



Cambridge City Council North Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 1 September 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations Of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)

Items for Discussion

- 4 Environmental Report - NAC (Pages 11 - 38)
- 5 North Area Residents' Environmental Projects (Pages 39 - 50)
Charles Hattersley – Ferry Path Biodiversity Project
Becky Allen – Belvoir Road Project
Lilian Rundblad - Mayfield Green Project
- 6 Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Milton Road Update
- 7 Open Forum
As part of the open forum a discussion will be held on the Arbury Carnival/Festival.
- 8 Committee Action Sheet (Pages 51 - 52)

City Councillors: Scutt (Chair), McQueen (Vice-Chair), Bird, Carling, Collis, Divkovic, Gawthrop Wood, Sheil, Smart, Swift, Thittala Varkey and Todd-Jones

County Councillors: Bird, Condron and Meschini

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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE9 June 2022
6.30 - 9.30 pm**Present**

Area Committee Members: Councillors McQueen (Vice-Chair), Scutt (Chair), Bird, Carling, Divkovic, Gawthrop Wood, Smart, Swift, Thittala Varkey, Todd-Jones, Bird, Condrón and Meschini

Officers:

Community Safety Manager: Keryn Jalli
Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Tom Eke
Committee Manager: Sarah Steed
Meeting Producer: Gary Clift

Other Officers in Attendance:

Police Sergeant: Shawn Emms
Project Manager – Greater Cambridge Partnership: Richard Preston
Communication Officer – Greater Cambridge Partnership: Jane Grant

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**22/9/NAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Collis and Sheil.

22/10/NAC Declarations Of Interest

Member	Item	Interest
Thittala Varkey	22/13/NAC	Personal: Works as a criminal defence lawyer.

22/11/NAC Minutes

The notes of the meeting held on 28 February 2022 were noted.

Histon Road Area Residents Association (HRARA) report to the Committee regarding minutes 22/5/NAC Questions 2, 3 and 4.

HRARA informed the Committee that the issues raised in minute reference 22/5/NAC had moved forward. HRARA invited Paul van de Bulk (Greater Cambridge Partnership Representative) to the General AGM on 17 May and

he gave a positive update regarding the details of various complaints. The requested RSA3 Audit – the “as built survey” had been packaged together with WSP and submitted to the Road Safety Team so they could proceed with the Audit. HRARA received confirmation that their concerns would be dealt with and that the long steel meshed fence had been mended with steel ties instead of the soft garden plastic ties. The contract with the Subcontractor for landscaping was due to end in October 2022. Noted that the narrow, outdated design for the pavements would remain for the moment. The 20mph signs had been produced but needed to be installed on the road.

22/12/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.

[Agenda for North Area Committee on Thursday, 9th June, 2022, 6.30 pm - Cambridge Council.](#)

22/13/NAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

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

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. Was aware of issues on Nuffield Road and the area did form part of the patrol area. Also noted the report about drug dealing taking place at Green End Road, Bramley Court, Frank’s Lane and Laxton Way. Noted concerns about the gathering of youths at Brownsfield Community Centre. Asked Councillors to encourage residents to report concerns online so that the Police had an up-to-date record of issues. Also asked for as much information as possible to be provided including the car make / model / colour / numberplate etc.

- ii. Was not aware of any s60 stop and searches being carried out in Cambridge. Commented that the Police had an action plan which took into consideration the local areas of concern, but officers could also be called upon to respond to calls for action as required. It was difficult therefore to specify how long or often the Police would spend time in a particular area.
- iii. Commented that there had been a series of thefts from motor vehicles in the Kings Hedges area. These incidences were all down to one person, that person had been arrested and taken to court and was now in prison. Stated that if anyone was unhappy with how their investigation had been handled then they could request a review of their case (Victim right to review). [Victims' Right to Review Scheme | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk/victims-right-to-review-scheme).
- iv. **Action: Would provide a written response to how knife crime in King Hedges Ward compared to other North Area Committee wards.**
- v. Was aware that cycle crime across the city was high. Noted that people thought the Police didn't do anything about it. Stated that cycle crime was the only crime in the city where there was a monthly meeting which took place between Cycling Representatives and the Superintendent. The City Centre Police Team had one officer dedicated to cycle crime. Where cycle thieves were arrested and taken to court a Criminal Behaviour Order was sought. Two people had been arrested in the north area for dealing with stolen bikes and investigations were ongoing.
- vi. Commented that there was a multiagency group 'MASH' who worked with both victims of domestic violence and perpetrators.
- vii. Noted that the issues of drug dealing on Victoria Road / Hilda Street should no longer be an issue as the people who were involved no longer lived in Victoria Road.

Noted the following local areas of concern which had been raised during the meeting:

- i. Street based drug dealing
- ii. Cycle crime
- iii. Anti-social behaviour / driving.

The Community Safety Manager said the following in response to Members' questions:

- i. The Council worked with a number of stakeholders including the County Council regarding domestic violence. Noted that the freedom programme was run at the Meadows Community Centre for survivors of domestic abuse. The Council was also part of the White Ribbon Campaign and the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance.

- ii. Asked for issues around anti-social behaviour (ASB) to be reported directly to the ASB Team, this could be done online or by phone. Also noted that litter picks could be requested in local areas and if this was reported online then different parts of the council could action this.

A member of the public commented that they had received a speedwatch kit so that speed checks of the 20mph limit could be carried out on Histon Road as and when required.

22/14/NAC A New Road Classification for Cambridge (Greater Cambridge Partnership)

The Committee received a report from the Project Manager and Communication Officer (GCP - Greater Cambridge Partnership) regarding the Greater Cambridge Partnership 'new road classification for Cambridge' consultation.

Road classification in Cambridge was last reviewed in the early 1980s and a lot had changed since then. The review of the road network would also take into consideration:

- Quality of life objectives
- Air quality legislation and obligations
- Declaration of climate emergency
- Decarbonising Transport plan
- National Walking, Cycling – Gear change
- Bus Back Better initiative
- The Combined Authority's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan / Greater Cambridge Local Plan
- Physical changes to the road network

[A new road classification for Cambridge: Consultation 2022 | Consult Cambridgeshire \(engagementhq.com\)](#)

A couple of members of the public asked the following questions:

- i. Asked what local member's plans were for encouraging engagement with the Greater Cambridge Partnership Road Classification consultation among local residents, businesses and other stakeholders and for leading positive discussions on the changes the proposals could mean for the area and how local people could help shape the details. Was concerned that there was not always a joined-up process regarding transport in the area and that it was important to make sure that this was

approached from a user-hierarchy point of view, i.e. looking first at the key routes for pedestrians, then cyclists, then buses and then motor vehicles. Although they strongly welcomed changes that would create safer active travel routes and nicer places for people to live and work, was a bit concerned about the proposal (and location) of a modal filter on Green End Road and how this would affect the journeys of those who drove from Fen Road as many already had a very long detour. Felt this highlighted the need for a better link directly from Fen Road to Milton Road in addition to that crossing the railway line.

- ii. Asked why the arterial circular route was not being pushed further out of town. They lived between Chesterton Road and Victoria Road (both heavily-residential roads, prime cycling and walking routes and – in the case of the latter – a 20mph zone) and they were both being put at the highest level, permitting/encouraging all types of traffic at all times. Asked if people wanted to drive from one part of town to another, why they couldn't be directed out to the A14 or motorway.
- iii. Asked (in relation to Histon Road becoming an A road), does becoming an A Road mean that residents will have lorries etc 24 hours a day coming up and down the road as TIR (International Road Transportation) lorries make a lot of noise and are extremely polluting.
- iv. Asked if consideration could be given to colour contrast within the consultation documentation. Asked local councillors to use social media to engage with residents to bring the consultation to life.

