



Cambridge City Council North Area Committee

Date: Monday, 28 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: via Microsoft Teams

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City Councillors: McQueen (Chair), Scutt (Vice-Chair), Bird, Bond, Collis, Dalzell, Gawthrope Wood, O'Reilly, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart and Todd-Jones

County Councillors: Bird, Condrón and Meschini

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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

18 November 2021

6.30 - 9.31 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Scutt (Vice-Chair), Bird, Dalzell, Gawthrope Wood, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Todd-Jones, Bird and Meschini

Officers:

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Louise Willerton
 Strategy and Economy Manager: Caroline Hunt
 Senior Planning Policy Officer: Terry de Souza
 Committee Manager: Sarah Steed
 Meeting Producer: Liam Martin

External Presenters

Police Sergeant: Shawn Emms
 GCP Representative, Peter Blake
 GCP Representative, David Charlesworth
 Network Rail representatives, Stephen Deaville, Charles Baker, Anne Dugdale

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**21/26/NAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bond, Collis, McQueen, O'Reilly and County Councillor Cox Condon.

21/27/NAC Declarations Of Interest

Member	Item	Interest
Gawthrope Wood	21/31/NAC	Personal: Plot holder on Howgate Road allotments.

21/28/NAC Notes of meeting

The notes of the meetings held on 2 September 2021 were noted.

21/29/NAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The Committee received a report from Sergeant Emms regarding policing and safer neighbourhoods trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the last reporting period. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details). Previous local areas of concern and engagement activity noted in the report were:

- ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO2 canisters;
- Street based drug dealing including cuckooing; and
- Youth and knife crime.

The virtual Area Committee would not be making a decision, so would not vote on priorities set by the Police. The Police reported back on the local areas of concern they were currently focussing on. Councillors and members of the public could not change these, but they could suggest ideas/issues for the Police to focus on.

In response to Members' discussion Sargeant Emms provided the following responses:

- i. Confirmed it was an offence to drive under the influence of drugs. Noted an issue with NO2 was that it dissipated through the body almost instantly therefore it was difficult to prosecute people for driving under the influence of this. Noted that the police had other ways to tackle this issue as other offences could be being committed at the same time as driving under the influence of NO2.
- ii. Was aware of a couple of reports of damaged vehicles on the High Street in Chesterton but was not aware that this was an on-going issue.
- iii. Was aware of a gathering point for youths near Tesco (in Chesterton?) but was not aware of any specific recorded complaints either from the store or from residents.
- iv. At the neighbourhood level, the [Home | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines.
- v. Police Officers were visiting schools to speak with children about knife crime and trying to divert children away from crime. This initiative was still in its early stages, so it was too early to comment whether there had been any impact from the school visits.
- vi. The Police regularly worked with partners including the Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Team and City Homes at the City Council, Cambridge

Regional College and Romsey Mill to try and reach out to peers and family members of offenders to try and divert them from criminal activities.

- vii. There was a Department wide operation regarding cycle crime which was managed by the South Team Sergeant. Confirmed was aware of the 'Facebook Stolen Bikes' group but unfortunately the information published by the group was not sufficient for the courts to accept as evidence. A property had been identified through the group and Police were investigating whether this was being used as part of a stolen bike operation.
- viii. Agreed small motorbikes did tend to be noisier.
- ix. Police officers needed to witness poor driving to be able to successfully prosecute someone.
- x. Operation Staple included ASB driving.
- xi. Where individuals / families appeared to be on the periphery of crime, they would be assessed by officers and those at risk would be visited by Police Officers to try and divert them from crime.
- xii. The North Cambridge Consultation Meeting was a pilot scheme which had worked well and a second consultation with residents about their concerns was planned for 30 November. Thought invitations had been sent out but would follow this up with colleagues.

Action: Would look into the publicity about the second North Cambridge Consultation Meeting and would ensure that invitations to this event were sent out / made available.

In response to Members' discussion the ASB Officer provided the following response:

- i. The City Council have delivered Cambs Against County Lines sessions in schools to raise awareness about county lines and criminal exploitation. Most recently, officers from the Community Safety Team delivered a session at Chesterton Community College.

A member of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

- i. HRARA appreciated the work initiative regarding begging by the Co-op on Histon Road. However was aware that the same problem existed by Aldi. Witnessed an employee having to run out of the shop and stop an abusive drunk beggar from offending a customer. Asked the employee when he returned if this was an ongoing issue and he replied yes. Did not think it should be the responsibility of the employees to police this issue.

- ii. Wanted to ask the Streetlife Working Group to include Aldi beggars in their multiagency meetings.

The ASB Officer confirmed that the above issue would be taken on board and would be discussed at the Streetlife Working Group the following week. Encouraged members of the public to report any concerns to the Police and also confirmed that ASB Officers were happy to liaise with members of the public. they could be contacted on asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk.

21/30/NAC City Access Consultation by Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) - NAC

The Chair of HRARA tabled the following questions which related to GCP projects.

1. Referred to agenda item 3 Notes of meeting, minute reference 21/24/NAC on pages 11-12 of the agenda.
 - a. At the HRARA AGM on 12 October discussions were held with County Councillor Hilary Cox-Condron who agreed she would contact relevant staff to get a confirmation that the Speed Camera was in force and working
 - b. Regarding Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 20 mph, this issue was subsequently raised at the West Central Area committee meeting on 9 September page 5 point i in the minutes. The reply from the GCP representative was that a dialogue had begun.
 - c. On 4 November 2021, an e-mail was sent to Paul van de Bulk, regarding the Highways and Transport Committee meeting which was copied to County Councillor Cox-Condron and Councillors Nethsingha and Scutt. The reply from Paul van de Bulk stated that *'We first have to consult on the TRO and I think we will take it to the GCP Board along with a couple of other TROs we need to finalise for Histon Road. My Project Assistant is working with the Highways Team to finalise all the wording and I am pushing them to publish as soon as possible. I will ask him to give me a time line'*.
 - d. HRARA has not received any time line. Asked when the TRO would be ready and when the consultation would start.
2. Referred to agenda item 3, Notes of meeting, minute reference 21/24/NAC on pages 8 of the agenda.
 - a. The fully commissioned signalling system had now been installed and several trial tests had been made. The last trial had improved the queueing on Histon Road before turning into the lanes for Castle Street

and Huntingdon Road. However, there was still substantial queues during morning rush hours.

- b. Asked if there were further trials planned to improve the Histon/Victoria/Huntingdon Roads signalling system.
- c. Gilbert Road Junction - the new cyclop junction was opened at the same time as the Histon Road opening ceremony although it was left with many details incomplete including:
 - i. The bypass cycle lane in the road was luring people/children to use the road crossing and in the middle of the road turning into Warwick Road.
 - ii. A temporary sign for 'No right turn' had been necessary to post in the cycle lanes to prevent crossing into the pedestrian lanes and the road.
 - iii. One of the pedestrian lanes had the push button too far away from the walkway. This was particularly difficult for people who were partially sighted since the signals were using the rotating cone tactile equipment and not a sound system.
 - iv. Asked if there had been any monitoring of the cyclops junction as criss-crossing and cycling in the wrong direction was quite frequent.

3. Referred to agenda item 8, the Open Forum

- a. HRARA had its first AGM in two years on 12 October 2021, at Mayfield School. County Councillor Cox-Condron was invited and attended the meeting. Even though the aim was to focus on the future after all construction work, most of the questions from the public concentrated on roadworks and the impact on the community. Some of the concerns had been mentioned in previous points. The return of the buses was welcome especially as these went to the train station and Addenbrooke's on one bus. The temporary 20mph speed limit which slowed down the traffic was appreciated. The worst part had been when road construction took during place during both night-time and daytime, the constant criss-crossing from one side of the road to the other because work was being undertaken on both sides of the road raised safety issues for pedestrians in walking on the gravel, clicking utility covers every time a car passes, fence with climbers where the climbers have died and bindweed taking over, etc and the constant noise. Asked when the road would finally be finished. The GCP Project Manager had been made aware of all the details that needed fixing before construction finished.
- b. In the GCP Joint Assembly Agenda 18-11-2021 it stated that *Construction of the project is now complete (as of November 2021)*

therefore all of the 2021/22 budget has now been committed. It was not anticipated that additional GCP funding would be required.

- c. Noted that construction and final preparation of the road had not been finished. Asked if there would be any mitigation funds available, if not from GCP then from the Cambridge County Council.
- 4. Referred to agenda item 9, Committee Action Sheet point 4 '21/24/NAC GCP Update on Histon Road and Milton Road', where the GCP Officer requested the County Council "*run some enhanced enforcement following completion of the project*".
 - a. Noted that the latest sign on the road for night works stated that these would take place on Roseford Road on 12 November for 3 nights. This date had passed and nothing had been done. Asked when the official inspection would take place. Asked if there would still be room and funds for any mitigation if needed after the inspection.
 - b. Residents were grateful for the present public bus service however the 8H bus signs in the outbound lane needed to be taken away so as not to cause confusion.

Response from GCP representative:

- i. The speed camera needed to be recommissioned and potentially relocated as a result of the construction works and the layout of the road changing.
- ii. The TRO was currently being drafted and it was hoped that it would be tabled for approval by the GCP Board at their March 2022 meeting.
- iii. Had asked the signalling contractor to look at the signalling system at Histon / Victoria / Huntingdon Roads and this would be done over the coming weeks. It was normal once a traffic system was installed for there to be a couple of tweaks once the system was being bedded in.
- iv. A temporary sign 'for no right turn' was necessary at the Gilbert Road junction as the traffic lights which needed to be put on the cycle post were not available. These were on order and would be installed once received. The cyclops junction would be monitored in the coming months.
- v. Following construction works on Histon Road, confirmed that an 'as built survey' would be completed, and a final road safety inspection would be carried out.
- vi. Works were meant to be carried out on 12 November unfortunately due to a delay with materials the works had to be deferred until 26 November.
- vii. Confirmed they had asked the contractor to remove the H8 bus signs.

