

# Neighbourhood Profile Update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood



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## **1. Introduction**

### **Aim**

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

### **Methodology**

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data, from May 10 – August 10 and as a comparison data from January 10 – April 10 and May 10 to August 10.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, September 2010.
- Cambridge City Council, City Services' Environmental Data May – August 2010 and as a comparison data from the same period in 2009.

## 2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

### Previous Priorities

At the previous City North neighbourhood panel the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<b>Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the vicinity of St Luke's School, Arbury.</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To sustain low levels of ASB and crime recorded at St Luke's School, its land and adjacent residential streets.</li> <li>• To sustain engagement with staff and interested local parties, determine and respond to concerns and maintain effective channels of communication.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Unlike the priority at Shirley School (below) which relates to term time only, this priority was recognised and agreed at the last committee for continuation throughout the summer break given issues largely occurring outside of school hours.</p> <p>Patrols of the site were conducted largely during evenings and weekends but increased to include daytime hours during the summer period. On-going out of term time contact has been maintained with the school caretaker in addition to contact made with residents in streets immediately adjacent to the site.</p> <p>During the period there was a case of criminal damage to the new bike sheds and an attempt was made to break the staff room window to gain entry. Both matters were recorded and fully investigated, but no suspects were identified on these occasions.</p> <p>From the wider area there were four additional calls received during the period including a call received concerning youths on the school roof. They were apprehended and returned to their home addresses and discussions were held with both them and their parents. No criminal offences were revealed.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Earlier in the period a meeting was held to ensure that all matters of note linked to the school were passed to police</p>

	and the Council; to ensure that all parties were aware of accurate data concerning any problems and were then able to respond. Pleasingly, it appears that the number of matters of note has declined and some of the fears concerning behaviour during the summer period did not manifest to the extent anticipated.
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	For discussion.

**Anti-social driving in the Fen Road Traffic Calmed area.**

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide regular patrols of the area to seek to identify persons engaged in the anti-social use of vehicles and take appropriate action.</li> <li>• Engage with residents and provide clear updates as to Police / County Council actions in order to impact on the problem.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Activity has centred on routine patrol of Fen Road in both vehicles and on foot, in order to identify and tackle anti-social behaviour and through a series of focused events by stopping and engaging drivers to offer advice.</p> <p>During the period 7 “Section 59 notices” have been issued to drivers in Fen Road for anti-social use of their vehicles. These notices are issued to drivers warning them that repeated anti-social use of their vehicles and off-road driving renders them liable to their vehicles being seized under legislation and are subject to financial penalties for their release.</p> <p>There have been 5 seizures of vehicles due to repeat anti-social behaviour. Of those, two vehicles have been seized twice with the owners recovering the vehicles and being caught once again. Further work is currently being considered to look at additional options to tackle these repeat offenders, who have failed to heed penalties so far.</p>

	<p>One patrol also resulted in the identification of a disqualified driver who is currently outstanding for arrest and who faces a custodial sentence.</p> <p>Police Community Support Officers have been utilised to maintain periodic contact with local residents immediately affected and to both provide and gain local information. The positive recent development of relationships was evident during a recent unrelated stabbing in Fen Road where house to house enquiries and community reassurance was put in place, prior to the arrest and remand of the offender.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Change in the physical lay-out of the road has been discussed in detail and the County Council will not be making amendments to the speed calming measures already in place.</p> <p>Progress has been made in both tackling offenders and reassuring those affected. It remains evident that some continue to flout the measures in place and behave in an anti-social manner.</p>
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	For discussion.

**Unlawful parking and associated ASB - The Shirley School, East Chesterton.**

<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise and seek to eliminate incidents of unlawful parking.</li> <li>• Subsequently to remove the cause of spontaneous ASB / disorder issues between parents over parking and safety issues.</li> <li>• To achieve this proportionately with minimal detrimental impact on the effective operation of the school and to maintain trust and confidence amongst staff and parents.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Patrols were conducted regularly by PCSOs Phillips and Smith at both drop-off and pick-up times during the period. The summer holiday resulted in six weeks when activity was</p>

