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Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood



January 2011



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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 multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data, from September 10 – December 10 and as a comparison data from May 10 – August 10 and September 09 - December 09.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, December 10.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the North Area Committee meeting on 30th September 2010 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities that were set:

Anti-social Driving in the Fen Road Traffic Calmed Area	
Objective	<p>Vehicles appear to be travelling at excess speed and negotiating traffic calming measures with ease. Complaints relate to noise and dangers posed to persons using these areas by speeding vehicles / vehicles mounting pavements/kerbs etc.</p> <p>The aim of this plan was to seek to reduce incidents of anti-social driving in the area defined.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage the Highways Authority to review the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures and make recommendations for improvement. 2. Provide regular patrols of the area to seek to identify persons engaged in the anti-social use of vehicles and take appropriate action. 3. Engage with residents and provide clear updates as to police and county council actions taken to seek to impact on the problem.
Action Taken	<p>As previously reported, changes in the physical lay-out of the road have been discussed in detail and the county council will not be making amendments to the speed calming measures already in place.</p> <p>Statements taken from local residents and direct action taken when offending behaviours witnessed by officers. Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002 employed, firstly to warn and then to seize offending vehicles.</p> <p>Actions and results published through E-cops and local meetings.</p> <p>Op Blackwell (Traffic Offences Operation) carried out in Chesterton.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Complaints and observed incidents of this type of driving have reduced. Good feedback from local people regarding visible police action and to updates from messages etc.</p>

Continue or Discharge?	Discharge – believe we can continue with this as “normal business”.
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Unlawful Parking and Associated ASB - The Shirley School, East Chesterton

Objective	Anti-social parking and abusive behaviour from some children's parents at drop-off and pick-up times. Plan to: 1. Minimise and seek to eliminate unlawful parking 2. Subsequently to remove the cause of spontaneous ASB / disorder issues between parents over parking and safety issues 3. Achieve this proportionately with minimal detrimental impact on the effective operation of the school and to maintain trust and confidence amongst staff and parents.
Action Taken	Meetings with school personnel and local people. This has tied in to an extent with the first priority above. Regular attendance of police/support officers at school drop-off/pick-up times.
Current Situation	Unaware of any specific complaints (as aired at the previous meeting). Unlike the anti-social driving priority, there have been no statements forthcoming to achieve more decisive action. Officer observations and contact with residents suggest that this issue is under control.
Continue or Discharge?	Suggest continue – there are other underlying issues and with the school site move imminent, police engagement is still relevant and important.

