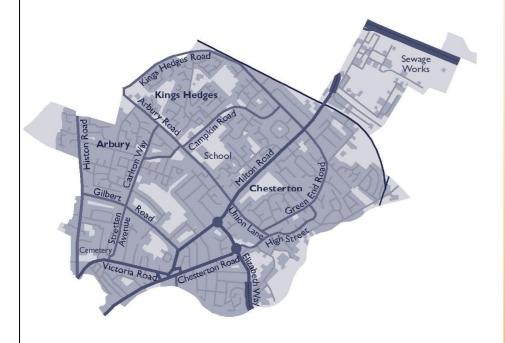
# Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods report Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

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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 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 October 09 January 10 and as a comparison data from June 09 – September 09 and October 08 – January 09.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, February 2010
- Cambridge City Council, City Services' Environmental Data October 09 – January 10 and as a comparison data from the same period in 08/09.

## 2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity Previous Priorities

At the Area Committee on 12/11/2009 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

# Crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and community impact at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) - revision of existing plan.

#### **Objective**

- 1. To seek to ensure that levels of both incidents and criminal offences remain static or where possible are reduced despite increases in student numbers.
- 2. To identify and implement responses to any crime or ASB patterns or trends relating to the CRC site or students during the period.
- 3. To build and sustain a single partnership engagement process between CRC, Police, Fire and Local Authority, ideally through a single forum in the interests of integrating responses and ensuring efficiency.
- 4. To evidence on-going engagement with local residences and businesses in the vicinity of the CRC site.

### Action Taken

The CRC site is an identified patrol location for local PCSOs within the Kings Hedges ward, due to its size and volume of staff, students and visitors from across the area and beyond. Site patrols are often joint (between Police and CRC security staff).

During the period a monthly group has been set up (see 2 below). This will be a fixed meeting forthwith to seek to identify crime, anti-social behaviour and security matters of note for discussion and necessary action.

Additional work has been completed by Police with international students to ensure that the interests of all persons are determined and effectively represented. There are currently no concerns regarding the integration of or potential vulnerability of international students.

#### Current Situation

1. During the reporting period there have been ten incidents reported to the Police by or linked to the CRC site. Three relate to rowdy / nuisance behaviour, the rest are a diverse range of non-emergency matters including a minor collision and property matters.

One offence of criminal damage and one of violence was recorded during the period relating to students.

Given the size of the site and volume of persons using it, this is a proportionately very low level of incidents and crime.

- 2. There are no anti-social behaviour or crime patterns currently.
- 3. A monthly meeting at CRC with site security and Police as core members (with other agencies attending as necessary) is in place. This forum will continue to monitor issues of crime, ASB and site security and Police will maintain links to community contacts concerning public perspectives of such matters additionally.
- 4. The are no major issues of crime/security for CRC staff and feedback from recent engagement with residents in the immediate vicinity is similarly positive.

# Continue or Discharge?

Suggest discharge on the basis of the establishment of the monthly Police/Security group.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the St. Luke's School grounds and surrounding area of Histon Road.											
Objective	To effectively tackle anti-social behaviour in and around St Luke's School Grounds.										
Action Taken	A meeting was held on 9 <sup>th</sup> December, attendance included the St Luke's Head Teacher and Governors, City Council Safer Communities Section, Children and Young People Participation Service (CHYPS), Police Neighbourhood Team, elected members education officer and locality team manager. Outcomes included:  • Re-deployable CCTV in place since January for a month • CHYPSS have been working to identify the young people involved in the issue, so far just one young person has										

	<ul> <li>been linked to this priority.</li> <li>All outstanding actions including School actions to be discussed at the meeting on 24/02/2010. Work to be set up in preparation for spring/summer periods, particularly for the period past April 2010.</li> </ul>
Current Situation	Reports have suggested it has been quieter (the recent bad weather is likely to have contributed) and it is suggested a follow-up letter to residents is sent following the next group meeting.
Continue or Discharge?	<b>Continue</b> - Suggest the issue remains a priority until after the next meeting and also in light of spring period.