	<p>not necessary due to the school being closed and the problem relating to term time only.</p> <p>A policy of engaging persons parking in an inconsiderate manner was adopted with recourse to enforcement action such as issuing tickets.</p> <p>There were very few issues apparent, and the initial response was successful in all cases and those persons parking inappropriately were apologetic and in agreement with the matters raised with them.</p> <p>There have been no incidents reported to Police directly that relate to the issue of people dropping off and picking up children.</p> <p>Two incidents of anti-social driving on Evergreens were reported and dealt with, and the informants updated. However, these were not directly linked to the school and occurred when school was not in session.</p> <p>This plan links closely to the other plan concerning anti-social driving in other areas of Chesterton, notably Fen Road.</p>
<p><b>Current Situation</b></p>	<p>East Chesterton PCSOs Smith and Phillips have re-engaged the school following the commencement of the new academic year and periodic patrols of the problem areas are being conducted during both the morning and afternoon at the key busy times.</p> <p>An appointment has been made with the Principal to discuss both findings to date and to plan ahead in light of the anticipated completion of building work.</p> <p>The policy of engagement with those parents parking vehicles inconsiderately and a discussion of police and school shared concerns remains. Feedback has been positive so far again this term from those engaged and there have been no obvious cases of “re-offending”. Any persons refusing to heed warnings and advice and repeat inconsiderate behaviour will be considered for prosecution.</p>
<p><b>Continue or Discharge?</b></p>	<p>Continue.</p>

## **Engagement Activity**

Engagement events permitting members of the public to meet the City North and other Cambridge City Neighbourhood Policing Teams are listed on the Constabulary's website.

They include a monthly surgery at Arbury Court at which all are welcome.

For further details please visit [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk) and look for the "My Neighbourhood" link or call 0345 456 456 4.

For more private matters, officers will be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience or discuss matters via telephone.

## **Speedwatch:**

5 staff members of Cambridge Regional College have been trained to carry out Speedwatch checks. They will focus activity on the public road that links the college from Kings Hedges Road.

## **3. Emerging Issues**

### **Neighbourhood trends**

Total crime in City North has increased with 1150 offences reported over this four month period compared to 971 offences in the previous period. Comparatively, there were 1168 offences reported in the same period last year, which is the equivalent of a 1.5% reduction.

During the two week period commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, a major police operation to crack down on burglary, vehicle and cycle crime suspects was carried out. Numerous arrests were made and substantial amounts of property were recovered. More information will be given at the meeting.

There has also been an increase in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 838 incidents reported over this 4 month period compared with 667 in the previous period ASB levels are however lower than recorded for the same period last year (1042 incidents equating to a 20% decrease).

### **West Chesterton**

- Offence levels in West Chesterton have increased to 287 offences reported from 224 the previous period. However, this is a slight decrease compared to the 294 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased compared to the previous period (34 offences vs. 24 offences) and compared to the same period last year (15 offences). Offence levels were particularly high in May, June and July, however offence levels for August were low with just five

offences occurring in the month. The majority of offences occurred overnight and entry was gained to properties via insecurities.

- Violent crime offences have increased compared to the previous period (46 offences vs. 29 offences) and also increased compared to the same period last year (33 offences). In the majority of these offences the offender was known to the victim. Hotspot locations for offences were Garden Walk, The Job centre on Chesterton Road and Elizabeth Way.
- There has been a large increase in cycle theft offences in the ward over the period with 86 offences over the period compared to 54 in the previous period (59% increase) and 69 in the same period last year. West Chesterton has the highest level of cycle theft in City North and accounts for 43% of all cycle theft offences in the neighbourhood. The majority of the offences are clustered in the vicinity of Chesterton Road.
- Criminal damage offences have decreased from 30 offences in the previous period to 19 in the current period and have also decreased in comparison to the previous year (49 offences).
- ASB levels have increased from 121 incidents in the previous period to 152 incidents in this period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 184 incidents and as already discussed an increase in ASB is expected during the summer months. The hotspots for ASB were Chesterton Road, Garden Walk, Milton Road and Victoria Road.

