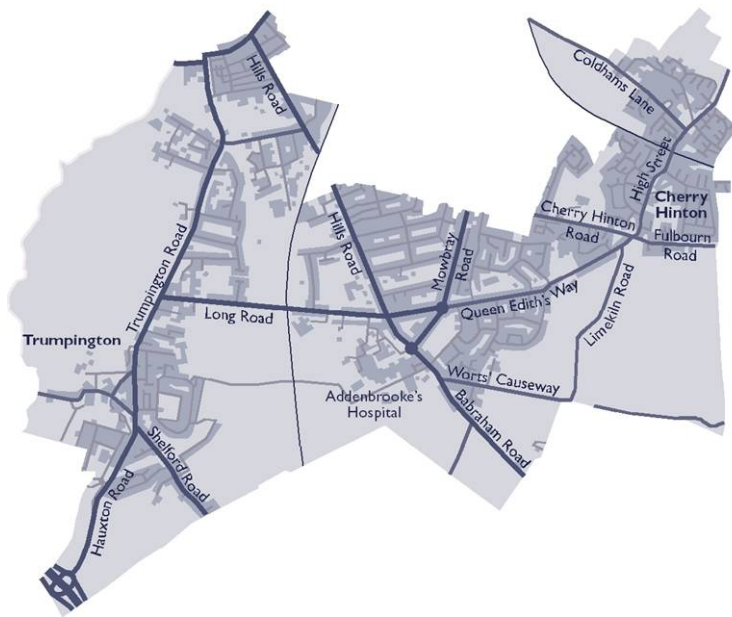


Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report

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1. Introduction

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood report 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 June 09 – September 09 and as a comparison data from February 09 and June 08 – September 08
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, October 09
- Cambridge City Council, City Services data, June 09 – September 09 and as a comparison data from the same period the previous year

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the Area Committee on 23rd July 2009 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds	
<p>The problem concerned a spate of small fires started in the playground at the above site, causing damage to the facilities and reports of violent offences occurring in the grounds.</p> <p>The perception was that groups of youths gathering in the area and possibly consuming alcohol present were involved in both arson and assaults.</p> <p>There was a public perception currently that the grounds can be an unpleasant place to visit when it should be a public space to be enjoyed.</p>	
Objective	<p>The aim of the plan was to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A sustained low level of crime recording - A reduction in incidents reported - A consistent level of high visibility patrolling between the hours of 2000 and 2300hrs (identified as problematic) - Identify youths congregating in the area, seek to identify offences or anti-social acts and take enforcement or diversionary action as deemed necessary. - Ascertain if underage alcohol/drug misuse is an issue and recommend and implement solutions to it.
Action Taken	<p>Initial analysis of calls for Police service suggested that groups were gathering at the grounds predominantly between 2000 and 2300hrs on Friday and Saturday nights; usually meeting in and around vehicles in the front car park. A meeting was also held with the friends of Cherry Hinton Hall.</p> <p>34 hours of uninterrupted patrol time was dedicated to walking the pathways and green spaces of the Hall during the times identified on Friday and Saturday each week. In addition to local neighbourhood police resources, members of the Special Constabulary undertook high visibility patrols.</p> <p>3 mopeds were seized during the period for being used in an anti-social fashion in streets adjacent to the Hall. Notably, older youths seemed to move from the grounds of the Hall itself to Walpole Road and vicinity in response to increased Police</p>

	<p>presence. In addition to seizures, one prosecution is pending for a 16 year old for permitting an uninsured, unlicensed 15 year old friend to use his moped on a public road.</p> <p>Although a small number of confiscations of alcohol from underage youths were carried out, this did not feature highly and was among a younger element not old enough to use vehicles but present nonetheless.</p> <p>There was no suggestion of drug misuse amongst the groups.</p> <p>Funding has been made available from the Safer City Grant scheme to improve a fence in the area which had been damaged as was being used as a cut through and escape route.</p>
<p>Current Situation</p>	<p>During the reporting period 4 calls were received regarding activities in the Hall area. These were largely low-level, linked to vehicle nuisance with two giving rise to the actions described above.</p> <p>There were no violent offences, arsons or other damages recorded during the period.</p> <p>A reduction in both calls for service and criminal offences was witnessed compared to the previous period.</p> <p>The reducing daylight hours and seasonal weather changes seems reflected in the progressive reduction in the presence of youths in this area as the period has moved from Summer to early Autumn.</p>
<p>Continue or Discharge?</p>	<p>Suggest discharge</p>