Speeding is:	sues on Kings Hedges Road and Northfield Avenue.
Objective	<ul> <li>To deliver enforcement activities, ensuring the prosecution of speeding motorists in the areas identified with the intention of reducing incidences of speeding and promote public safety.</li> </ul>
	To evidence to local residents the identification of and response to a community problem through clear, visible action.
	<ul> <li>Identify and implement supplementary educational actions that can be delivered to increase driver awareness of the potential dangers of excess speed.</li> </ul>
Action Taken	Checking of compliance with speed limits has been undertaken at a number of locations in City North to seek to both establish the extent of the problem of excessive speed and also present a visible deterrent at busy periods to those using the roads.  This is alongside activity across the City delivered by Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
	Currently the policy that has been applied is that of verbally warning and discussing the dangers of excessive speeds with drivers. In other areas of the City, the approach of starting with engagement and verbal warnings and then moving onto

	enforcement has worked well. It must be noted that PCSOs who are involved in the former process cannot legally issue tickets for speeding under the latter.  Findings from recent enforcement periods will be updated at the Committee to inform discussion.					
Current Situation	Early findings suggest limited examples of excessive speeds. This needs to be considered in the context of the presence of high visibility jackets at the side of the road at the time of checks, which is an operational and health and safety necessity.  Findings from recent enforcement periods will be updated at the Committee to inform discussion.  The Constabulary Traffic Department has been engaged with a view to deliver a large scale road safety and traffic enforcement event in City North in the coming weeks.					
Continue or Discharge?	Continue – Additional enforcement work in the key locations should continue.					

#### **Engagement Activity**

Police surgeries continue to operate on a monthly basis across the City. Residents of North City should visit the Constabulary website <a href="https://www.cambs.police.uk">www.cambs.police.uk</a> and follow the "My Neighbourhood" link or call **0345 446 456 4** and ask to speak to the local team for details of forthcoming events.

Cambridge Sex Workers Advisory Network (SWAN) – the most recent meeting to set up an advisory network for sex workers in Cambridge was held in January. The meeting was very well attended by voluntary and statutory agencies with a responsibility for working with and assisting sex workers in Cambridge. Full working practices are at the final stage of being signed off and work is progressing to set up a drop in surgery to work with sex workers in Cambridge.

#### 3. Emerging Issues

#### **Neighbourhood trends**

Total crime in City North has fallen with 1062 offences reported over the 4 month period compared to 1089 offences in the previous period. Comparatively, there were 1361 offences reported in the same period last year which is the equivalent of a 20% reduction. However there were increases in Dwelling Burglary, Violent crime and 'theft from vehicle' offences.

There has been a decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 768 incidents reported over the 4 month period compared with 1044 in the previous period. Also worth noting is that ASB levels are lower than that recorded for the same period last year.

#### **Arbury**

- Total crime in Arbury has decreased again compared to the previous 4 month period (276 offences vs. 281 offences). This is lower than the 295 offences reported in the same period last year.
- There were 50 dwelling burglaries in this period compared to 24 offences in the previous period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 61 offences. Three of the offences occurred at the same address on Hazelwood Close on the same date. The property is a student house and the occupants had left a window open when they went out; they returned to find their laptops had been stolen.
- The number of 'burglary other' offences has decreased from 26 offences in the previous period to 17 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the 27 offences reported in the same period last year. There were three offences on the same date in November in which sheds were entered and cycles were stolen from within. It appears from the locations that offenders may have been targeting locations off Histon Road that evening as there were two dwelling burglaries at locations also off Histon Road on the same evening.
- Violent crime offences have decreased from 66 offences in the previous period to 40 offences in this four month period. In 13 of these offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- 'Theft from vehicle' offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (15 offences vs. 12 offences), but decreased by two thirds compared to the same period last year (47 offences). Three of the offences occurred on Stretten Avenue on the same evening in

December. Windows were smashed in all three offences and small items such as a mobile phone and Satellite Navigation System were stolen from within. Stretten Avenue, Histon Road and Akeman Street appear to be hot spot areas for vehicle crime during the period.

- Cycle theft offences have remained stable compared to the previous four month period (33 offences vs. 37 offences) and the same period last year (35 offences). Common locations for cycle theft were Bermuda Road, Histon Road and Victoria Road.
- Other crime offences have decreased from 53 offences in the previous period to 46 offences in this period. In 14 of 15 drugs offences resulted in an offender being arrested and charged. There were 5 offences at the Service Station on Histon Road in which offenders drove off without paying for their fuel.
- ASB levels have decreased in the last four month period to 226 incidents compared to 297 incidents in the previous period and 279 incidents in the same period last year. Eighteen incidents occurred at the same location on Histon Road on different dates during the period and concerned youths engaging in rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour such as drinking alcohol, shouting and swearing. Five other incidents occurred next door to this location on Histon Road and also concerned youths engaging in rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour.
- Between October and January 09/10 there were 12 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 19 during the same period the previous year. This included 9 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and another vehicle, which was impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax and was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. A further vehicle was also impounded and the registered keeper issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Another impounded vehicle is also pending further action. Aylesborough Close (3) was a hotspot during the 09/10 period. Whereas Hazelwood/Molewood Close (6) and Stretten Avenue (5) were the hotspots during the same period in 08/09.
- Between October and January 09/10 there were 94 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 105 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue a formal warning letter to a domestic offender. Hazelwood/Molewood Close (17), Brackley Close (7), Cockerell Road (8) and Perse Way (7) were the main hotspots during this period. In the

08/09 period, Hazelwood/Molewood Close (14), Kingsway Flats (14), Brackley Close (13) and Aylesborough Close (8) were the hotspots.

