

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City South 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 on-going 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 June to August 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (March to May 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period June to August 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2013; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the South Area Committee meeting of 23 June 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Combat the supply of drugs in the South area
- Target dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards
- Target ASB associated with the "Cambridge Lakes" area

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 30 June 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

Combat the supply of drugs in the South area	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Target individuals and organised groups travelling to the South area of Cambridge to engage in the unlawful supply of controlled drugs, particularly Class A drugs. □ Target the supply of drugs; particularly Class A drugs, by individuals resident in the South area.
Action Taken	<p>Officers have continued to conduct a number of drugs warrants in the South and neighbouring 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"> □ <u>Cherry Hinton</u> 3 arrests made for Possession With Intent To Supply (PWITS) Class A drugs following execution of a drugs search warrant. All charged and remanded. Around £1800 in drug money and a quantity of crack (16 wraps approximately £160 in value) seized. □ <u>Queen Edith's</u> Work is on-going and will hopefully be resulted for next area meeting. □ <u>Trumpington</u> 2 arrests for PWITS Class A drugs from the execution of a drugs search warrant. Ecstasy, cannabis and £450 in suspected drug money seized. 2 further arrests were made for possession of Class A drugs namely ecstasy and Class B cannabis. □ <u>Adjoining areas</u> Action by the South team in support of adjoining areas is reported here in recognition that the supply of drugs does not respect ward boundaries. Support given to neighbouring areas will also serve to disrupt drugs activity in the South

	<p>area (see Intelligence update below).</p> <p>Support was given to the execution of 7 search warrants resulting in a total of 20 arrests for PWITS Class A and B drugs (crack, heroin, ecstasy, cannabis). In one search a cannabis factory was uncovered and in another around £900 cash was seized as suspected drugs money.</p> <p><u>Historical Action & Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A warrant executed in January 2014 on the Trumpington ward resulted in a male being arrested and subsequently charged with PWITS cannabis and being concerned in the supply of cocaine. During this current reporting period he has been now convicted and sentenced to 33 months imprisonment for this and another matter. A process of eviction is now taking place involving co-operation between the local area police team and the City Council's Safer Communities team. <p><u>Drug money</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ In the last 3 months in the region of £3-4000 has been seized as suspected drug money. Most of these cases are on-going. <p><u>Intelligence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Intelligence has indicated that drug dealers are using vulnerable people's addresses. In some cases they have taken over their homes, from which they then run their illicit businesses. Some of these properties are on the East area but as mentioned above the dealers don't stay there. They are often mobile and deal on the South area as well.
Current Situation	This is a busy period in terms of on-going enforcement activity and information gathering, with community intelligence playing a key role. There is much enforcement work still to be done over the next three months which, amongst other activity, will include a number of warrants.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Target dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reduce the incidents of dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton area. □ Increase the awareness of local residents about the risks of becoming a victim of crime, and inform them of suitable simple crime prevention measures they can take.

Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ A team of detectives has been working on tackling this issue. ❑ Enquiries have indicated that the suspects for these burglaries are cross border criminals, targeting houses whereby there is believed to be gold within. Similar incidents have occurred within the Peterborough and Essex areas. ❑ A number of vehicles have been identified as being involved within these burglaries and work is on-going with the Priority Crime team at Parkside Police Station and ERSOU (a regional crime team) to bring these offenders to justice. ❑ Patrols have increased in the specified areas and further afield. These patrols have included overt uniformed presence as well as the use of unmarked vehicles and plain clothed officers. ❑ “Cocooning” has continued to occur in the affected areas. ❑ Of note, a group of individuals have been arrested and charged with a number of burglaries and theft from motor vehicles in the Hampshire area. These individuals appear to be part of an organised crime group and they have been charged with two burglary offences in the Cambridge City area already.
Current Situation	Work is on-going to link the above group to more Cambridge offences through a number of methods.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Target ASB associated with the “Cambridge Lakes” area	
Objective	To reduce ASB associated with “Cambridge Lakes”
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Total number of patrol hours: 17hrs 30mins. ❑ Number of persons seen: 123 people; around 80% were over 18; around 70% were “visitors” to the area rather than locals. They came mainly from Bury / Haverhill / Linton areas and had heard of the area via the internet. ❑ Number of WOA / Request To Leave given; WOA given to most of them apart from those who chose to leave on sighting the approaching high visibility patrols. ❑ Number of GAP forms submitted: None, although all staff have been reminded of the need to submit such forms so that parents can be alerted. On several occasions, staff reported that children were actually present with their parents. ❑ Any other observations: This year has been the worst for damage to the wooden and metal fence. Close co-operation was obtained from the land agents January’s to help resolve this matter. Following the tragedy of the drowning of a young

	<p>boy in the river in the Huntingdon area, the area was also visited by Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service to ensure they had access and were prepared for such an event at this location. Periodic prevention patrols were also conducted by them to assist attempting to get the message across that it was currently considered not to be a safe place for swimming.</p>
Current Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The fences are all fixed and there have been no further reports of trespassers. ❑ Warning signs have been displayed by the land agents. ❑ Meetings have been attended by local PCSO Marie Bailey in relation to the proposal by some to turn the area into a country park type location. ❑ The area is now on the radar as a location for high visibility patrols to help prevent a tragedy of a drowning or major disturbance should there be a forecast of a period of warm weather in the City.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- ❑ The City Council's Safer Communities team are currently working closely with the police and other agencies on ASB cases in Arran Close, St. Bedes Crescent, Bridewell Road and Paget Road.
- ❑ The Safer Communities team has also been involved in discussions about the "Cambridge Lakes" and preventing further ASB during the summer months.
- ❑ The Safer Communities team continue to proactively promote the work of the team to ensure that residents of Cambridge understand and are aware of the reporting procedures and how we can help them tackle ASB in their neighbourhoods, for example, an ASB officer from the team attended a 'Friends With Disabilities' meeting to discuss ASB and to advise them on how to report concerns and the Community Cohesion & Racial Harassment Officer, together with an ASB officer, attended the Southern Fringe Group meeting in Trumpington to gain a greater understanding of issues in the area and promote the work of the team amongst the new communities in the area.
- ❑ There has been a rise in overall crime recorded on the South area (+126) which has been reflected across all three wards. Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards have accounted for the majority of this increase.

