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- 4** **CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED : CAMBRIDGE SUPERMARKET, 28 MILL ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 2AD** *(Pages 1 - 26)*

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Signature: *Marc Thomas* Date: 11/06/2012

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I am a uniform Police Officer in the Cambridge City Centre problem solving Team. I have served as a uniformed Police Officer for 18 years and have been the Streetlife Officer for more than six years. My role involves participating in a multi-agency approach to dealing with rough sleeping, begging and street drinking issues in the City.

Mill road was the focus of continuous Dispersal Orders under Section 30 of the Anti social behaviour Act from April 2004 until it's end in July 2010. Authorisation of the relevant locality is made in agreement with the City council and lasts a maximum period of 6 months. Each order is based on strategic intelligence reviews enhanced with background information from working partnerships and the local community. The authorised locality must be subject to significant and persistent anti-social behaviour.

I have been involved in the policing of ASB issues in the Mill road area since prior to the initial Section 30 Authorisation in 2004. I became more closely involved in tackling the specific Street drinking issues in the area on commencing my role as Streetlife officer in 2006. My Policing commitment to the area increased over time as the scale of the ASB caused by my client base dictated.

During intense enforcement work in the Dispersal Area, which regularly involved tasking Police staff from across the Policing Division, displacement of ASB issues was seen in surrounding areas. The boundaries of the locality were regularly adjusted during the later period to react to displacement issues. Regardless of the displacement issues Mil road remained at the core of the problem until the end.

There were several factors that led to the eventual lapse of the section 30 Authorisation which was only possible when levels of ASB in the locality had significantly reduced. Consistent Police enforcement Action in the area led to a reduction in the size of Street drinking groups, which in turn led to a reduction in issues caused by those drinkers who gathered in the area or transited through it. Treatment services based at Mill

House, which had previously been a draw to some of the most chaotic Street drinkers in the City, were
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altered. The new process removed the requirement for these individuals to attend the location on a daily basis. A major drugs operation was conducted in the City leading to multiple arrests of Street level dealers. Although the operation was widely spread the Streetlife community made a mental connection between the arrests and the Petersfield area, which led to a further reduction of groups forming in the locality. Given that very few of the remaining, problematic Street drinkers we continued to encounter in the locality resided in or near the area it became our task to establish what the draw might be. After a short period of time it became apparent, through on the ground observations and local intelligence, that the remaining draw to the area was the sale of alcohol. Certain off licence premises on Mill road had adapted their sales methods to the street drinking client base. Anecdotal evidence from Street drinkers to Police and to working partners established the belief that sales practices of a couple of establishments were not in line with licensing legislation. Unorthodox selling practices were made worse by the regular sale of alcohol to individuals in a drunken state. Essentially problematic individuals from outside the area were travelling to Mill road in varying states of inebriation to purchase alcohol, ignoring alternative outlets on the way.

After some respite from significant Street drinking ASB the Mill road area is again experiencing issues with the problem spreading across Mill road cemetery to Norfolk street. The specific problem in Mill road developed from a rough sleeping issue nearby. The rough sleepers drew other members of the Streetlife community away from their accommodation to socialise with them and sleep out. In this context socialising involves excessive consumption of strong alcohol in public leading to alcohol related ASB and criminality. Although the nucleus of the rough sleeping has been resolved through partnership working, a street drinking issue remains as do the problems that it causes the local community. Again I find myself spending a significant proportion of my working day tackling issues around Street drinking activity in Mill road. Very few of the drinkers I encounter have a direct connection to the area and many disclose that they source their alcohol within the immediate vicinity.

Mill road is not subject to a Section 30 Dispersal Order at this stage as Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 (commenced August 2007) provides a separate, similar power, which is regularly being used in the area. Alcohol related ASB around Mill road has recently been a District priority for Cambridge City with Officers being tasked on a daily basis to proactively patrol the area and it remains a priority targeted by the local problem solving Team.

There is a daily Street drinking presence and persistent begging issue on Mill road near to it's junction with

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Gwydir street which is subject to regular complaints from the public and has led to dispersals and arrests.

The drag of Mill road between the Bridge and Petersfield green sees regular footfall of drinkers individually and in groups with groups frequently sitting to drink in Ditchburn Place. Mill road cemetery is a street drinking and rough sleeping hot spot with different groups settling at various points throughout the day and some camping overnight. In the past month a Street drinking presence has established on Petersfield Green after a relatively quiet couple of years, it is an indicator that previous deterrent measures have now been diluted with the change in group dynamics that a constant influx of new Street drinkers brings.