### **Environmental Issues:**

- Between May and August 2010 there were 5 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 10 during the same period the previous year. One vehicle was later claimed by its owner and three vehicles were not on site following inspection. In addition, one vehicle was impounded and is currently pending further investigation. There were no hotspots during the 2010 period, but Hawthorn Way (4) was a hotspot during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 20 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 2 warning letters to domestic offenders and request waste transfer documentation from a trade offender. Chestnut Grove (3) was the hotspot during the 2010 period and one of the offences there resulted in one of the formal warning letters being sent. There were no hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between May and August 2010, 54 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. Chesterton

Road (19), Beaulands Close (9), Herbert Street (5) and Bateson Road (3) were the hotspots during the 2010 period, compared with Birch Close (3) and Chesterton Road (3) during the same period the previous year.

- Between February and April 2010, 3 needles were reported, compared with 0 during the same period the previous year. There was no specific hotspot.

### **East Chesterton**

- An increase has been seen in the total number of offences reported in this four month period compared to the previous period (292 offences vs. 284 offences). However, total crime figures have remained stable compared to the same period last year (278 offences).
- There were 21 dwelling burglaries in this period compared to 23 offences in the previous period and 24 offences in the same period last year. East Chesterton had the lowest number of burglaries in City North and offences were relatively spread out across the ward.
- Burglary other offences have reduced by 60% in the period from 30 to 12 offences. This is due to a reduction in shed/garage burglaries.
- Violent crime offences have increased from 60 offences in the previous period to 75 offences in this period. Offence levels have also increased compared to the same period last year when there were 63 offences. The majority of offences occurred at home addresses and were domestic violence related/occurred between people who knew each other.
- Theft from vehicle offences have increased to 26 offences (from 16 in the previous period). Offences were spread out across the ward.
- Cycle theft remains high with 47 offences occurring over the period, compared to 48 the previous period and 41 in the same period the previous year.
- There were 233 ASB incidents in both this period and the same period last year, this is an increase compared to the previous period (198 incidents). Kendal Way was an ASB hotspot during the period with 24 incidents, these mainly related to disputed between neighbours and within families living on the street.

### **Environmental Issues:**

- Between May and August 2010 there were 8 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. One vehicle was later claimed by its owner and 2 vehicles were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to one offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public

highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Two further vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and were subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. One vehicle was referred to the police for further action and another was surrendered by its owner. There were no hotspots during the 2010 period, but Moss Bank (4) was a hotspot during the same period the previous year.

- Between May and August 2010 there were 48 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 60 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 2 warning letters to domestic offenders. Church Street (12), Dundee Close (7), Maitland Avenue (5) and Mortlock Avenue (3) were the hotspots during the 2010 period and 2 of the offences at Church Street resulted in the formal warning letters being sent. The main hotspots during the same period the previous year were Church Street (12), Maitland Avenue (8), Moss Bank (6) and Fen Road (both with 4).
- Between May and August 2010, 9 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. Scotland Road (3) was a hotspot during the 2010 period, but there were no specific hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between May and October 2010, 20 needles were reported compared with 70 during the same period the previous year. During the 2010 period, all reports related to finds at Church Street, primarily in the vicinity of the recycling centre, public toilets and recreation ground. During the same period the previous year, 68 needles were removed from Church Street, resulting primarily from a large one-off report of needles dumped on top of a skip.

### **Kings Hedges**

- Total crime in has increased in the last four month period compared to the previous period (274 offences vs. 248 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (298 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased considerably over the period with 44 offences compared to 19 in the previous period and 28 in the same period last year. Offences were particularly high in May and June (15 offences per month) however decreased in July and August to 7 offences per month. In late August a prolific burglary offender active across City North particularly in the Kings Hedges and Arbury areas was arrested. The offender subsequently admitted to 14 offences of burglary

(the majority occurring in Arbury and Kings Hedges in July and August) and has been remanded.

- Violent offences remain high in the ward (79 offences compared to 74 in the previous period). Repeat locations for offences were Campkin Road, Minerva Way and Nuns Way.
- Vehicle crime, theft from shop offences and 'other' crime offences have all reduced over the period. Kings Hedges is the lowest ward in the neighbourhood for these offence types.
- There were 218 ASB incidents in this period compared to 188 ASB incidents in the previous period and 283 incidents in the same period last year. Specific hotspot locations for incidents were Kings Hedges Rd (19 incidents, mainly related to anti-social riding of motorbikes/mopeds and noisy neighbours), Campkin Rd (18 incidents, mainly related to youth disorder and noisy neighbours) and Arbury Court (15 incidents, mainly relating to street drinking and rowdy behaviour by groups congregating in the area).