- Anti-social behaviour for the South Area has remained relatively stable by comparison to the previous reporting period (+19). Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards have seen a slight increase in ASB, with Trumpington ward recording a slight decrease (-16).
- Dwelling burglary for the South area has seen an increase by comparison to the previous reporting period (+5). Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards have both seen increases. Trumpington has however seen a reduction (-4).
- All violent crime has seen an increase by comparison to the previous reporting period (+45). This increase has been reflected across all three wards.
- Non-dwelling burglary for the South area has seen an increase (+8) by comparison to the previous reporting period. The majority of this increase took place on the Trumpington ward with Queen Edith's remaining stable.
- Theft from vehicle for the South Area has remained stable with just 20 offences recorded across all three wards during this reporting period.
- Cycle crime for the South area overall has remained stable by comparison to the previous reporting period. Queen Edith's has seen a reduction of 13 and Cherry Hinton a slight increase (+6). Trumpington has however seen an increase (+20).
- Local PCSOs have spent time in addressing inconsiderate parking by parents involved in the school run by a combination of education and enforcement action. This has been carried out in consultation with the local schools that have been requested to remind all parents to park considerately and legally and / or consider alternative methods of getting children to / from school. Councillor Tim Moore raised this issue, but as a perennial problem this was something we were planning to address in the first few weeks of children returning to school.
- Local PCSOs have also spent time addressing, in various locations along Hills Roads, inconsiderate cycling which includes contravening red traffic lights. On just 2 days, 43 people were spoken to for having contravened red traffic lights. The vast majority of these were adults who offered the reason that they were "late for work".
- Residents can rest assured that these types of behaviour will continue to be revisited and addressed throughout the year by their local PCSOs.

- Cambridge City Police has drawn up a new service level agreement with Neighbourhood Watch and are seeking to build on the already good relationship with members to increase scheme numbers even more. Anyone interested in finding out more should visit www.cambsnhw.org.uk
- Cambridge City Police has launched its own Twitter account: @CambridgeCops
- Cambridgeshire Police has launched Neighbourhood Alert to enhance communication with neighbourhoods.
- The police are exploring how they could utilise the **Shape Your Place** website (<http://cambridge.shapeyourplace.org/>) 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
AREA	City South	Jun 14 – Aug 14	34	24	81	6	3	20	85	20	47	156	476	211
		Jun 13 – Aug 13	26	16	47	1	5	15	76	3	38	81	308	232
		Mar 14 – May 14	29	16	36	1	3	17	72	8	20	148	350	192
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Jun 14 – Aug 14	17	4	21	4	2	4	12	6	22	43	135	70
		Jun 13 – Aug 13	9	2	14	0	1	4	18	2	14	21	85	114
		Mar 14 – May 14	11	2	13	1	0	2	6	1	5	45	86	51
	Queen Edith's	Jun 14 – Aug 14	10	2	24	0	0	5	18	0	11	55	125	58
		Jun 13 – Aug 13	7	5	16	1	3	6	16	0	10	32	96	55
		Mar 14 – May 14	7	2	8	0	1	2	31	0	5	44	100	42
	Trumpington	Jun 14 – Aug 14	7	18	36	2	1	11	55	14	14	58	216	83
		Jun 13 – Aug 13	10	9	17	0	1	5	42	1	14	28	127	63
		Mar 14 – May 14	11	12	15	0	2	13	35	7	10	59	164	99

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Cherry Hinton

Abandoned vehicles

- June to August 2014: 13 reports, which included
 - 10 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
- Hotspots: St Bede's Crescent (4)
- June to August 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- June to August 2014: 14 reports, which included
 - 3 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 request for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Colville Road accounted for 3 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 18 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to August 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 5

Needle finds

- June to August 2014: 475¹
- Hotspots: Daws Lane (475)
- June to August 2013: None

Queen Edith's

Abandoned vehicles

- June to August 2014: 2 reports, which included 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 1 report

Fly tipping

- June to August 2014: 12 reports
- Hotspots: None

¹ Needles were removed from Daws Lane near the stream going towards Cherry Hinton Hall. They were removed by the Rapid Response team following a telephone call from a member of the public to the Customer Service Centre. Photographs of evidence were taken. Find reported to Cambridgeshire Drug & Alcohol Action Team.

- June to August 2013: 8 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to August 2014: 2
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 5

Needle finds

- June to August 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 597

Trumpington

Abandoned vehicles

- June to August 2014: 4 reports, which included
 - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 1 report

Fly tipping

- June to August 2014: 8 reports, which included
 - 2 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 request for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Hauxton Road and Rialto Close accounted for 1 each of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 24 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to August 2014: 7
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: 12

Needle finds

- June to August 2014: 2²
- Hotspots: None
- June to August 2013: None

² Single needle removed from car park at 30 Station Road and another single needle removed from outside garage on Bentinck Street

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue work against Class A dealers
- Address cycle crime in response to citywide spike
- Address cycling offences with return of students and darker evenings (will compliment effort against cycle crime)