We continue to work in partnership to reduce the ASB issues in the Mill road area but the work is time consuming and involves looking at multiple strands which include current licensing issues. I believe a further licensed premises in this area will be to the detriment of the local community.

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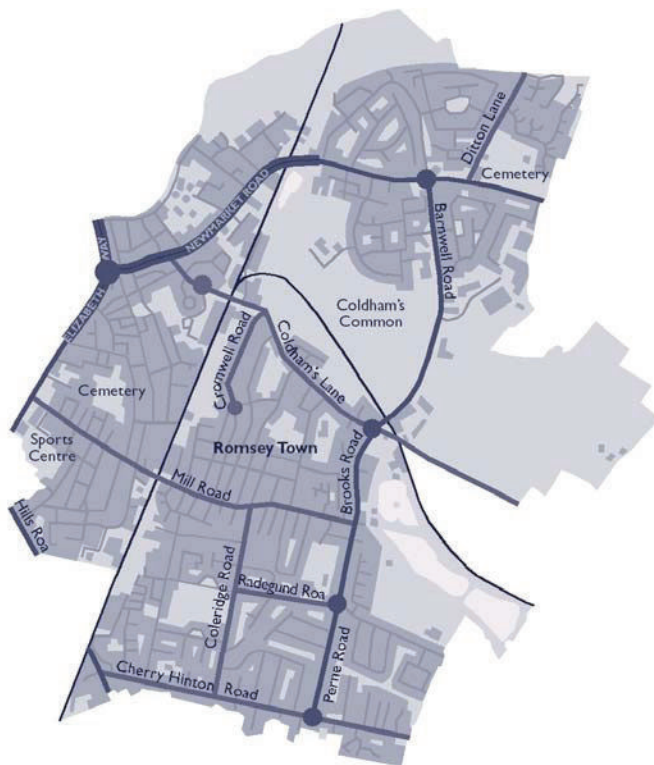
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Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

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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 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 data and incident data November 2011 – February 2012 and as a comparison data from July 2011 – October 2011 and November 2010 – February 2011.
- Information from Neighbourhood Policing Team February 2012.
- Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period November 2011 – February 2012, compared with the same period the previous year.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 15th December 2011, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<Priority> Alcohol Related Anti-social in Norfolk Street/East Road and Newmarket Road	
Objective	Address alcohol and drug related ASB in Norfolk Street/East Road and Newmarket Road areas.
Action Taken	<p>During this reporting period 85 dedicated patrols have been conducted with the sole intention of impacting upon the objectives of this priority. Predominantly high visibility patrols have been conducted with irregular covert patrols conducted on a minority of occasions. Patrols were conducted by both PCSOS and constables. In total 84.5 hours of patrol time was dedicated to this priority over the reporting period.</p> <p>Patrols were conducted in a number of areas but were concentrated mostly around Norfolk Street and Mill Road Cemetery in the Petersfield Ward and by the Access Surgery and Cambridge Seminars College on Newmarket Road, Abbey Ward. During this reporting period reports of drug dealing in the Petersfield area have decreased dramatically. During the last reporting period I detailed 'Operation Significance, a covert operation to tackle class A drugs supply in the east of the city by a London based gang. Several offenders arrested during this operation are now in prison awaiting sentencing or have been sentenced to lengthy custodial sentences. We no longer see this gang operating in the city which has reduced reports of drug dealing and community concerns in the area. This reduction in drug dealing is believed to have reduced the numbers of the street life community and drug users congregating in the Petersfield Ward, namely around Norfolk Street and Mill Road Cemetery.</p> <p>Reports of drug dealing along Newmarket Road, namely Riverside and the surrounding streets were received at the same time as reports, sightings and engagements with street</p>

	<p>life and drug users also increased in the Newmarket Road area. Street life members were regularly moved on from Logic House and outside the Access Surgery. After initial engagement and clean up by the City Rangers we have seen little activity around Cambridge Seminars but have kept regular patrols in the area to prevent a reoccurrence.</p> <p>The local officer PC Andy Badcock has liaised with managers at the Access Surgery to inform them of the issues their clients can cause when they congregate in numbers outside the location. Staff will now challenge those loitering street and ask them to leave. Officers have also on numerous occasions challenged those hanging around outside and moved along those who do not have appointments.</p> <p>During the cold winter days members of the street life community regularly congregated at the back of Parkside Swimming Pool and were seen by the public urinating and littering in the area. This received significant attention and action has now been taken by the city council to fence off an area where they were congregating. This has reduced activity considerably.</p> <p>Officers began gathering information regarding the suspected drug dealing in the Riverside area and sought to take action. A drugs search was conducted on one suspect who had drugs concealed in their mouth. Unfortunately we could not recover the drugs and they were swallowed but we seized approximately £2000 as the proceeds of crime. A week later we again targeted this offender and detained and searched her again, this time recovering approximately £500 worth of crack cocaine and heroin and a quantity of cash. She is now on bail pending the conclusion of the investigation. Reports of drug dealing in the area have now reduced.</p> <p>There has only been one rowdy nuisance incident connected to premises in Norfolk Street which was were of local concern. This concerned a male with a knife threatening others. Officers responded and arrested the offender.</p>
Current Situation	ASB persists in Norfolk Street, Mill Road Cemetery and Newmarket Road. This is largely caused by members of the street life community and during daylight hours. It is to be expected that as the weather improves congregations will move onto green spaces.

