



# THE PROCTORS

The two Proctors for each year are University officers nominated by the Colleges in rotation and then elected by the Regent House on 1 October. They normally serve a year as a Pro-Proctor first and each Proctor nominates a Deputy (normally one of the previous year's Proctors) who is also an additional Pro-Proctor. Other Pro-Proctors and Deputies can be appointed for particular purposes. The Proctor in each pair who has been a member of the Senate longest is designated Senior and the other Junior, but they have equal authority. Further information is available at: <https://www.proctors.cam.ac.uk/>



The Proctors as independent officers are traditionally responsible on behalf of the Regent House for seeing that the *Statutes and Ordinances*<sup>1</sup> are observed and are members of the Board of Scrutiny. They also belong to various other Boards, Syndicates and Committees and attend meetings of the Council as observers.

They are concerned with protecting lawful free speech and with the University's obligations under its Section 43 Code and with the Prevent duty and also with maintaining order at University events. Their former disciplinary duties relating to students have been transferred to the Office of Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals (OSCCA), although the Senior Proctor remains the disciplinary authority for Motor Licences issued to students who require them under the relevant regulations (but does not administer the issue of these licences) and the Junior Proctor registers University Clubs and Societies under those regulations and has authority to determine disputes arising between students and the Cambridge University Students' Union or the Graduate Union.

The Proctors also perform ceremonial duties at Congregations of the Regent House, University Sermons and other public occasions.

Matters of concern may be addressed to either of the Proctors, but enquiries concerning registered University clubs and societies or the Cambridge Students' Union, should be addressed to the Junior Proctor. They may be contacted by telephone or e-mail [contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk](mailto:contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk) or by leaving a message at the Proctors' and University Marshal's Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge (Network tel. 33314 External tel. 333314). The Proctors are available to meet members of the university during Full Term; a meeting is best arranged by writing to the e-mail address above. Access to the Office is via Senate-House Yard and the Old Schools Arcade, not via Trinity Lane and the Old Schools Reception.

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## UNIVERSITY CONSTABLES

These are appointed by the Vice-Chancellor under the *Universities Act 1825* to assist the Proctors. Within the precincts of the University and four miles around they have the legal powers of any constable and it is an offence to assault or obstruct them. They assist the Proctors to maintain good order and protect lawful free speech.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/so/>