



Cambridge City Council  
**South Area Committee**

**Date:** Monday, 12 June 2023

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** This a virtual meeting and therefore there is no physical location for this meeting.

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**Agenda**

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Notes of Previous Meeting (Pages 3 - 12)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes
- 5 Open Forum
- 6 Environmental Report - SAC (Pages 13 - 38)

**City Councillors:** Hauk (Chair), Lee (Vice-Chair), Ashton, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Levien, McPherson and Young

**County Councillors:** Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

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**SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE**

6 March 2023

7.00 - 8.58 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors Hauk (Chair), Page-Croft (Vice-Chair), Ashton, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee, Levien, McPherson, Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

**Officers:**

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Community Funding and Voluntary Sector Manager: Julie Cornwell

Melanie Bake: Senior Grants Officer

Anti-Social Behaviors Officer: Rachel Fairhead

Committee Manager: Chris Connor

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****23/1/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

**23/2/SAC Declarations of Interest**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Area Committee Grants	Ashton	Personal: Member of Cherry Hinton Residents Association
Area Committee Grants	Dryden	Personal: Member of Cherry Hinton Residents Association

**23/3/SAC Notes of Previous Meeting**

The notes of the meetings held on 28 November 2022 were noted.

### **23/4/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes**

The committee action sheet was noted. Councillors would send any updates to the Committee Manager outside of the meeting.

- i. Councillor Davies asked a question regarding the report given by Officer on the Making Connections report and did not get a response before the closing date of the report but did get a response in January.
- ii. Posed question to Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) officer in which the report stated that 53% of trips being undertaken by residents asked for a breakdown of that over hour of day and day of week. The GCP's response was that the data did not contain that information. Should it be required they would be willing to include it in future reports.
- iii. Councillor Ashton felt that officers are not providing all answers about where they got the numbers for the statistics of the Making Connection report.

### **23/5/SAC Open Forum**

Members of the public put forward the following statements, as set out below.

1. A member of the public raised the following issues:
  - i. Enquired about potholes on Queen Edith's Way.
  - ii. Enquired about streetlights on Spalding Road, stated there are not enough.
  - iii. Asked about a residents parking scheme on Glebe Road.

Councillors Beckett provided the following response(s):

- i. Potholes were an issue. Had been doing utmost to get on top of them. Usually have 6 crews working on them but currently they have 10.
- ii. There were approximately 5000 potholes outstanding. They are able to fix 1200 a week and are doing so as quickly as possible.
- iii. Are resurfacing some roads in an attempt to lessen the number of potholes popping up.
- iv. Regarding streetlights, they were submitting Local Highway Improvement funding (LHI) bids for more streetlights. Happy to take away suggestions.

- v. There was a contract in place until 2027 for third party to fill potholes. The County Council does not have its own crews working on them. At present they need to adhere to the contract.
2. A member of the public sent in the following statement:
    - i. I would propose the construction of a single tennis court to be placed adjacent to the skatepark in the Clay Farm area of Trumpington.
    - ii. Across the whole of Trumpington, to best knowledge, there is one in 'older Trumpington', one in Trumpington Meadows, but none in Clay Farm.

#### Dog Control - PSPO Proposal for Hobson's Park

- iii. The questions have raised queries in the consultation with regards to whether they have followed the guidance provided by the [Market Research Society](#) - there are no questions about to support or refute the creation, renewal, expansion of the PSPO.
- iv. The survey does not provide any quantitative data on the number of incidents that suggests that dog-control is ineffective or problematic. Nor does the proposal share any insights into already having tackled the issue via alternative means on pre-existing enforcement. For example dog-littering is an offence with the ability to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- v. There are also CPNs and CBOs which target the few irresponsible individuals and not a blanket group of people (all individuals who are dog owners).
- vi. Further to this the guidance of LGA, DEFRA and Home Office says to provide alternative provision when proposing any PSPO to ensure the ability to maintain the Animal Welfare Act. The PSPO proposal fails to set out any alternative provision.
- vii. The proposal specifically targets dog owners but the site being marked out and grounds are a disturbance to ground nesting birds but makes no proposed restrictions on humans. It seems there's a fundamental lack of knowledge or proper due diligence:
  - i. Statista (used by [gov.uk](#)) has 1 in 3 households having at least one dog. Statista also has record that there are 13 million dogs in the UK.

