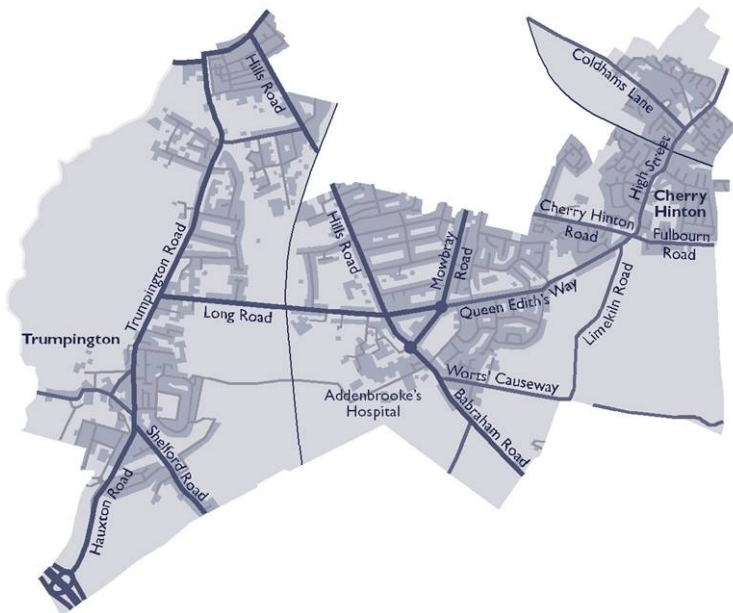


Cambridge City South - Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report

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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 Committee meetings, 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 March 09 – May 09¹ and as a comparison data from December 08 – February 09 and March 08 – May 08.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, June 09
- Cambridge City Council, City Services data, March 09 – May 09

¹ Note: This update was written in June, therefore data from the month of June cannot be included in this update.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the Area Committee on 2nd April 2009, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<i>Speeding on Queen Ediths Way</i>	
Objective	Effectively tackle speeding on Queen Ediths Way through education and enforcement.
Action Taken	<p>This plan involved working with the casualty reduction officer, local councillor, County Council regarding road design as a longer term solution to purely speed enforcement. We have also worked with the Roads Policing Unit and Special Constabulary to prosecute those that exceed the speed limit and the Fire service to educate drivers</p> <p>Press coverage of the issues assisted in raising awareness of the problems in the area. This included national news coverage. Speed limit information leaflets and speeding posters were distributed at local events including Addenbrookes crime awareness day.</p> <p>Tickets issued – 11.</p>
Current Situation	Safety Camera vans are now deployed in areas of speeding. A Speed survey has been requested, but has not yet been completed. This will give a comparison of the present situation against the results obtained in April.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge

<i>Crime and Disorder (New Town)</i>	
Objective	Tackle crime and disorder in New Town and increase confidence of that community in key agencies
Action Taken	This plan involved assessing the concerns of local residents and ensuring that all agencies were involved in problem solving. This was done through two evening street surgeries in and around Hanover and Princess Court, arranged by the Fire and Rescue Service.

	<p>This took place on the 11 and 12 June. Agencies worked together on both evenings to identify opportunities of crime reduction through an environmental audit and also visited every flat to gather information and intelligence on issues in the area and promote home security and other relevant crime prevention.</p> <p>Most residents completing the survey felt very safe in the area and the concerns they raised were taken on by the relevant partner agency. Involved in the evenings were Police, Fire and Rescue, Housing, ASB Team, Trading Standards, City Rangers and the home security 'Bobby scheme'.</p> <p>In order to improve confidence and increase the flow of information E-cops information was delivered to every home in Princess and Hanover court. High visibility patrols were increased as part of the work.</p> <p>A youth was arrested and interviewed re cycle theft. He has already been reported this week for an offence of cycle theft. Two males have been charged with theft from motor vehicle in Hanover court and are on conditional bail to appear before Cambridge magistrates' court on 3rd July 2009.</p>
Current Situation	Following the resident survey and work by the partner agencies Newtown no longer appears as a hotspot for crime and residents needs are being met.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.