<p>Thefts of Cycles from the Addenbrooke's site</p>	
<p>This priority was based on the identification of a not significant but notable increase in offences of thefts of cycle on the Addenbrooke's hospital site in the weeks leading up to the Committee.</p>	
<p>Objective</p>	<p>The plan's aim was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence a reduction in the number of thefts of cycles recorded on the Addenbrooke's site during the period. - Evidence close-working by Police and Addenbrooke's staff and security to implement solutions to prevent thefts, aid in the

	identification of stolen property and maximise likelihood of detection.
Action Taken	<p>A review of offences of cycle theft was conducted in partnership by Police and the Addenbrooke's security team. The hotspot was identified as the bus terminal at the front of the site. Amendments were made to CCTV coverage in response.</p> <p>During the period local Police staff held a monthly "crime desk" at Addenbrooke's engaging with significant numbers of staff and visitors concerning key crime issues in and around the site. These events highlighted key findings from analysis of the recent cycle offences to help increase awareness of vulnerabilities and reinforce simple appropriate actions to seek to reduce victimisation.</p> <p>Weekly joint patrols of all cycle park areas on the site have been undertaken in addition to routine security staff patrols. A further 10 hours of Police-only uninterrupted patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness.</p>
Current Situation	<p>4 thefts of cycles occurred at the Addenbrooke's site during the period, compared to 11 in the previous period. Of those earlier 11, a number were recorded in a short space of time towards the end of the previous period, giving a rise to a fear of an emerging spate that would continue into this current period. This did not materialise as feared and there are no current patterns or trends.</p> <p>At the end of September a City wide 'lock it don't lose it' campaign started funded by the Community Safety Partnership. The campaign is being promoted at Addenbrookes.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge

<i>Anti-social behaviour – Foster Road and Paget Road</i>	
Objective	To effectively tackle youth related anti-social behaviour in the above streets
Action Taken	<p>Regular ASB surgeries were held and as a result several residents came forward with information. This information helped to secure a Suspended Possession Order against one tenant, which will remain in place until 2011.</p> <p>Meetings have taken place with a number of young people and</p>

	<p>their parents to discuss allegations of ASB. There is currently work being undertaken to gather evidence on the identified ring leaders responsible for the ASB in this area.</p> <p>A number of young people identified as at risk of ASB attended a 'Fire Day' at the fire station, learning about the impact of fire-setting, ASB, dangerous driving etc. They also got the chance to see what it would be like to be taken into custody.</p> <p>A multi-agency street surgery was held across two nights in the Pavilion. Representatives from the Police, Council and Fire Service called on residents of Anstey Way and Byron Square in order to discuss crime prevention and fire safety. The Bobby Scheme was also on hand to give security advice to vulnerable or elderly residents. It also gave residents a chance to discuss any concerns about ASB, or other questions they may have.</p> <p>The Pavilion which has recently re-opened, is running a comprehensive programme of activities for young people to provide positive diversionary activities.</p>
Current Situation	Anti-social behaviour is still an issue in this part of Trumpington ward, the city council ASB Team continue to receive reports of from concerned residents which focus almost entirely on youth related ASB.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue – the priority should focus on Paget Road, Foster Road and Anstey Way for the coming period.