- viii. In the development area of Clay Farm alone that is 800 dogs with 1,500 walks a day - if Animal Welfare of the dog is meeting the Animal Welfare Act and guidance of The Kennel Club, RSPCA etc.
- ix. Yet we've not seen any efforts for enforcement of individuals, no statistics that there is a problematic issue and a disregard that in terms of disturbance to avian life - then lights, sounds and vibrations are all detractors - all of which is caused by the growing expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Cambridge South Station - the latter in particular including heavy machinery and the future construction taking over large portions of Hobson's Park - causing further restriction on all animal life and biodiversity.
- x. For the Councillors who are sit on and represent the political parties on committee the lack of transparency with reference to evidence data being shared with the public, the leading questions of the survey all point to a biased approach.
- xi. Given that Hobson's Park in particular is being cited for Seasonal restrictions then I would reference the wording created by The Kennel Club and RSPB - on effective dog control:
  - a. The Kennel Club worked with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to establish a definition of 'effective control':
    - 1. is kept on a lead whether fixed or extendable, or
    - 2. if not on a lead, the person in charge of the dog remains aware of its actions and the dog will return to him reliably and promptly on command.
- xii. Why cannot this wording be used and applied to Hobson's Park.
- xiii. It was also noted the lack of The Kennel Club being approached prior to the proposals being put to Councillors - although LGA, DEFRA and Home Office all recommend doing so.
- xiv. Were Councillors aware of any statistics prior to this going to consultation?

Councillor Hauk provided the following response(s):

- i. Was not aware of any statistics. Only that it was based on complaints received. Stated that he would bring this up at the next Environment & Community (E&C) scrutiny committee.
- ii. Encouraged member of public to register to speak at next E&C scrutiny committee as this would be taken into consideration as part of the consultation.

Councillor Slatter provided the following response(s):

- i. Stated that she would encourage Councillor Hauk to bring this up at the next E&C scrutiny committee meeting and would like a report of it at the next available South Area Committee meeting.

3. A member of the public raised the following issues:

- i. Why was their request for funding in Trumpington which specifically applies to community development activities not fully endorsed.
- ii. Why did all members of the committee receive instructions to put a stop to all questions about this application at this committee meetings and by who?

Councillors provided the following response(s):

- i. Councillor Levien stated he does not know the details of the application. Asked if member of the public could email them the details of the application.
- ii. Councillor Hauk stated that any criticism of the decision-making process should be directed to full council.
- iii. Councillor Ashton stated that Trumpington is getting a large share of the funding for other projects. Stated that the process of how funding is split up needs to be looked at again.
- iv. Councillor Slatter stated that she is unhappy with the changes in area committees and the fact that decisions cannot currently be made regarding grants.
- v. Councillor Davies stated that reports used to come to area committees about grants. There was officer commentary stating why funds were granted. Said that currently they do not have any information about why funds were granted or not and feels that is something that needs to be looked at.

4. A member of the public raised the following issues:

- i. Red Cross Lane Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme approved by Cambridgeshire Police is seeing an increase in suspicious activities and groups of men in the area of Greenlands estate. With The Biomedical and Hospitals next door there have been two noticeable changes in the last month:
  - a. Daytime vans are parking on the estate and saying this is because they cannot park on site to go to the hospital, they say parking has reduced and changed and now vans are too

large for the spaces. The vans are trespassing, but other vans and cars are parking around them for unknown reasons, there have been small groups of men in black who seem to go off wandering the local area.

- b. At night small number of similar vehicles are coming on to the estate to park 1- 4am but no one knows why (some may be taxis/private hire vehicles, but no one is sure and are they to do with the hospitals or something else?)
- ii. The link Red Cross Lane to Addenbrookes is bringing in suspicious, anti-social and possible crime from Trumpington and it is going out through the opening of the public right of way to Ninewells through to the cycle path/park and ride and backwards to Trumpington, what can be done?

Councillors provided the following response(s):

- i. Councillor Beckett has been working with member of the public and has put in an LHI bid to help with problem parking in the Red Cross Lane area.
- ii. Councillor Davies suggested that the traffic issue addressed by Councillor Beckett be separated from the policing issues and save that for the police to respond to that enquiry.

### **23/6/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods**

The Committee received a report from the Anti-social behaviour regarding policing and safer neighbourhoods.