The Committee received a presentation from officers at the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) regarding the City Access Consultation which was now known as 'Making Connections: Have your say on Greener Travel in Greater Cambridgeshire'. Further information regarding the consultation could be found via: [Making Connections - have your say on greener travel in Greater Cambridge | Consult Cambridgeshire \(engagementhq.com\)](https://www.engagementhq.com/cambridge-consult)

The GCP Officer said the following in response to Members' questions:

- i. As part of the consultation, officers at the GCP were carrying out an integrated impact assessment which meant that consideration would be given as to whether any of the proposed actions would result in a perverse outcome ie: it was cheaper for families to drive into Cambridge rather than using the bus, this wasn't right as the outcome wanted to encourage the use of public transport so this issue needed to be looked at.
- ii. Agreed disabled bus pass conditions needed to be looked at if this deterred people from travelling by public transport during certain times.
- iii. Stated that cleaner electric and accessible buses needed to be provided.
- iv. Agreed that the benefits of the proposals needed to be articulated both to Cambridge residents as well as residents travelling into Cambridge.
- v. Would speak with their Communication Team about ensuring that the consultation was provided in alternative formats so that people were not put off from responding or being unable to respond.
- vi. The cost of any proposed scheme would depend on the proposals made (i.e.: what was charged and when).
- vii. Noted the comment about having a front entrance to the bus and a separate exit at the back of the bus.

Action: GCP Officer to confirm what alternative consultation methods were available for those who did not have English as their first language or were not digitally enabled.

21/31/NAC Greater Cambridge Local Plan - consultation

The Committee received a report from the Strategy and Economy Manager regarding the Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals consultation. Further information regarding the consultation could be found via: [Greater Cambridge Local Plan \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org)

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. With a drop in birth rate, migration and young people not being able to get mortgages as rates rise, who would buy these houses.

Response: The evidence base did look at the changing demographic and the First Proposals for the plan were informed by those factors.

2. Was there a need to address the fact that people who were born in Cambridge cannot afford to live in the town they grew up in, should this not be the immediate focus.

Response: Recognised that Cambridge was an expensive place to live and that houses needed to be provided alongside jobs. Planning policy required the provision of 40% affordable housing alongside any new development.

3. How can you define and guarantee affordable housing?

Response: The term 'Affordable Housing' was defined by Central Government and included social rented, affordable rented, shared ownership etc. The Local Planning Authority sought to secure as much affordable housing as was reasonable and which could be delivered.

4. With businesses choosing to incorporate more working from home, it made sense that less office spaces was needed. Asked if the shift of working was home was being built into the plan.

Response: There was already a trend of people starting to work more from home rather than working in the office, the pandemic accelerated this change. The consultation was clear that the evidence was carried out pre-pandemic and would be kept under review as the plan is developed, felt it was too soon to review at the moment whilst the pandemic was still on-going.

21/32/NAC Presentation by Network Rail regarding the Ely Area Catchment Enhancement project and relationship with Fen Road crossing

The Committee received a report from Network Rail Officers regarding the Ely Area Catchment Enhancement project, which was a scheme to increase both freight and passenger services which run through the Ely area. Officers also spoke to the project in relation to the Fen Road crossing. Network Rail's presentation slides could be found via the meeting webpage: [Agenda for North Area Committee on Thursday, 18th November, 2021, 6.30 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

In response to Members' questions Network Rail Representatives' said the following:

- i. Network Rail had been exploring future proofing the capacity of the rail junction. Ely was a bottleneck for trains and was a challenge to overcome. The Department for Transport had asked Network Rail to look

at increasing the capacity through Ely to 10 trains per hour, Network Rail was looking at capacity above that. The preliminary results suggested that Network Rail could deliver more capacity than the Department for Transport asked for, however there would be other constraints on the network which would need to be addressed.

- ii. Was aware that Fen Road was the only vehicular access to houses that side of the railway line and understood residents' concerns and frustrations regarding the length of time the barriers were down. Should an emergency vehicle be waiting at the level crossing, the Signaller should see this via the CCTV and can take a decision to help the vehicle cross the crossing quicker. Network Rail had explored what could be done to reduce barrier downtime. All technical solutions had been explored to reduce the barrier downtime. There were no technical solutions to reduce the barrier downtime.
- iii. There was a wider issue, Network Rail officers had presented the options available regarding the Ely Area Catchment Enhancement scheme. Other work had been undertaken to make sure that they were minimising the length of time the barrier was down.
- iv. Network Rail responded to the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (NECAAP) and said that land should be reserved to facilitate connections. Thought some of the plans involved a foot crossing near the level crossing. Would be willing to work with third parties. Would discuss issues raised with colleagues. Network Rail's comment on the NECAAP consultation was not a commitment, the comment said land should be set aside.
- v. The Fen Road crossing was a complex issue. Network Rail were not saying that it was for other parties to solve problems for Network Rail. In an ideal world would want to close level crossings as they were a risky structure to have on the rail network because of the interface with members of the public however they needed to have a credible alternative available to be able to close a level crossing. The issue was the availability of land where alternative access could be provided and to understand what options were available and whether Highways would adopt any such land.

Action: Network Rail agreed to discuss with the Councils (in response to request from Cllr Bird and Cllr Hawkins (SCDC)) regarding Fen Road crossing / alternative road / bridge.

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. What steps were being taken to lessen the time that the Fen Road Level Crossing was down, waiting for trains to leave Cambridge North station heading south, for most of which time the trains were still sitting in the station.

Network Rail response: All technical solutions had been explored to reduce the barrier downtime. There were no technical solutions to reduce the barrier downtime

2. The problem was less the total down time but the length of individual down times which causes frustration. This had got better, but can still be a problem. When the barriers were down for 1 minute, this was not too much of a problem, 8 minutes plus was very frustrating. Asked if there were any incidents or risk factors, or a threshold for closure of the Fen Road Crossing. Felt the danger from Fen Road Crossing was less from train accidents than road accidents arising from drivers' frustration.

Network Rail response: The safety of level crossings was regularly reviewed, the frequency of reviews depended on a number of factors including accidents or near misses.

21/33/NAC Open Forum

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. Milton Road Library and This Land.
 - i. Milton Road Library had been in Cambridgeshire public hands for as long as residents could remember. Residents now learned that prior to the current administration, the Milton Road Library site (freehold and building) was sold to a company originally called Cambridgeshire Housing Investment Company (CHIC), now known as 'This Land'. The library and community rooms were now subject to a lease to the County Council, originally for a 25-year term which had been extended under the current administration.
 - ii. Residents were concerned that a public asset, and a library at that, had passed out of public hands into a development company which, although Cambridgeshire County Council was the 100% shareholder, was in the process of selling the Milton Road Library site. This meant that the library would no longer have any connection with Cambridgeshire County Council

apart from the lease. In addition, the City Council which granted £100,000 for the community rooms, had no assurance that when the lease expired that public investment in the West Chesterton community would remain.

- iii. Local residents had raised concerns about This Land. Although the County Council is 100% shareholder of This Land, residents are told that because of the 'arms length' position, the County Council had no effective power or possibility of any exercise of insight into This Land's operations. This was troubling as the flats above the library had been vacant for well over two years, at a time of acute housing shortage. The contention was that sale would yield a better return on an unoccupied property; however, it meant that there had been no income realised and nothing to offset maintenance and other necessary costs to keep the property functional and in good repair. The County Council had been engaged in lending not insignificant sums to This Land which may appear to have been the way the operation had kept afloat. Directors' fees were being paid out and there appeared to be a lengthy list of directors, and much coming and going amongst them.
- iv. It appeared that the County Council was not without any power to exercise some control in respect of This Land and referred to Article 3 of the Articles of Association 'Reserve Power', which stated 'The Shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action'.
- v. Asked North Area Committee the following four questions:
- vi. What steps, if any, were being taken or could be taken to save this vital public asset, Milton Road Library, for future generations.
- vii. Why was the County Council not exercising power under Article 3(3) to halt the sale of Milton Road Library, at least until the conclusion of the External Review.
- viii. What steps, if any, were being taken, or could be taken to protect the City's investment of £100,000 in Milton Road Library Community Rooms.
- ix. What was the breakdown in the payments of non-executive fees, to whom had the monies gone, and in what precise amounts, and for what? Asked for clarification of the figures provided by Councillor Scutt below.

Councillor Scutt noted that in 2021, £342,500 had been paid in Directors' fees and in 2019, £227,917 was paid out in Directors fees and in 2021, £1,486,684 had been paid in wages. In 2019 £1,356,545 had been paid in wages. There appeared to be an increase in wages despite a reduction in personnel.

Councillor Meschini advised that there were legal issues concerning Milton Road Library and This Land Limited, which prevented the County Council from acting immediately. She would be happy to compose a more detailed answer and to provide a copy of the frequently asked questions (FAQs), which was an output of the meeting with Friends of Milton Road Library. The County Council were committed to the Milton Road Library continuing and had a duty to provide a library.