Continue or Discharge?	It is suggested that this priority continues and to concentrates on areas where communities and intelligence identifies to be problematic.
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<Priority> Anti-social Use of Mopeds	
Objective	Continue to address ASB relating to the riding of mopeds in Birdwood Road area
Action Taken	<p>During this reporting period the East Neighbourhood Policing Team have conducted 56 dedicated patrols utilising both high visibility and covert tactics with the sole intention of meeting the action plan objectives. Patrols were conducted both by PCSOs and Police Constables. We have also repeated the previously successful tactic of publishing an article in local media asking local residents to support us in tackling the issue by recording registration numbers of offending vehicles as and when the behaviour is witnessed. Previously we were initially inundated with calls, emails and letters providing details of a range of offenders and behaviour, however this tailed off towards the end of the last reporting period as our success in this area began to show. After publishing this article for the second time we did not receive the same level of complaints from the public.</p> <p>In total, 47 hours of patrol time was solely dedicated to achieving the objectives of this priority. These hours are only the hours where constables and PCSOs specifically dedicate their time to this priority and it does not include other patrols or time spent in the area on other matters or by other departments.</p> <p>I have been conscious that the success we had in our previous priority may have the knock on effect of displacing this issue into other parts of the city and in the first few weeks of this priority being agreed this certainly seemed to be the case with numerous reports of moped ASB in the Peverel Road area. Reports were of a similar nature and several hotspots were highlighted. In order to nip the problem in the bud we worked with the local housing agency and council's anti-social behaviour officers and conducted a street surgery in the area. During this street surgery, officers, PCSOs, council officers and housing officers engaged with many residents in the area however only one complained of moped nuisance.</p>

	<p>We then attended a nuisance address in the area and issued words of advice and a tenancy warning to a resident as this address was at the heart of many of the problems.</p> <p>A temporary CCTV camera was then deployed to the area and the operators briefed on the issue so that they may report in quick time any moped related ASB or other matters in the area.</p> <p>No seizures or S59 warnings were given during the reporting period. The reason for this being that no ASB was directly observed by officers or PCSOs and no information or evidence was forthcoming from the public which would have justified doing so.</p>
<p>Current Situation</p>	<p>The situation had seemed to have been resolved and this reporting period initially saw no reports of moped nuisance or vehicle ASB. For now problems have been resolved in the Peverel Road area with no further reports in recent months.</p> <p>However, in the last two weeks numerous complaints have been made by members of the public regarding youths riding mopeds anti-socially and smoking drugs in green spaces. It is possible that the last few month's improvement have been brought about by a combination of two factors. Firstly the warnings issued, mopeds seized and tenancy warnings issued would no doubt have affected the problem, however I think that this success was perhaps enhanced by the effect of the winter weather reducing the speed and time the riders could spend on the road. This I believe has resulted 3 months of deserved calm in the area.</p>
<p>Continue or Discharge?</p>	<p>Continue. My fear is that the resurgence in the last few weeks is due to the warmer weather allowing greater freedom on the roads for the young moped rider. I am concerned that the moped seizures and warnings issued prior to this reporting period may be a distant memory for some and that further action is required to prevent this issue growing into the summer months.</p>

<Priority> Excess speed in Mill Road and Coleridge Road	
Objective	Enforcement of 20 mph speed limit in Mill Road and 30mph in Coleridge Road.
Action Taken	<p>During this reporting period the East Neighbourhood Team have conducted 27 dedicated speed check patrols using both high visibility and plain clothed patrols, in total 37 hours time has been spent conducting speed checks between the two areas.</p> <p>In total, 1 ticket was issued to the driver of a vehicle who was not wearing his seatbelt. One arrest was made for driving with excess alcohol, one arrest was made as the driver was suspected to be in possession of drugs with the intention of supplying them, 4 stop searches were conducted and 45 vehicles were given speed warnings when they were found to be marginally exceeding the speed limit.</p> <p>During one check in Coleridge Road the officers averaged the speed of 30 checked vehicles over a 90 minute period. The average speed was between 23 and 28 mph, the speed limit being 30 mph.</p> <p>Road works on Mill Road have created a good deal more traffic congestion during the reporting period which has considerably slowed the speed of motorists in the area.</p>
Current Situation	37 officer hours conducting speed checks at various times of day and night have failed to show that speeding in Mill Rd or Coleridge Road is at a higher level than comparable areas of the city.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge – Mill Road and Coleridge Road are main transport routes for many policing departments, especially the local officers. Speeding in the area will be dealt with when it is encountered or if there is a highlighted issue.