The Project Officer said the following in response to public questions:

- i. Wanted to engage with as many stakeholder groups as possible. Was happy to set up one to one meetings with groups if necessary. This consultation was looking at how to define the network moving forward. There would be a second phase to the project which would look at plans in more detail (for example where to locate modal filters). A plan would need to be developed to move from the current classification network to the new classification network. Would need to ensure that any proposals were consistent with other strategies and plans (cycling and walking plans).
- ii. Noted that Albert Street, Victoria Road and Chesterton Road areas were a sensitive point and had been a busy route for many years. Noted that Victoria Road and Chesterton Road formed part of the ring road system and that the purpose of a ring road was to allow traffic to circulate. If Victoria Road was taken out of the ring road this would put more traffic onto Chesterton Road and visa versa. This consultation wasn't just looking at local roads, the main road network would be looked at as well to see if any mitigation measures were required.

- iii. Histon Road was currently a 'b' road and may continue as a 'b' road but it would continue to act as a main distributor road which would carry a lot of traffic into the heart of the city. Was aware of concerns regarding HGVs moving around the city. The County Council had a policy which considered where HGVs should be restricted and the GCP review would need to take account of and be consistent with this.

The Committee made the following comments in response to the report:

- i. Asked whether councillors could gather feedback on the consultation in alternative ways or whether feedback could only be provided online.
- ii. Asked how much feedback the GCP had received to date and what form this had taken. Asked if there were restricted areas within the city how this would be enforced. Was intrigued by the comments about potential locations for the bus station. Asked how deliveries to shops in the city centre would work if access was restricted. Asked how the project fitted in with the GCP Milton Road project.
- iii. Queried what the intentions and principles were regarding 'distributor roads'.
- iv. Asked if there was any intention for more smart technology in local residential areas (for e.g., to exclude vehicles (cars) other than buses and taxis in the city centre).
- v. Asked if the GCP had considered ideas from other countries. For e.g., minibuses were used in the city centre of Dijon rather than full sized buses. Asked if Mitcham's Corner would be revisited and if the Milton Road works could be considered as part of the road classification consultation.
- vi. Noted that buses needed to be more regular and on time to encourage people to use them rather than their cars. Asked if there was a telephone number for people to respond to the consultation.
- vii. Asked if there was any plan to look at the allocation of space on the public highway. Asked if there was a plan to have cycle lanes on all roads in Cambridge.
- viii. Stressed the importance of having accessible consultation documentation from the start of the consultation. Felt there needed to be a better distribution of the consultation. Queried which classes of road would be eligible for a modal filter.

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

- i. People were encouraged to look at the consultation online. Confirmed that if people wanted to provide feedback in an alternative way this was fine.

- ii. With reference to concerns about enforcement, noted that it was easy to talk about restricting traffic on the road network, suitable enforcement measures needed to ensure that it worked. Noted concerns which had been expressed about HGV lorries.
- iii. Confirmed that they were not looking to move the bus station rather that they were looking at distributing bus stops over a larger area. Needed to consult with the retail sector about consolidating deliveries to the city centre. University colleges had responded to consultation on consolidating deliveries.
- iv. Noted that people travelling into the city and residents moving across the city contributed to the congestion within the city. Both groups needed to contribute to the solution.
- v. Noted that Central Government needed to follow through and give powers to local authorities to provide more flexibility and opportunity to use more smart technologies.
- vi. The project was still in its early stages and looking at how the network should operate. The consultation was not at the stage of considering where modal filters should go, that would be considered in the second stage of the project. Needed to make sure that the project did not make the city centre inaccessible for some members of the public. A shuttle service may be considered. Ideas from abroad were being considered. Initial proposals were that Gilbert Road could become an access road and could have a modal filter.
- vii. The GCP had high aspirations to significantly enhance bus services across the GCP area. Proposals would be debated by the GCP Board later in the year. Members of the public could contact the GCP via telephone 01223 699906 to provide feedback on consultations and to request paper copies of the brochure and survey. Transport for All ([Transport for All » Access, Rights, Advice](#)) had been asked to carry out a review of the initial consultation proposals.
- viii. It may be possible to reallocate parts of the highway to other uses. Noted that it may not always be possible to have a cycle lane on every road in Cambridge.
- ix. Maps were available for anyone who found it difficult to distinguish between colours. Noted that the Communications Officer would take the accessibility concerns on board. The consultation had suggested streets which were area access and local access streets, and these may be eligible to have modal filters.

22/15/NAC Open Forum

Members of the public raised the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to properly address the problems with traffic and nuisance motorised vehicles in the town centre – for example, by reinstating and properly policing the rising bollards, and by encouraging a police presence to curtail the domination of the central triangle (Trinity Street, Market Hill and Sidney Street) by food delivery two-wheelers, going in all directions and parking on pavements? (I am asking because I was recently in Dijon, which has taken a much more robust approach to their central pedestrianised area, and it is such a joy to walk and cycle in a city like that.)

The Chair suggested that this public question was referred to West Central Area Committee given the issues raised were more relevant to West Central Area Committee.

2. Would like to discuss the unauthorised traveller encampment on Carisbrooke Road and what steps were being taken to remove this encampment and how to prevent this occurring in future.

The Chair commented that enquiries had been conducted to find out who the owner of the land was. The Council had some interest in the land as they had been maintaining it since 1993. Noted that 15 incidences relating to the encampment had been reported to the Streets and Open Spaces Team and that the North Area Police Sergeant had also been in touch with the Team to raise concerns. Advice from Legal Services had been sought and detailed the procedure to follow to remove the unauthorised encampment.

Councillor Cox Condron advised that she was working with Councillor Healy to ensure that there were traveller stopping places.

Councillor Todd-Jones advised that the encampment had moved on and the Council had followed due process.

HRARA had a working group for Mayfield Green and worked with other stakeholders and were looking to submit an Environmental Improvement Programme application for the area.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

CHAIR



Environmental Report

Cambridge North Area

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

Period of February to July 2022

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1. Introduction

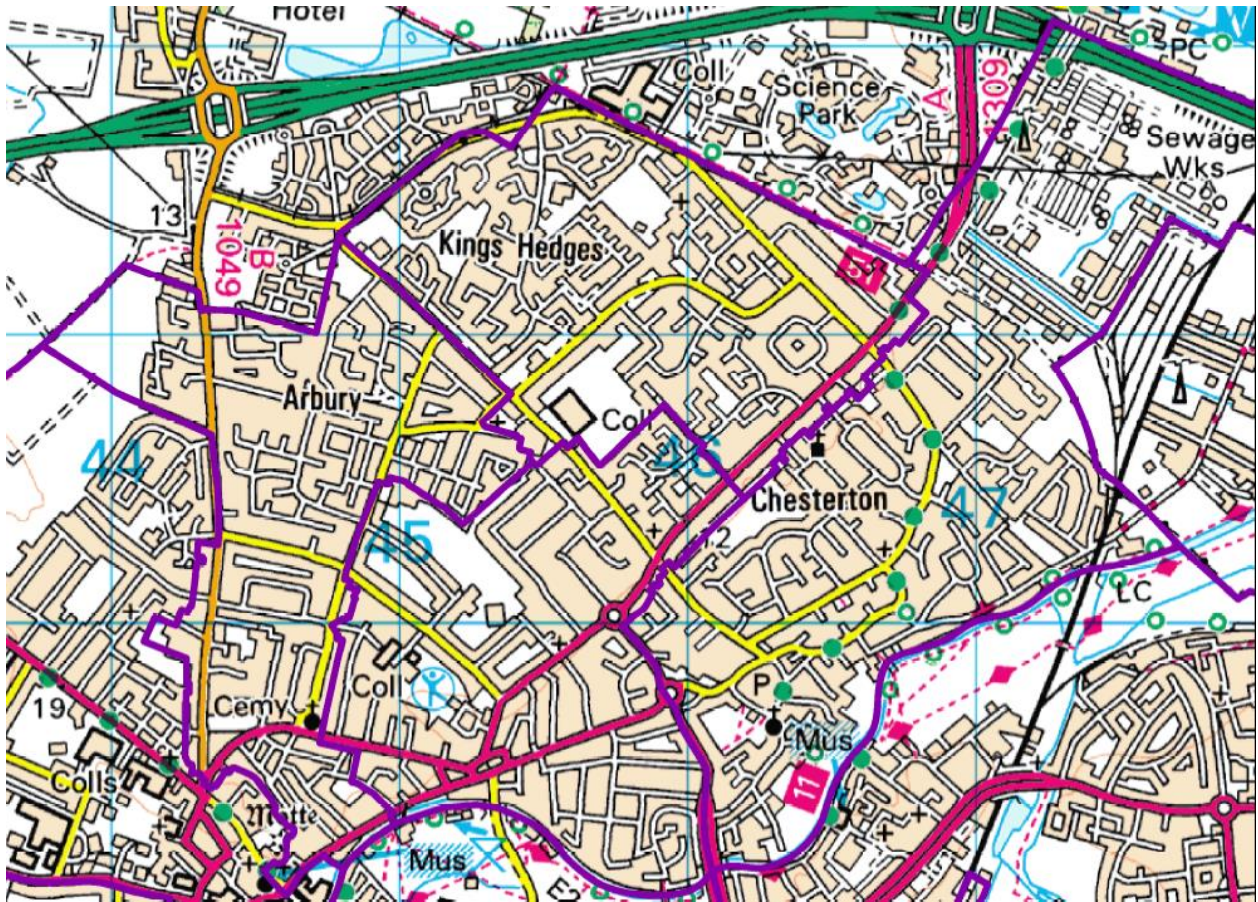
This report provides an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