The report outlined actions taken since the last reporting period. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see Officer report for full details.)

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Continuing work with vehicle related issues.
- ii. Reducing crime and ASB by young people. Operations Guardian and Springboard were in effect. Families and individuals were being visited by police.
- iii. The Police sat on the Councils led peer group and places meeting which focuses on young people and hot spot locations. Targeted patrols were taking place by the police. There had been a drop in calls to these locations.
- iv. Identified several outdoor spaces, multiuse games spaces that had a lack of lighting. This was having a negative impact on several children's



- social groups during the winter and darker months. As a result, the council had funded portable LED lights at Trumpington Pavilion.
- v. The council had been addressing ASB at Cherry Hinton Library and had attended meetings with Library Association, Police and CMBAC to adopt a multi-agency approach to those issues. CCTV cameras have been installed both inside and outside of Cherry Hinton library.
  - vi. The peer group and places meeting took place. It was organised and chaired by the Council and was attended by police, fire and rescue, schools, social care, youth offending teams, Romsey Mill and housing associations. They looked at cases where young people have come to agencies attention around safeguarding, ASB and low-level criminality. All the agencies work together to try and resolve those issues.
  - vii. Councillors raised concerns that the police did not send a representative to the meeting.
  - viii. Councillors felt that the lack of statistics in report was unhelpful. Felt it was more detailed prior to COVID.
  - ix. Stated that there was vandalism at Nightingale Garden and would have appreciated the opportunity to discuss this.
  - x. Happy to hear that CCTV cameras have been installed at Cherry Hinton Library.
  - xi. The Chair stated that he would find out why the police representative did not attend the meeting and would urge them to send a representative in the future.
  - xii. Councillor McPherson requested as the lead Councillor for community safety would like his comments noted. Councillor McPherson stated that he is disappointed that the police had not attended the meeting nor contacted anyone to say why they would not be attending.
  - xiii. A Councillor asked why there was a lapsed police presence at new community college in Trumpington. Wanted to know if the police would be coming back.
  - xiv. A Member of public stated that in his position at a governor at Trumpington Community College would be interested to find out about the police presence as well.
  - xv. A Councillor wanted to enquire about parking of double yellow lines. Stated that this constitutes ASB. Said that County Council Parking Enforcement is responsible for this, not the police and wants to know who one needs to speak to in order to get Parking Enforcement to come to a specific area.

The Committee received a report from the Community Funding & Development Manager regarding Community Grants.

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

- i. Councillor Davies enquired how more successful bids could come from Queen Edith's.
- ii. Councillor Slatter stated that applicants should contact Officers prior to submitting application as Officers would be happy assist them with applications to ensure that no errors were made.

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

- i. Aware of issues in the application process. The Community Grants programme application process will be reviewed.

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

1. Applicant from Trumpington was present and enquired about why their bid was not successful. Stated he was aware that Officers response would be recorded/broadcast and minuted that gave approval for that. Said he has seen there was an underspend on grants in the South area and that not all grant money had been allocated. Stated he would like to know what will happen to these funds.

The Officer said the following in response to Applicants question:

- i. Any underspend will be pooled and any groups wishing to apply may do so. They will be assessed in exactly the same way as previous applications.
2. Applicant for grant stated he would like explained in detail why they did not receive all of the grant money the applied for.

The Officer said the following in response to Applicants question:

- i. Did not have three unrelated directors. However, would be happy to make a partial award if that condition was met.
- ii. It was determined that there was a limited measure of impact of the activity and how it would reduce social and economic deprivation. One off events did not have a sustained ongoing impact on social and economic deprivation.
- iii. Lack of funding from alternative sources. Expect groups to look to other sources for income and not just be fully funded by the council.

- iv. Due to the cost of living crisis felt it was inappropriate to fund professional Santa and Elves. Felt that volunteers could fill these roles.
- v. Previous awards were not recognised in accounts.
- vi. Accounts information showed that reserves were available that could be contributed towards the activity.