Mini motos and related ASB	
Objective	Tackle anti-social use of mini motos across the neighbourhood
Action Taken	<p>This plan aimed to engage with parents and owners of mini motos, prosecute offenders, seize vehicles and prevent accidents.</p> <p>We have contacted WildTracks Off road activity park, Red Lodge Karting, and Kartsport. Mini Moto session operate on alternate weeks where persons can bring their own machines.</p> <p>We have contacted land agents to enquire if Land owners</p>

	<p>would be willing to lease land to the City council or Auto Cycle Union registered clubs</p> <p>Following visit to British Motorcycle show at Peterborough, two groups were identified that offering training to young people to enjoy the sport.</p> <p>1) www.youthbike.com - This organisation offers training in riding and education skills and could be combined into The Duke of Edinburgh scheme.</p> <p>2) www.bsmamx.co.uk - This organisation concentrates more on the competition element - training through experience and racing.</p> <p>The first Mini Moto City Council & Partner Project group meeting took place on the 10th June 2009.</p> <p>A follow up multi-agency meeting was held on 10/7 to discuss setting up a mini-moto project. A speaker from the Auto Cycle Union attended to talk about other projects and the logistics of setting up such a scheme. The feasibility of this project continues to be investigated through a working group.</p> <p>Three mini motos were seized following acts of anti social behaviour in the neighbourhood.</p>
Current Situation	With the continued use of the 2 cross country motorcycles and specialist officers instances of ASB have been reduced across the area.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.

Engagement Activity

- The Neighbourhood Police Team have been involved in open days at Parkside Police Station and Purbeck House, attended 'Jazz in the Park' (Cherry Hinton), events during national bike week, Strawberry fair, Midsummer fair and Pop in the Park. The team has attended School fetes, residents meetings and surgeries at various locations around the neighbourhood.

- Recently neighbourhood officers have carried out a great amount of work in the area of Cherry Hinton Chalk pits to combat anti social behaviour from people wanting to use the area as a beach. This has led to a reduction in anti social behaviour in the area and reduced the risks to those that choose to mix swimming with alcohol.
- The City Council Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team have been holding monthly surgeries in Trumpington since March 2009 in order to encourage people to come forward and report ASB. Properties in Anstey Way and Paget Rd have been identified and action has been taken as a result of the complaints. The ASB section have also had a number of reports about the area behind the Anstey Way shops with youths congregating and causing trouble.

Due to fall in attendance the surgeries will now be held on a quarterly basis the next one will therefore be held in November. An ASB Investigator also attended the Trumpington Residents Association to talk about ASB, how to report it and what can be done to tackle it.

- An ASB Investigator has attended a number of meetings to discuss increasing levels of ASB in Homerton Street outside the Tripos Building, reported by the residents of the Belvedere. Reports of ASB in this area have been ongoing since 2007, complaints of drunk and disorderly behaviour, reckless driving and noise. The Management Company and Landlords of both buildings are keen to resolve the problems. A multi agency meeting is planned to look at what options we have. Residents have been encouraged to report incidents to the Police as they occur.

Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Offence levels across City South have increased to 513 offences reported over the 3 month period from 494 reported in the previous period. The main contributor to this was an increased level of cycle theft in the Neighbourhood. This is believed to be a Sector wide problem and work is currently under way focusing on known nominals for this offence type.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents have increased during the period however levels are comparatively lower than the same period last year.

Trumpington

- Total crime in Trumpington remains relatively consistent with the previous period. However, there were reductions in theft from vehicle offences and criminal damage offences which were countered by increases in violent crime and cycle theft.
- Violent offences have increased over the 3 month period to 23 offences reported. However, the level of offences is still relatively consistent with the same period last year. Offences were concentrated in and around Gonville Place/Hills Road, Queensway, and in and around Anstey Way/Paget Road. Several of these were domestic/neighbourly disputes.
- Pedal cycle theft has increased over the 3 month period with the majority of the offences clustering to the north of the ward, i.e. between Lensfield Road and Bateman Street, and in and around Gonville Place. The majority of the offences occurred in May accounting for 23 cycles stolen out of 48 stolen over period.
- There were 159 ASB incidents reported over the period compared with 120 recorded in the previous period. Hotspot areas for incidents include Gonville Place (accounting for 18 incidents reported), and the estate surrounding Paget Road, Anstey Way, and Foster Road (15, 12 and 10 incidents reported respectively). Gonville Place incidents mainly relate to groups of youths drinking, fighting and being abusive. Similarly in and around Paget Road, Anstey Way and Foster Road, local residents have raised complaints of local youths causing trouble and their misuse of motorcycles.
- Between March and May there were 10 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared to 7 during the previous 3 months. This included four,

