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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 Area Committees, multi-agency Neighbourhood Action Groups 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 December 08 – February 09 and as a comparison data from December 07 – November 07 and September 08 – November 08.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, March 09.
- Cambridge City Council, City Services data, December 08 – February 09.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the South Area Committee meeting on the 18th December 2008, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Address issues of anti-social parking at schools and junctions in Cherry Hinton	
Objective	Reduce inconsiderate and dangerous parking
Action Taken	<p>Involved in this priority have been the Casualty Reduction Officer, Fire Service, County Council, City Council and Legion Security.</p> <p>Beginning in January, neighbourhood policing team officers, fire service officers and city rangers, accompanied by local councillors, carried out a series of parking audits to establish the nature and scale of the problem. The audits were predominantly focussed on the Cherry Hinton area but were also carried out in the lower Hills Road area and in Mill Road following reports of problems here as well.</p> <p>The campaign was formally launched in February with a press release and the publication of a leaflet - <i>Don't Get A Parking Ticket</i> - a plain English guide to the rules produced jointly by the police, the county and city councils and community safety partnership.</p> <p>Particular attention was paid to schools where parents dropping off and collecting children were in some cases creating a dangerous situation. In an initial visit to these sites, police officers spoke to offending motorists and gave out copies of <i>Don't Get A Parking Ticket</i>. In subsequent visits the following week the police issued penalty notices to people who continued to offend. 9 Tickets were issued during this reporting period, along with a number of drivers given warnings. Officers also visited schools to discuss the issue with teachers and school governors and work is underway to alert children to the dangers their parents may be causing. This campaign was also highlighted at the Park and Ride sites in the city.</p> <p>The scope of the campaign extends beyond parking at schools</p>

	<p>and junctions and seeks to make motorists think before parking on verges, in cycle lanes, in front of dropped curbs and spaces reserved for others.</p> <p>Letters have also been distributed to local residents in 'problem streets' alerting them to the Police action to tackle the issue.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Parking around the area of the high street and local schools has improved. The Partnership recognised that parking is an issue across the city, and this is currently a city wide priority. Parking is the responsibility of the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers who are assisted by the Police where necessary.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	<p>Discharge - Although parking is an emotive subject general passing attention to the issue should be sufficient to deal with this.</p>

Crime and disorder in the New Town area of the neighbourhood	
Objective	Reduce instances of crime and disorder
Action Taken	<p>A number of pieces of work have been conducted, these include:</p> <p>A warrant was executed on the 19th of December and property recovered from an address in the New Town area. Three persons were arrested as a result. In early January the Neighbourhood Team arrested a further suspect as part of the ongoing enquiry.</p> <p>The neighbourhood policing team held a surgery at Waitrose for the general public to discuss their concerns and raise issues with their local office. In addition to this, monthly surgeries are held by the Anti-social behaviour (ASB) team and City Homes in Hanover Court, although to date few specific ASB issues have been reported.</p> <p>Environmental Visual Audits have been completed looking at 'signal crimes' (graffiti / minor criminal damage) and parking issues with the assistance of City Rangers and the Fire Service</p> <p>A multi agency meeting with the Council ASB team, Youth</p>

	<p>Offending Team and Police resulted in one youth being signed up to an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC).</p> <p>One youth arrested by PC Sutton has been charged with handling stolen goods and theft of a pedal cycle. He is currently under investigation for Criminal Damage to a window Princess Court.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Crime and incident figures show that:</p> <p>Thefts from vehicles have increased to 30 from 22</p> <p>Cycle theft offences have decreased from 36 offences in the previous period to 28</p> <p>ASB incidents have decreased from 140 incidents in the previous period to 120</p>
Continue or Discharge?	For discussion at the Area Committee meeting.

Reduce burglary of homes in the South area	
Objective	To reduce burglary victims in the South area.
Action Taken	<p>Since mid January burglary has been the top priority across the city. It has attracted increased staffing levels and funding to ensure offenders were brought to justice. This issue has been tackled using various methods. Each day plain clothed officers have been patrolling burglary hotspots on cycles and on foot. Local officers have carried out patrols, reassurance visits and leaflet drops in hotspot areas.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has been sent information on local burglaries and crime prevention advice.</p> <p>A media campaign has been used to raise awareness of the issue and encourage residents to consider their home security.</p> <p>A resident from the Queen Edith ward admitted three burglaries at Cambridge Crown Court and asked for nine thefts and 142 burglaries to be taken into consideration, he was sentenced to four-year imprisonment.</p>

	A second resident also of Queens Edith wards was jailed for three years after pleading guilty to two counts of burglary, one of dangerous driving, one of driving while disqualified and one of driving without insurance. He asked for another 11 home burglaries to be taken into account.
Current Situation	Crime figures in each ward are as follows: Trumpington - halved from 14 offences to 7 in this period Queen Ediths - increased from 16 offences to 23 in this period Cherry Hinton - increased from 6 offences to 16 in this period
Continue or Discharge?	Continue – Burglary remains a high priority for the Constabulary, and the Community Safety Partnership. The crime level continues at a higher rate than normal.