Sex Working and Associated ASB - Histon Road

Objective	The location is being used by street sex workers to meet clients and conduct business. The activity itself is troubling for local residents and disproportionately increases fear of crime. ASB associated with the practice is also notable, ranging from littering to public order offences and drug misuse. The purpose of the plan is to: 1. Engage, support and seek to deter sex workers from engaging in the practice, looking for appropriate support services to identify and challenge underlying causes. 2. Provide high profile presence to reassure local residents and seek to disrupt and prevent ASB associated with sex working 3. Identify clients and dissuade from using services and where appropriate utilise legal powers to prosecute.
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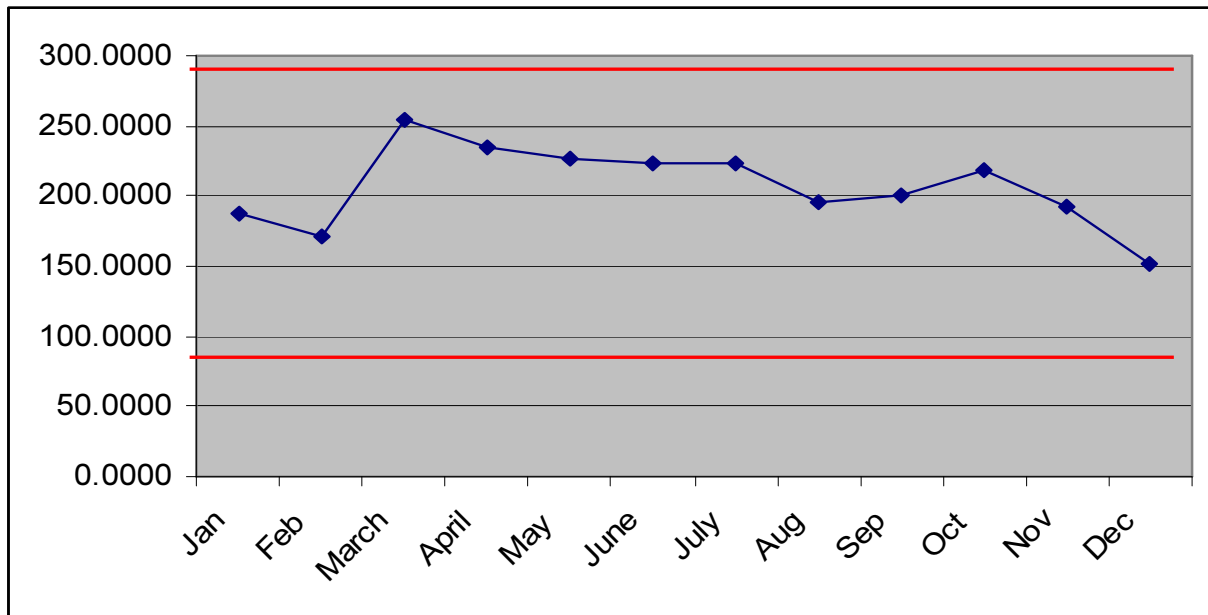
Action Taken	Continuous engagement with both the local hostel (where a number of sex workers lived), with SWAN (Sex Worker's Advisory Network) and local community groups. Regular high visibility patrols of relevant areas. Use of police powers where appropriate (2 arrests made). Stop checks on men apparently using the sex workers.
Current Situation	A changing situation – the problem died off for several weeks, but has never totally gone away. The situation closely relates to other issues in the area – class A drug use, street drinking and burglary. There is on-going work with the hostel and SWAN to deal with these underlying issues. High levels of patrols in the area are being maintained. Reports of prostitution and related problems have declined.
Continue or Discharge?	Suggest continue for time being. There are a number of outcomes that can still be achieved on this. The related issues also require further attention.