Action: Councillor Meschini to provide a more detailed response to the questions regarding Milton Road Library and This Land and provide copies of the FAQs which were being drafted following a meeting with Friends of Milton Road Library.

2. Town Green – Castle Mound and grassed forecourt.

- i. The application made by former County Councillors' Claire Richards and Jocelynn Scutt and City Councillor Katie Thornburrow for Castle Mound and Shire Hall Grassed Forecourt to be declared a town green was currently advertised for objections to be lodged. The details were in the Central Library and there was a notice at the foot of the Mound.
- ii. Asked the Committee to provide an update on the application and to advise whether residents could still provide supporting statements for the town green.

Councillor Scutt responded that Castle Mound was covered by the Heritage Act and the route up the mound had been preserved by ramblers. The grassed area in front of the mound was not protected. Suffolk County Council was the authority responsible for making a decision on designating Castle Mound as a Town and Village Green. Advised the application was at the stage where people could make objections to the application however she did not see why members of the public couldn't still express their support. Asked for any members of the public who wanted to express their support to contact her.

21/34/NAC Committee Action Sheet

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet – updated post committee.

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21/35/NAC City Centre COVID Recovery Project Update - Area Committee Briefing Note

The Briefing note was noted.

The meeting ended at 9.31 pm

CHAIR

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Committee Action Sheet - North Area Committee (NAC)

1. Minute reference: **16/43/NAC Q5**

- Action: Pavements to Arbury Road in poor state of repair. Raise as priority.
- Lead Member: Cllr Scutt
- Progress:
 - Updated 9 August 2021: The Covid 19 proposal for Arbury Road is at present out for consultation so that this means that the problem needs to await the outcome of the consultation.
 - **Updated 8 November 2021 the consultation outcome is yet to be made known, and when it is I will follow up to discover what can be done in the light of the consultation outcome.**

2. Minute reference: **21/20/NAC Open Forum Q3**

- Action: Concluding the discussion on This Land and Milton Road Library, there was general agreement that the Chair and Vice Chair would take up the question (requesting the County Council sought external independent legal advice) with the County Council in writing.
- Lead: Councillor McQueen and Councillor Scutt
- **Progress: Email sent to Leader and Deputy Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council and key County Council Officers.**

3. Minute reference: **21/29/NAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods**

- Action: Would look into the publicity about the second North Cambridge Consultation Meeting and would ensure that invitations to this event were sent out / made available.
- Lead: Sergeant Emms
- Update: 1 December 2021 - Regarding publicity for second North Cambridge Consultation meeting – this was done through eCops and Promoted posts on Cambs police social media accounts – this was the same method employed as the first meeting. There were no specific ‘invites’ sent out, but a link was available to click, to register for the meeting and then receive a meeting link. Links were posted

by Corporate Comms two weeks prior to the event. Item to be closed.

4. Minute reference: **21/30/NAC City Access Consultation by Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – NAC**

- Action: GCP Officer to confirm what alternative consultation methods were available for those who did not have English as their first language or were not digitally enabled.
- Lead: Peter Blake GCP Officer
- **Update 6 December 2021 - As with all GCP consultation, members of the public can contact us via the Cambridgeshire County Council call centre number 01223 699906 or by writing to and request hard copies of both the information booklet and survey form as well as requesting a translation of either document. In addition, copies of the information booklets for both consultations have been place in public libraries across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Item to be closed.**

5. Minute reference: **21/32/NAC Presentation by Network Rail regarding the Ely Area Catchment Enhancement project and relationship with Fen Road crossing**

- Action: Network Rail agreed to discuss with the Councils (in response to request from Cllr Bird and Cllr Hawkins (SCDC)) regarding Fen Road crossing / alternative road / bridge.
- Lead: Caroline Hunt, Strategy and Economy Manager

6. Minute reference: **21/33/NAC Open Forum Q1 Milton Road Library and This Land**

- Action: To provide more detailed response on Milton Road Library and This Land Limited and provide copies of FAQs which were due to be drafted following a meeting held with residents at Milton Road Library.
- Lead: Councillor Meschini
- **Update 9 February 2022: The information has now been provided and the action can be closed.**



Item

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

To: North Area Committee – 28th February 2022

Report by: Jackie Hanson, Community Funding and Development Manager
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Wards affected: Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges, West Chesterton

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received for 2022-2023 funding for projects in the North area and makes recommendations for awards. As Area Committees are meeting virtually and therefore cannot make decisions, the committee will comment on the applications and the decisions on grant awards will be made by officers after the meeting, taking into account the committee's view.
- 1.2 The report provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria and the opportunity offered for Platinum Jubilee grants for local celebrations.

2. Recommendations

The North Area Committee Councillors are recommended to:

- 2.1 Comment on the grant applications received and awards proposed for North Area Committee grants detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2 Comment on the Platinum Jubilee grant applications received for activities in the north and awards proposed detailed in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Comment on award proposals to enable officers to make decisions on the grant awards.

3. Background

- 3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2022-23 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants were also invited to apply. Officers held a webinar briefing to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2022-23 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 27th January 2022. The approved population and poverty formula calculation is set out in Appendix 2. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Total available £
North	34.29%	£24,003
East	30.16%	£21,112
South	25.67%	£17,969
West Central	9.88%	£6,916
Total	100%	£70,000

3.4 Area Committee Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, East, South or West Central) by reducing social or economic inequality via one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- reducing poverty activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent required*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above

- 3.5 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.
- 3.6 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.
- 3.7 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:
- grant scheme outcomes and/or priorities
 - identifying need
 - quality or viability of the project
 - or
 - proposals were the remit of another service/fund or organisation
 - organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.8 **Platinum Jubilee**

Alongside the area committee grants, local groups have been invited to apply for grants up to £500 for events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee via a simple application form. 39 Platinum Jubilee applications have been received, of which 12 are from the north area with a total award value of 5,720, detailed in Appendix 3. All of these applications have been recommended an award for the full amount requested.

- 3.9 **All awards** are subject to grant agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.
- 3.10 If the current recommendations for North Area Committee and Platinum Jubilee grant awards are approved following consideration by this committee, the budget allocation for the north will be increased by £4,567 from service project budgets to support the jubilee activities.
- 3.11 Enquiries for grants made until October will be considered should any funding become available through the return of unspent grant awards. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2014.

- 3.12 In October 2022, any remaining community grant funding will be pooled to ensure its effective use on new enquiries for funding from the voluntary and community sector or projects to meet identified need.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1: North Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Appendix 2: Area Committee Funding Formula

Appendix 3: North Area Platinum Jubilee Grants – Applications and Recommendations.

5. Inspection of papers

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Appendix 1 – North Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Beneficiary Key: A-Arbury, EC-East Chesterton, KH-King's Hedges, WC-West Chesterton (E-East, S-South, W-West Central)

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim and outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N1	Browns Field Adult Art Group (via Chesterton Community Association)	40 x 2hr adult art classes at Brown's Field Community Centre.	Reduce social isolation, improve mental activity and companionship. Provide safe and friendly environment with likeminded people who enjoy art activities. Increase confidence through gaining new skills.	A 3 EC 10	Full cost: £2,000 Income: £0 Reserves	£2,000	£750
N2	Cambridge Vineyard Church	36 x weekly 2hr term time coffee and connect drop in for parents/carers of children aged four years and under at Akeman Street Community Centre.	Preventative and early intervention resource to help prevent social, emotional, economic and wellbeing issues for both children and carers. Signpost to other specialist support, provide clothing, safe space to meet befrienders, enable making of friends, build community reducing isolation.	A 80 KH 20	Full cost: £3,120 Income: £400 Reserves	£2,720	£810
N3	Chesterton Festival Committee	Community Fun Day - part of Chesterton Festival on 18 June 2022 on Pye's Recreation Ground, Chesterton.	Provide an inclusive and affordable event for everyone in Chesterton. Celebrate diversity, encourage people to meet with others and find out about local social, education and recreational activities.	A 200 EC 1100 KH 400 WC 900 (E 400)	Full cost: £5,300 Income: £700 Reserves	£3,000	£2,500
N4	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Community activities and information, volunteer support and running of the Friends.	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit and access. Reduce isolation – build the local community used for walks, elderly & families	A 350 EC 400 (W 600)	Full cost: £2,775 Income: £1,000 Reserves	£1,100	£400
N5	Kings Hedges Brownies	2 trips - to an adventure park and farm (coach costs only).	Provide a day out for children whose families cannot afford to go on trips or holidays.	A 20	Full cost: £1,635 Income: £1,235	£400	£400

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim and outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N6	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	50 x 2 weekly drop-ins at North Cambridge Children's Centre & 1 at Brown's Field Community Centre for families with children up to 3 years; additional support via phone, outreach and online.	Information, support and signposting on issues such as finance, housing, family relationships, returning to work and CVs. Healthy lunch, exercise, improve confidence, mental health and alleviate isolation / loneliness	A 207 EC 329 KH 229 (S 91; E 226; W 12)	Full cost: £70,630 Income: £56,363 Reserves	£5,000	£5,000
N7	Meadows Children and Family Wing	50 x weekly 1 hour 'walk and talk' sessions for families with preschool children and babies. During the school holidays the sessions will be extended to school age children.	Bring local families together for socialisation to improve well-being, sense of connectivity and belonging and reduce social isolation. Create opportunities to be physically active for those living in poverty or on low income. Increase participation, confidence and enjoyment in being physically active and provide additional support.	A 40 EC 10 KH 40 (S 20)	Full cost: £4,490 Income: £0	£4,490	£4,490
N8	Red Hen Project (The)	3 summer day trips and family worker support.	Day out which many families could not otherwise manage due to cost, low confidence or other barriers. Spend time as a family, form friendships and receive support.	A 90 EC 45 KH 90	Full cost: £8,250 Income: £750 Reserves	5,000	£5,000
N9	Romsey Mill Trust	39 x weekly open access sessions for disadvantaged young people at the Meadows Community Centre.	Reduce social isolation, increase confidence and self-esteem, change perception of themselves and aspirations for the future, increase resilience and self-efficacy. Build social confidence and relationships.	A 5 KH 3 WC 2	Full cost: £9,693 Income: £4,112 Reserves	3,500	£3,500
N10	Sin Cru	Provide free place at 1 weekly session x 20 weeks for 20 vulnerable children and young people.	Improve physical dance abilities, social communication, teamwork, improve well-being reduce isolation and loneliness. Signpost to other community programmes.	A 8 KH 10 WC 2	Full cost: £7,241 Income: £1,500 Reserves	£5,000	£0

Appendix 2 - Area Committee Budget Calculation 2022-23

Please note: It was anticipated that the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) would be available to use as a way of measuring deprivation for the 2022-23 Area Committee Grants Round. Unfortunately this has been delayed while HMRC look into the wider use of Council Tax Support/Housing Benefit data. We expect it to be available to inform the next area committee grant round.