Address the anti-social use of vehicles on Hills Road Bridge around the area currently undergoing reconstruction work	
Objective	To enforce traffic signs and ensure safety of road users.
Action Taken	<p>January - Tickets issued - 6 to cyclists on the pavement, 2 cyclists contravening a red light, 8 vehicles turning right from Brooklands Avenue on to Hills Road. No vehicles turned from Hills Road to Brooklands Avenue although 10 cyclists were seen to commit this offence and were given advice where possible.</p> <p>February – Weekly patrols specifically targeting bridge users who cause a danger or nuisance to other road users. This included drivers overtaking cyclists on the bridge.</p> <p>March – As well as general patrols of the bridge a day of action was held, this resulted in 5 FPNs issued for cycling on a footpath. 4 FPNs for vehicles turning right. No complaints of vehicles overtaking cyclist were received or witnessed.</p> <p>One report of inconsiderate driving is currently under investigation.</p>
Current Situation	Work is due to start on single lane working and the City Council is considering the use of CCTV to prevent and detect offences.

Continue or Discharge?	Discharge
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Engagement Activity

- Following the discovery of a man with head injuries in the Cherry Hinton area local officers carried out a comprehensive leaflet drop in the surrounding streets to identify witnesses and as a result a 17 year old youth handed himself in to Parkside Police Station. He was charged with offences relating to the assault.
- Monthly engagement meetings across the neighbourhoods have been introduced, which are advertised through the Constabulary web site and e-cops.
- A series of Crime awareness days at Addenbrookes Hospital throughout the year have been undertaken by the neighbourhood policing team. Incidents of crime and disorder on the campus have fallen by 38 per cent. The campaign sought to increase security awareness amongst staff and visitors. It also advised, all those using the site, how to safely and effectively approach and report anti-social and disorderly conduct.

Other notable highlights from this work include a reduction in thefts reported by 23 per cent and a 64 per cent fall in verbal abuse to staff and patients. The campaign has had an overall positive impact on security at Addenbrookes.

- The neighbourhood policing team have hosted the cubs visiting Parkside police station showing them the equipment we use and giving advice on safety. The evening should help them obtain their Community Challenge badge. In addition the team has worked with a local secondary school supporting their Forensic Science day, where the year 8 children investigated the 'theft of a laptop' using DNA, fingerprints and other scientific methods to find the culprit.
- Long Road 6th Form College have hosted their annual careers day where policing staff were on hand to discuss a career in policing with school leavers.
- Following the tragic death of Paul Mansfield outside the Five Bells Public House in Cherry Hinton local officers carried out scene preservation on the night of the incident and ensured that there was a presence in the area to reassure residents.

- The city council and south neighbourhood policing team showcased local partnership projects as part of a visit by Alan Campbell MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State. Presentations were given and an opportunity followed to discuss crime reduction and anti-social behaviour (ASB) with the minister.
- Joint Housing and ASB surgeries were held in the neighbourhood to provide a local forum for residents to discuss issues.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

A decrease in total crime was seen across City South during the 3 month period. This was due to decreases particularly in violent crime and cycle theft. Anti-social behaviour incidents (ASB) have also decreased during the period; this was observed across all three of the wards.