Response to Question - Seasonality of Violent Crime – City North

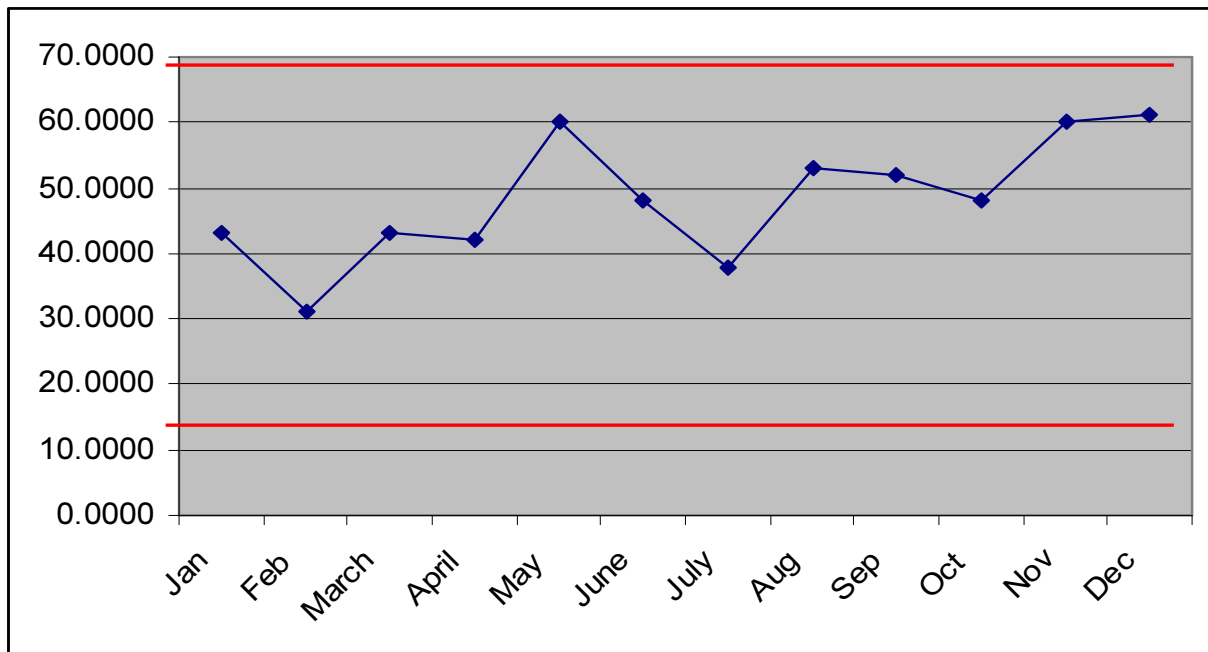
Data for 2007-2010 has been collated to show total numbers of violent crime per calendar month. This has been calculated to show the standard deviation of the data, meaning that anything that falls outside of the **red** lines on the graph can be classed as statistically significant. As can be seen below, there are peaks and troughs in the crime data, but there are no months across all of the years that can be classed as significantly high or low.

See overleaf

Violent Crime (Non-DV)



Violent Crime with DV Markers



As can be seen above, March was the peak month overall over three years for violent crime (non-DV), whilst May, November and December were the highest months for violent crime with DV markers.

The offences in March work out as 99 in 2008, 54 in 2009, and 97 in 2010. 2008 and 2010 are fairly high in comparison with 2009, but there is no stand out year or event, which seems to really tip March into being the top month across the years.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City North has decreased with 1099 offences reported over this four month period compared to 1150 offences in the previous period and 1110 offences reported in the same period last year.

There has also been an decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 616 incidents reported over this 4 month period compared with 838 in the previous period, this equates to a 26% decrease. ASB levels are also lower than recorded for the same period last year.

Although crime and anti-social behaviour levels have decreased in comparison to the previous period this is expected due to seasonal trends (higher levels of offences and incidents have historically occurred during the summer months). Also the extreme weather conditions experience in December may have affected levels

West Chesterton

- Offence levels in West Chesterton have decreased to 265 offences reported from 287 the previous period. However, this is a slight increase compared to the 256 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased compared to the previous period (29 offences vs. 34 offences) but remained stable compared to the same period last year (29 offences). Offence levels were particularly high in October, November and December however offence levels for August were low with just one offence occurring in the month. It isn't possible to pinpoint a peak time of day as many of the burglaries occurred over a period of several days, possibly due to the occupants being on holiday at the time of the offence.
- Violent crime offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (44 offences vs. 46 offences) and also increased compared to the same period last year (36 offences). Hotspot locations for offences were Milton Road, Chesterton Road and Arbury Road. An offender had been arrested in 13 out of the 44 offences.
- There has been a large decrease in cycle theft offences in the ward over the period with 47 offences over the period compared to 86 in the previous period (45% decrease) and 71 in the same period last year. West Chesterton still has the highest level of cycle theft in City North and accounts for 35% of all cycle theft offences in the neighbourhood.
- Criminal damage offences have increased from 19 offences in the previous period to 33 in the current period and have also decreased in comparison to the previous year (26 offences).
- ASB levels have decreased from 152 incidents in the previous period to 132 incidents in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the

same period last year when there were 160 incidents and as already discussed a decrease in ASB is expected during the winter months. The hotspots for ASB were Chesterton Road, Arbury Road, Garden Walk, Milton Road and Victoria Road.