The aim of the boundary review was to roughly equalise the ward population totals. It is apparent that the latest ONS figures do not take into account the new boundary changes. It is anticipated that ONS will catch-up with its Census 2021 figures in time to inform the next area committee grant round.

Area Committee	Ward	ONS Mid-2020 Persons	Ward Proportion of Total Persons (WPTP)	Ward Benefit Population in 2017 (WBP)	Ward Proportion of Total Benefit Population (WPTBP)	Weighted Score (2xWPTBP) +WPTP/3	Funding Allocation
North	Arbury	8,477	6.78%	1,340	9.79%		
Page 5	East Chesterton	8,815	7.05%	1,557	11.37%		
	Kings Hedges	8,145	6.51%	1,871	13.66%		
	West Chesterton	7,711	6.17%	460	3.36%		
	Sub-total	33,148	26.51%	5,228	38.18%	34.29%	£24,003
East	Abbey	8,984	7.18%	1,908	13.94%		
Page 5	Coleridge	8,893	7.11%	1,079	7.88%		
	Petersfield	8,450	6.76%	566	4.13%		
	Romsey	8,402	6.72%	740	5.40%		
	Sub-total	34,729	27.77%	4,293	31.35%	30.16%	£21,112
South	Cherry Hinton	7,941	6.35%	1,154	8.43%		
Page 5	Queen Edith's	9,210	7.36%	612	4.47%		
	Trumpington	14,776	11.81%	1,759	12.85%		
	Sub-total	31,927	25.53%	3,525	25.74%	25.67%	£17,969
West Central	Castle	10,113	8.09%	283	2.07%		
Page 5	Market	7,226	5.78%	266	1.94%		
	Newnham	7,920	6.33%	97	0.71%		
	Sub-total	25,259	20.20%	646	4.72%	9.88%	£6,916
Totals		125,063		13,692		100%	£70,000

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Appendix 3 – North Area Platinum Jubilee Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Ref	Organisation	Activity	Anticipated Number of Beneficiaries	Date of Event	Award £
PJN1	Albert Street Community	Street Party	70 (50 adults 20 children)	05/06/2022	500
PJN2	Bermuda Community Room	Open Day/coffee morning/tea party	75 (60 adults 15 children)	05/06/2022	250
PJN3	Cambridge Victoria Homes	Garden Party	55 (40 adults 15 children)	08/06/2022	470
PJN4	Friends of Logans Meadow	Picnic with live music	150 (100 adults 50 children)	19/06/2022	500
PJN5	George Street	Street Party	60 (40 adults 20 children)	04/06/2022	500
PJN6	Hurst Park Estate Street Party	Street Party	350- 500 (200-350 adults; 150 children)	25/06/2022	500
PJN7	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	Tea Party	75 (30 adults 45 children)	27/05/2022	500
PJN8	Rowan Humberstone	Tea Party	65 (50 adults 15 children)	06/06/2022	500
PJN9	Safe Soulmates *	Kings and Queens themed silent disco and Tea Party	120 (adults)	13/05/2022	500
PJN10	Sin Cru	Dance showcase and Tea Party	Not specified	14/05/2022	500
PJN11	Stretten Avenue Neighbours	Street Party and Play Out	35-55 (25-35 adults 10-20 children)	25/06/2022	500
PJN12	The Cambridge Russian Speaking Society	Arts and Crafts Exhibition	100 – 120 (all adults)	11/06/2022	500

* The application from 'Safe Soulmates' will benefit young adults with learning disabilities living across the city. The event is being held at Cambridge Regional College and will be funded from Community Services project budgets.

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Environmental Report

Cambridge North Area

[Covering the wards of Arbury, East Chesterton, Kings Hedges and West Chesterton]

Period of August 2021 to January 2022

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1. Introduction

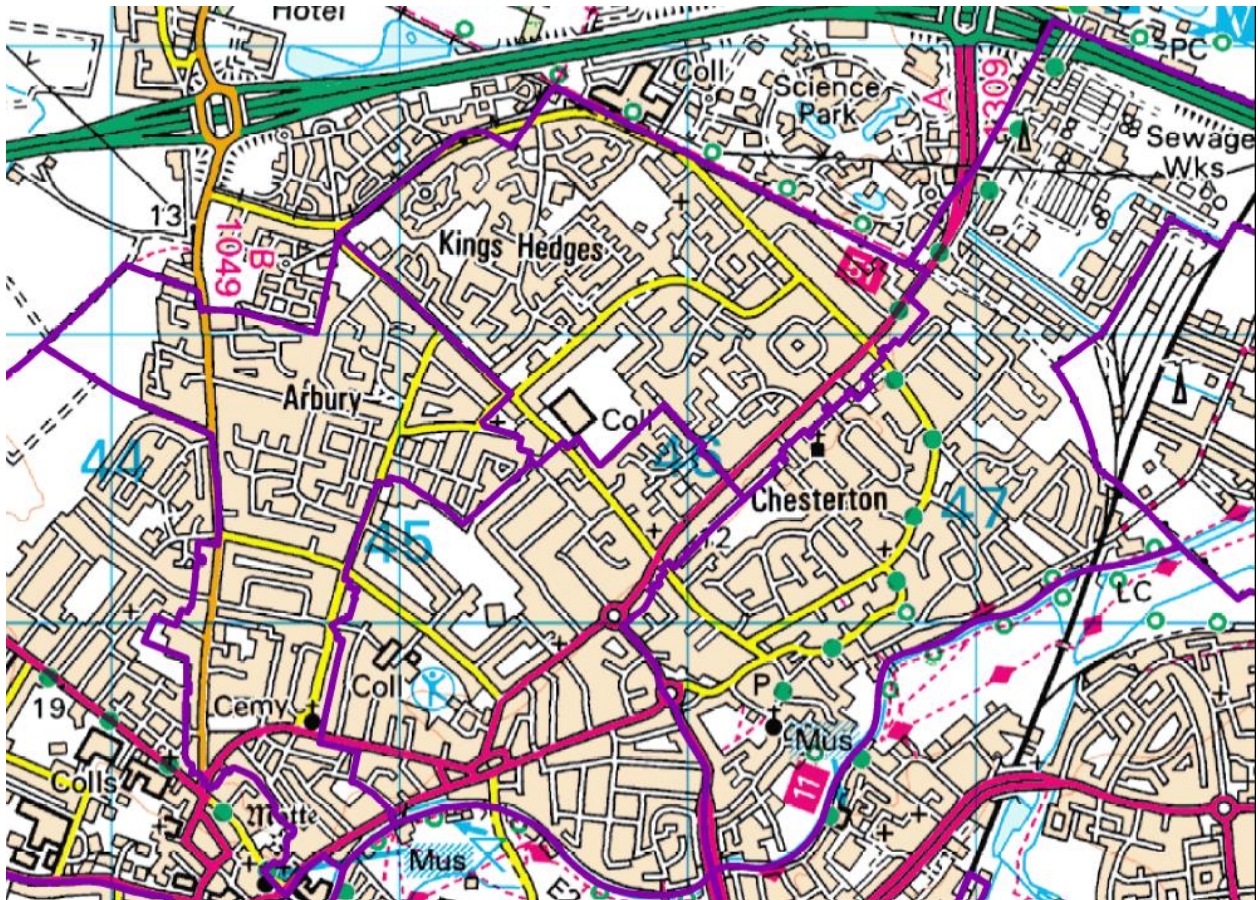
This report provides an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

This report provides open data on service performance, so that City and County Councillors and their constituents are informed of what service activity is happening in their area; and has the opportunity to engage in and help to shape this activity, including identifying specific local service requests/ issues.

1. Streets and Open Spaces Operations Team:
 - a. Street cleansing and Grounds Maintenance – cleans all residential streets and public land and maintains all grass and shrub beds across the city.
 - b. Community Engagement Team - works with Community Payback and Streets and Open Spaces volunteers to deliver community nominated improvement projects.
 - c. Enforcement Team - investigate and take action against instances of environmental crime and dog control issues in public places across the city.
2. Streets and Open Spaces Assets Development Team:
3. Streets and Open Spaces Projects Team
 - a. Projects
 - b. Parks
 - c. Trees
4. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service provide rubbish and recycling collections from homes and business Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and empties 32,000 bins each day. It is responsible for setting policy on how this should be done and educating residents and customers on how best to recycle.
5. Environmental Health:
 - a. Pest control – free treatments for rats, mice, cockroaches, bedbugs and pharaohs ants
 - b. Private sector Housing interventions – complaints and investigations regarding condition of properties
 - c. Other public health interventions – refuse, hoarding, bonfires
 - d. Noise complaints – day time and night time noise complaints ,

2. North Area Profiles

In this section an update of what teams have been doing in the previous six months is detailed.