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 – daytime 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

The team carried out a community clean-up day in Arbury at Brackley Close on 9th July, which was supported by the Community Engagement Team, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, volunteers and as well as local community groups and council officers.

At Arbury Court seventeen trees were planted with the help of volunteers and local residents.



In the same area, work has been undertaken for hedge cutting, weeding, laying bark paths. We have also held a tree watering session for the new trees.

Volunteers have a litter picking group that meets in either Arbury or Kings Hedges on a monthly basis.

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 to 20 hours per week there. Particular attention is paid to Hazelwood Close, Cockerell Road and Arbury Court as these have been particularly bad as fly tipping hot spots.

- Cockerell Road – This area is one of the worst in Arbury for fly tipping over the past six months, with twelve incidents of fly tipping being investigated. Three of these investigations have resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued and four cases are currently still ongoing. The main issue with this location seems to be next to the bins. There is always excess waste dumped next to the bins despite many residents being spoken to and written to regarding the issues. Officers continue to work closely with the Education, Engagement and Enforcement officer from City Homes to try and tackle these issues.



- Arbury Court – This area is another hot spot for fly tipping. Over the past six months the area officer has investigated eleven separate incidences of fly tipping. Seven of which resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued. As with Cockerell Road the issues seem to be with waste being dumped next to the bins for the flats, but also the litter bins and clothing banks at the entrance to Arbury Court. Regular patrols will continue to take place in this area again in the hope to stop people fly tipping.
- Hazelwood Close – This road is another location that is targeted for fly tipping. There have been ten incidents of fly tipping investigated here of the past six months. One case resulted

in a fixed penalty notice being issued, and three cases are 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 thirty-three investigations into fly tipping within Arbury have been dealt with over the past six months in other areas: Molewood Close, Bermuda Road, Harris Road and Brackley Close.. These areas will continue to be monitored in order to help prevent them from getting worse.

Abandoned vehicles – twenty suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within Arbury over the past six months. Nineteen of these vehicles were claimed, and the other one was removed as abandoned by the council.

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

Operations service

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

Operatives have been busy clearing all the leaf fall in the area and have been doing winter pruning ready for the bird nesting season. Operatives have been sweeping all the main roads and residential areas of detritus and carrying out deep cleaning as around the ward.

St Albans recreation ground football pitches have been re-laid and will be ready for use in the coming months.

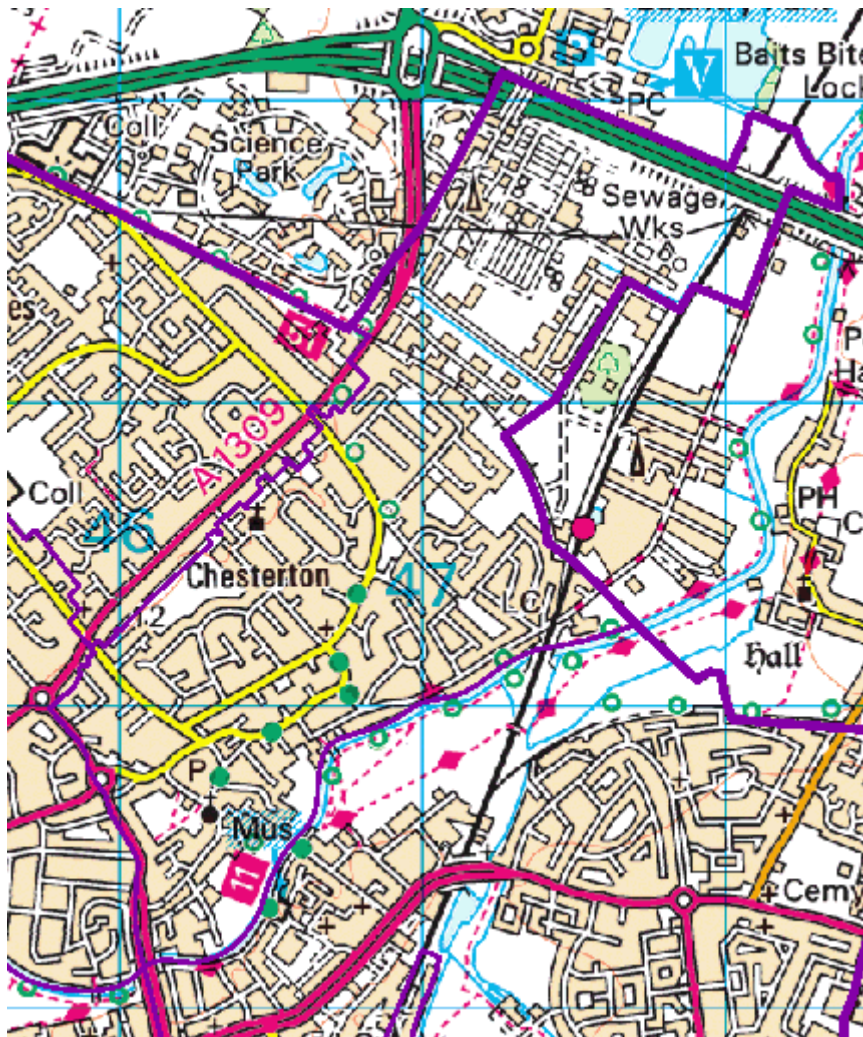
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Ward Profile: East Chesterton

Map



Community Engagement team

Volunteers have a litter picking group that meets in either East or West Chesterton on a monthly basis.

At Green End Road, a group litter picking event was held and several bags of waste cleared from the undergrowth.



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

Within the past six months the following investigations have taken place:

- Public Recycling Point, Chesterton Recreation Ground, Church Street – this area is a fly-tipping hot spot. Regular illegal dumping of waste at the site, for example cardboard, general household waste, TV's, commercial and garden waste all investigated where evidence found. Fly-tipping signage installed.



- Chesterton Recreation Ground – In May 2022 there was a case of illegal camping, and a green tent was found, notice was served, and the tent was found not on site at re-inspection. New PSPO dog exclusion signage installed at children’s play area.
- Bramblefields LNR – In February 2022, dog control issues were reported. Dogs off lead, not under control and fouling not being cleaned up. Foot patrols increased; dog walkers engaged. Fouling signage reviewed/updated.
- Mortlock Avenue garage area – this area is a fly tipping hot spot. Waste found dumped in February was investigated, and waste was found dumped in July – this investigation is on-going.



- Laxton Way – In April, domestic waste was found dumped next to public litter bins investigated, and a Community Protection Warning letter was served to the person responsible.
- Water Street - In March, suspected abandoned vehicle investigated and a notice was issued. Vehicle claimed by owner. In April, a further suspected abandoned vehicle was investigated and the vehicle was no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- Fitzgerald Place - In April, a suspected abandoned vehicle blocking access for essential works by Cambridge Water was reported. Investigation conducted, vehicle deemed abandoned and removed from the site and disposed of by the council



- Milton Road – In April, bags of household waste found dumped investigated. Resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for the fly-tipping offence. In May and July littering from motor vehicle incidents were witnessed/investigated. Both occasions resulting in a fixed penalty notice served for the offence of littering.