Engagement Activity

Two large scale cannabis factories have been uncovered and destroyed during this reporting period with one factory having an estimated street value of £125,000. The means which officers discovered the second cannabis factory displays 'gut instinct' policing at its best. East neighbourhood officers conducted a drugs raid at an address on Mill Road which at first appearance negative, upon searching and questioning the occupant officers became suspicious he had access to large funds in excess of £100,000. Officers conducted checks which revealed the occupant's legitimate income was £80 per week. I cannot currently disclose too much detail however a series of investigative leads led officers to an address in Coleridge ward where the occupant had established a large cannabis factory. Officers then located various bank accounts belonging to the occupant and froze the money. The occupant has been charged with various offences from cultivating and supplying Cannabis to money laundering and the frozen money will be seized and go back into a home office fund, of which Cambridgeshire Constabulary will receive 18.5%.

Abdul Ali has been sentenced to 3.5 years in custody for his part in the supply of class A drugs in the east of the city. Ali was arrested during 'Operation Significance' in September and was convicted following a trial at Cambridge Crown Court. Two other suspects in this investigation are currently remanded in custody pending their trial date from this operation.

A series of 10 vehicles were damaged in single night and crime scene investigators recovered small specks of blood from three of the vehicles which was conclusively matched to the suspect Josh ROBB. Officers then linked ROBB through witness accounts, CCTV and likely route data to the other 7 offences. ROBB was charged and has now been convicted of all 10 criminal damages. He has been handed proportionate community sentences and has to pay compensation to all his victims.

Proactive enquiries by the Romsey PCSO Amanda Turnell led PCs Pinyoun and Tregilgas to an address in Coleridge ward that was suspected to store stolen bikes. On arrival, officers at the location found approximately 60 suspected stolen bikes, cutting equipment and sawed bike racks at the address. One man has been arrested and investigations are ongoing.

3. Emerging Issues

Cambridge East Trends

Offence levels across the neighbourhood have decreased compared last period (1052 offences vs. 1090 offences) and also decreased compared to the same period last year (1106 offences)

ASB incidents across the neighbourhood have decreased with 576 incidents this period compared to 739 last period and 644 in the same period last year.

There has been several series of damages to motor vehicles in the east of the city, predominantly but by no means exclusively in the Abbey Ward, at the beginning of January we charged and convicted Josh ROBB with 10 counts of damaging motor vehicles in what was a mindless rampage. Towards the end of February, 29 vehicles were damaged, the majority appeared to be damaged through a hole being punched through the window. There have also been other more sporadic damages, it is believed this is simple mindless vandalism, each offence has been fully investigated by conducting full house to house enquiries, forensics and CCTV enquiries but no suspect has yet been arrested. Consideration should be given to making this a local priority.

Numerous theft of post has been made from blocks of flats within the East of the city. Offender(s) are entering blocks of flats with the use of a 'trade' button and forcing mail boxes and stealing post and parcels. We now have several good lines of enquiry including one suspect's hat which could link him to the crimes via DNA. Other enquiries have revealed a suspects face on CCTV for which we are awaiting identification.

Abbey Ward

- Total crime in Abbey Ward decreased compared to the previous four months (341 offences vs. 344 offences) and also decreased compared to the same period last year (358 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased with 10 offences in this period compared to 13 in the last period and 38 in the same period last year. Of 4 of these offences offenders have gained entry through

insecure windows or doors. Three of the offences occurred on Jack Warren Green, but on separate days.