- Between October and January 09/10 19 derelict cylces were dealt with compared with 26 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the 09/10 period, although Cockerell Road and Stretten Avenue (both with 3) were during the same period the previous year.
- Between October and January 09/10, 10 needles were reported compared with 27 during the same period in 08/09. All were found on one occasion in Histon Road Cemetery following a needle sweep. During the same period last year, 16 needles were reported in the cemetery.
- 4 items of graffiti were removed between October and January 09/10 by the City Rangers, compared with 12 items during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the 09/10 period, but Stretten Avenue was a hotspot with 5 items during the 08/09 period.

#### **East Chesterton**

- An increase has been seen in the total number of offences reported in this four month period compared to the previous period (293 offences vs. 265 offences). However, total crime figures have decreased compared to the same period least year (365 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased to 33 offences in this four month period compared to 19 offences in the previous period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 50 offences. Two offences occurred on Union Lane possibly on the same evening and cash and a laptop were stolen. In one offence the property had been left insecure. No other trends were noted in these offences.
- The number of 'burglary other' offences reported had nearly tripled from 10 offences in the previous period to 29 offences in this period. However, the number of offences has remained stable compared to the same period last year when there were 30 offences. Over a three day period a shed, a garage and a summer house were burgled on Scotland Road and a ladies cycle was stolen in one of the offences. There were two offences on the same date in December at an address on Cowley Road and a construction site on Elmfield Close in which offenders appeared to be targeting metal objects. No other trends were noted in these offences.
- Violent crime offences have increased compared to both the previous period (63 offences vs. 62 offences) and the same period last year (58 offences). Twenty one of the offences were domestically related with the offences involving either partners in a relationship or a parent and child. In 28 of the 71 offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Robbery offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (8 offences in each period) and compared to the same period last year (8 offences). In three of the offences, the victims have been approached by an offender(s) who have asked for cigarettes or a light before robbing the victim of their belongings.
- 'Theft from vehicle offences' have increased from 7 offences in the previous period to 25 offences in this period. However this is a decrease compared to the number of offences reported in the same four month period last year (34 offences). In half of the offences (13) offenders have smashed a window of the vehicle and stolen items such as a mobile phone, cash, an MP3 player, a satellite Navigation System from within.

- Criminal damage offences have remained stable compared to both the previous period (52 offences vs. 57 offences) and the same period last year (58 offences). During this four month period 3 commercial buildings, 13 dwellings and 9 vehicles have had their windows damaged or smashed by offenders.
- There were 202 ASB incidents in this four month period compared to 265 incidents in the previous period and 192 incidents in the same period last year. Common locations for ASB incidents during the period were Discovery Way, Fallowfields, High Street and Kendal Way. In 40 of the incidents youths were engaging in rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour such as shouting, throwing snowballs and causing damage. Twenty three of the incidents concerned rowdy and nuisance neighbours, with callers reporting banging, screaming and verbal abuse.
- Between October and January 09/10 there were 16 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. This included 6 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 3, which were later claimed by their owners. Two vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, one of which was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. Another vehicle was destroyed after it was found burnt out and another was referred to the Council's Housing department. During the 09/10 period, Moss Bank (3) was a hotspot compared with Enniskillen Road (also with 3) during 08/09.
- Between October and January 09/10, there were 39 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 57 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 8 warning letters to domestic offenders. Church Street (8), Fen Road (6) and Maitland Avenue (4) were the main hotspots during this period, resulting between them in 6 of the warning letters being sent. In the 08/09 period, Church Street and Maitland Avenue (both 6) and Fen Road (5) were the hotspots.
- Between October and January 09/10 14 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 26 during the same period the previous year. During the 09/10 period Fen Road (4) and Edgecombe (3) were the hotspots compared with Church Street (5), Kendal Way and St Andrew's Road (both with 3) during the same period the previous year.
- Between October and January 09/10, 19 needles were reported compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. 10 needles were found either in or close to the public toilets at Church Street over 4

occasions, compared with 4 needles over 2 occasions during the same period the previous year. In addition 8 needles were also removed from shrub beds in the pass underneath Queen Elizabeth Way Bridge on one occasion.