Ward Profile: Arbury

Map



Community Engagement team

Two sessions were run at Arbury Court with volunteers where they weeded the hedge line from Arbury Road to Leys Avenue with SOS Volunteers, followed by laying new wood chip.



Following suspension of the Community Payback service due to Covid-19, the team recommenced work parties with Payback at the end of August 2021.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

The area officer at the time conducted regular patrols in this area, spending approximately 15-20 hours per week there. Over the past six months they have investigated twenty-six jobs within Arbury, eleven of which resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued and three resulted in warning letters being issued. Particular attention has been paid to Hazelwood Close, Harris Road and Cockerell Road as these areas are particularly bad for fly tipping.



Cockerell Road – This area seems to be a hot spot for fly tipping over the past six months. With fifteen incidents of fly tipping being investigated, five of these investigations have resulted in a fixed penalty notices being issued. Two have resulted in warning letters being issued. The main issue with this location seems to be next to the bins. Over the Christmas period this was particularly bad due to excess waste for this time of year. The enforcement officer is working closely with the Education, Engagement and Enforcement Officer for housing to try and tackle these issues. Particular attention will continue to be made in this area, to try and reduce the amount of fly tipping.



Harris Road – This is another area that seems to attract a lot of fly tipping. Over the past six months the area officer has investigated four separate incidences of fly tipping. Two of which resulted in a fixed penalty notices being issued. As with Cockerell Road the issues seem to be with waste being dumped next to the bins. Regular patrols will continue to take place in this area again to stop people fly tipping.



Hazelwood Close – This road is another location that is targeted for fly tipping. There have been two incidents of fly tipping investigated here of the past six months. One resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued, and one is still on going. The litter bins seem to attract the most waste in this area, along with one of the drying areas where a lot of bulky waste gets dumped. This area will still receive regular patrols to also help with the ongoing fly tipping.

A further five investigations into fly tipping within Arbury have been dealt with over the past six months in other areas: Molewood Close, Albemarle Way and Borrowdale. Three of these investigations led to fixed penalty notices being issued. These areas will continue to be monitored to help prevent them from getting worse.

Abandoned vehicles – nine suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within Arbury over the past six months. Five of these vehicles were claimed by the owners, three weren't on site and the other case is still on going.

Untaxed vehicles – Two untaxed vehicles have been investigated within Arbury over the past 6 months. They were both removed for having no tax on the public highway.

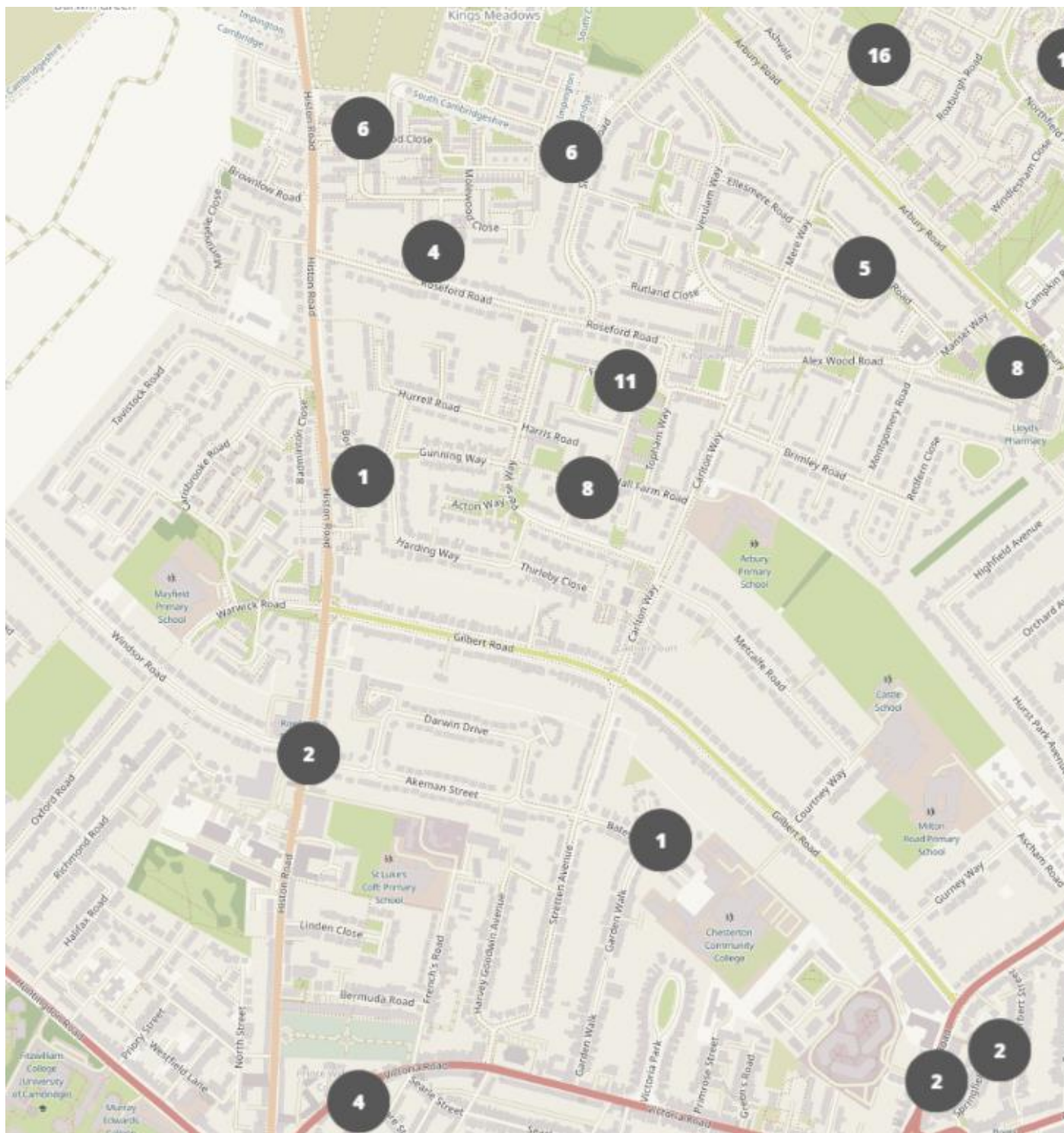
If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officer, Jess Toombs.

Operations service

The Operations team have been busy sweeping all housing areas and main roads and deep cleaning the ward.

The grounds maintenance operatives have been busy with their maintenance work, carrying out hedge cutting before the birds nesting season starts.

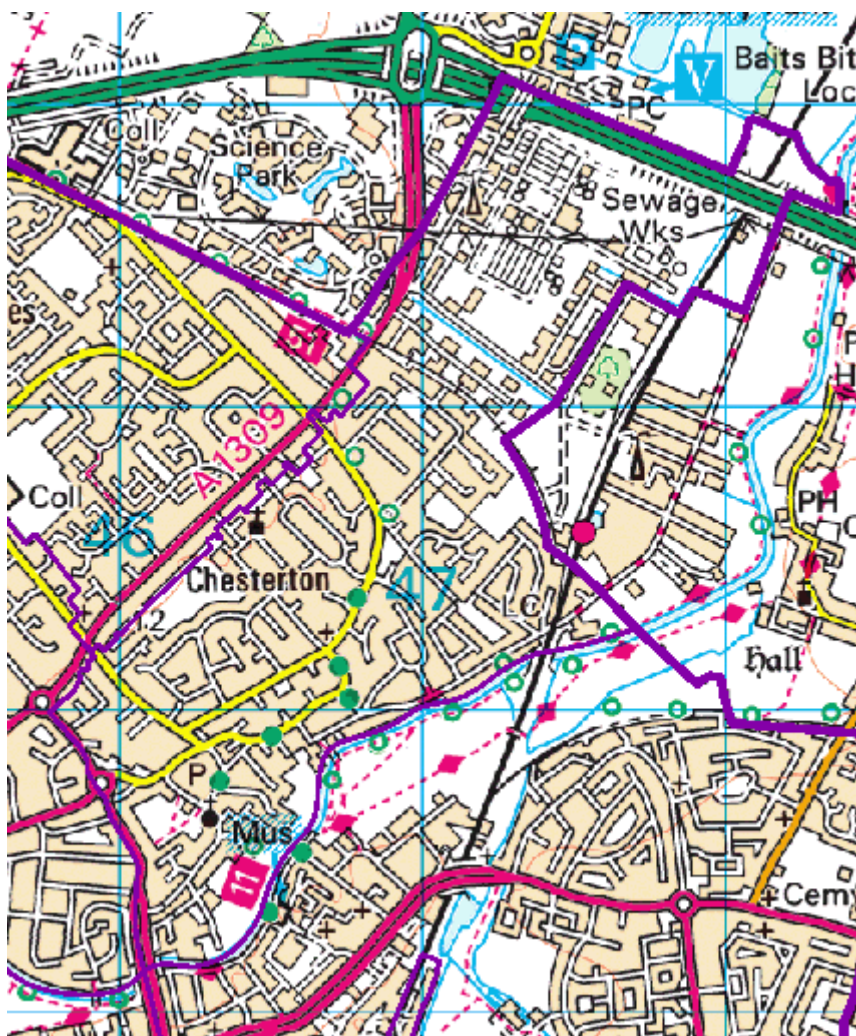
The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



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Ward Profile: East Chesterton

Map



Community Engagement team

Initial preparations at the Water Lane new mini garden site began. With the help of residents, volunteers, and council officers we were able to transform the unused piece of land that was being driven over as a short cut. The area has now been planted with drought tolerant plants which will also attract pollinators. A raised bed has been installed and volunteers built a bee and bug hotel. This area is no longer an eyesore and is much safer for the public.

