

# 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:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for May to July 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (February to April 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period April 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.

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the North Area Committee meeting of 8 May 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Combat drug dealing in the North area.
- Road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area.
- ASB in the green areas in the North area.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 15 May 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Combat drug dealing in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Combat drug dealing in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	The North team has had a number of successes since the last meeting, albeit down on previous occasions, with seven persons arrested; six of these were from outside Cambridge, five being from London. However, four more have been sent to court, for offences of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply. The paperwork and investigative burden on officers, in such cases is considerable and explains the decline in street activity. We have continued to focus on disruption to drug dealers coming into the North of Cambridge, with stop/searches and focussed patrols. Officers continue to gather information and obtain warrants to further disrupt this trade. We are now working with a number of other forces around the region to better understand the market and the City's place within it. It is important to note that London-based dealers are still intent on servicing the Cambridge market, bringing with them inherent issues of increased violence.
<b>Current Situation</b>	The continued fall in local shoplifting would seem to be indicative of disruption to supply, as is theft from motor vehicles. However, cycle theft (another crime linked to drug-motivated criminals) has gone up, despite success in supporting a prolific cycle thief into rehab.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	With the support from the Special Constabulary we have continued to address issues around road safety, concentrating on areas with schools or where we have had complaints. A number of people have been processed for offences ranging from not wearing a seatbelt to speeding.
<b>Current Situation</b>	We have appointed a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who will continue to work with the Special Constabulary to deal with issues of road safety including speed enforcement within the neighbourhood. PC Doug MacKenzie is the SPOC and as an ex-traffic officer is the perfect appointment.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>ASB in the green areas in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address ASB in the green areas in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	Both officers and PCSOs have undertaken patrols of green areas. Officers have often been in plain clothes and combined this work with their efforts to combat drug dealing and use. We have continued to receive limited reports of anti-social behaviour in these areas but expected that increase over the summer months and the school holidays.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Anecdotally, PCSOs are reporting a decrease in issues on the green spaces. It is encouraging that crimes associated with recs and parks (for example, ASB, robbery and criminal damage) have fallen quite considerably, which cautiously suggests that this shows the success/impact of making this a priority.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### **3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES**

- There has been a considerable reduction in antisocial behaviour (ASB) by comparison to the same period last year; of course it has increased from the previous “colder” reporting period.
- There has been an increase in recorded violent crime by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year. This is reflected across the City and is currently being scrutinised. Reporting procedures have changed and the City Centre is busier which may be responsible for some of this. It is worth noting that “violent crime” includes

relatively minor public order offences and reassuringly, Addenbrooke's reports NO increase in injury caused by assault.

- There has been a reduction in theft of and theft from motor vehicle by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year. This is encouraging, albeit that there seems a current trend wherein cars are stolen during burglaries.
- Robbery has decreased but cycle theft has seen a surprising increase, which we need to address.
- The North team continues to hold its community engagement surgeries at Arbury Court (last Wednesday of every month: 11am to 1pm) and Tesco Express, High Street Chesterton (last Tuesday of every month: 1pm to 3pm).

## 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 North</b>	<i>May 14 – Jul 14</i>	32	22	128	5	8	22	99	38	77	184	615	332
		<i>May 13 – Jul 13</i>	32	17	114	5	14	30	64	53	91	148	568	417
		<i>Feb 14 – Apr 14</i>	28	32	93	15	10	17	81	46	50	241	613	288
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Arbury</b>	<i>May 14 – Jul 14</i>	9	4	24	3	4	7	26	13	14	45	149	79
		<i>May 13 – Jul 13</i>	14	6	32	1	6	5	21	17	22	37	161	110
		<i>Feb 14 – Apr 14</i>	12	12	26	2	3	2	16	20	18	51	162	73
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	<i>May 14 – Jul 14</i>	9	4	32	0	1	6	25	4	22	51	154	93
		<i>May 13 – Jul 13</i>	5	4	29	1	1	6	8	2	32	20	108	114
		<i>Feb 14 – Apr 14</i>	6	3	25	3	2	5	20	6	11	73	154	72
	<b>King's Hedges</b>	<i>May 14 – Jul 14</i>	6	7	49	1	3	7	19	16	28	46	182	103
		<i>May 13 – Jul 13</i>	7	4	33	2	3	12	10	27	22	44	164	110
		<i>Feb 14 – Apr 14</i>	5	15	31	6	2	2	12	6	16	75	170	90
	<b>West Chesterton</b>	<i>May 14 – Jul 14</i>	8	7	23	1	0	2	29	5	13	42	130	57
		<i>May 13 – Jul 13</i>	6	3	20	1	4	7	25	7	15	47	135	83
		<i>Feb 14 – Apr 14</i>	5	2	11	4	3	8	33	14	5	42	127	53

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Arbury**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 3 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having a valid tax disc
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 6 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 52 reports, which included
  - 6 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 verbal warning
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 24 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 9
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 5

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 1
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2

### **East Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 8 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 8 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 15 reports
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 10
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ April to July 2013: 10

#### *Needle finds*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 194<sup>1</sup>
- ❑ Hotspots: Nuffield Road (180)
- ❑ April to July 2013: 7

### **King's Hedges**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 15 reports, which included
  - 9 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
- ❑ April to July 2013: 7 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 43 reports, which included
  - 10 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Cadwin Field accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ April to July 2013: 8 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 3
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ April to July 2013: 6

#### *Needle finds*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 3<sup>2</sup>
- ❑ Hotspots: Campkin Road (3)
- ❑ April to July 2013: 2

### **West Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- ❑ April to July 2014: 4 reports
- ❑ Hotspots: None

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<sup>1</sup> 180 needles were collected securely by a City Council Ranger from the Shirley Primary School, which had been handed in to the school office during April. Additionally, 14 used needles were recovered from the riverbank.

<sup>2</sup> 3 needles recovered behind flats



- April to July 2013: 1 report

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 14 reports
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 18

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 7<sup>3</sup>
- Hotspots: Hawthorn Way (7)
- April to July 2013: 4

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue with the work against drug dealers: this is a situation which could easily escalate and attracts other, potentially more serious, criminality. As an organisation, we are now putting more resources into this and linking with other Forces; the Met being one.
- Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture.
- Address cycle crime: this has gone up and focussing on this will also assist in arresting anti-social cycling. We are getting some good information of this area of business, which will hopefully lead to successful action.

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<sup>3</sup> 7 used needles recovered from garage block; reported to Environmental Health by a contractor and Streets and Open Spaces collected them.