#### **Kings Hedges**

- Total crime in has decreased in the last four month period compared to both the previous period (244 offences vs. 282 offences) and the same period last year (303 offences). This decrease is mainly due to a decrease in 'other crime' offences.
- There were 40 dwelling burglary offences in this period compared to 32 offences in the previous period and 61 offences in the same period last year. Four of the offences occurred at a multi-occupancy house on Ramsden Square on the same date in November. Offenders have entered the property by smashing a rear door and then forced entry into the individual locked doors inside. From the locations of the offences during the period; offenders appear to be targeting the area around Minerva Way and off the lower part of Kings Hedges Road just above the crossroads with Milton Road.
- Violent crime offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (55 offences vs. 63 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year. Sixteen of the offences were domestically related with the offences involving either partners in a relationship or parent and child. In 14 of the 62 offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- 'Thefts from a shop' offences have decreased compared to both the previous period (18 offences vs. 27 offences) and compared to the previous period last year (25 offences). An offender was arrested and charged in 8 of these offences.
- 'Other crime' offences have decreased to 35 offences compared to the previous period (51 offences) and the same period last year (56 offences). Nine of the offences were possession of a controlled drug, six of which resulted in a formal warning and whilst another two resulted in an offender being arrested and charged.
- ASB levels have decreased compared to the previous period (199 incidents vs. 294 incidents). They have also decreased compared to the same period last year when there were 228 incidents. Twenty-six of the incidents occurred at Arbury Court on different dates throughout the period and relate to a variety of different incidents such as two males

intimidating members of the public, abusive customers and drunk teenagers following members of the public.

- Between October and January 09/10 there were 17 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. This included 6 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, CLE26 notices were also issued to 3 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in fines issued by the DVLA. The registered keeper of another vehicle has also been issued with a fixed penalty notice. In addition, 2 vehicles have been impounded and are currently pending further action. Minerva Way (4) was a hotspot during the 09/10 period and was also a hotspot during the 08/09 period with 3 reports.
- Between October and January 09/10, there were 94 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 121 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 17 warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, one domestic offender is pending interview and another is pending prosecution. Campkin Road (18), Arbury Court (8), Atkins Close (8), Nuns Way (7) were the main hotspots during this period and resulted between them in 6 of the warning letters being sent and the pending prosecution. During the 08/09 period, Campkin Road (21), Minerva Way (13), Northfield Avenue (12), Atkins Close and Edgecombe (both with 10) were the main hotspots.
- Between October and January 09/10 24 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 28 during the same period the previous year. Minerva Way (6), Cadwin Field (4) and Nuns Way (3) were the hotspots during the 09/10 period whereas Northfield Avenue (5), Hawkins Road, Crowland Way and Aragon Close (each with 3) were the hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between October and January 09/10, 12 needles were reported compared with 2 during the same period the previous year. This included 9, which were removed on one occasion from a footpath outside blocks of flats at Campkin Road.

#### **West Chesterton**

- Offence levels in West Chesterton have fallen to 249 offences reported from 261 the previous period. This is also a decrease compared to the 298 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased compared to the previous period (28 offences vs. 15 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (41 offences). Offenders have forced either a door or window to gain entry into the property in eight of the offences. Common items stolen were laptops, games consoles, jewellery and digital cameras.
- Violent crime offences have almost doubled compared to the previous period, from 24 offences to 42 offences. There does not appear to be any clear reason for this increase in offence levels. Nine of the offences were domestically related with the offences involving either partners in a relationship or parent and child. In 16 out of the 53 offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Robbery offences have increased compared to the previous period (11 offences vs. 2 offences) but levels have remained stable compared to the same period last year. Three of the offences were business robberies and in two of these offences the offenders threatened the staff with weapons. Two of the personal robberies occurred in the underpass on Milton Road on consecutive dates during the period. In both offences the victim was struck from behind by the offenders, and in one of the offences the victim's wallet and mobile phone were stolen.
- There were 29 'theft from vehicle' offences in this period compared to 18 offences in the previous period and 20 offences in the same period last year. Seven vehicles had their windows smashed and items from within stolen on the same evening in October at various locations in the ward.
- Cycle theft has remained stable both compared to the previous period (63 offences vs. 67 offences) and compared to the same period last year (61 offences). There do not appear to be any patterns or trends in the offences and no specific hotspots.
- ASB incidents have decreased compared to the previous period (141 incidents vs. 188 incidents) and compared to the same period last year (171 incidents). Six of the offences concerned an ongoing dispute between neighbours on Chestnut Grove. Other common locations for incidents were Chesterton Road, Garden Walk and Milton Road.