which were later claimed by their owners, three which were not on site following inspection and one which was removed and taken to a compound. In addition, a CLE26 notice (CLE26 notices are used as a way of dealing with vehicles that are being moved around the city and are being left for long periods, but are not technically abandoned) has been issued on behalf of the DVLA, who will be taking enforcement action. Coronation Mews (3) was a hotspot during this period.

- Between March and May there were 25 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared to 29 during the previous 3 months. All were removed within 24 hours and a warning letter was sent to a domestic offender following flytipping at Russell Court. Anstey Way and Russell Court (both 5) and Princess Court and Hanover Court (4) were the hotspots during this period.
- 24 abandoned cycles were dealt with between March and May, compared to 9 during the previous 3 months. Hanover Court (6) and Foster Road (4) were the hotspots during this period.
- 13 items of graffiti were removed between March and May. Lensfield Road (6) and Pemberton Terrace (4) were the hotspots during this period.

Cherry Hinton

- Offence levels in Cherry Hinton have increased over the 3 month period to 141 crimes from 123 offences reported in the previous period.
- Although the majority of crime types remained stable against the previous period, increases in cycle theft and criminal damage have been observed.
- Dwelling burglary offences remain stable against the previous period with 19 offences reported. This, however, is comparatively higher than that reported in the same period last year. Eight burglaries occurred in March, 4 of which occurred in the area of St. Bedes Crescent and Walpole Road. Only 2 offences were reported in April, and a further 9 offences were reported in May. The offences in May were clustered in the residential estate surrounding Colville Road.
- Twelve bicycles were stolen in the ward but these were all relatively spread out across the ward.
- 42 criminal damage offences were reported during the 3 month period, 19 of which relate to damage to vehicles. Offenders are smashing car windows – in particular the rear windscreen in offences clustered in and

around Kelsey Crescent spreading out towards Chartfield Road. Similar offences were seen clustered on Leetes Road, Keates Road, Drayton Road and Mallets Road but there have been reports of wing mirrors being knocked off and scratched paintwork in addition to the smashing of the rear windscreen. The 2 clusters are likely to have been committed by the same offenders.

- Robbery offences in Cherry Hinton have been reduced from 6 offences to 2.
- ASB incidents are at a lower level than that recorded in the same period last year with only 113 incidents reported compared to 159 in the same 3 month period last year. Cherry Hinton Road recorded the highest level of incidents with 12 reported, followed by Cherry Hinton High Street with 9 incidents reported. The majority of the incidents on Cherry Hinton Road occur at Cherry Hinton Hall and consisted of rowdy youths drinking, being aggressive/abusive and misusing motorcycles in the area. The High Street incidents were also of a similar nature.
- Between March and May there were 14 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared to 23 during the previous 3 months. This included three, which were later claimed by their owners, six which were not on site following inspection and two which were removed and taken to a compound. In addition, one case has been referred to the Council's Housing Department and a CLE26 notice has also been issued on behalf of the DVLA in another case, who will be taking enforcement action.
- Between March and May there were 31 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared to 37 during the previous 3 months. All were removed within 24 hours and six warning letters were sent to domestic offenders. Waste transfer documentation has also been requested from two trade offenders. Bliss Way (5) and Colville Road (6) were the hotspots during this period. The offences at Colville Road resulted in two warning letters being sent.
- 18 abandoned cycles were dealt with between March and May, compared to 12 during the previous 3 months.

Queen Ediths

- Total crime in Queen Edith ward has remained relatively consistent with the previous 3 month period.
- Reductions have been seen in dwelling burglary offences.