Engagement Activity

- Monthly Surgeries continue at:

Trumpington	- Waitrose, Hauxton Road
Queen Edith's	- Addenbrookes Main Concourse, Hills Road
Cherry Hinton	- Library / Village Centre

Details of upcoming events are available at:

<http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/diarydates.asp>

- Gunhild Way Recreation Ground - "Environmental Audit" of noise and anti-social behaviour – 300 houses leafleted and 100 people present to take part in discussion and define actions
- Family fun day at Anstey Way
- As highlighted above, a Street Surgery was held in Anstey Way and Byron Square on the 14th & 15th September, the surgeries were attended by a numbers of agencies including fire, police, ASB Team, housing, city rangers, bobby scheme to promote the work that is ongoing in the area, offer help and advice along with a home safety check. Every household in this area was visited. In addition, a walk round of the area took place to identify any necessary environmental improvements, although little in the way of serious improvements were identified.

Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Offence levels across City South have decreased from 676 offences in the previous period to 593 offences in this period. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents have decreased during the period and levels are comparatively lower than the same period last year.

Trumpington

- Total crime in Trumpington has decreased compared to both the previous period (248 offences vs. 268 offences) and the same period last year (261 offences)
- Dwelling burglary offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (11 offences vs. 9 offences) and compared to the same period last year (10 offences). In four of the offences the offenders entered the property via an insecure door or window.
- Violent crime offences have increased from 32 offences in the previous period to 40 offences in this period but this is lower when compared with last year (61). Two of the offences appear to be involving the same incident when a group of friends were assaulted when walking along Gonville Place.
- There were 29 thefts from motor vehicle offences in this period compared with 27 offences in the previous period and 18 in the same period last year. In 18 of the offences, the offenders have gained access to the vehicles by smashing a window before conducting a search and stealing items.
- Theft of vehicle offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (6 offences vs. 5 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year (1 offence). In two of the offences offenders have attempted to steal a moped from the aggrieved house.
- There were 55 thefts of cycle offences in this period compared with 57 offences in the previous period and 53 offences in the same period last year. There does not appear to be any trend in the locations from which the cycles are stolen from.
- Criminal damage offences have increased from 29 offences in the previous period to 44 offences in this period (also an increase compared to

the 38 offences in the same period last year). There doesn't appear to be any patterns or trends in the offences in this period.

- ASB incidents have decreased from 203 incidents in the previous period to 169 incidents in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year (193 incidents). Common places for ASB incidents were Anstey Way, Gonville Place, Hanover Court, High Street, Hills Road, Paget Road and Station Road. Twelve of the incidents on Gonville Place occurred at the YMCA and either concern the residents or people who are visiting residents. There were 105 incidents throughout the ward which were regarding rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour by others. Twenty-five incidents were rowdy or nuisance neighbours and ten concerned an abandoned vehicle.
- Other crime offences have decreased from 79 offences in the previous period to 40 offences in this period. Four of the offences occurred at the church on Hills Road, three of them in the month of June. Unattended bags were taken in the three offences in June whilst in the fourth offence an unattended digital camera was stolen.
- Between June and September 2009 there were 10 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 12 during the same period last year. This included 3, which were not on site following inspection, 2 which were claimed by their owners and 1 vehicle, which was illegally parked. In addition, 3 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, one of which was claimed by the owner following payment of the DVLA fine and road tax. One vehicle was destroyed for non-payment of the fine and the other is pending further action. There were no specific hotspots during 2009 period, but Church Lane and Queensway, both with 3 reports, were hotspots last year.
- Between June and September 2009 there were 26 fly tips within the ward, compared with 18 during the same period last year. All were removed within 24 hours with sufficient evidence to issue 4 warning letters (3 domestic, 1 trade). In addition, waste transfer documentation was requested from 2 trade offenders. Hauxton Road (6), Russell Court (5), Princess Court (4) and Anstey Way (4) were the hotspots during the 2009 period and resulted in all of the warning letters and waste transfer requests. In the 2008 period Russell Court (3) and Anstey Way (3) were the hotspots.
- 30 derelict cycles were dealt with between June and September 2009, compared with 26 during the same period last year. Long Road (6), Coronation Street (5) and Shelford Road (4) were the hotspots during this

period. In the 2008 period Hanover Court (8) and Shaftesbury Road (4) were the hotspots.