### **Environmental Issues:**

- Between May and August 2010 there were 17 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 5, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to one offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 5 reports were also referred to the Council's Housing Department. Nuns Way (8) was a hotspot during the 2010 period, but there were no hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between May and August 2010 there were 133 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 140 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 12 warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 cases are currently pending further investigation. Arbury Court (25), Campkin Road (17), Minerva Way (10), Sackville Close (8), Edgecombe and Nuns Way (both with 6) were the main hotspots during this period. Offences at Arbury Court, Campkin Road, Minerva Way and Sackville Close resulted in 10 of the formal warning letters being sent. The main hotspots during the 2009 period were Minerva Way (17), Atkins Close (14), Edgecombe (12), Crowland Way (8), Aragon Close and Campkin Road (both 7) and Hawkins Road (6).
- Between May and August 2010, 19 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 24 during the same period the previous year. Hanson

Court (4) and Cadwin Field (3) were the hotspots during the 2010 period, whereas Northfield Avenue (7) was a hotspot during the same period the previous year.

- Between May and August 2010, 3 needles were reported compared with 19 during the same period the previous year. During the 2010 period, all 3 needles were removed from the garage area at St Kilda Avenue. During the same period the previous year, 8 needles were removed from Arbury Park and 4 from Nicholson Way.

### **Arbury**

- Total crime in Arbury has increased compared to the previous four month period (297 offences vs. 221 offences). This is similar to the 292 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences remained at a similar level to previous periods with 32 offences (29 in previous period, 28 in same period last year). Offence levels were low in May, June and July however were high in August with 18 offences occurring. However offence levels have been low following the arrest of a prolific burglary offender.
- Violent crime offences have increased to 65 offences from 30 in the last period. The majority of the offences were domestic in nature or between known persons.
- Theft from vehicle offences have increased to 24 offences from just 5 in the previous period. Offences were mainly clustered towards the south of the ward.
- ASB incidents have increased compared to the previous period (235 offences vs. 160 offences) and the same period last year (299 offences). Specific hotspot locations for incidents were Histon Road (41 incidents including varied issues such as prostitution, noisy neighbours, street drinking, vehicle nuisance), Molewood Close (22 incidents, mainly neighbour issues) and Victoria Road (16 incidents, mainly street life issues).

### **Environmental Issues:**

- Between May and August 2010 there were 18 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 4, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to one offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Four further vehicles were also impounded on

behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and were subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. A further case is pending further investigation. Hazelwood/Molewood Close (4) and Histon Road (3) were the hotspots during the 2010 period, whereas Hazelwood/Molewood Close (4) and Bermuda Terrace (3) were the hotspots during the same period the previous year.