- There were 14 burglary other offences in this period compared to 10 offences in the previous period and 24 offences in the same period last year. Five of these offences were on Newmarket Road; offices, shops and a public house were broken in to, on separate days in November, December and January.
- Violent crime offences have decreased to 69 offences from 82 offences in the previous period, but increased compared to the same period last year (61 offences). Offenders were arrested and charged in 23 of these offences. One incident accounted for 5 of the offences, where there was an altercation at a fast food restaurant on Newmarket Road.
- Theft from vehicle offences have increased compared to the previous period (39 offences vs. 18 offences) and also compared to the same period last year (30 offences). Common items stolen were index plates, satellite navigation systems and diesel.
- Theft from shop offences have increased compared to the previous period (48 offences vs. 42 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (52 offences). Offenders were arrested and charged in 39 of these offences. The most common location for offences was a supermarket on Cheddars Lane (16). The most common items which were stolen were alcohol, toiletries and electrical goods.
- ASB levels have decreased compared to the previous period (157 incidents vs. 253 incidents) and the same period last year (243). There were 32 calls regarding incidents in Newmarket Road, which included groups of youths being loud, people drinking in the street, fighting and throwing snowballs. There were 15 calls to Ditton Fields and 6 of these were from the same address relating to an ongoing neighbour dispute.

Environmental Services Data

- Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 15 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 9 during the same period the previous year. This included 7 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 2, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. Riverside (6), Ditton Fields (3) and Newmarket (3) were hotspots during the current reporting period. Occupation Road (4) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.
- Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 90 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 71 during the same period the

previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Anns Road (13), Dennis Road (11), Helen Close (11), Chedders Lane (9) and Rachel Close (7) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Chedders Lane accounted for 3 of the formal warning letters being sent. Dennis Road (11), Abbey Road (9), Ekin Road (9), Helen Close (8) and Anns Road (6) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

- Between November 2011 and February 2012, 6 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 7 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the either period.
- Between November 2011 and February 2012, 67 needles were reported compared with 2 during the same period the previous year. 60 were removed from Anns Road. During the previous reporting period a needle was removed from Stourbridge Common and the other was removed from Wadloes Road.

Petersfield Ward

- Total crime in Petersfield Ward has decreased compared to the previous period (325 offences vs. 355 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year (310 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased compared to the previous period (5 offences vs. 14 offences) and have decreased compared to the same period last year (31 offences). An offender has been arrested and charged for one of these offences.
- Violent crime offence levels have decreased compared to the previous period (37 offences vs. 40 offences) but remained stable compared to the same period last year (also 37 offences). In 19 of these offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Cycle theft offences have decreased compared to the previous period (73 offences vs. 112 offences) and the same period last year (79 offences). Common locations for offences were East Road and Station Road.
- There were 66 Theft from shop offences in this period compared with 36 offences in the previous period and 45 offences in the same period last year. Offenders were arrested and charged in 48 of these offences. Majority of offences occurred at Asda - Beehive Centre (36) and TK Maxx - Beehive Centre (17).
- Criminal Damage offences have increased with 41 offences in this period compared to 22 in the previous period and 25 in the same period last year. 27 Offences were criminal damage to a vehicle whereby windows had been smashed in majority of offences.

- ASB incidents have increased compared to both the previous period (186 incidents vs. 169 incidents) and compared to the same period last year (135 incidents). Incidents included street drinking (53 incidents were complaints about street-life being abusive and being intimidating to members of the public), youths congregating and being abusive to members of the public and abandoned vehicles. Common locations for ASB were Mill Road (51), St Matthews Gardens (12) East Road (11) and Norfolk Street (10).

Environmental Services Data

Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 31 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 25 during the same period the previous year. This included 9 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 6, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 9 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which 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, 1 of which was subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. Sturton Street (7), Mawson Road (4), Gwydir Street (3) and Sleaford Street (3) were hotspots during the current reporting period. Kingston Street (3) and Sleaford Street (3) were the hotspots for the same period the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 97 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 81 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 42 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. St Matthews Street (14), Devonshire Road (8), Emery Street (7), Mill Road (7), Staffordshire Gardens (7) and Tenison Road (7) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at above named streets accounted for 33 of the formal warning letters being sent. Tenison Road (14), St Matthews Street (10), Emery Street (9), Mill Road (8) and Devonshire Road (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 97 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. Mill Road (28), Station Road (26), Coldham's Lane (14), Devonshire Road (8) and Kingston Street (6) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. St Matthews Street (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 29 needles were reported compared with 393 during the same period the previous year. 24 were removed from Mill Road. During the previous reporting period 183 needles

were removed from Mill Road, 130 needles were removed from St Matthews Street.