The bee and bug hotel were constructed by completing the frame and painting it to make it resistant to the weather. We then filled it with drilled logs and other materials and covered it in wire mesh to prevent vandalism. The volunteers were taught the principles of building such hotels in their own gardens. Streets and Open Spaces volunteers helped erect the fencing and tidy the garden beds as the final phase of completing this community garden.



Following suspension of the Community Payback service due to Covid-19, the team recommenced work parties with Payback at the end of August 2021.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

Officers conduct regular patrols in this area and spend approximately 20 to 25 hours per week in the ward.

- Church Street / Recreation Ground clothing recycling point – in September general household waste dumped next to the clothing recycling bins. Suspects identified and investigated, resulting in fixed penalty notices being issued. A cigarette end was thrown from a vehicle investigated and resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering.
- Milton Road – in September a cigarette end thrown from a vehicle was investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering. In January incidents of bins on streets and mismanagement of waste identified. Education and advice were provided along with on-going monitoring for compliance. Large black bags were found dumped next to a litter bin, the suspect was identified and investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued.
- Longworth Avenue – In January a Community Protection Warning was issued to tenants of an HMO for mismanagement of waste, subsequently the warning has been complied with.
- High Street, East Chesterton – In November recyclable waste found on pavement, suspect was identified, and waste education provided by Shared Waste service.
- Sherbourne Close – In November bagged waste was found dumped on pavement next to street bin. Suspect identified and investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued.



- Scotland Road – In November a case of dog repeated straying was received. The dog owner identified and sent a warning letter.
- St Andrews Church grounds – In October a dog fouling issue in the church yard reported. New fouling signage installed at entrance at the request of the church.
- Edinburgh Road – In October an intimidating dog was reported. Working in conjunction with the housing officer, the dog owner was contacted, and advice provided.
- Anglers Way – In October fly tipped building waste reported. Site inspected and it was found that building work was underway. Site monitored and left clear at completion of the works.
- Elizabeth Way – In September a cigarette end thrown from a vehicle investigation was done, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering.
- Chesterton Road – In September a cigarette end thrown from a vehicle investigation was done, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering.
- Tuscan Court – In August a dog fouling in the communal area was reported. Dog owner identified and issued a warning letter.
- Elmfield Road – In August waste dumped outside Freeman House, it was inspected but unable to trace suspect.
- Logans Meadow – In August a case of illegal camping in a tent was investigated. A 24-hour notice to leave the land was issued. Tent present at re-inspection, it seized and removed from the land.



Abandoned vehicles – fifteen suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within East Chesterton over the past 6 months. Three of these vehicles have either been claimed or removed by the owner. Nine were not on site at the time the officer revisited and three were deemed not to be abandoned by the enforcement officer.

Untaxed Vehicles – two untaxed vehicles have been investigated within East Chesterton over the past 6 months. Both have both now been destroyed – they were removed from Chapel Street and Moss Bank in August.

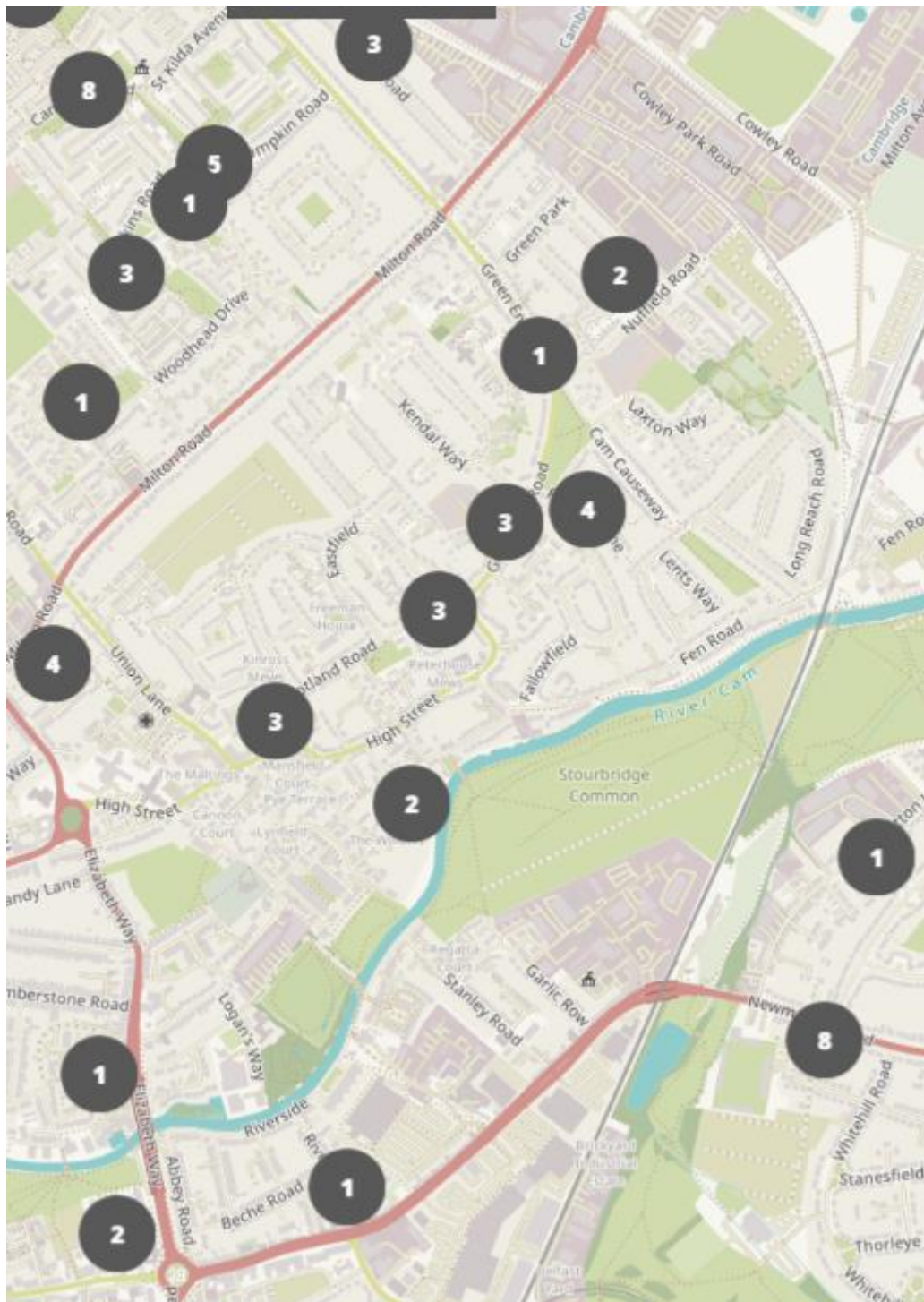
If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officer, Bree Donovan.

Operations service

The Operations Team have been working throughout East Chesterton, sweeping main roads, and housing areas and busy litter picking the hot spots in this period which were Nuffield Road, Church Street Recycling Centre, Dundee Close and Scotland Road.

Our grounds maintenance teams are now busy cutting hedges before the bird nesting season starts.

The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



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Local Nature Reserves

Bramblefields: Removal of invasive aquatic weed from the two ponds/Meadow cuts with the Scythes/Weeding of the Wildflower area was completed.



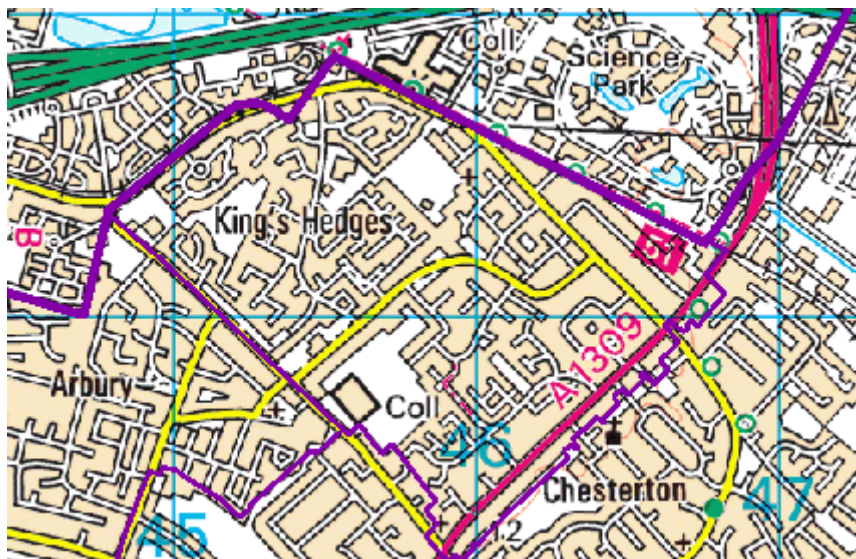
Logan's Meadow Nature reserve: With the help of residents, volunteers, and the Community Engagement Team, over 250 new trees were planted over two weekends as well as ditch clearance works, clearance of over growing bramble and overhanging willow. The clearance work encourages more diversity of plant life in the ditch. The hope is to create another ditch at Logan's Meadow which could provide a suitable habitat for the growing water vole community already there.