- Between June and September 2009, 1 needle was removed from Coronation Street. In the 2008 period there were no needles removed from this ward.
- There were no items of graffiti removed by the City Rangers between June and September 2009, compared with 18 during the same period last year. Pemberton Terrace was a hotspot with 11 items removed.

Cherry Hinton

- Offence levels In Cherry Hinton have decreased from 186 offences in the previous period to 163 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 185 offences.
- Dwelling burglary offences have halved compared to the previous period (12 offences vs. 25 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year (8 offences). In one of the offences, offenders have forced entry into a property and removed the car keys and stolen the car from the front driveway.
- Burglary other offences have almost halved compared to the previous period (7 offences vs. 13 offences), but have remained stable compared to the same period last year (9 offences). There does not appear to be any patterns of trends in the offences throughout the period.
- Violent crime offences have increased from 35 offences in the previous period to 42 offences in this period. Figures have remained stable compared to the same period last year when there were 41 offences.
- Theft from motor vehicle offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (10 offences vs. 8 offences), this is half the number of offences in the same period last year (21 offences). Several of the vehicles had their windows smashed and in one offence all four wheel trims and the boot badge had been removed from the vehicle.
- Criminal damage offences have decreased from 48 offences in the previous period to 37 offences in this period. Seven of the offences occurred on Colville Road on separate dates throughout the period. Five dwellings and 2 vehicles were damaged in the offences, three of the dwellings and one of the vehicles had their windows smashed. One of the

dwellings had the wall at the front damaged; another had the door chain sawn through, whilst the other vehicle had its tyres slashed.

- Other crime offences have remained stable with 29 offences in this period compared to 33 in the previous period. This is less than half the number of offences in the same period last year (62). Four of the offences occurred on Cherry Hinton Road over a two day period. The victims all appear to have been attending a festival in the grounds of Cherry Hinton House, when they had items from their tents stolen.
- There were 145 ASB incidents in this period compared to 137 offences in the previous period and 186 offences in the same period last year. Common locations for ASB incidents were Cherry Hinton Road, Drayton Road, Harcombe Road, High Street, St Bedes Crescent, Tenby Close and Walpole Road. Six of the incidents occurred at the same location in Tenby Close.
- Between June and September 2009 there were 17 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 18 during the same period last year. This included 7, which were not on site following inspection, 3 which were claimed by their owners and two cases which were referred to the Council's Housing Department. In addition, 2 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, both of which were destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots during 2009 period, but St Bede's Crescent was a hotspot in the same period last year with 5 reports.
- Between June and September 2009 there were 25 flytips within the ward, compared with 43 during the same period last year. All were removed within 24 hours with sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to a domestic offender. In addition, waste transfer documentation was requested from two trade offenders. Cherry Hinton Road and Colville Road (both 3) were the hotspots during the 2009 period and resulted in one of the waste transfer requests. St Bede's Crescent (8), Colville Road (9) and Teversham Drift (4) were the particular hotspots in the 2008 period.
- 18 derelict cycles were dealt with between June and September 2009, compared with 17 during the same period last year. Cherry Hinton Road and Harcombe Road (both 3) were the hotspots during this period. In the 2008 Cherry Hinton Road was the hotspot, again with 3.

Queen Edith's

- Total crime in Queen Ediths has decreased from 222 offences in the previous period to 182 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 229 offences.
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased from 22 offences in the previous period to 15 offences in this period. In three offences on the same date in June, the victims were all elderly women.
- Other burglary offences have halved compared to the same period last year (34 offences vs. 16 offences) and remained stable compared to the previous period (18 offences). Two offences occurred on Sedley Taylor Road on consecutive days in August. In one offence offenders have forced a lock on an external gate and forced the front wooden doors to gain entry and have tried to steal a safe from a storeroom and in the other offence they have forced a wooden door to the Pavillion, caused damage to the internal doors but stolen nothing.
- Thefts from vehicle offences have decreased from 20 offences in the previous period to 11 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 18 offences. Three of the offences occurred on Red Cross Lane on separate dates throughout the period. Two of the vehicles had their windows smashed and items stolen from within, whilst the third vehicle had its front number plate stolen.
- Theft of cycle offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (52 offences vs. 55 offences) but this is an increase compared to the same period last year. Common locations for cycles to be stolen from were Hills Road, Rock Road, Hinton Avenue and Blinco Grove.
- Criminal damage offences have increased from 23 offences in the previous period to 31 offences in this period. Two of the offences concern an offender causing damage whilst being ejected from Addenbrookes hospital.
- There were 154 ASB incidents in this period compared to 145 incidents in the previous period and 162 incidents in the same period last year. Forty-two of the incidents occurred on Hills Road, 23 of which occurred at Addenbrookes hospital but there didn't appear to be any patterns or trends in these offences.