Romsey Ward

- Total crime in Romsey Ward has decreased compared to the preceding period (202 vs. 232) and compared to the same period last year (213).
- There were 7 Dwelling Burglary offences which is the same as the last period and 23 in the same period last year. There were no patterns noted from the MO details
- There were 8 burglary other offences in this period compared to 7 offences in the previous period and 15 offences in the same period as last year. Three of these offences occurred on one night December, where a yard was entered and 3 business buildings were broken in to.
- Theft from vehicle offences have slightly decreased from 15 offences in the previous period to 11 offences in this period. Offence levels have increased compared to the same period last year when there were 9 offences. Two vehicles had number plates stolen and the remainder entry was gained via a smashed window and items such as satellite navigation systems, handbags and laptops were stolen.
- Theft from shop offences have decreased with 23 offences in this period compared to 26 offences in the previous period and 16 offences in the same period last year. Common locations for theft from shop offences were Tesco express and the Co-Op on Mill Road. Items targeted were alcohol and meat.
- Criminal Damage offences have increased compared to the previous period (40 offences vs. 30 offences) and compared to the same period last year (22 offences). Twenty two of these offences were criminal damage to a vehicle with vehicles having their tyres slashed, their windscreens smashed and wing mirrors snapped off.
- ASB levels have decreased compared to the previous period (111 incidents vs. 168 incidents) and also compared to the same period last year (141 incidents). Ten incidents occurred at the same address in Cromarty Place and concern a male complaining about his neighbours, this address had a high number of calls in the last report also concerning the same problems. Locations with high levels of ASB (apart from Cromarty Place) were Mill Road (28) and Ross Street (10).

Environmental Services Data

Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 8 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 18 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection and 5, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 1 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 additional vehicle is currently pending further investigation. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Cavendish Road (6) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 62 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 45 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 13 formal warning letters to domestic. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were. Brooks Road (30), Cavendish Road (4), Hemingford Road (4), Mill Road (4) and Ross Street (4) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Brooks Road accounted for 8 of the formal warning letters being sent and Cavendish Road accounted for 4 of the formal warning letters being sent. Brooks Road (10), Mill Road (5), Hope Street (4), Ross Street (4) and St Philips Road (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 14 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 6 during the same period the previous year. Mill Road (10) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 1 needle was reported compared with 10 during the same period the previous year. The needle was removed from Wycliffe Road. During the previous reporting period 3 needles were removed from Brooks Road.

Coleridge Ward

- Total crime in Coleridge Ward has increased (184 offences vs. 159 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (225 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have slightly decreased compared to the previous period (13 offences vs. 14 offences) and compared to the same period last year (26 offences). One of these offences was a distraction burglary whereby offenders asked to use a pen and paper and whilst the occupant was distracted the house was searched. There were three offences in Perne Avenue which occurred on different days.

- Violent crime offences have decreased compared to the previous period (24 offences vs. 34 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (44 offences). Offenders were arrested and charged in 9 of these offences. Common locations for violent crime were a Nightclub in Clifton Way (5) and Perne Road (4).
- There were 16 theft from vehicle offences in this period compared to 5 offences in the previous period and 14 offences in the same period last year. Majority of offences involved catalytic converters being stolen and majority of offences occurred in Cherry Hinton Road.
- Cycle theft offences have increased from 24 offences in the previous period to 28 offences in this period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year (45 offences).
- ASB incident levels have decreased compared to the previous period (122 incidents vs. 149 incidents) and compared to the same period last year (125 incidents). Common locations for ASB were Lichfield Road (17) Cherry Hinton Road (11) and Cambridge Leisure Park (9). Seven of the offences in Lichfield Road were from the same address concerning youths congregating and causing a nuisance.