More tree planting took place at Logan's Meadow nature reserve, this time with the help of local company Sentec, who planted a whole corner with multi-stemmed willows. They also completed some cutting back along the riverside path.

Ward Profile: Kings Hedges

Map



Community Engagement team

The Community Engagement team have organised several community litter picks at Nuns Way when lots of litter was cleared away and many local volunteers got involved

Following suspension of the Community Payback service due to Covid-19, the team recommenced work parties with Payback at the end of August 2021.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

The area officer at the time conducted regular patrols in this area, spending approximately 15-20 hours per week there. Over the past six months they have investigated sixty-three jobs within Kings Hedges, fifteen of which resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued. Particular attention is paid to Campkin Road, Atkins Close, Sackville Close, Edgecombe and Crathern Way as these are particularly bad for fly tipping.



Campkin Road – This area is a hot spot for fly tipping, namely at the location of the recycling centre. Over the past six months eight investigations into fly tipping have taken place with four cases resulting in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The other cases resulted in no further action due to the lack of evidence. This area will continue to be patrolled regularly to deter people from dumping.

Atkins Close – This street seems to be a hot spot for fly tipping at the edge of the flats and the recycling centre. Over the past six months eight investigations into fly tipping have taken place with one case resulting in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The other cases resulted in no further action due to the lack of evidence. Regular patrols will continue to take place to stop people fly tipping.



Sackville Close – Although the recycling centres have been taken out this area still attracts lots of fly tipping especially at the back of the flats and at the old location of the recycling centre. There have been five separate investigations into fly tipping in this area. One resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued and another one incident resulted in a warning letter being issued. All the other resulted in further action being taken due to the lack of evidence. This area will still be patrolled regularly to reduce the amount of waste being dumped.



Edgecombe – This is another area that see a lot of fly tipping. With five investigations taking place here over the last six months. Two of these investigations resulted in warning letters being issued, the other resulted in no further action due to lack of evidence. It will remain an area for regular patrols to help reduce the fly tipping.

Crathern Way – There has been five investigations into fly tipping in this area over the last six months. One of which resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued. This area will continue to be patrolled regularly to help reduce the amount of fly tipping.

A further thirty-two investigations have taken place within Kings Hedges over the past six months in other areas; including Minerva Way, Wilson Close, Craister Court and Hawkins Road. Eight of these resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued, due to lack of evidence no further action was taken in the other cases. However, these areas will continue to get monitored.

Abandoned vehicles – eighteen suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within Kings Hedges over the past six months. Ten of which were claimed by the owner, seven were not on site and the other one was removed by the council as abandoned.

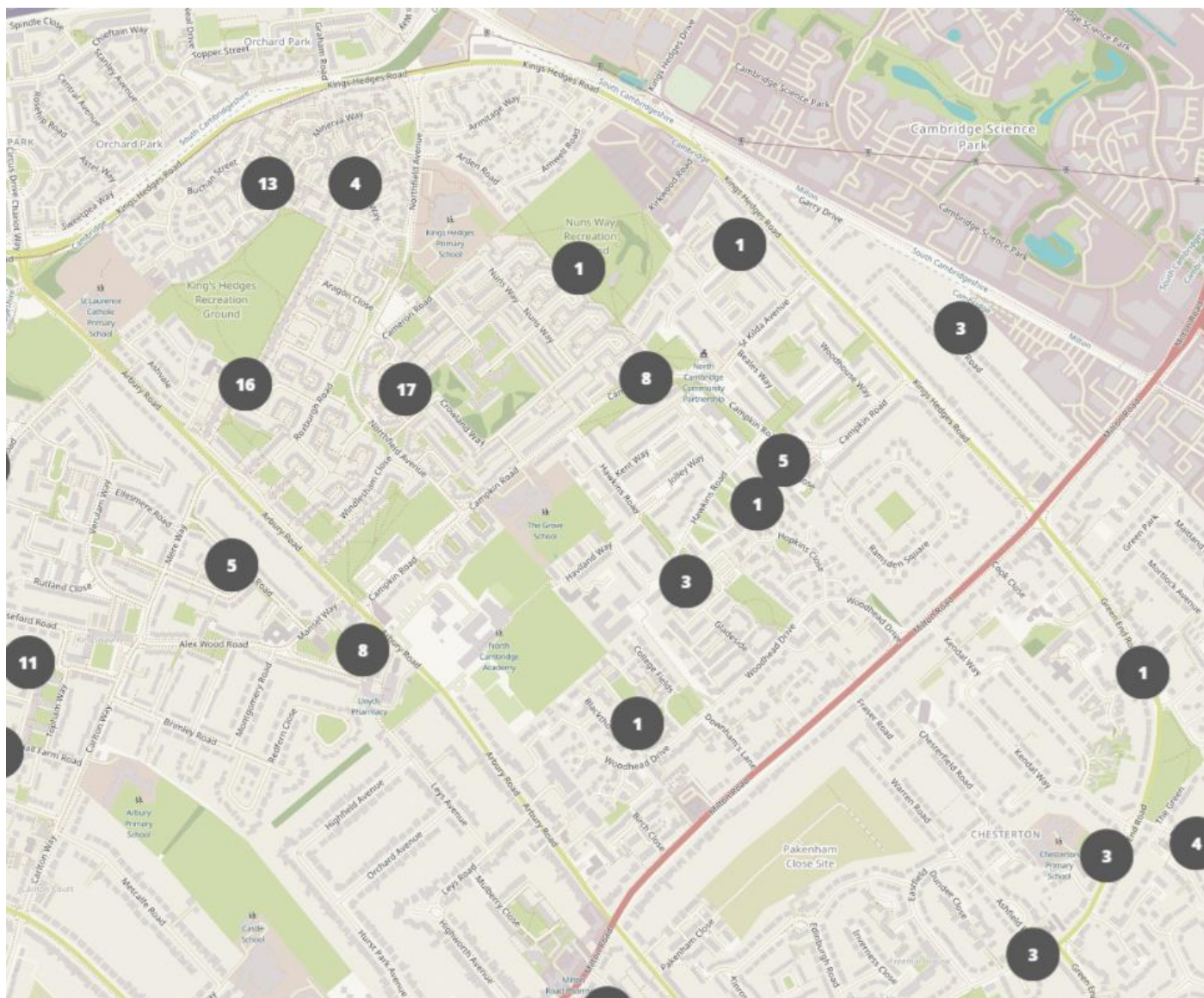
If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officer, Jess Toombs.

Operations service

The Operations Team have been busy grass cutting across Kings Hedges area along main roads, housing estates and open spaces including Nuns Way Recreation Ground and Kings Hedges Recreation Ground. We continue to carry out our scheduled mechanical sweeping of all the bus routes, main roads and housing areas within the King Hedges ward.

Our grounds maintenance teams are now busy cutting hedges before bird nesting season starts. Finally, our operatives have been busy marking out all the local football pitches in preparation for the local community to use as and when the easing of the lockdown allows.

The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



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Ward Profile: West Chesterton

Map



Community Engagement team

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Enforcement team

Officers conduct regular patrols in this area and spend approximately 5 to 10 hours per week there. Seven investigations were conducted between August and January and the following was identified.



- Chesterton Road Recycling Centre – This site seems to be a hot spot for fly tipping, there have been four incidences investigated by the enforcement team over the past six months with two resulting in fixed penalty notices being issued. The other cases resulted in no further action due to lack of evidence. Officers will continue to conduct regular patrols in this area to try and reduce the amount of fly tipping.

Other areas where fly tipping has been identified include Gurney Way and Hawthorn Way where investigations continue into fly tipped waste.



Abandoned vehicles – five suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within West Chesterton over the past six months. One was claimed by the owner, one was found not to be abandoned, one was not on site, one vehicle is currently awaiting removal by the contractor and a further vehicle was removed and destroyed by the council. One untaxed vehicle was removed from the ward.