- Cam Causeway – in June a case of fly-tipping was investigated, and a Community Protection Warning served.
- Logans Meadow LNR – this is an illegal camping hotspot, with incidents in April, May, June, and July. All tents were inspected, and notices served. If tents were still present at time of re-inspections, all property was removed to storage and the site cleared of waste.



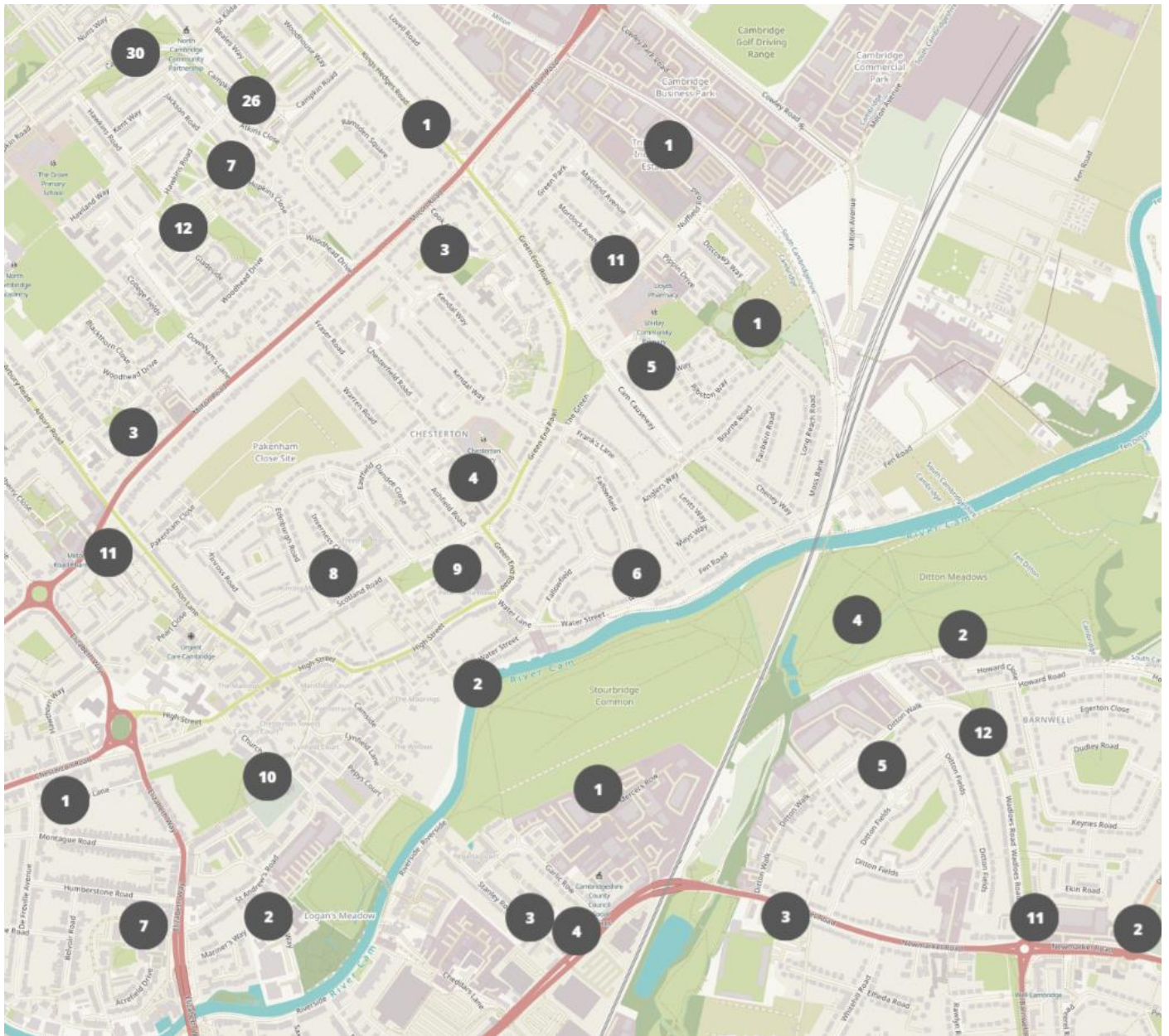
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Operations service

Operatives have been working through East Chesterton sweeping the main roads and the residential areas, as well as clearing the leaf fall from the streets and parks across the ward. The grounds maintenance teams have been carrying out pruning works on housing sites and carrying out their winter pruning work.

Operatives have been busy litter picking the area the hot spots in this period have been Fen Road, Dundee Close and Logans Way which are being checked on a regular basis.

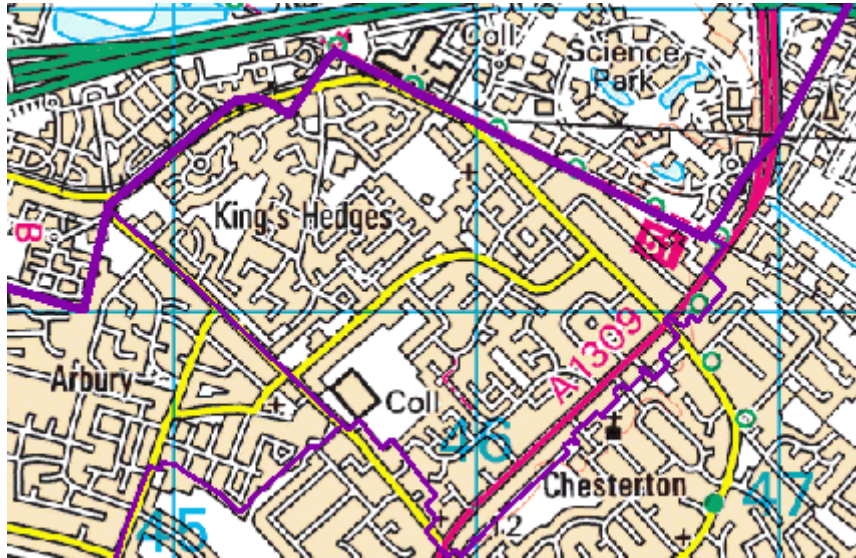
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Ward Profile: Kings Hedges

Map



Community Engagement team

Volunteers have a litter picking group that meets in either Arbury or Kings Hedges on a monthly basis.

At Kings Hedges Recreation Ground the team worked with volunteers and local residents to plant 17 new trees.



At Nuns Way recreation ground volunteers have undertaken various tree works including watering and cutting back saplings.

Community Payback completed various tasks over a four-week period which included hedge cutting, litter picking, removing fly tips, edging pavements, making a vast improvement to the area at Sackville Close, Aragon Close and Buchan Street areas.

The team carried out a community clean-up day in Kings Hedges at Crathern Way on 5h March, which was supported by the Community Engagement Team, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, volunteers and as well as local community groups and council officers.

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Enforcement team

The area officer at the time conducted regular patrols in this area, spending approximately 15-20 hrs per week there. Over the past six months they have investigated seventy-five jobs within Kings Hedges. Particular attention is paid to Campkin Road, Woburn Close, Atkins Close and Minerva Way as this is particularly bad for fly tipping.

- Campkin Road – This area is a hot spot for fly tipping, namely at the location of the recycling centre. Which has now been removed, this has made a massive different in the number of fly tips reducing at this location. Over the past six months twelve investigations into fly tipping have taken place with two resulting in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The other cases resulted in no further action due to the lack of evidence.
- Woburn Close – This is another area that attracts a lot of fly tipping, especially at the back of the flats and in the walk throughs. There have been thirteen separate investigations into fly tipping in this area. One resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued. All the other resulted in further action being taken due to the lack of evidence. This area will still be patrolled regularly in the hope to reduce the amount of waste being dumped.



- 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 five investigations into fly tipping have taken place with one 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 in this area again in the hope to stop people fly tipping.