The meeting ended at 8.58 pm

**CHAIR**

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# Environmental Report



## Cambridge South Area

[Covering the wards of Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington]

Period of December 2022 to May 2023

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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. South Area Profiles

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



## Ward Profile: Cherry Hinton

### Map



### Community Engagement team

The Community Engagement team facilitated corporate events with several groups across the ward between December and May, including:

- Green Custard (March) – at Cherry Hinton Hall volunteers spent a day renovating benches, completing tree works and a litter pick.
- Ethicon (April) – at Cherry Hinton Hall volunteers spent a day renovating benches, weeding from around the old oak tree, weeding halos of smaller trees followed by a litter pick.
- Kier (May) – at Cherry Hinton Hall volunteers completed tree works, bench renovation and conservation projects in the hall grounds.



A green team session was run at Cherry Hinton Hall as part of the Big Help Out in May, and cut back brambles, sowed wildflower seeds and made stag beetle stumperies.



In January, the community engagement team and volunteers started preparing for trees for babies' scheme, bedding in trees at the nursery at Cherry Hinton Hall.

Community Payback worked in the ward and undertook work in Cherry Hinton Hall in January where they cleared all leaves and litter from the play area and splash park and cleared and edged the car park. In February they worked at St Bede's and Walpole Road and completed area litter picks and tidied bushes and hedges, as well as edging pavements around the estate. They also worked at Leete Road and the passageway to the recreation ground was swept and cutback, as well as two sides passages leading to the rear of houses. At the recreation ground the pavements were edged and bushes and hedges cutback.

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 proactive patrols in the area, spending approximately five to ten hours per week there.

Officers continued to undertake proactive patrols within the city targeting hot spot areas and investigate cases of littering from a motor vehicle. Twelve cases of littering were investigated in this area. Fixed penalty notices (FPN) are issued for littering as an alternative to prosecution. Currently officers have issued three FPN in this area this reporting period. This also includes litter from vehicles. Hot spot areas in the period have included Cherry Hinton High Street, Cheery Hinton Hall and Chelwood Road.

Officers undertake investigations into dumped waste on all public land across the ward, including parks, open spaces, footpaths, and recycling centres, and investigate cases where there is a breach of the household duty of care of waste produced by a householder.

As part of an investigation the suspect will be contacted and invited to provide a response as to how their waste came to be found at the location – this will be done either via letter or a formal interview under caution. Based on their response, or non-response appropriate action can be taken, and this could include a Community Protection Warning, fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

In the last six months there have been nine investigations completed which resulted in

- One Community Protection Warnings, and
- Three fixed penalty notices and

The hot spot areas have been:

- Chelwood Road - when numerous cardboard boxes were left on the pavement area.
- Fishers Lane- Numerous cardboard boxes and a microwave oven.
- Chelwood Road- Car Park area behind shops cardboard boxes and large household umbrella stand.
- Cherry Hinton High Street – waste dumped by the litter bins outside shops



Officers deal with businesses within the city where there are breaches of the duty of care relating to commercial waste and can issue statutory notices (section 47) setting out how waste is to be managed, stored, and disposed of. Failure to comply with such as notice is an offence for which a fixed penalty notice can be issued. Officers make educational visits to remind businesses of their duty of care and work with Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Commercial team and other waste carriers operating in the city.

At present there are four businesses within the ward on section 47 notices. In this period, an additional three have been issued section 47 notices relating to the poor management of their trade waste, and four FPNs in the period for breach of notices.

Fourteen suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated in the period.

- One of the vehicles has been declared abandoned and was destroyed by the council.
- Eight vehicles have been claimed by the owner or were no longer on site when officers revisited the locations: and
- Five vehicles were not at the location when officer investigated.
- One FPN was issued for an abandoned vehicle
- One vehicle was destroyed

Hot spots for abandoned vehicles in the period were Church End, Fulbourn Road and March Lane

Officers undertake investigations into cases of reported dog control issues. This can include dogs straying from a property, dogs not being exercised under control or irresponsible dog ownership (such as dog fouling). Officers work closely with Wood Green Outreach Team who work to support dog owners in the community ([Meet Woodgreen's Outreach team | Woodgreen Pets Charity](#)).

In the last six-month officers have investigated the following four cases of dog control issues

- One case of repeated straying at Queens Meadow.
- Two issues of PSPO breach at Cherry Hinton Hall
- One case of dog fouling Cherry Hinton Road

Six dogs were found straying and seized by the council during the last six months. The dogs were found straying at Cherry Hinton Hall, Cherry Hinton Road, Tenby Close and Paget Road. Four of the dogs were claimed by their owners, and two are still in kennels.