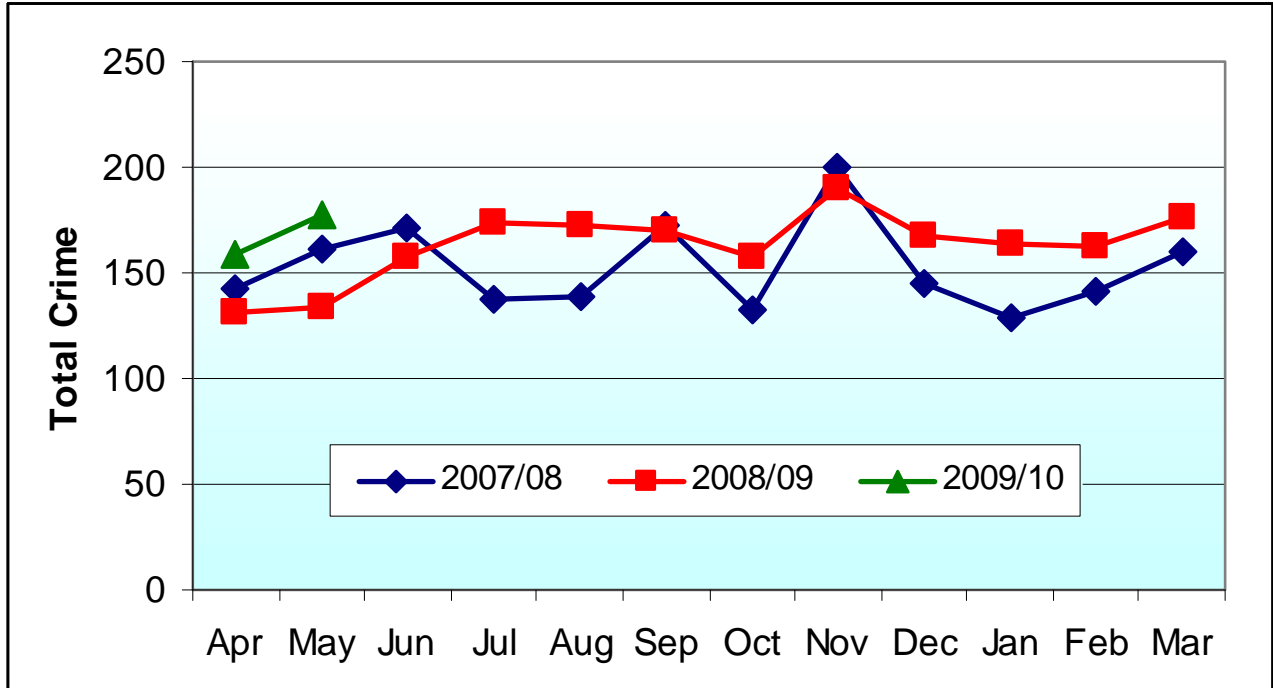
- Cycle theft in Queen Edith ward may be emerging as an issue with 47 stolen during the 3 month period. This is comparatively higher than the 28 stolen in the previous period and 25 in the same period last year. The majority of the cycles were stolen at Addenbrookes Hospital.
- Offences categorised under “Other Crime” has increased due to a high level of “theft if not classified elsewhere”. A high proportion of these offences relate to handbag/purse/wallet thefts at Addenbrookes Hospital, often occurring while the items were left unattended.
- The level of ASB incidents has remained consistent with the previous period and the same period last year with only 104 incidents reported over the 3 month period. The majority of these incidents occurred on Hills Road (25 incidents). Fourteen of these incidents occurred at Addenbrookes Hospital and relate to the aggressive behaviour of individuals at the location.
- Between March and May there were 4 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared to 10 during the previous 3 months. Two were later claimed by their owners, one was not on site following inspection and one was removed and taken to a compound.
- Between March and May there were 10 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared to 7 during the previous 3 months. All were removed within 24 hours. One warning letter was sent to a domestic offender and waste transfer documentation was also requested from a trade offender.
- 16 abandoned cycles were dealt with between March and May, compared to 17 during the previous 3 months. Hills Road and Maners Way (each with 3) were the hotspots during this period.