Environmental Issues

- Between September and December 2010 there were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 7 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and another, which was later claimed by its 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 and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. A further case is currently pending investigation and another has been referred to the police. There were no specific hotspots.
- Between September and December 2010 there were 25 reports of fly tipping in the ward, compared with 7 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue warning letters to 7 domestic offenders and waste transfer documentation was requested from a trade offender. Chesterton Road (4) and Milton Road (4) were the hotspots during this period.
- Between September and December 2010, 15 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 37 during the same period the previous year. The reduction in number is primarily on account of a large number of cycles (11) abandoned in De Freville Avenue during same period the previous year.

Between September and December 2010, and also the same period during the previous year, no needles were reported

East Chesterton

- A decrease has been seen in the total number of offences reported in this four month period compared to the previous period (154 offences vs. 233 offences) and compared to the same period last year (221 offences).
- There were 40 dwelling burglaries in this period compared to 21 offences in the previous period and 37 offences in the same period last year. There doesn't appear to be a peak time of day for offences or a common MO used, but offenders stole small transportable items such as cash, jewellery and laptops.
- Violent crime offences have decreased from 75 offences in the previous period to 63 offences in this period. Offence levels have remained stable

compared to the same period last year when there were 65 offences. The majority of offences occurred at home addresses and were domestic violence related/occurred between people who knew each other. An offender has been arrested and charged in just over a third of these offences.

- Cycle theft has fallen compared to the previous period with 31 offences occurring in this period and 47 offences in the previous period. Offence levels have remained stable compared to the same period the previous year (31 offences). Offences occurred across the ward with no particular hotspots.
- There were 154 ASB incidents in this period compared to 233 incidents in the previous period and 221 in the same period last year. The number of incidents in Kendal way had halved since the previous period. Hotspots for ASB in this period were Green End Road and High Street.

Environmental Issues

- Between September and December 2010 there were 17 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and a further 5 which were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and were subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. A further two cases are currently pending further investigation. There were no specific hotspots.
- Between September and December 2010 there were 28 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 46 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to a domestic offender. Green End Road (4) and Maitland Avenue and Church Street Recycling Centre (both with 3) were the hotspots during this period.
- Between September and December 2010, 19 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. Union Lane (4) and Bramblefields and Cowley Road (both with 3) were the hotspots during this period.
- Between September and December 2010, 19 needles were reported compared with 26 during the same period the previous year. The majority, 14, were removed from Church Street, close to the public toilets. 3 needles were also removed from the nature reserve at Logans Meadow.

Kings Hedges

- Total crime in has increased in the last four month period compared to the previous period (304 offences vs. 274 offences) and compared to the same period last year (252 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased considerably over the period with 24 offences compared to 44 in the previous period and 41 in the same period last year. This could be a result of a prolific burglar who was active in Kings Hedges being arrested and remanded in late August.
- Violent offences have increased compared to both the previous period (87 offences vs. 79 offences) and compared to the same period last year (54 offences). Repeat locations for offences were Campkin Road, Haviland Way and Arbury Court. Offenders have been arrested and charged in 27 of these offences.
- Theft from shop offences have more than doubled to 24 offences compared to 11 offences in the previous period. Offence levels have remained stable compared to the same period last year (22 offences). The offences occurred at three location Tescos on Campkin Road (14 offences), Co-Op on Milton Road (6 offences) and Budgens at Arbury Court (4 offences).
- There were 174 ASB incidents in this period compared to 218 ASB incidents in the previous period and 214 incidents in the same period last year. Specific hotspot locations for incidents Campkin Rd (26 incidents, mainly related to youth disorder and noisy neighbours) and Arbury Court (15 incidents, mainly relating to street drinking and rowdy behaviour such as fighting by groups congregating in the area).

