

# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East 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:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for March to July 2014, compared to the previous reporting period October 2013 to February 2014<sup>1</sup> and this same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period March to July 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2013; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this document, the previous reporting period has been extended by one month to allow a direct comparison to the current 5-month reporting period.

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 10 April 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area
- Policing issues associated with Mill Road
- Reduce shoplifting in the East area

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 17 April 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Concerted action against drug suppliers
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Officers have continued to conduct a number of drugs warrants in the East and surrounding areas, targeting all classes of drugs. We have also targeted a number of street dealers. The following information details some of the main warrants, actions and arrests which have taken place in the last reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Mowbray Road (junction with Cherry Hinton Road) – A warrant was executed and a male and female were arrested after a cannabis factory was discovered at their home address. There was insufficient evidence to charge the female; however, the male has been prosecuted.</li> <li>□ Budleigh Close – 3 males have been arrested at this location after a large amount of Class A drugs were found; they remain on bail.</li> <li>□ George Pateman Court – 2 males and 1 female have been arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs; they remain on bail.</li> <li>□ Jack Warren Green – 1 male was arrested after Class B drugs were found in his property, he was given a caution.</li> <li>□ Peverel Road – 3 males were arrested for possession with intent to supply Class B drugs; they remain on bail.</li> <li>□ Argyle Street – 1 male and female were arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs; they remain on bail.</li> <li>□ Vinery Road – 2 males were arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs; they remain on bail.</li> </ul> <p>There has been other enforcement action not listed above by the East team in conjunction with officers from the South team.</p>

	We are continuing to work with our housing partners to evict persons that have been found to be supplying drugs from properties or allowing their properties to be used.
<b>Current Situation</b>	We have previously reported drug dealers coming up from London and we have again seen an increase in this. These dealers will often target very vulnerable people in their own houses and base themselves there using a fear of force against the occupants.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Policing issues associated with Mill Road</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road area, focusing on the street drinking and complaints of ASB linked to that activity.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The Mill Road and Petersfield areas have been targeted by both the East team and the street life team supported by other officers from the safer neighbourhood teams.</p> <p>Operation Summit, which is the city's operation around Street ASB, is currently targeted around the Ditchburn Place and Petersfield Green areas.</p> <p>Both teams have made good use of section 27 dispersal powers from the Violent Crime Reduction Act to prevent alcohol-related ASB.</p> <p>Early morning daily patrols are conducted on Mill Road and the surrounding areas by PCSOs, supported by police officers when needed.</p> <p>The team continues to meet with the Mill Road Traders' Association and other residential groups. We also continue to work with the local charities and partner agencies to reduce the impact of the street life community in the above areas.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>The street life situation on Mill Road has improved over the last 12 months. We still receive calls about hot spots, however these are easily targeted.</p> <p>ASB has fallen compared to last year. There are three main areas within the Abbey and Petersfield wards, which account for a large amount of calls, these are: Newmarket Road, Elizabeth Way roundabout, Ditchburn Place and Petersfield Green.</p>

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<b>Reduce shoplifting in the East area</b>	
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<b>Objective</b>	To reduce thefts from shops in the East area, by working with shop staff and high visibility patrols.
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<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>In the last report the committee were informed that we had launched Operation Acura. This operation had two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ A high visibility operation that took place during two weeks in February, the operation concentrated on shops that were continuously targeted for thefts in each of the four wards on the East.</li> <li>□ The second part of the Operation was to work with shops that suffer the very highest level of thefts in an effort to reduce the vulnerability of those shops.</li> </ul> <p>The result of the operation saw the lowest levels of shop thefts in the East for those two weeks for three years. We received positive feedback from the shop owners involved and a number of shops have made changes to displays, etc.</p> <p>Due to the success of this operation, we now run it for a week every month to enhance the day-to-day work we do. Once again this operation has seen a reduction in thefts.</p> <p>Officers from the East have continued to make arrests and have dealt with a number of people for the offences of shoplifting and handling stolen goods, both at the time of the thefts and after the event.</p>
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<b>Current Situation</b>	Overall we are seeing a downward trend in shoplifting on the East with a few shops reporting the bulk of the thefts.
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### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- The City Council's Safer Communities team is currently dealing with 12 serious cases of ASB in Brooks Road, Budleigh Close, Coldham's Lane, Dennis Road, Ditton Fields, Helen Close, Howard Road, Lichfield Road and Whitehill Close. We are also dealing with a complex ASB issue in Fison Road involving a number of addresses.
- On 3 April, ASB officers from the City Council's Safer Communities team delivered an ASB workshop to the Year 6 children at Abbey Meadows Primary School. They also carried out a meeting for the residents of the

Abbey Ward on 10 March, where police, councillors and housing officers were invited and residents voiced any ASB-related concerns, which are being addressed.