Trumpington

- Total crime has increased in Trumpington ward over the 3 month period. This is due to increases in criminal damage and other crime offences.
- During the three month period, dwelling burglaries have halved from 14 offences in the previous period to 7. There appears to be no patterns in these offences and they are spread out throughout the period.
- Violent crime offences have decreased from 39 in the previous period to 18 in this period, this is also a decrease since the same period last year where there were 32. In four of these offences an offender(s) has been arrested and charged.
- During the three month period, thefts from vehicles have increased to 30 from 22 in the previous period. This is an increase since the same period last year when there were 13 offences. There were four offences on the High Street, two of which occurred on the same day. There were also two offences on Granchester Road which occurred on the same day as each other, where the car window was smashed and a bag was stolen from inside the vehicle.
- Cycle theft offences have decreased from 36 offences in the previous period to 28 in this period. Offences have remained stable since the same period last year when there were 25 offences. Common locations for cycle thefts were Gresham Place (4), Hills Road (4), St Pauls Church of England School on Coronation Street (2), Norwich Street (2) and Trumpington Road (2). In all but four of the offences the aggrieved had left their cycle locked and secured.
- There has been an increase in other crime offences from 38 in the previous period to 49 in this period. There were two breaches of anti social behaviour orders. There were two drug offences and offenders for both have been arrested and charged.

- ASB incidents have decreased from 140 incidents in the previous period to 120 in this period, this is an increase since the same period last year where there were 104 offences. There were 10 incidents at the YMCA on Gonville Place, all but one was rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour. There were 11 incidents on Pagets Road, three of which occurred at one address and another two occurred at a separate address.
- Between December and February there were seven reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward. This included two, which were not on site following inspection and one which was removed and taken to a compound.
- Between December and February there were 29 reports of flytipping in the ward. All were removed within 24 hours and in four cases, formal warning letters were sent to domestic offenders. A section 46 notice was also issued to another domestic offender. Anstey Way (5) was a hotspot during this period and resulted in one of the formal warning letters being sent.
- Nine abandoned cycles were dealt with between December and February. Russell Court (4) was a hotspot during this period.

Cherry Hinton

- Total crime in Cherry Hinton (123) has remained stable since the previous period (121) and the same period last year (122).
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased from 6 in the previous period to 16 in this period, this has doubled since the same period last year (8). In five of the offences entry to the property was gained via the patio doors, on two occasions a spade was used to force these.
- Burglary other offences have remained stable since the previous period (10 compared to 11). There were two offences on Neath Farm Business Park, the offences occurred on different days and in different months and one of them was only an attempt.
- There was an increase in violent crime from 28 offences in the previous period to 37 in this period. There were two offences at the Unicorn on the High Street and an offender(s) have been arrested in both cases and charged. There were two incidents on Queen Edith's Way which were domestic related.
- Thefts from vehicles have halved from 12 offences in the previous period to 6 in this period. In two offences the index plates were stolen from the vehicle.

- Criminal damage offences have remained stable since the previous period (22 compared to 27), but have decreased since the same period last year (38). Seven of the offences were criminal damage to a vehicle, two of which occurred on Kathleen Elliott Way on different days. There were three offences of criminal damage to a dwelling on Drayton Road and on all three occasions a brick has been thrown through windows in the property.
- ASB incidents have decreased from 120 in the previous period to 94 in this period; this is also a decrease since the previous period (102). There were six incidents at Orchard Service on Cherry Hinton Road and in all but one of the incidents it is youths causing rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour. There were three incidents at the same address on Kathleen Elliott Way and five incidents at the same address on Keates Road.
- Between December and February there were 23 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward. This included five, which were not on site following inspection and nine which were removed and taken to a compound. Four cases were referred either to the police or to the Council's Housing Department for further action.
- Between December and February there were 37 reports of flytipping in the ward. All were removed within 24 hours and in five cases, formal warning letters were sent to domestic offenders. Waste transfer documentation was also requested from one trade offender. Bliss Way (5) and Colville Road (13) were hotspots during this period. The offences in Colville Road resulted in four of the formal warning letters being sent.
- 12 abandoned cycles were dealt with between December and February.

Queen Ediths

- Queen Edith has seen a decrease in the number of offences compared to the previous period (201) but an increase since the same period last year (149).
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased from 16 offences in the previous period to 23 in this period. There have been 5 burglaries on Queen Ediths Way. Two of the offences occurred on the same day and in both cases the property was entered by forcing the rear patio doors with a spade. There have been 4 offences on Blinco Grove and 3 on Hartington Grove but there appears to be no pattern in these offences.