Officers respond to reports of illegal camping where a tent is in use. Any campers on site that are visited to be officers will be asked to move on and served a 24-hour notice to vacate. If a tent is abandoned after the 24 hours then it will be seized and stored for 28 days. Occupants of tents will be signposted to the relevant support agencies, and details of the camp passed onto the Street Outreach team who are able to respond. Officers will always seek to provide information to campers on how they can seek access to welfare facilities and support services.

In the period there have been one case of illegal camping located at Cherry Hinton Hall.

If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Tony Durman and Jordan Hine.

### **Operations Team**

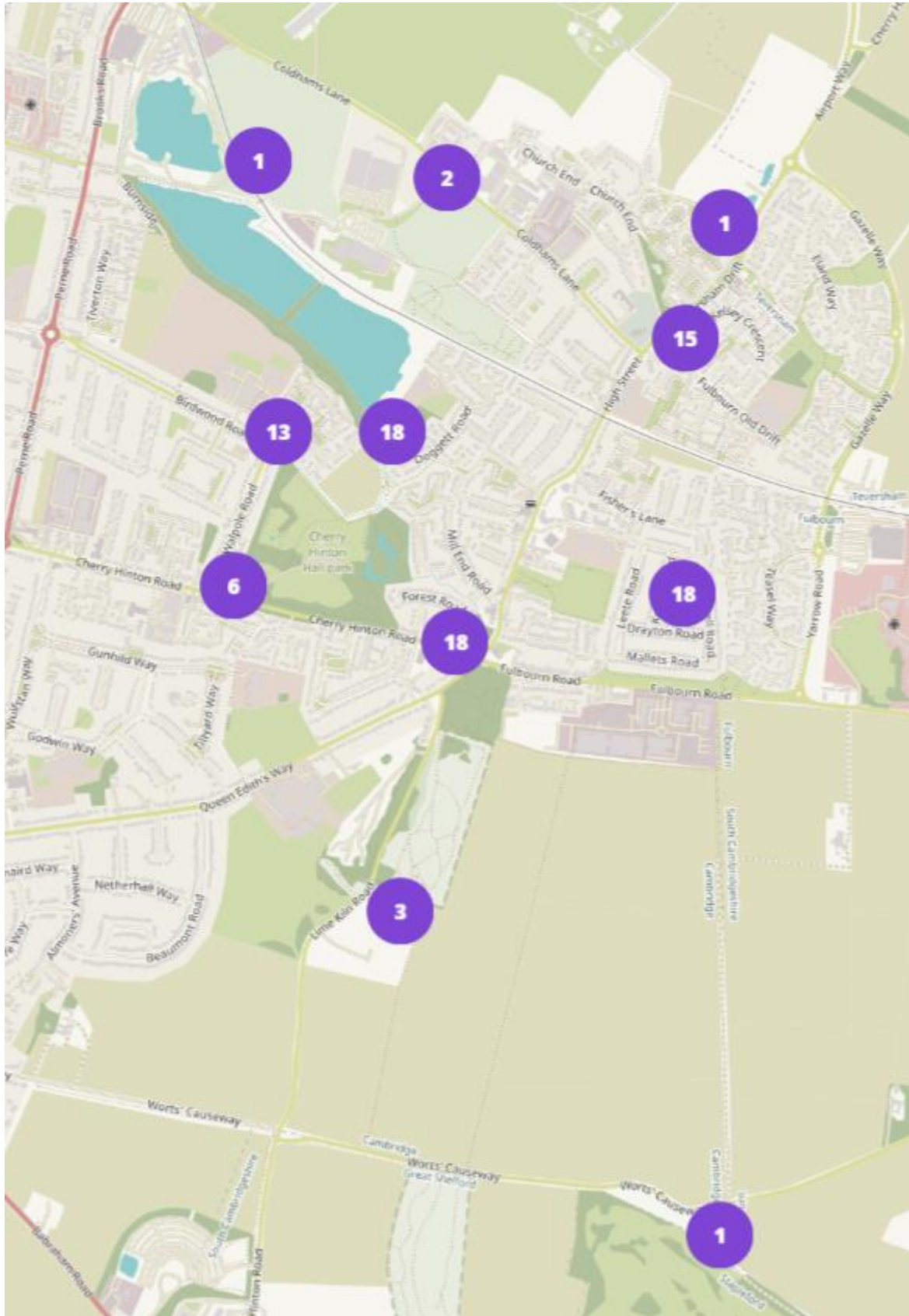
The Operations team have finished clearing all the leaf fall in the area with the ground's maintenance team. The team have completed winter pruning and maintenance of shrub beds across the highways and green spaces ready for the bird nesting season. Over the course of April, the ground's maintenance team grass began cutting across Cherry Hinton.