Environmental Services Data

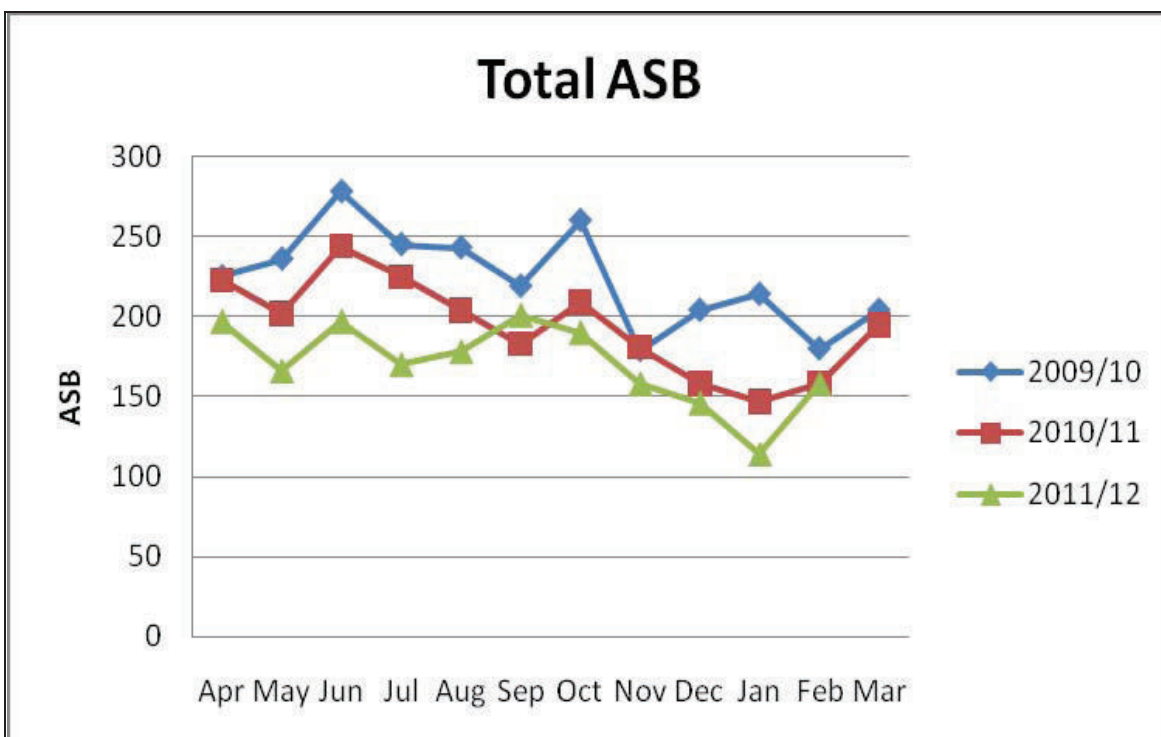
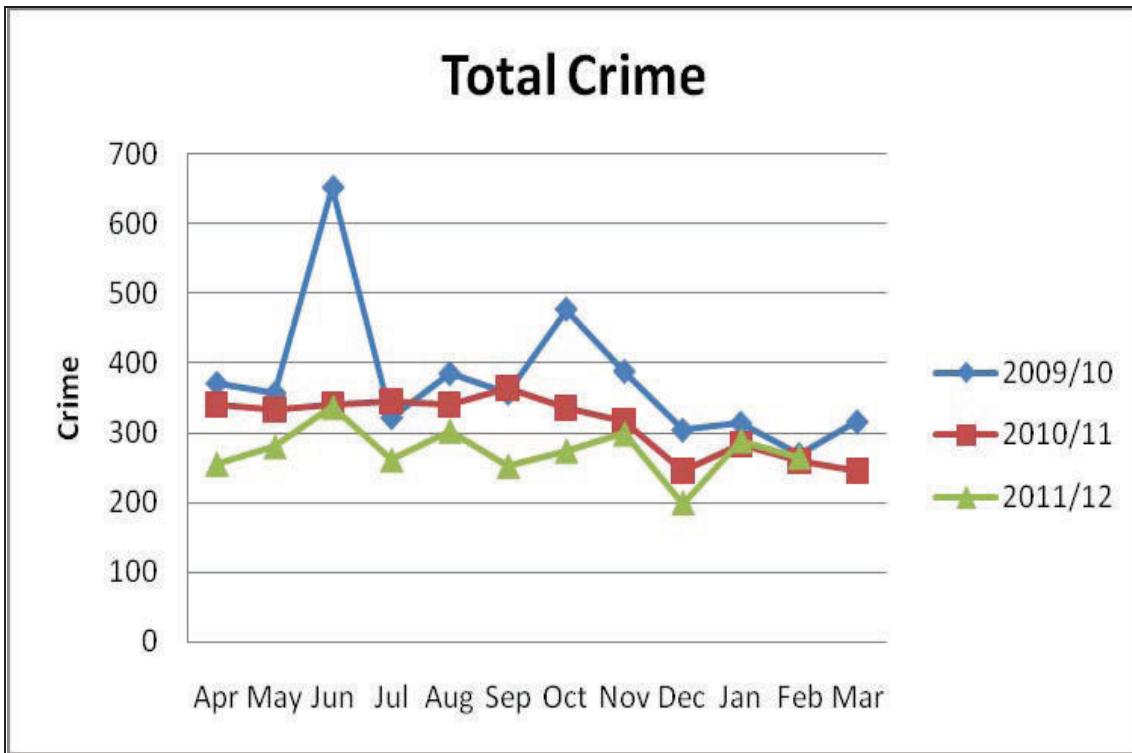
Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 10 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 5, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. 1 additional vehicle is currently pending further investigation. William Smith Close (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, there were 18 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 22 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Perne Road (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. The offences at Perne Road accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Coleridge Road (5), and Taunton Close (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 8 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 10 during the same period the previous year. Coleridge Road (4) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Lilac Court (3) was the hotspot during the previous year.