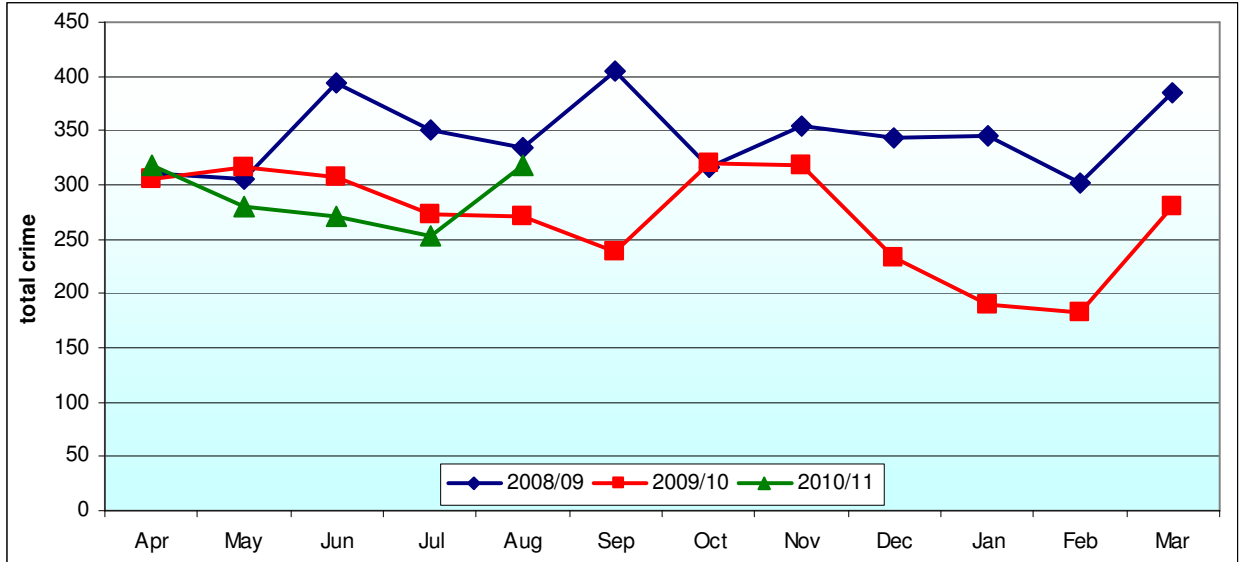
- Between May and August 2010 there were 135 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 88 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 2 warning letters to domestic offenders. Hazelwood/Molewood Close (21), Brackley Close, Kingsway and Rutland Close (each 11), Aylesborough Close, Bermuda Terrace and Perse Way (each with 8) were the main hotspots during this period. The main hotspots during the same period the previous year were Hazelwood/Molewood Close (11), Kingsway (10), Brackley Close (9), Bermuda Terrace, Rutland Close and Stretten Avenue (each with 7).
- Between May and August 2010, 33 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 47 during the same period the previous year. Victoria Road (5), French's Road (4) and Hazelwood/Molewood Close (3) were the hotspots during the 2010 period. Cockerell Road (14), French's Road (8), Akeman Street (5) and Montford Way (3) were the hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010, 5 needles were reported compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the 2010 period. During the same period the previous year, all 11 needles related to finds at Histon Road, primarily from the cemetery.

#### **4. Recommendations**

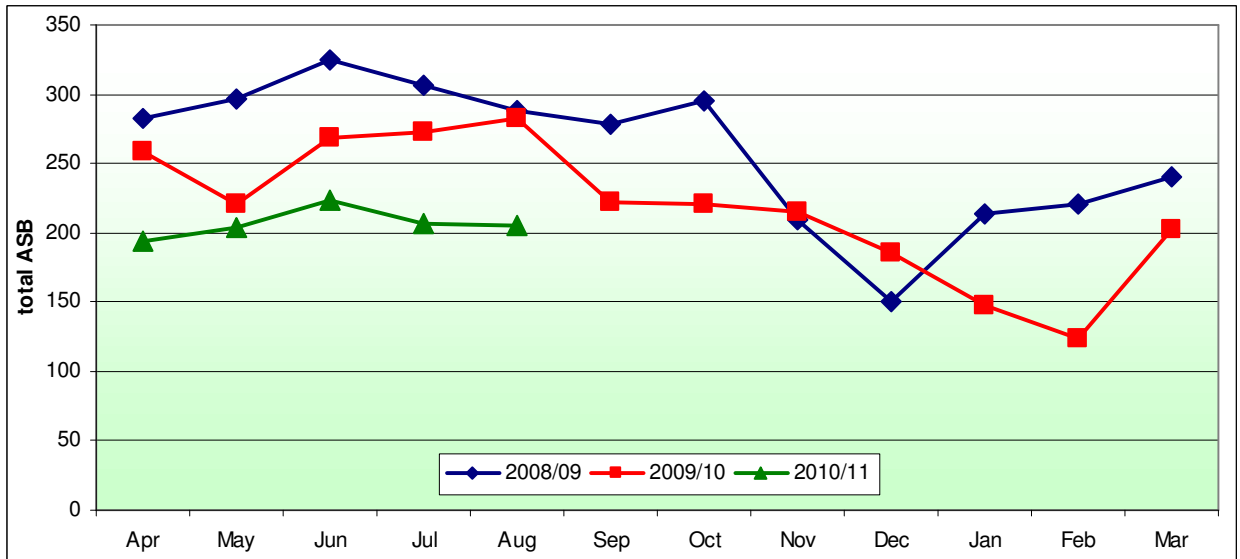
- ASB in the Vicinity of St Luke's School, Arbury – For discussion
- Anti-social Driving in the Fen Road Traffic Calmed Area – For discussion
- Unlawful Parking and Associated ASB - The Shirley School, East Chesterton