- Two community safety events were held; one in Lichfield Road on 23 April and one in Hanover Court on 30 May. Both events were aimed at informing residents on how to report ASB and how to keep safe in their homes. Representatives from the police, housing, Safer Communities and the Fire Service attended.
- Overall crime has remained stable across the East area with a very slight reduction compared to the previous reporting period and this same period in 2013.
- ASB has seen an increase of 15% (84 incidents) compared to the previous reporting period. Of note is that the overall figure does still remain 8% lower than this same period in 2013 and that the current reporting period encompasses the clocks changing to BST and a generally busier period.
- Violent crime has seen a reduction of 26% (57 fewer offences) compared to the previous reporting period and a reduction of 9% (15 fewer offences) compared to this same period in 2013. With reductions across all four wards, Petersfield recorded the greatest reduction at 35% (23 fewer offences).
- Shoplifting has seen a very slight increase of 6% (7 offences), compared to the previous reporting period. Of note is that the overall figure remains 25% (40 offences) lower than this same period in 2013.
- Dwelling burglary has seen a reduction of 15% (10 fewer offences) compared to the previous reporting period. The most significant reduction 23 to 12 was seen in the Romsey ward.
- Burglary other has seen an increase of 27% (11 offences) with Romsey and Coleridge wards stable and Petersfield showing a significant reduction; this increase has been centred on the Abbey ward.
- Robbery remains stable at 9 offences over a five month reporting period.
- Cycle theft has remained stable compared to the previous reporting period and this same period in 2013.
- Cambridge City police are seeking to build on the already good relationship with Neighbourhood Watch and to increase scheme member

numbers even more. Anyone interested in finding out more should visit [www.cambsnhw.org.uk](http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk).

- Cambridge City police has launched their own Twitter account; @CambridgeCops.
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary has launched Neighbourhood Alert to enhance communication with neighbourhoods.
- The police are continuing to explore how they could utilise the **Shape Your Place** website to improve community engagement and will include the results of consultation in the next profile.

## 4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>AREA</b>	<b>City East</b>	Mar 14 – July 14	57	51	159	9	12	38	218	121	111	382	1,158	633
		Mar 13 – July 13	49	47	174	8	7	48	225	161	128	300	1,147	686
		Oct 13 – Feb 14	67	40	216	7	14	50	214	114	115	332	1,169	549
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	Mar 14 – July 14	24	28	67	2	5	20	25	36	33	109	349	205
		Mar 13 – July 13	15	13	69	1	1	22	41	75	40	85	362	199
		Oct 13 – Feb 14	23	8	80	3	6	20	28	46	33	81	328	161
	<b>Coleridge</b>	Mar 14 – July 14	9	11	24	1	3	6	55	13	18	79	219	126
		Mar 13 – July 13	7	10	27	1	2	11	36	3	24	62	183	138
		Oct 13 – Feb 14	11	11	32	0	2	7	53	5	20	93	234	119
	<b>Petersfield</b>	Mar 14 – July 14	12	5	43	4	2	4	93	64	22	119	368	199
		Mar 13 – July 13	8	8	39	2	2	7	100	61	34	91	352	176
		Oct 13 – Feb 14	10	14	66	3	2	7	96	53	35	92	378	176
	<b>Romsey</b>	Mar 14 – July 14	12	7	25	2	2	8	45	8	38	75	222	103
		Mar 13 – July 13	19	16	39	4	2	8	48	22	30	62	250	173
		Oct 13 – Feb 14	23	7	38	1	4	16	37	10	27	66	229	93

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Abbey**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- March to July 2014: 8 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having a valid tax disc
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 5 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- March to July 2014: 44 reports, which included
  - 2 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to trade offenders
  - 1 verbal warning
- Offences at Cheddar's Lane and Ann's Road accounted for the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 67 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- March to July 2014: 6
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 14

#### *Needle finds*

- March to July 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 7

### **Coleridge**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- March to July 2014: 5 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by its owner
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 2 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- March to July 2014: 11 reports, which included

- 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- 3 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Suez Road accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 13 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- March to July 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 24

#### *Needle finds*

- March to July 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: None

### **Petersfield**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- March to July 2014: 12 reports, which included 10 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: Rope Walk (6)
- March to July 2013: 11 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- March to July 2014: 42, which included
  - 3 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 verbal warning
- Offences at Gwydir Street, Petworth Street and Sturton Street accounted for each of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 42 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- March to July 2014: 27
- Hotspots: Mill Road (8)
- March to July 2013: 18

#### *Needle finds*

- March to July 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 99

### **Romsey**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- March to July 2014: 12 reports, which included
  - 8 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 4 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- March to July 2014: 26 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- The offence at Coleridge Road accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 25 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- March to July 2014: 15
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 4

#### *Needle finds*

- March to July 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- March to July 2013: 6

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area
- Policing issues associated with Mill Road
- Reduce shoplifting in the East area