- Burglary other offences have remained stable since the previous period; there were 18 offences in both periods. Ten of the offences occurred in a shed or garage, three of them occurred on Hulatt Way on different days but in all three cases the offender(s) used the up and over garage door as a means of entry to the garage. There were two other offences on Gunhild Way where offenders have tried to gain access to the garage through the up and over door. There were also 3 offences at Long Road Sixth Form College, all of which occurred on different days.
- There has been a decrease in violent crime offences from 31 in the previous period to 22 in this period. The number has remained stable since the same period last year when there were 18. There were four offences at Addenbrookes Hospital on Hills Road, but there appeared to be no pattern in the offences. There were two incidents at the same address on Netherall Way which appeared to be domestic related.
- Theft from vehicles has more than halved from 26 offences in the previous period to 12 in this period. The offence level has remained stable since the same period last year when there were also 12 offences. There were two offences on consecutive days on Sedley Taylor Road, in both cases the vehicle was entered and property stolen from the glove box.
- The level of cycle theft has remained stable since the previous period; there were 32 offences in the previous period and 28 in this period. There were 10 thefts from Hills Road, 4 of which were from Homberton College and two were from Addenbrookes Hospital. Schools and colleges seemed to be popular places for cycles to be stolen from, including Netherall Lower School on Gunhild Way, Cambridge University on Hills Road and The Netherall School on Queen Ediths Way.
- The level of ASB has decreased since the previous period (108 compared to 114) this is an increase since the same period last year. There were 27 incidents on Hills Road, 15 of which were rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour at Addenbrookes Hospital. There were another 12 incidents on Hills Road but there appears to be no patterns in these offences.

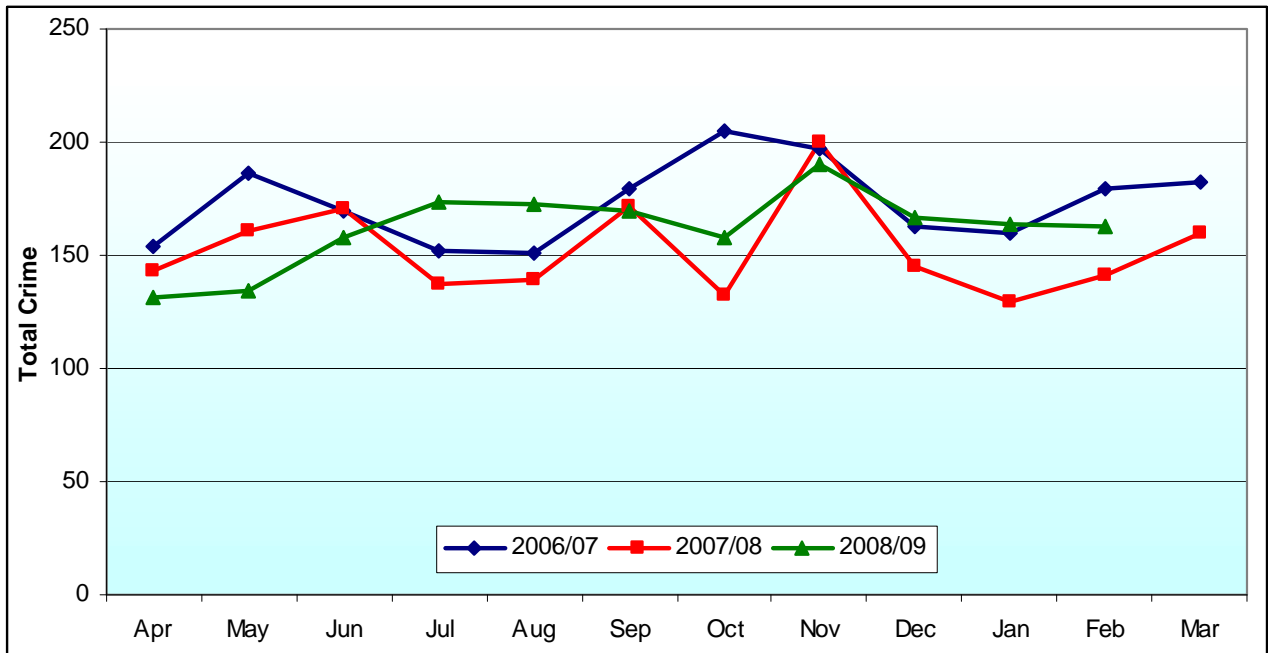
- Between December and February there were 10 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward. This included one, which was not on site following inspection, three which were later claimed by their owners and two which were removed and taken to a compound. Two cases were referred to the Council's Housing Department for further action.
- Between December and February there were 7 reports of flytipping in the ward. All were removed within 24 hours and in two cases, formal warning letters were sent to domestic offenders.
- 17 abandoned cycles were dealt with between December and February.