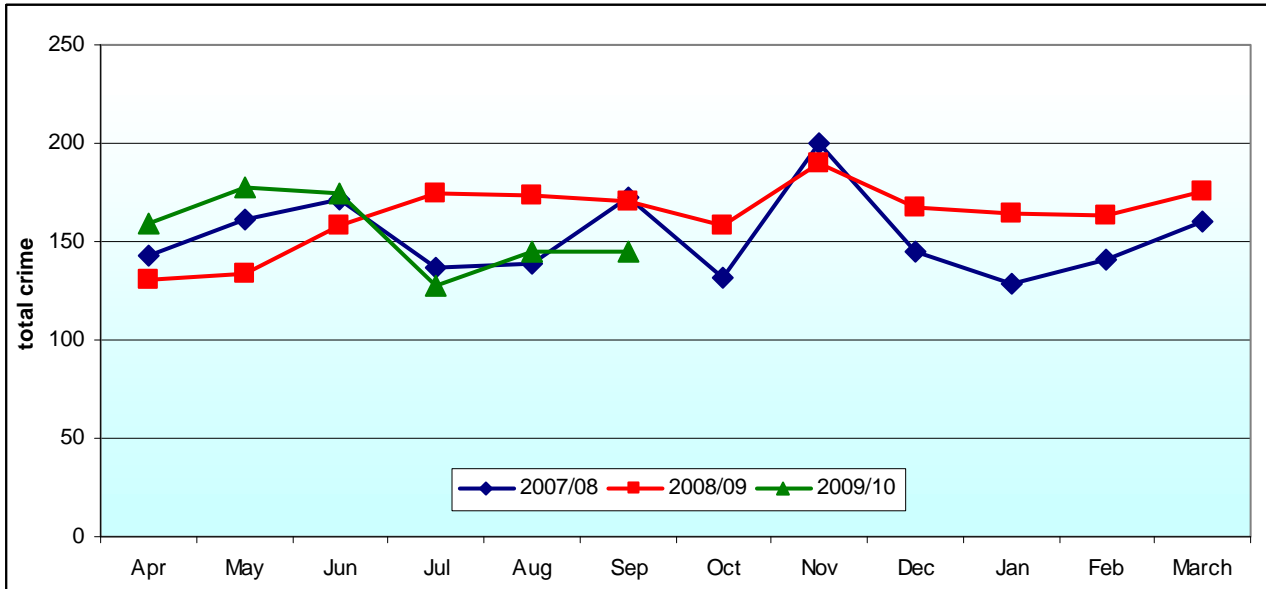
- Between June and September 2009 there were 5 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 9 during the same period last year. This included 3, which were not on site following inspection and 1 which was claimed by their owner. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to one offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, resulting in a DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots during 2009 period, but Almoners Avenue was a hotspot last year with 3 reports.
- Between June and September 2009 there were 9 flytips within the ward, compared with 11 during the same period last year. All were removed within 24 hours with sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to a domestic offender. In addition, waste transfer documentation was requested from a trade offender. Wulfstan Way (3) was the hotspot during the 2009 period and resulted in one of the waste transfer requests. There were no hotspots during the 2008 period.
- 31 derelict cycles were dealt with between June and September 2009, compared with 43 during the same period last year. Babraham Road Park & Ride (7), Hartington Grove (6) and Hills Avenue (6) were the hotspots during this period. In the 2008 period Babraham Road Park & Ride (20), Queen Edith's Way (6) and Hills Road (4) were the particular hotspots.