Environmental Issues

- Between September and December 2010 there were 4 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. This included one vehicle, which was later claimed by its owner and another, which was not on site following inspection. A further vehicle was also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax and was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots.
- Between September and December 2010 there were 70 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 86 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to 2 domestic offenders and waste transfer documentation was also requested from one trade offender. Arbury Court (10), Campkin Road (9), Minerva Way (8) and Edgecombe (6) were the main hotspots during this period.

- Between September and December 2010, 14 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 27 during the same period the previous year. Minerva Way (3) was a hotspot during this period.
- Between September and December 2010, 4 needles were reported, compared with 5 during the same period the previous year. 3 needles were removed from the recreation ground at Nuns Way.

Arbury

- Total crime in Arbury has decreased compared to the previous four month period (276 offences vs. 297 offences). This is a decrease compared to the 304 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased compared to the previous period (53 offences vs. 32 offences). Offence levels were high in December with 24 offences and low in September with only one offence. As mentioned above offences levels were low in September due to the arrest of a prolific burglar at the end of August.
- Theft from vehicle offences have decreased to 14 offences from 24 offences in the previous period. Offences mainly occurred overnight and in most of the offences where entry has been gained, offenders have mashed windows in order to do so.
- ASB incidents have decreased compared to the previous period (156 incidents vs. 235 incidents) and the same period last year (247 incidents). Specific hotspot locations for incidents were Histon Road (29 incidents including varied issues such as prostitution, street drinking and youth disorder), Victoria Road (19 incidents, mainly rowdy or drunken behaviour).

Environmental Issues

- Between September and December 2010 there were 15 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 4 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and another 2, which were later claimed by their owners. In addition, 2 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. One vehicle was also 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 case was referred to the Council's Housing department and another is currently pending further investigation. There were no specific hotspots.
- Between September and December 2010 there were 97 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 100 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to

one domestic offender and a verbal warning to a trade offender. Hazelwood/Molewood Close (21), Fordwich Place/Close (10), Cockerell Road (8) and Brackley Close (7) were the main hotspots during this period.

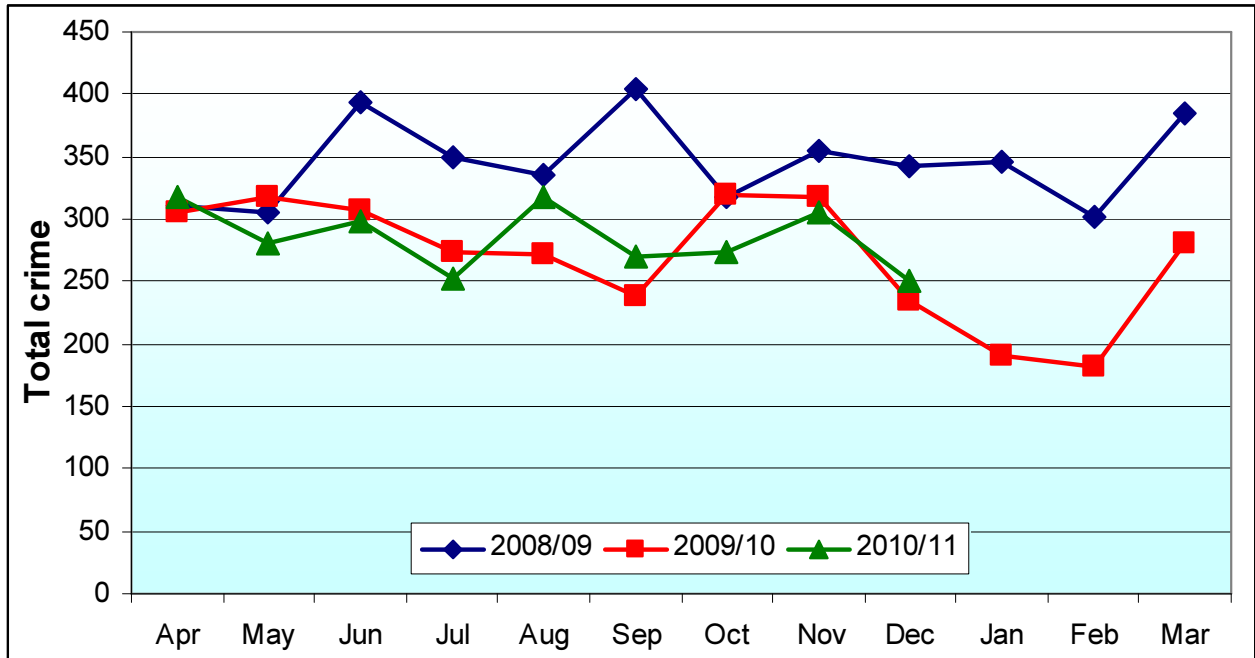
- Between September and December 2010, 22 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 24 during the same period the previous year. Cockerell Road and Stretton Avenue (both with 4) and Carlton Way (3) were the hotspots during this period.
- Between September and December 2010, 26 needles were reported, compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. 25 needles were removed from Histon Road, primarily at Histon Road Cemetery, although 10 of which were found in a sealed pack and had not been used.