- Minerva Way – This is another area that see a lot of fly tipping. With six investigations taking place here over the last six months. All resulted in no further action due to lack of evidence.. It will remain an area for regular patrols to help reduce the fly tipping.



A further forty-nine investigations have taken place within Kings Hedges over the past six months in other area; including Aragon Close, Edgecombe, and Hanson Court. Six of these resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued. However, these areas will continue to get monitored in the hope of stopping them getting worse.

Abandoned vehicles – nineteen suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated within Kings Hedges over the past six months. Eighteen of which were claimed, and the other one was removed as abandoned by the council.

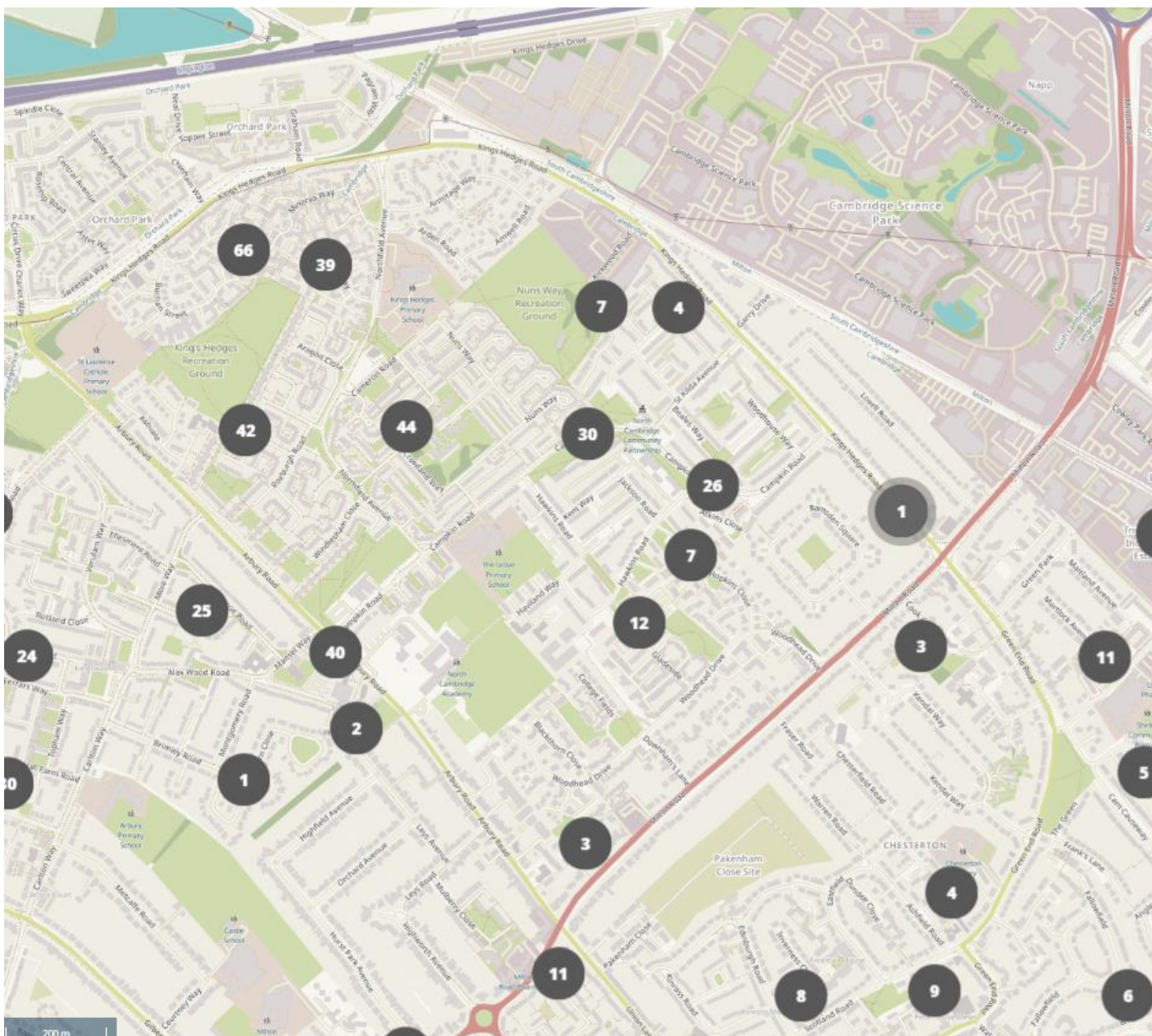
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Operations service

The graffiti removal team have attended many offensive graffiti reports from Minerva Way within Kings Hedge. The cleansing team been busy sweeping all the main roads and residential of leaf fall and detritus and deep cleaning as we go they are currently around Edgecombe flats area.

The grounds maintenance teams have been busy cutting back trees and carrying out their winter maintenance. The sports pitches are being marked out monthly on Nuns War recreation ground so that when football returns they can use the pitches.

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Ward Profile: West Chesterton

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Enforcement team

Within the past six months the following investigations have taken place:

- Milton Road/Mitcham's Corner area – In April, bags of household waste were dumped next to public litter bins and were investigated. Suspect was identified and was served a fixed penalty notice for littering offence.



- Chesterton Hall Crescent – In February, a suspected abandoned vehicle was reported, a notice was issued. Vehicle was no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- Chesterton Road - One domestic littering offence is being investigated. A large fly-tip at Chesterton Road underground recycling point is still under investigation.