### Current Crime and Incident Levels

#### Total Crime



#### ASB Incidents



## Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>Nhod</b>	<b>City North</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	131	47	265	20	17	85	199	43	162	181	<b>1150</b>	<b>838</b>
		<i>Jan 10 – Apr 10</i>	95	69	183	25	39	44	158	43	151	164	<b>971</b>	<b>667</b>
		<i>May 09 – Aug 09</i>	95	67	237	16	21	62	164	68	222	216	<b>1168</b>	<b>1042</b>
<b>Wards</b>	<b>West Chesterton</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	34	11	46	4	6	23	86	12	19	46	<b>287</b>	<b>152</b>
		<i>Jan 10 – Apr 10</i>	24	10	29	9	5	16	54	8	30	39	<b>224</b>	<b>121</b>
		<i>May 09 – Aug 09</i>	15	18	33	3	3	17	69	17	49	70	<b>294</b>	<b>184</b>
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	21	12	75	1	6	26	47	2	52	50	<b>292</b>	<b>233</b>
		<i>Jan 10 – Apr 10</i>	23	30	60	6	21	16	48	2	31	41	<b>278</b>	<b>198</b>
		<i>May 09 – Aug 09</i>	24	11	63	7	8	11	41	9	65	45	<b>284</b>	<b>276</b>
	<b>Kings Hedges</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	44	6	79	7	3	12	27	11	46	39	<b>274</b>	<b>218</b>
		<i>Jan 10 – Apr 10</i>	19	11	74	3	3	7	26	20	52	43	<b>248</b>	<b>188</b>
		<i>May 09 – Aug 09</i>	28	13	78	4	2	24	17	31	54	51	<b>298</b>	<b>283</b>
	<b>Arbury</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	32	18	65	8	2	24	39	18	45	46	<b>297</b>	<b>235</b>
		<i>Jan 10 – Apr 10</i>	29	18	30	7	10	5	30	13	38	41	<b>221</b>	<b>160</b>
		<i>May 09 – Aug 09</i>	28	25	67	2	8	10	37	11	54	50	<b>292</b>	<b>299</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding robbery

## ASB Incident Types in the City North Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

### Please Note

Incident levels for each of the wards may not be consistent with the official figures that will be published by the Force and Home Office. This is because the data system used to draw the level of detail needed for the ASB type breakdown for this report may not contain precise locations due to the way incidents are reported e.g. ASB reported where ward boundaries lie could initially be recorded in the neighbouring ward but subsequently corrected.

The figures should only be used as a guide and not regarded as official statistics for publication.

			Abandoned Vehicle	Animal Problems	Begging/Vagrancy	Hoax call to emergency services	Litter	Malicious/Nuisance Communication	Noise	Prejudice Incident	Prostitution	Regular Caller – Hist Info.	Rowdy & Inconsiderate Behaviour	Rowdy/Nuisance Neighbours	Street Drinking	Trespass	Vehicle related nuisance/Inappropriate Vehicle use	Violence	Grand Total
<b>N'Hood</b>	<b>City North</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	37	3	1	14	1	66	71	4	5	2	429	101	8	7	73	3	825
<b>Wards</b>	<b>West Chesterton</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	11	0	0	4	0	7	8	0	0	0	93	13	2	0	13	0	151
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	13	2	0	3	1	22	21	0	1	0	103	35	1	4	27	0	233
	<b>Kings Hedges</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	7	0	0	4	0	16	24	0	0	2	112	16	5	2	21	1	210
	<b>Arbury</b>	<i>May 10 – Aug 10</i>	6	1	1	3	0	21	18	4	4	0	121	37	0	1	12	2	231