



POLICE AWARENESS

St Johns Friary, St Johns Road, Ely, Cambridgeshire

We are receiving a great deal of calls relating to incidents of trespass, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and arson at St Johns Friary in Ely. Although we have identified and dealt with some of those who are involved, this continues.

The site is of Historic Importance and designated as a scheduled monument and is protected under law. It is also registered as 'Heritage at Risk'. This means that a good deal of the site is in a very bad condition with structural instability. Due to the condition of the site and its declining state, there is a very real risk of danger to trespassers, and a risk of damage to the site itself.

Given the high vulnerability to fire and the high risk of serious injury / fatality, there is a joint agency response to try and mitigate the harm to persons and property.

Part of the policing response is that we will be paying the site particular attention with patrols and visits. Criminal offences will be dealt with accordingly with security measures placed to assist police enquiries.

Below is a map outlining the site in red, which is private property and which should not be entered.