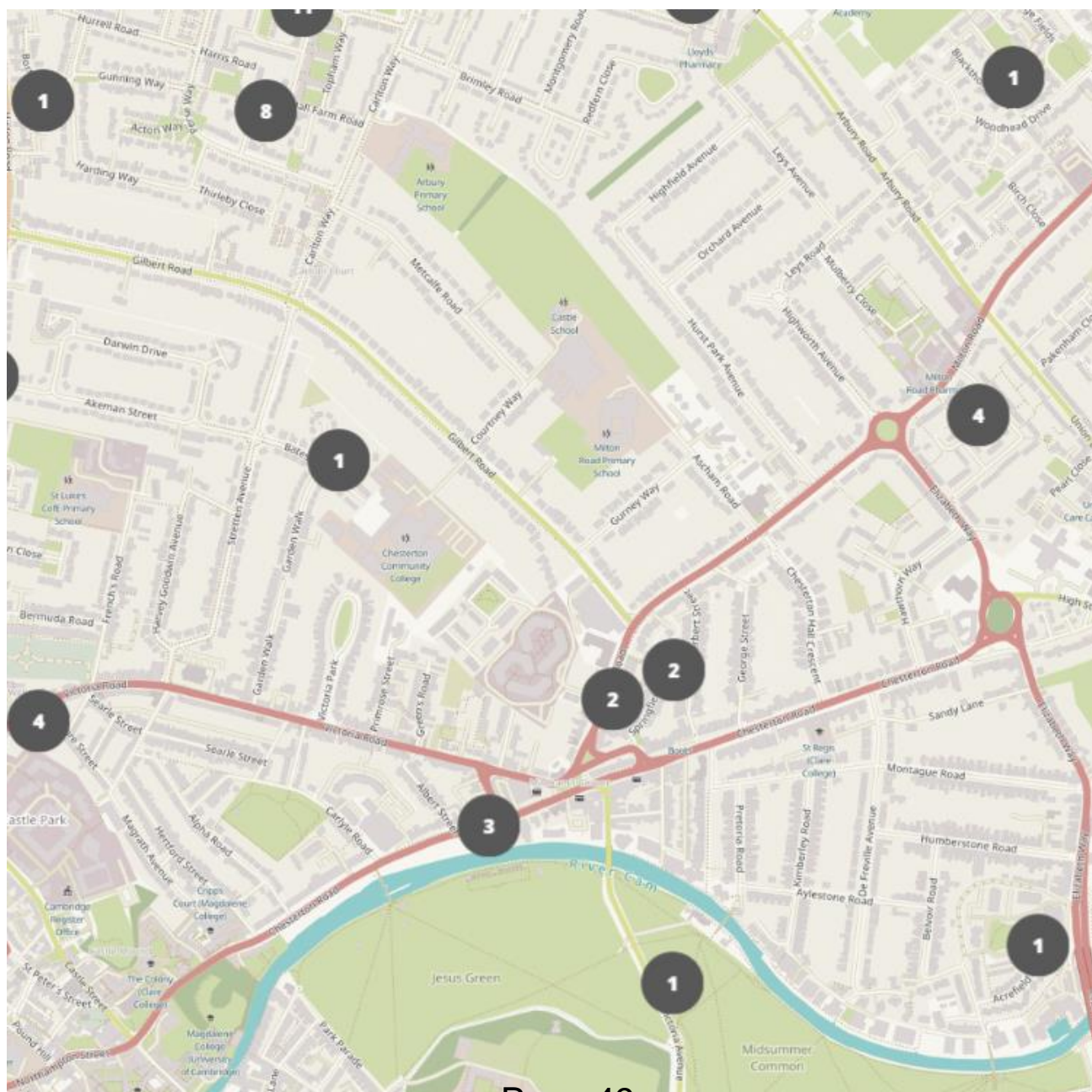
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Operations service

The operations team continue to carry out scheduled mechanical sweeping of all the bus routes, main roads and housing areas within the West Chesterton ward.

Our grounds maintenance teams are now busy cutting hedges before bird nesting season starts.

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Community Engagement Team Updates

Hedgehog Holes

The Community Engagement Team continues to work with Cambridge Hedgehogs to promote hedgehog holes and highways. The team can assist residents by cutting holes in fences to facilitate hedgehog movement between gardens.



To date the team have cut over forty new hedgehog holes across the city. Should residents wish to have a hedgehog hole cut they can email the Community Engagement Team at sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk who will make suitable arrangements.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Update:

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Updates for Cambridge (Covers the period of April 2021 to December 2021):

Date	Time	Event	Location
21.04 2021	09:15-10:15	Online recycling talk	Hardwick Primary School
12. 05 2021	19:00-21:00	Online recycling talk	Barton Women's Institute
15.06 2021	09:00-10:30	Online recycling talk	Monkfield Primary School
17.06 2021	10:00-12:00	13-51 Carlton Way	Mini skip day with recycling information
03. 07. 2021	12:00-16:00	CCF Info session about how to calculate your carbon footprint and waste minimisation	Market Square
20.07 2021	10:00-14:00	CAD	Ekin Road
24.07 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Hanover and Princess Court and Russell Court
25.07. 2021	10:00-15:00	50th Anniversary of the CMT	Cambridge Museum of Technology
16.08 2021	10:00-14:00	COPE AGM	St Luke's Church Victoria Road
11.09 2021	10:00-14:00	Community Action Day	Wulfstan Way
18.09 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Brackyn Close
20.09 2021	13:00-14:00	Assembly recycling talk	Queen Edith Primary School
25.09 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Red Cross Lane
02.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Ditton Fields
16.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Tenby Close
17.10 2021	11:00-12:00	Recycling talk	Wesley Methodist Church
23.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Teversham Drift
30.10 201	09:00-13:00	CAD	East Chesterton Ashfield Close
13.11 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Birdwood Road
16.11 2021	10:00-11:00	Recycling talk	Arthur Rank Hospice
20.11 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Rawlyn Close

3. Environmental and Waste Data

Public Realm [North Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Arbury	East Chesterton	Kings Hedges	West Chesterton
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Fly tipping	567	136	81	326	24
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Fly tipping	472	143	63	233	33
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Needles	26	12 needles (12 instances)	7 needles (6 instances)	2 needles (2 instances)	5 needles (3 instances)
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Needles	10	1 needle (1 instance)	5 needles (3 instances)	4 needles (2 instances)	1 needle (1 instance)
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Fixed penalty notices	28	3	3	18	4
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Fixed penalty notices	41	10	8	17	6

Summary of public realm data:

Fly tipping:

Hot spot maps within each of the ward profiles shows the numbers and locations of the flytips within the last six-month period.

Needles:

- Arbury: In August one needle was removed from Carlton Way.
- East Chesterton: In August four needles were removed from Logans Meadow (two instances of two needles each), and in November one needle was removed from Moss Bank.
- Kings Hedges: In August three needles were removed from Crosfield Court, and in August one needle was removed from Hawkins Road.

Fixed penalty notices:

Fixed penalty notices issued across the period includes four for littering, twelve for domestic waste littered, three for abandoned vehicles, eight for breach of household duty of care and thirteen for small scale fly tipping.

Private Realm [North Area]

Data not available at the time the report was produced.

Waste and Recycling Data [Great Cambridge Area]

Recycling rate:

This is based total amount of recycling collected in blue and green bins. Waste is subject to seasonable fluctuations.

Activity	Q1 Apr-Jun 21/22	Q2 Jul-Sep 21/22	Q3 Oct-Dec 21/22
Total recycling rate	53.56%	54.17%	47.26%
Recycling rate – dry recycling	20.83%	21.22%	23.10%
Recycling rate – composting	32.47%	32.87%	23.67%
Residual waste collected for disposal	46.70%	45.91%	53.23%

4. Key contacts

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Community Engagement	Community Engagement Team	01223 458084	sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk
Local Nature Reserves Ranger	Vic Smith	01223 458282	Victoria.Smith@cambridge.gov.uk
Enforcement (Arbury, Kings Hedges and West Chesterton)	Jess Toombs	01223 457730	jess.toombs@cambridge.gov.uk
Enforcement (East Chesterton)	Bree Donovan	01223 457122	bree.donovan@cambridge.gov.uk
Streets and Open Spaces Operations / Commercial	Paul Jones	01223 458282	paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk
North Area Operations Team Leader	Kieran Gentle	01223 458282	paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Birgitta Laurent	07525 213774	recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk

If you have a question about one of the council's services, you will be able to find a number of answers on our website www.cambridge.gov.uk. If you can't find what you are looking for, or want to discuss something with us, you can contact us on the details above or call 01223 457000.

5. Volunteer schemes

Time Credits

You can earn Time Credits for your time as volunteer. Every hour of involvement with us earns you a 1-hour time credit – which can be spent in places like cinemas, gyms, swimming pools or music venues. The more time you give the more time credits you receive.

Streets and Open Spaces Volunteers:

We're looking for volunteers to make the streets of Cambridge even cleaner, tidier and more pleasant and to spread our motto 'A greener, cleaner city starts with you'. So whether you're already part of an existing local group and want some additional support or you're an individual who feels strongly about these issues, then get in touch to take part. Our volunteers work to improve their local streets by taking action to keep them clean, tidy and looking their best.

With the support of a dedicated Area Ranger you'll be able to:

- Recruit other local people to help you in a project
- Organise events locally to promote cleaner streets: litter picks, ward walks etc.
- Have access to and use specialist equipment for removing graffiti and litter
- Take part in large city wide events for volunteers
- Provide education to other members of the public
- Get involved with new volunteer roles/projects

As a volunteer you're free to suggest your own ideas and we will do our best to accommodate them. We don't expect you to give huge amounts of time to our projects, as a volunteer, we just hope you can commit some regular time each month to keep the project active and vibrant in the community.

To sign up or find out more visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/streets-and-open-spaces-volunteers> or contact our Community Engagement Team on sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 458084

Recycling Champions:

Are you a passionate about recycling? Would you like to meet other people who are also keen to help to promote recycling, minimizing waste and sustainability? Do you enjoy working with the public? If yes, then why not become a recycling champion. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about recycling within the community. You don't need any experience or previous knowledge, you just need to believe that recycling is important, be friendly and approachable and be willing to convey your enthusiasm about helping the environment to others. Full training will be provided.

Our volunteers do a variety of roles such as:

- Run stalls at various events in the city and south of Cambridge
- Do door knocking around flats, hand out leaflets
- Attend monthly recycling champions meetings
- Do talks to community groups and schools about recycling
- Write articles in newsletters and go on trips to visit various recycling sites to learn about waste management and recycling.

To become a recycling champion please visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/become-a-recycling-champion>, or contact recycling.champions@scamsb.gov.uk or telephone 07525 213774.