3. Recommendations

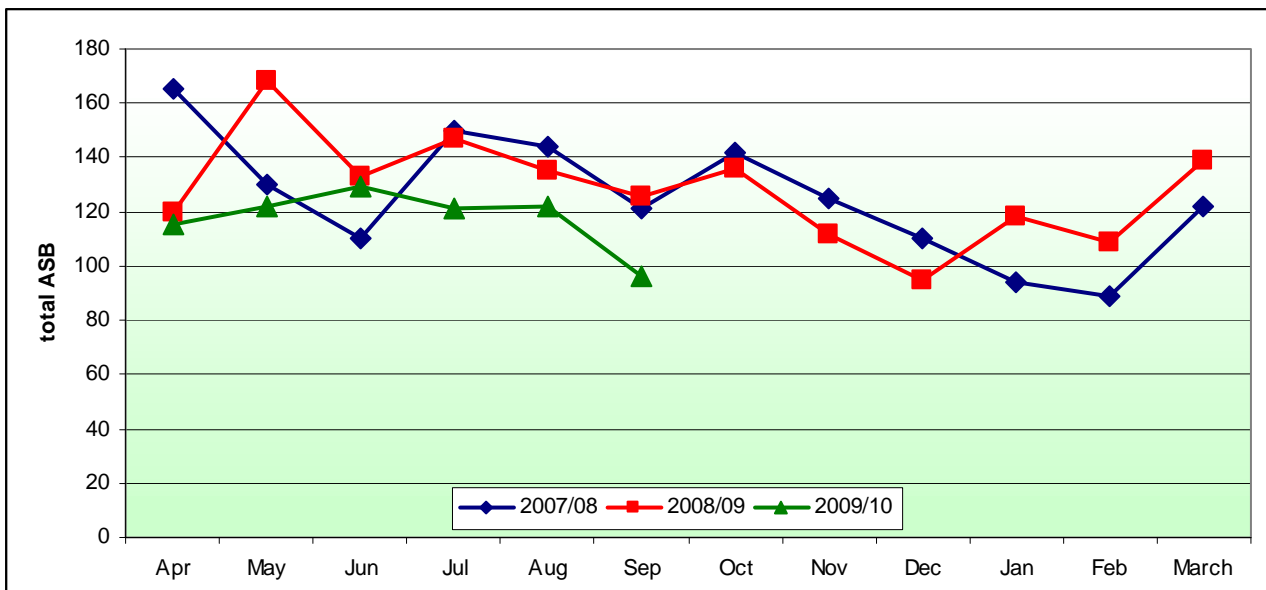
- Anti-social behaviour - Foster Road, Paget Road and Anstey Way

4. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



Total ASB



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	June 09 – Sept 09	38	40	102	7	8	50	124	9	97	118	593	468
		Feb 09 – May 09	56	48	92	7	15	55	127	10	115	151	676	485
		June 08 – Sept 08	36	60	141	10	10	57	94	12	97	158	675	541
Wards	Trumpington	June 09 – Sept 09	11	17	40	0	6	29	55	6	44	40	248	169
		Feb 09 – May 09	9	17	32	3	5	27	57	10	29	79	268	203
		June 08 – Sept 08	10	17	61	8	1	18	53	10	38	45	261	193
	Cherry Hinton	June 09 – Sept 09	12	7	42	4	2	10	17	3	37	29	163	145
		Feb 09 – May 09	25	13	35	2	7	8	15	0	48	33	186	137
		June 08 – Sept 08	8	9	41	1	4	21	7	1	31	62	185	186
	Queen Edith	June 09 – Sept 09	15	16	20	3	1	11	52	0	31	33	182	154
		Feb 09 – May 09	22	18	25	2	2	20	55	0	23	55	222	145
		June 08 – Sept 08	18	34	39	1	5	18	34	1	28	55	229	162