4. Recommendations

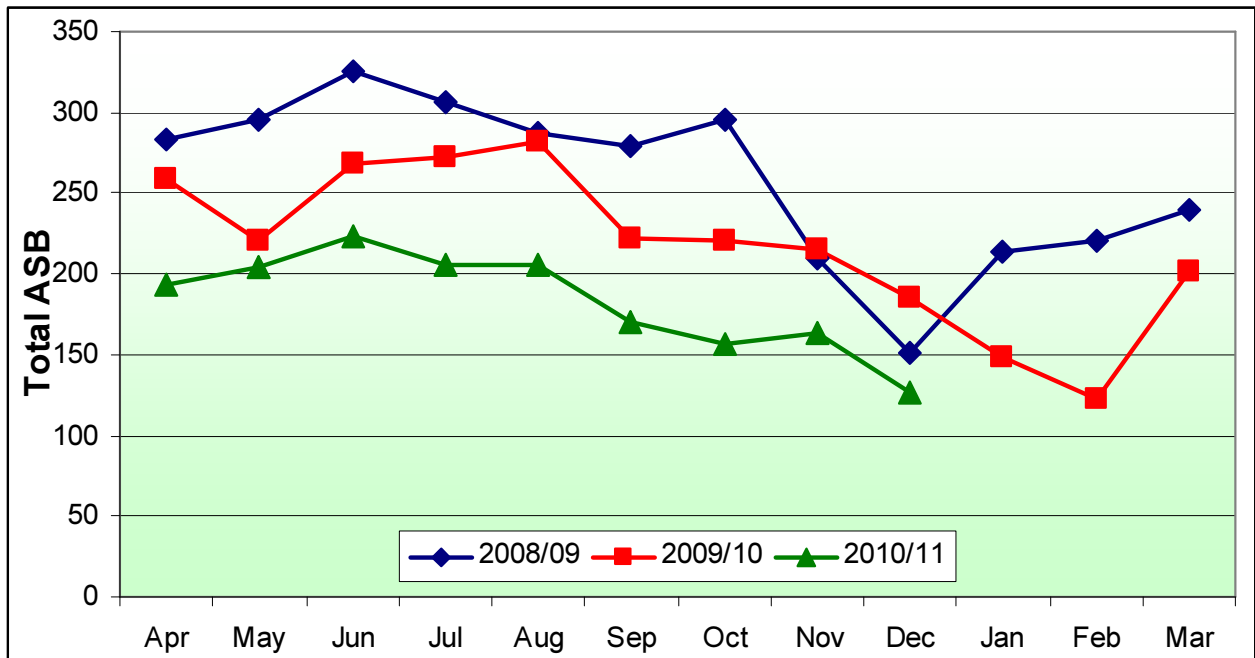
- Continue work to reduce the impact of school run traffic related issues at the Shirley School
- Continue to tackle issues related to sex worker activity in the Histon Road area.

Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



ASB Incidents



Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime ¹	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
Nhod	City North	Sep 10 – Dec 10	146	37	255	16	22	57	134	65	157	210	1099	616
		May 10 – Aug 10	131	47	265	20	17	85	199	43	162	181	1150	838
		Sep 09 – Dec 09	152	60	205	2	24	92	161	40	180	170	1110	842
Wards	West Chesterton	Sep 10 – Dec 10	29	7	44	2	5	18	47	18	33	62	265	132
		May 10 – Aug 10	34	11	46	4	6	23	86	12	19	46	287	152
		Sep 09 – Dec 09	29	13	36	7	3	32	71	4	26	35	256	160
	East Chesterton	Sep 10 – Dec 10	40	12	63	1	3	15	31	6	38	45	254	154
		May 10 – Aug 10	21	12	75	1	6	26	47	2	52	50	292	233
		Sep 09 – Dec 09	37	23	65	6	7	26	31	5	53	45	298	221
	Kings Hedges	Sep 10 – Dec 10	24	12	87	9	7	10	25	24	52	54	304	174
		May 10 – Aug 10	44	6	79	7	3	12	27	11	46	39	274	218
		Sep 09 – Dec 09	41	2	54	7	5	18	20	22	42	41	252	214
	Arbury	Sep 10 – Dec 10	53	6	61	4	7	14	31	17	34	49	276	156
		May 10 – Aug 10	32	18	65	8	2	24	39	18	45	46	297	235
		Sep 09 – Dec 09	45	22	50	6	9	16	39	9	59	49	304	247

¹ Excluding robbery

ASB Incident Types in the City North Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

Please Note

Incident levels for each of the wards may not be consistent with the official figures that will be published by the Force and Home Office. This is because the data system used to draw the level of detail needed for the ASB type breakdown for this report may not contain precise locations due to the way incidents are reported e.g. ASB reported where ward boundaries lie could initially be recorded in the neighbouring ward but subsequently corrected.

The figures should only be used as a guide and not regarded as official statistics for publication.

			Abandoned Vehicle	Animal Problems	Begging/Vagrancy	Hoax call to emergency services	Litter	Malicious/Nuisance Communication	Noise	Prejudice Incident	Prostitution	Regular Caller – Hist Info.	Rowdy & Inconsiderate Behaviour	Rowdy/Nuisance Neighbours	Street Drinking	Trespass	Vehicle related nuisance/inappropriate Vehicle use	Violence	Grand Total
N'Hod	City North	Sep 10 – Dec 10	49	4	3	14	1	60	27	4	4	0	337	47	4	1	49	0	614
		May 10 – Aug 10	37	3	1	14	1	66	71	4	5	2	429	101	8	7	73	3	825
Wards	West Chesterton	Sep 10 – Dec 10	16	0	0	2	0	11	7	0	0	0	67	11	1	0	15	0	130
		May 10 – Aug 10	11	0	0	4	0	7	8	0	0	0	93	13	2	0	13	0	151
	East Chesterton	Sep 10 – Dec 10	13	2	0	2	0	12	8	2	0	0	92	9	0	1	14	0	155
		May 10 – Aug 10	13	2	0	3	1	22	21	0	1	0	103	35	1	4	27	0	233
	Kings Hedges	Sep 10 – Dec 10	11	0	1	6	1	15	12	1	0	0	98	13	2	0	14	0	174
		May 10 – Aug 10	7	0	0	4	0	16	24	0	0	2	112	16	5	2	21	1	210
	Arbury	Sep 10 – Dec 10	9	2	2	4	0	22	10	1	4	0	80	14	1	0	6	0	155
		May 10 – Aug 10	6	1	1	3	0	21	18	4	4	0	121	37	0	1	12	2	231

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