Between November 2011 and February 2012, nil needles were reported compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period 9 needles were removed from Coleridge Rec.

4. Current Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Levels



Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Levels in the Cambridge East Neighbourhood, by Ward

Wards	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	All Violent Crime (excl. Robbery)	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	Total Crime	Total ASB
City East	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	35	45	156	13	10	82	164	143	183	221	1052	576
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	48	34	204	11	14	49	230	105	121	274	1090	739
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	118	54	179	11	9	72	210	126	96	231	1106	644
Abbey	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	10	14	69	6	5	39	25	48	72	53	341	157
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	13	10	82	6	3	18	41	42	51	78	344	253
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	38	24	61	5	6	30	41	52	31	70	358	243
Petersfield	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	5	13	37	4	2	16	73	66	41	68	325	186
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	14	15	40	4	3	11	112	36	22	98	355	169
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	31	6	37	3	0	19	79	45	25	65	310	135
Romsey	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	7	8	26	2	3	11	38	23	40	44	202	111
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	7	7	45	0	8	15	53	26	30	41	232	168
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	23	15	36	1	2	9	45	16	22	44	213	141
Coleridge	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	13	10	24	1	0	16	28	6	30	56	184	122
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	14	2	34	1	0	5	24	1	18	60	159	149
	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	Nov 11 – Feb 12	Jul 11 – Oct 11	Nov 10 – Feb 11	26	9	44	2	1	14	45	13	18	53	225	125

ASB Incident Types in the City East 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.

Wards	City East Area Neighbourhood										
	Abandoned Vehicle Not Stolen	Begging/Vagrancy	Malicious/ Nuisance Communication	Neighbour Dispute	Noise- All Types	Road Related	Rowdy/Nuisance Incident	Street Drinking	Vehicle Related Nuisance	Violence	
City East	34	13	22	15	38	12	332	15	33	32	
	49	10	40	20	67	14	367	20	59	44	
Abbey	5	0	4	6	7	3	84	3	11	10	
	9	2	18	4	18	5	118	3	18	11	
Petersfield	4	11	3	4	13	1	109	8	5	9	
	6	4	1	2	9	3	89	12	7	8	
Romsey	3	1	4	1	11	4	56	3	4	5	
	11	1	7	4	24	1	77	2	10	11	
Coleridge	22	1	11	4	7	4	83	1	13	8	
	23	3	14	10	15	5	83	3	24	14	

6. Recommendations

The following Neighbourhood Priorities are recommended for consideration:

1. Class A drug dealing and street life ASB in East of city.
2. ASB mopeds in Coleridge.
3. Abbey/East sector damage to motor vehicles.

RESTRICTED (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of: Colin Norden
 Age if under 18: O18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: _____ Date: 12/06/2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and a serving Police officer in Cambridgeshire Constabulary and have been since February 2006.

On the 2nd April 2012 I joined the Cambridge City East local policing team and I took over responsibility for Mill Road. Since taking on this role Mill Road and anti social drinking throughout the day have been one of the biggest issues I have faced. I currently have to task out patrols of both Police officers and PCSOs each day, there is no other road in Cambridge that I am aware of that needs such a high level of patrol.

When out on foot patrol both myself and my officers are continually contacted by members of the public reporting street drinkers using anti social behaviour towards them in Mill Road, Mill Road Cemetery and Norfolk Street.

It is normal for street drinkers to group together and drink on footpaths meaning it is difficult for members of the public to get passed without walking in the road. There is also an increase in the amount of litter in these areas e.g. beer cans etc.

When I attended my first local council meeting the number 1 priority for the police was to deal with the ongoing issue on Mill Road and surrounding roads and green spaces. I believe that all councillors at the meeting were in agreement about wanting police action to be taken. I have since had further communications from local councillors raising further concerns.

I have action planned the issue and am putting in place actions to try and reduce the level of anti social behaviour which will included increase licence checks as well as patrols. In terms of enforcement this is labour intensive and will further add to the resource need to police this part of

Signature Signed and witnessed by:

Continuation of statement of the city.

Officers regularly give out section 27 notices form the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 which ban person from staying or returning to the area for a set amount of time.

In summary in the short amount of time I have had responsibility for Mill Road and the surrounding areas I had had to deploy extra staff which should be used in other areas of the city to deal with alcohol fuel disorder and anti social behaviour mainly by members of the street life community.

The feedback I have received from members of the public is that the situation as it is, is not satisfactory and from the foot patrols I have conducted I have on each occasion spoken to drunk street life members who have purchased alcohol from local shops.