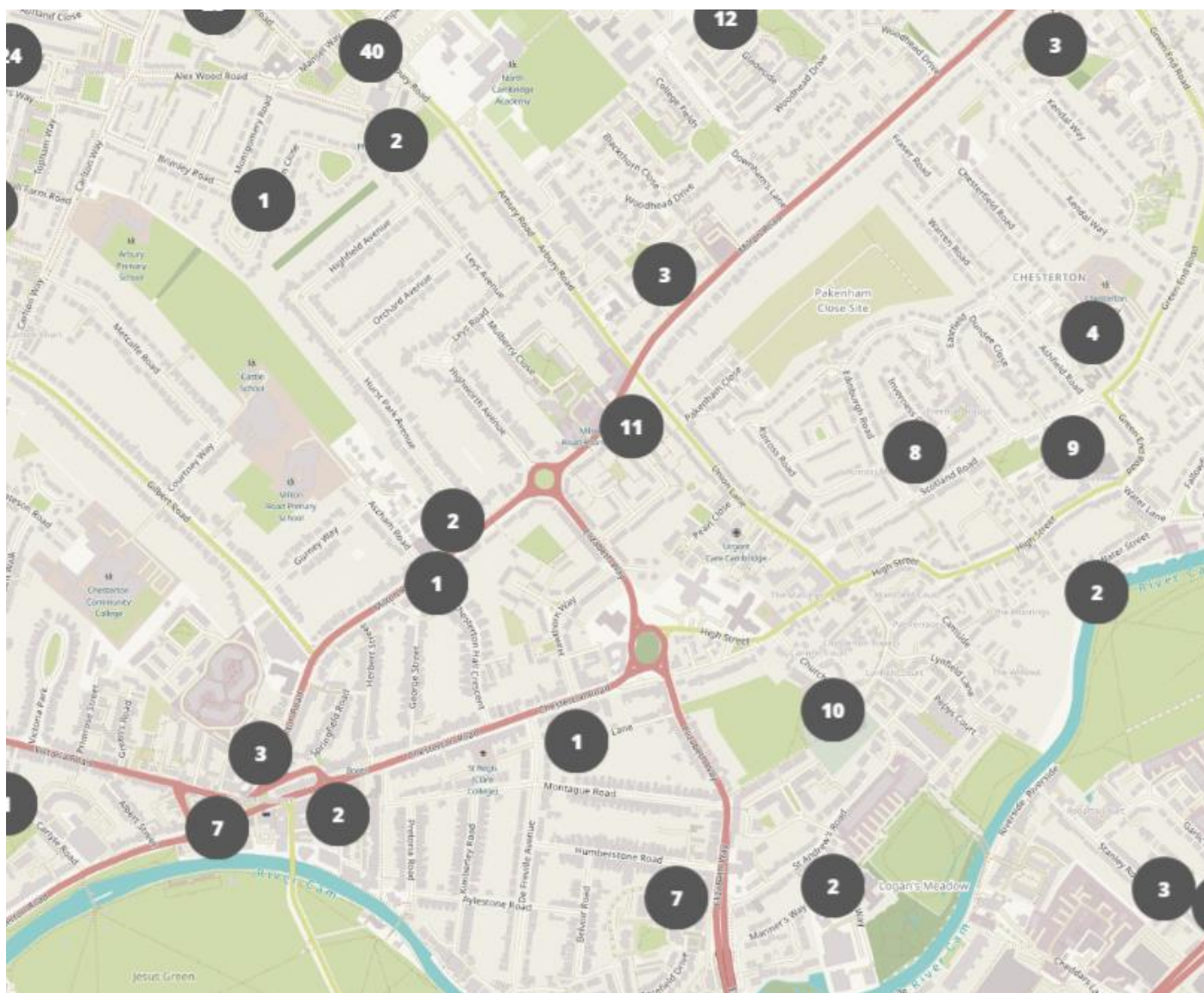


If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Bree Donovan, and Adrian Bastiani.

Operations service

Our grounds maintenance team have been busy doing their winter pruning and our street cleansing operatives have been sweeping all the mains roads and residential areas from detritus and clearing the leaf fall as they go round the ward. We have had many graffiti reports from the ward this period from across the whole ward and our graffiti team respond promptly to clear the graffiti.

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



If you would like to report a cleansing or grounds maintenance issue, please visit our website and complete the relevant webform (found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/street-and-park-maintenance>) or contact our Customer Service Centre.

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 to May 2022):

Event	Date
Hobart Suez CAD	23. 4 2022
Newnham Residents association recycling talk	28.04 2022
Cambourne CAD	14.05 2022
Haslingsfield Eco Fest	05.06 2022
Arbury Carnival	11.06 2022
Hobart Suez CAD	23. 4 2022

3. Environmental and Waste Data

Public Realm [North Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Arbury	East Chesterton	Kings Hedges	West Chesterton
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Fly tipping	607	167	100	308	32
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Fly tipping	518	127	59	293	39
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Needles	24	1 needle (1 instance)	6 needles (3 instances)	12 needles (6 instances)	5 needles (4 instances)
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Needles	3	2 needles (2 instance)	0 needles	0 needles	1 needle (1 instance)
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Fixed penalty notices	14	5	2	5	2
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Fixed penalty notices	38	10	8	19	1

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 March one needle was found on Frenches Road, and in May one needle was found at Rackham Close.
- West Chesterton: In February one needle was removed from Mulberry Close.

Fixed penalty notices:

Fixed penalty notices issued across the period includes one for littering, seven for littering from a motor vehicle, seven for domestic waste littered, seventeen for breach of household duty of care for and six for small scale fly tipping.

Private Realm [North Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Legal Proceedings
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Pest Control	NA	119	NA	NA	NA
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Pest Control	NA	127	NA	NA	NA
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Refuse and waste complaints	11	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	0	0
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Refuse and waste complaints	11	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	0	0
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Other public health interventions ¹	16	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	0	0
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Other public health interventions ¹	12	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	12	0
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Noise complaints	146 Error! Bookmark not defined.	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	1	0
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Noise complaints	79 Error! Bookmark not defined.	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	1	0
Feb 2021 to Jul 2021	Private Sector Housing interventions	54 Error! Bookmark not defined.	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	2	0
Feb 2022 to Jul 2022	Private Sector Housing interventions	55 Error! Bookmark not defined.	NA	Error! Bookmark not defined.	2	0

¹ Other public health complaints include odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

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 22/23
Total recycling rate	51.71%
Recycling rate – dry recycling	20.44%
Recycling rate – composting	31.56%
Amount collected for disposal	48.00%

Number of collections completed as scheduled:

This shows the number of bins that were collected as scheduled (in number and a % and therefore the amount also missed).

Month	Missed	% Missed	% Collected
Apr-22	1553	0.21%	99.79%
May-22	1939	0.26%	99.74%
Jun-22	2745	0.36%	99.64%
Jul-22	1244	0.17%	99.83%

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)	Jess Toombs Andy Hine	01223 457730 01223 458579	jess.toombs@cambridge.gov.uk andrew.hine@cambridge.gov.uk
Enforcement (East Chesterton, Kings Hedges and West Chesterton)	Bree Donovan Adrian Bastiani	01223 457122 01223 458574	bree.donovan@cambridge.gov.uk adrian.bastiani@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	kieran.gentle@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Birgitta Laurent	07525 213774	recycling.champions@scams.gov.uk

If you have a question about one of the council's services, you will be able to find several 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@scams.gov.uk or telephone 07525 213774.

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Ferry Path - Project Update:

Improving biodiversity and quality of life

June 19, 2022

Hal Balodis, Fiona & Henry Bird, Steve Cheek, Susanna Clements, Katherine Dickens, Charles Hattersley, Tim Hill, Miranda Ponek

Improving Ferry Path

There was unanimous agreement that while Ferry Path had its own charm, we could increase its biodiversity by providing more habitat for bees, hedgehogs, frogs and birds. The committee believed that the humans who used the path each day would also benefit.



Ferry Path – The way it was in 2020.



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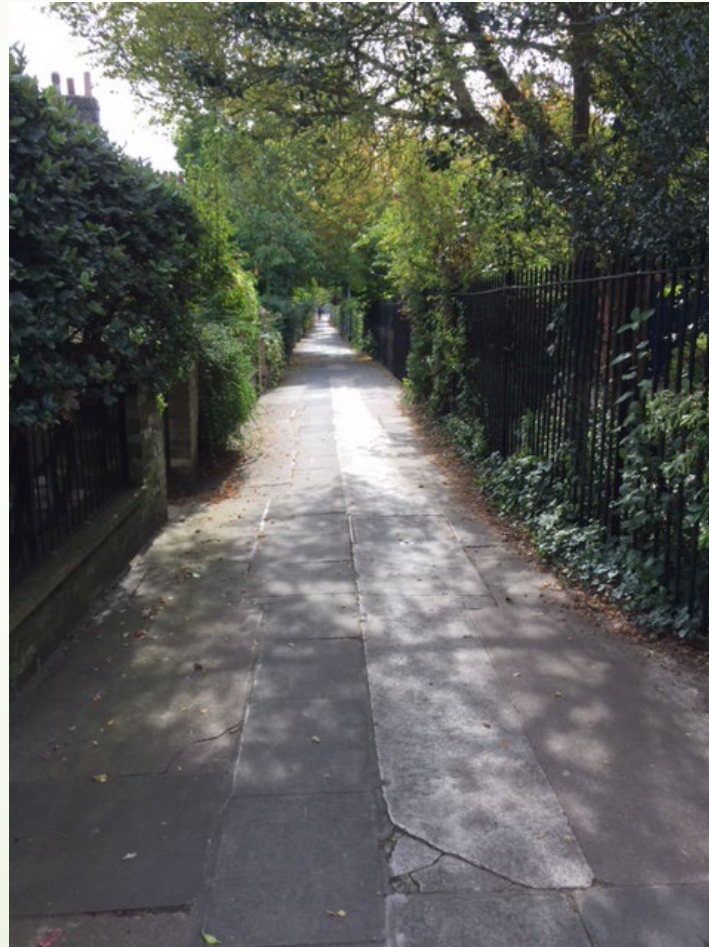