3. Recommendations

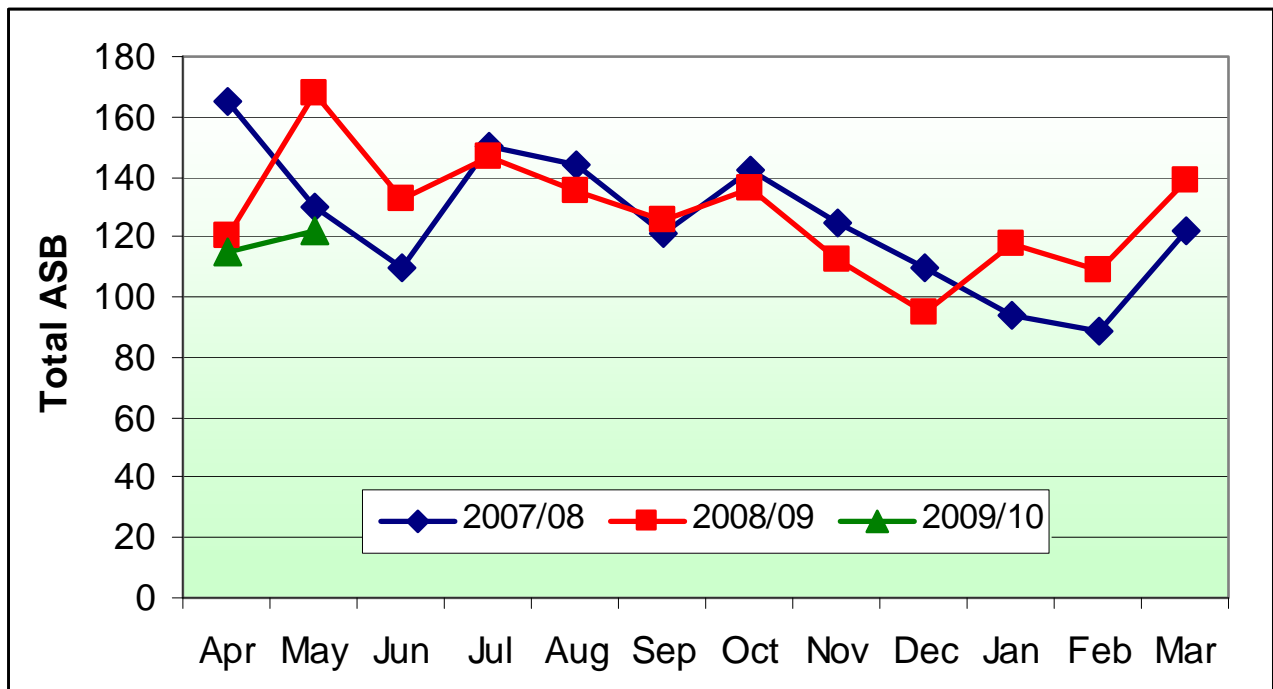
- **Tackling ASB in and around Cherry Hinton Hall.** - To tackle the issues of mopeds and ASB in the grounds of Cherry Hinton Hall with particular attention to damage that may be caused to the play area.
- **Reducing Cycle theft at Addenbrookes Hospital.** - To tackle the issues of cycle theft and promote cycle security.
- **Tackling ASB in Anstey Way/Paget Rd/Foster Rd.** - To tackle the issues of youth ASB and groups of youths causing residents to fear ASB.

4. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



Total ASB



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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	Mar 09 – May 09	37	34	62	4	12	34	107	7	93	119	513	376
		Dec 08 – Feb 09	46	38	67	10	14	50	60	3	100	96	494	322
		Mar 08 – May 08	23	47	79	4	10	26	49	10	85	88	425	410
Wards	Trumpington	Mar 09 – May 09	8	12	23	1	5	13	48	7	33	53	204	159
		Dec 08 – Feb 09	7	10	15	3	3	30	28	3	61	49	212	120
		Mar 08 – May 08	6	14	25	3	5	11	21	5	24	35	152	141
	Cherry Hinton	Mar 09 – May 09	19	9	21	2	5	7	12	0	42	22	141	113
		Dec 08 – Feb 09	16	10	31	6	6	8	4	0	22	14	123	94
		Mar 08 – May 08	8	13	27	0	3	4	3	4	34	20	116	159
	Queen Edith	Mar 09 – May 09	10	13	18	1	2	14	47	0	18	44	168	104
		Dec 08 – Feb 09	23	18	21	1	5	12	28	0	17	33	159	108
		Mar 08 – May 08	9	20	27	1	2	11	25	1	27	33	157	110