4. Recommendations

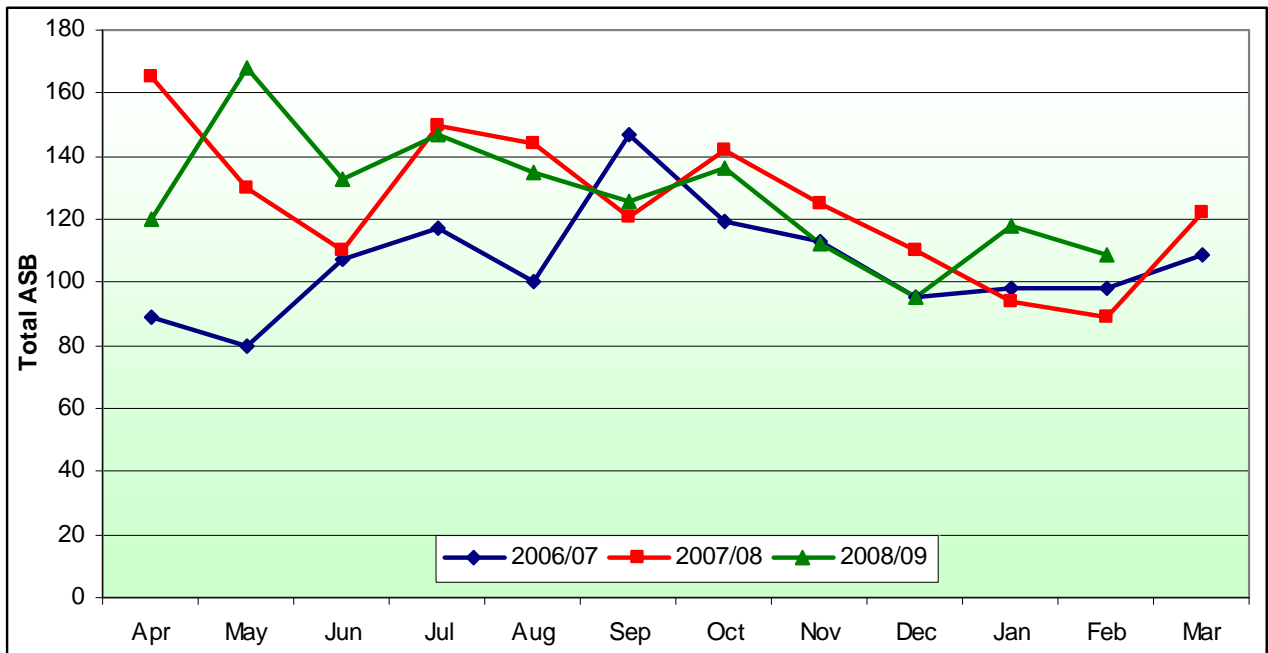
- **Burglary** – To continue the work on reducing burglary across the 3 wards in the neighbourhood.
- **ASB and Mini Motos** – following a number of incidents in the last few weeks where mini motos have been driven anti socially and one mini moto rider collided with a bus, this issue is likely to increase in the run up to the summer.
- **Speeding Queen Ediths Way** – Following a speed concern survey of Queen Ediths Way there is a need to tackle drivers in this area. Over 500 motorists were identified as exceeded the speed limit.
- **Crime and disorder in the New Town area of the neighbourhood** – to be discussed.

5. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



Total Anti Social Behaviour



Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
Nhod	City South	Dec 08 – Feb 09	46	38	77	10	14	50	60	3	100	96	494	322
		Sept 08 – Nov 08	36	40	98	5	20	55	76	4	80	104	518	374
		Dec 07 – Feb 08	26	17	77	3	4	36	44	7	96	105	415	293
Wards	Trumpington	Dec 08 – Feb 09	7	10	18	3	3	30	28	3	61	49	212	120
		Sept 08 – Nov 08	14	11	39	0	2	22	36	3	31	38	196	140
		Dec 07 – Feb 08	3	6	32	1	1	13	25	3	18	52	144	104
	Cherry Hinton	Dec 08 – Feb 09	16	10	37	6	6	8	4	0	22	14	123	94
		Sept 08 – Nov 08	6	11	28	3	12	7	8	0	27	19	121	120
		Dec 07 – Feb 08	8	3	27	0	3	11	3	2	38	27	122	102
	Queen Edith	Dec 08 – Feb 09	23	18	22	1	5	12	28	0	17	33	159	108
		Sept 08 – Nov 08	16	18	31	2	6	26	32	1	22	47	201	114
		Dec 07 – Feb 08	15	8	18	2	0	12	16	2	40	36	149	87

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