Ferry Path lacked the qualities of other Cambridge pedestrian streets

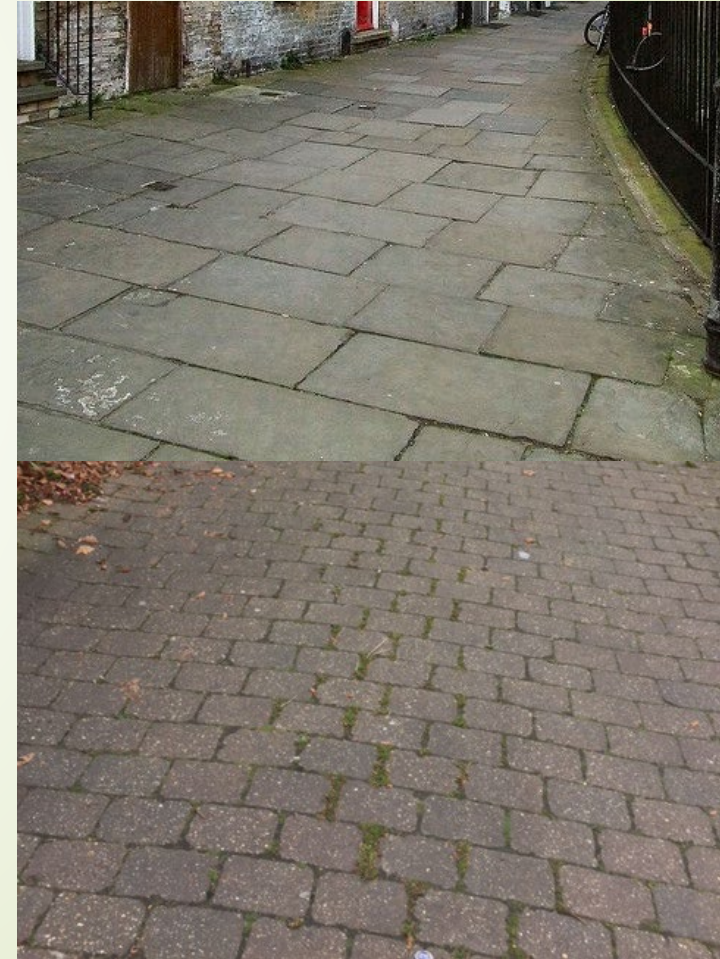
Planters on Portugal Place provide nectar for bees



Climbers on the fencing at Melbourne Place provide habitat



All have paving stones or brick: more attractive than asphalt



Ferry Path, the widest walking street in Cambridge can make a bit of room to accommodate biodiversity.

The Ferry Landing – as it was in 2020

Frequently seen:

- Drug deals
- Drug taking
- Heavy drinking
- Human defecation
- Rough sleeping

(needles, bottles, used toilet paper and gas canisters abound.)

Never seen:

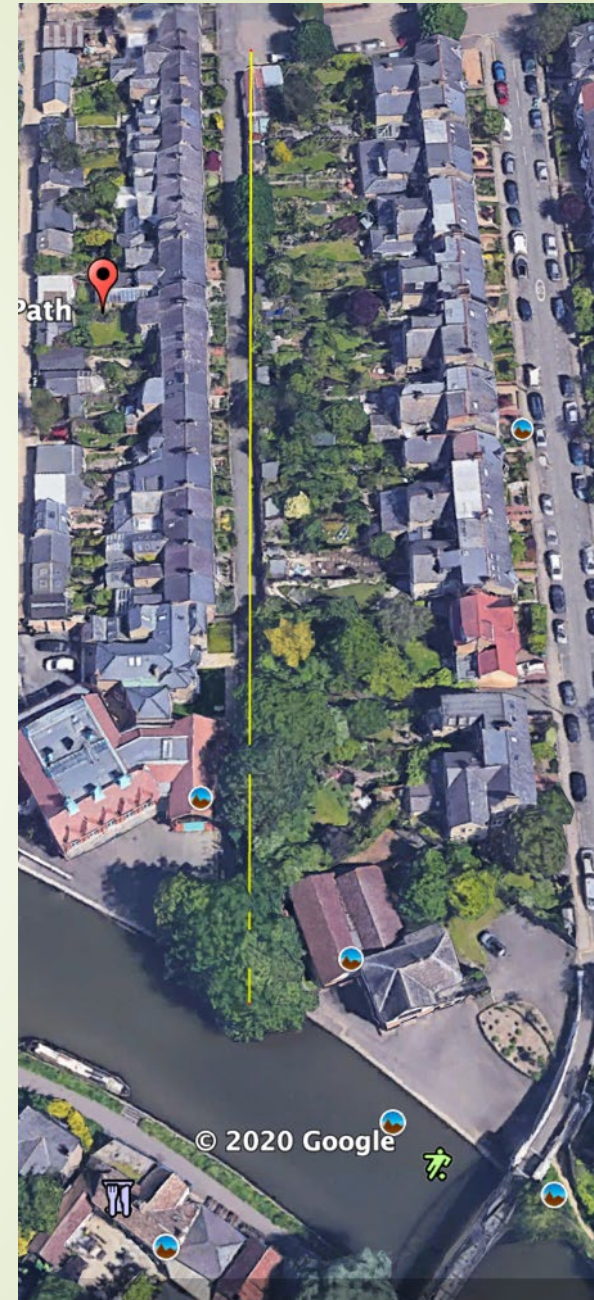
- Children playing
- Community Seniors taking a stroll down the path to the river.



Vision and Goals

Transform the mostly barren fence side of Ferry Path and the Ferry Landing into a strip of sustainable plants and flowers.

1. Provide sustainable, low maintenance plantings for bees, butterflies, hedgehogs and other local wildlife in support of both local and national biodiversity strategies.
2. Improve the aesthetics of the Path and the landing.
3. Improve safety by showing the area is well-cared for. (Studies show crime decreases in well-tended areas.)
4. Build community by bringing neighbours together to both work on the design and tend to the plantings.



Proposed to Cambridgeshire County:
Installation of 3 flower beds and 2 tree beds.

- Lesser Calamint
- Calamintha nepeta
- Helenium autumnale
- Geranium rozanne
- Echium vulgare perennial
- Borage
- Teucrium fruticans
- evergreen
- Lavendar
- Rosemary
- Wild Marjoram
- Origanum vulgare perennial
- Thyme
- Purple Loosestrife
- Lythrum salicaria
- Chamerion augustifolium
- Buddleia

- Dog Rose (Canina rosa)
- Clematis
- Honeysuckle
- Lonicera periclymenum
- Belgica
- Serotina

Flower Bed 1 - Herbs
Wild Marjoram, Thyme etc.

Flower Bed 2 – Tall plants
Loosestrife and Willowherb etc.

Flower Bed 3 – Flowering Plants
Calamint etc.