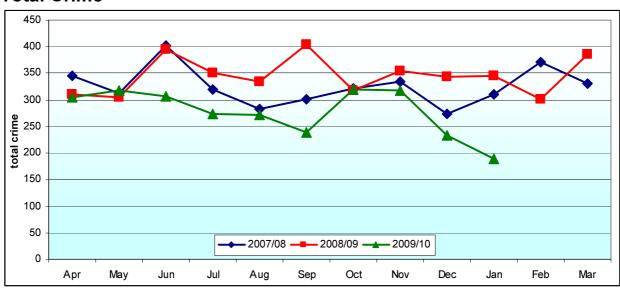
- Between October and January 09/10 there were 8 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 19 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was later claimed by their owner and 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notices was also issued to 1 offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 3 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, one of which was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. Victoria Park (3) was a hotspot during the 09/10 period, compared with Milton Road (4) during the same period the previous year.
- Between October and January 09/10, there were 9 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to a domestic offender. Waste transfer documentation has also been requested from two trade offenders. There were no specific hotspots during the 09/10 period, but Milton Road (4) and Chesterton Road (3) were the hotspots during the 08/09 period.
- Between October and January 09/10 31 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 28 during the same period the previous year. De Freville Avenue (11), Chesterton Road (5) and Milton Road (4) were the main hotspots during the 09/10 period whereas the hotspots during the same period last year were Chesterton Road (6) and Milton Road (3).
- Between October and January 09/10, 18 needles were reported compared with 7 during the same period the previous year. 10 needles were removed on one occasion following a needle sweep at Eights Marina and a further 8 needles were removed on one occasion from a litterbin in Jubilee Gardens. During the same period last year, all 7 needles were removed on one occasion from under Cutter Ferry Bridge.
- 11 items of graffiti were removed by the City Rangers between October and January 09/10 and during the same period in 08/09 as well. In the 09/10 period Chesterton Road (5) and Hawthorn Way (3) were the hotspots compared with Chesterton Road (4) and Milton road (3) in the 08/09 period.

#### 4. Recommendations

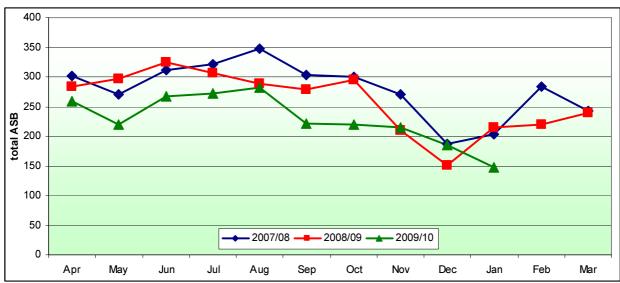
- Continuation of work to tackle anti-social behaviour in St Luke's School and also surrounding area.
- Prevention and detection of shed burglaries in East Chesterton.
- Continuation of enforcement in response to speeding vehicles and the anti-social use of vehicles in Kings Hedges and Northfield Avenue.

#### 5. Current Crime and Incident Levels

#### **Total Crime**



#### **ASB Incidents**



#### 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 North	Oct 09 – Jan 10	151	59	200	32	22	86	143	33	180	156	1062	768
		Jun 09 – Sep 09	90	65	215	16	19	58	169	60	187	210	1089	1044
		Oct 08 – Jan 09	213	89	247	33	37	117	146	59	219	234	1361	870
	Arbury	Oct 09 – Jan 10	50	17	40	6	8	15	33	7	54	46	276	226
		Jun 09 – Sep 09	24	26	66	2	6	12	37	14	41	53	281	297
δ		Oct 08 – Jan 09	61	27	57	7	8	47	35	12	78	63	295	279
96 96 Wards	East Chesterton	Oct 09 – Jan 10	33	29	63	8	7	25	31	3	52	42	293	202
		Jun 09 – Sep 09	19	10	62	8	6	7	45	7	57	44	265	265
		Oct 08 – Jan 09	50	30	58	8	14	34	40	11	58	62	365	192
	Kings Hedges	Oct 09 – Jan 10	40	4	55	7	4	17	16	18	48	35	244	199
		Jun 09 – Sep 09	32	10	63	4	3	21	20	27	51	51	282	294
		Oct 08 – Jan 09	61	9	64	7	5	16	10	25	43	63	303	228
	West Chesterton	Oct 09 – Jan 10	28	9	42	11	3	29	63	5	26	33	249	141
		Jun 09 – Sep 09	15	19	24	2	4	18	67	12	38	62	261	188
		Oct 08 – Jan 09	41	23	35	11	10	20	61	11	40	46	298	171

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