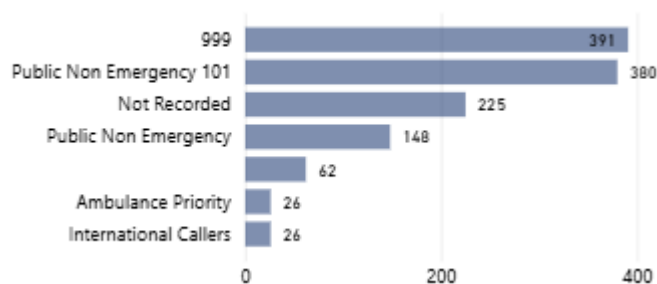
July to September '24 comparison with July to September '25

Data in this table is based on a rolling 24 calendar month period, up to the end of the last full month

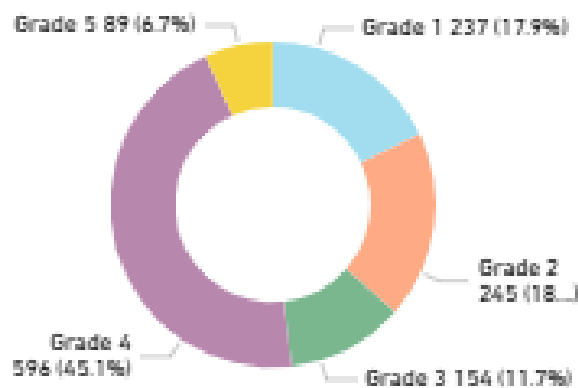
Home Office Group	Comparative 12 Month Period	Rolling 12 Month Period	% Change
☐ VIOLENCE / PERSON	262	270	3.1 %
☐ PUBLIC ORDER	78	88	12.8 %
☐ THEFT / STOLEN GOODS	72	61	-15.3 %
☐ CRIMINAL DAMAGE	38	39	2.6 %
☐ BURGLARY	24	23	-4.2 %
☐ DRUG OFFENCES	24	21	-12.5 %
☐ SEXUAL OFFENCES	23	26	13.0 %
☐ VEHICLE OFFENCES	19	17	-10.5 %
☐ OTHER OFFENCES	15	14	-6.7 %
☐ POSSESSION / WEAPONS	5	10	100.0 %
☐ ROBBERY	3	2	-33.3 %
Total	563	571	1.4 %

How these incidents were reported:

Incidents by Call Origin



No. of Incidents by Current Grade



Current Re... ● Grade 1 ● Grade 2 ● Grade 3 ● Grade 4