Climbers for the fence

Landing Zone
Climbers, Shade-loving plants

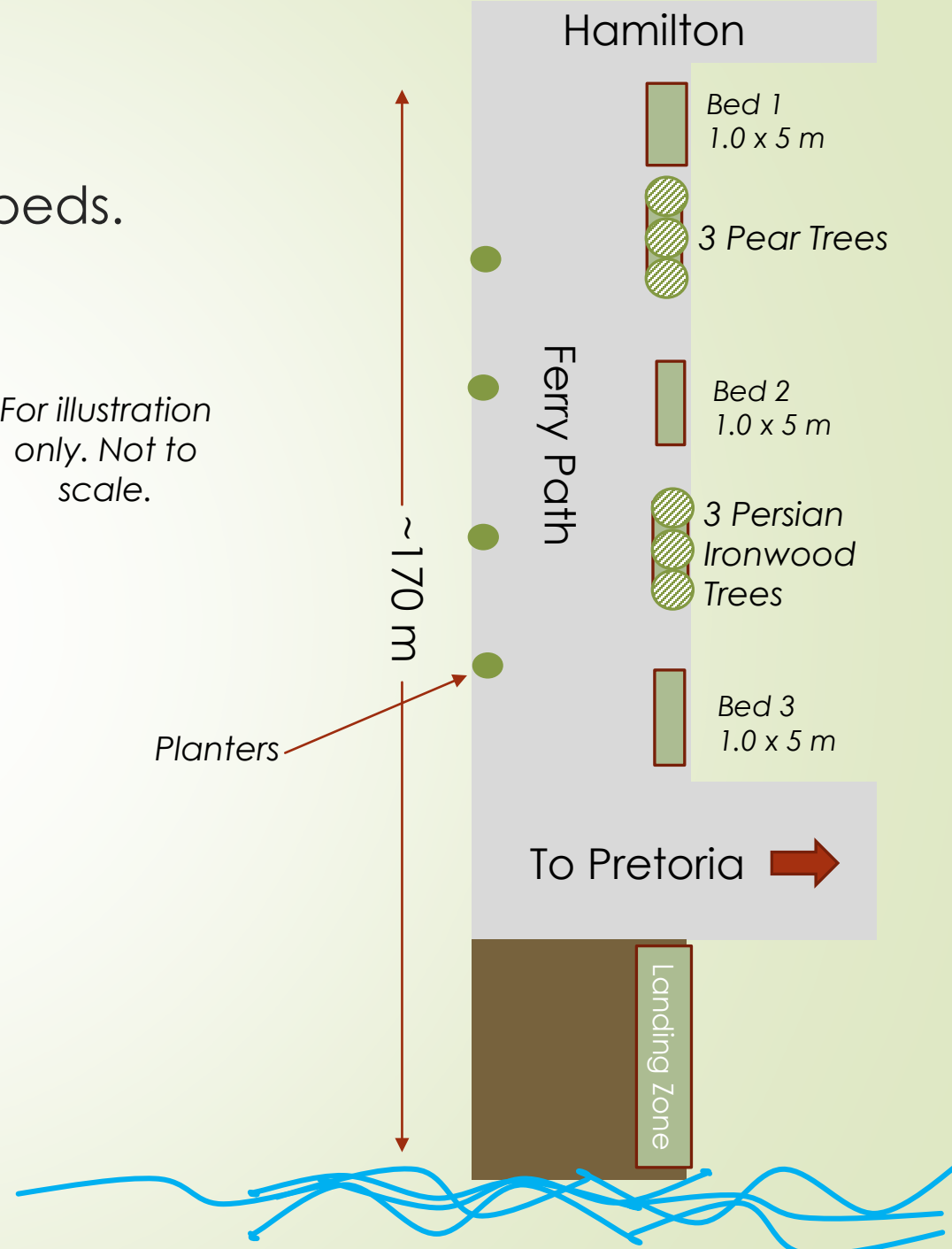
Planters ● Fruit Trees ●

[Fruit tree selection supplied by City Arborist.

Walkable gravel bedding for each tree is 1.5 meters.

Tree trunk is ~ 0.75 m from fence]

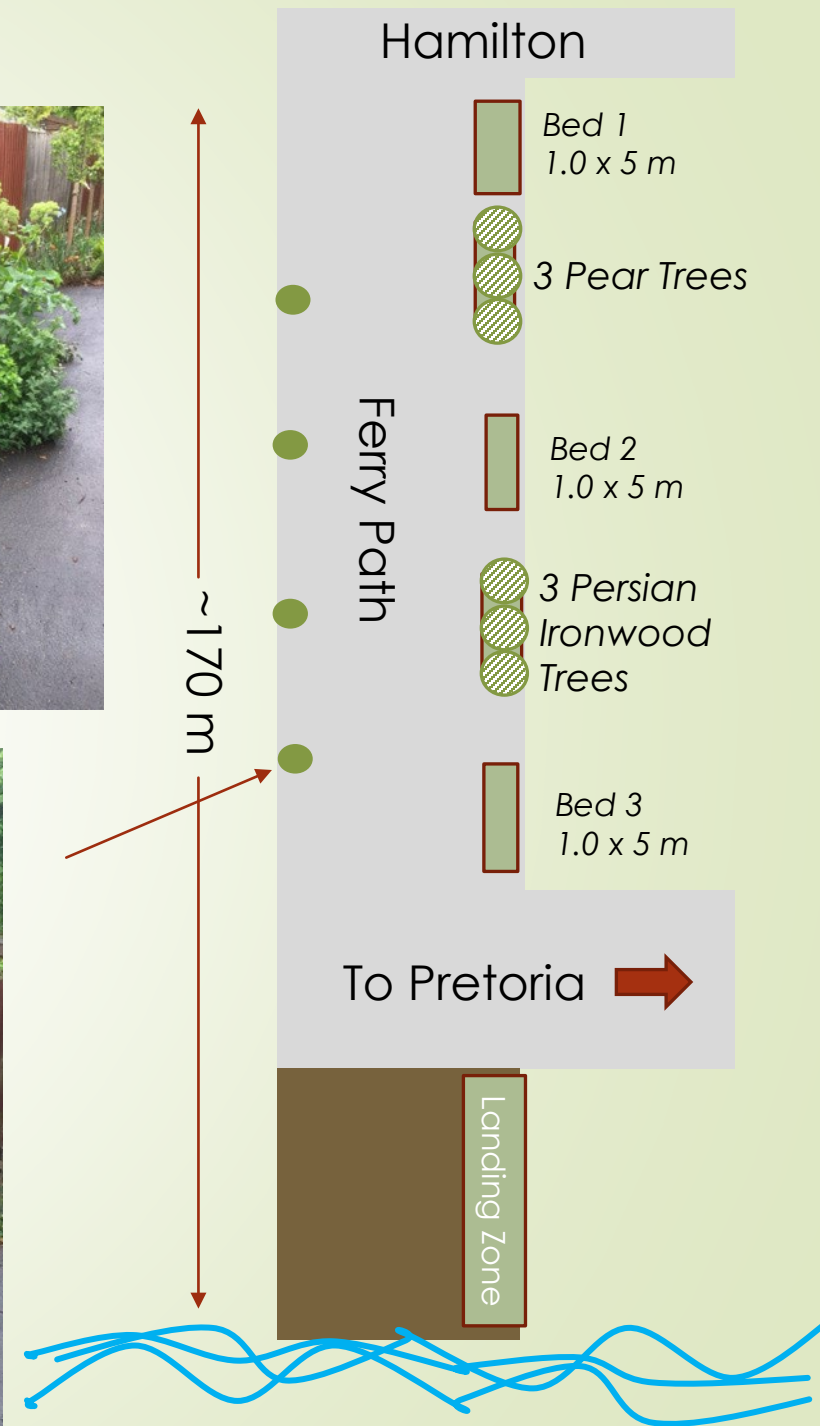
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Ferry Path as it is now



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Ferry Landing as it is now



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Bed 3
1.0 x 5 m

To Pretoria →

Landing Zone



River Cam

Outcomes

➤ Enhanced the biodiversity and human appreciation for Ferry Path.

- ❑ Established a protective habitat for bees, hedgehogs, birds, frogs
- ❑ Community is derived from a well-designed public green space
- ❑ Community solidarity gained from working on a project for the common good
- ❑ Greater access / use of the Landing as a pleasant destination for the community

➤ Provided an area where neighbours can safely gather.

The improvements have eliminated or dramatically reduced:

- ❑ Drug dealing
- ❑ Loitering
- ❑ Littering
- ❑ Rough sleeping

Key Documents

► City of Cambridge


- Environmental Policy Statement
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/6711/environment-policy-statement.pdf>
- Nature Conservation Strategy "Enhancing Biodiversity"
<https://files.cambridge.gov.uk/public/ldf/coredocs/RD-NE/rd-ne-080.pdf>

► Cambridgeshire County

- Protecting and providing green space
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/arts-green-spaces-activities/protecting-and-providing-green-space>

► National Government

- Safer Places. The Planning System and Crime Prevention
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7784/147627.pdf
- Biodiversity duty: public authority duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-duty-public-authority-duty-to-have-regard-to-conserving-biodiversity>



Thanks to our partners from the City and County who supported the removal of asphalt and the digging of the beds. Thanks also for the donations of our neighbours' time and money that made this project possible.

Committee Action Sheet - North Area Committee (NAC)

Date: 4/7/2022

1. 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
 - Update: 9 June 2022 – Cllr Bird advised she had received no contact from Network Rail.

2. Minute reference: 22/12/NAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods
 - Action: Would provide a written response to Councillor Gawthrope Wood how knife crime in King Hedges Ward compared to other North Area Committee wards.
 - Lead: Sergeant Emms
 - Update: 4 July 2022 - Response would be provided to Cllr Gawthrope Wood. Item to be closed.

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