The Limeklin Road laybys have been identified as a hot spot for flytipping and is being monitored by the enforcement team.

The street cleansing team have been sweeping all the main roads and residential areas of detritus as per the ward schedule. The team have been targeting areas that require deep cleaning and in need of attention by exception.



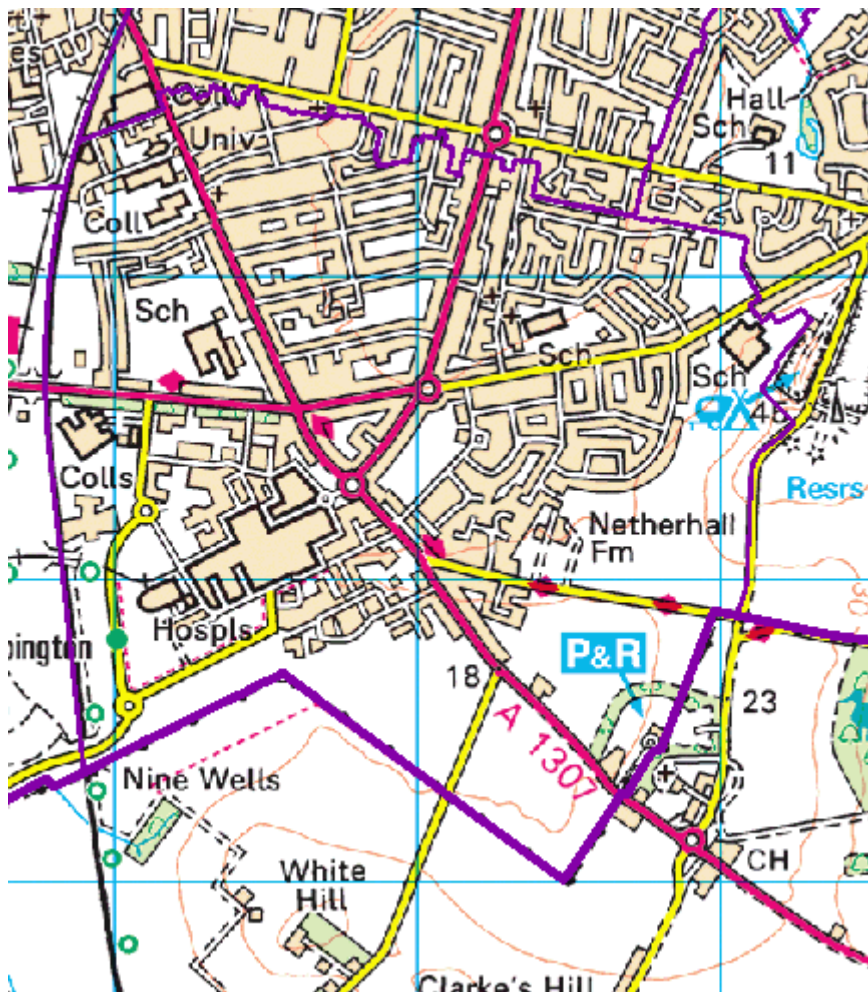
The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytipping cleared within the last six-month period.



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.

## Ward Profile: Queen Edith's

### Map



### Community Engagement team

The community engagement team worked with Community Payback who undertook work throughout the ward between December and May including litter picking, and edging pavements.

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### Enforcement team

Officers conduct regular proactive patrols in the area, spending approximately five to ten hours per week there.

Officers continued to undertake proactive patrols within the city targeting hot spot areas and investigate cases of littering from a motor vehicle. Fixed penalty notices (FPNs) are issued for littering as an alternative to prosecution. Hot spot areas in the period have included Wulfstan Way, Hills Road and Mowbray / Perne Road. Seven FPNs have been issued with one being referred to prosecution as a result of littering from motor vehicle.

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In the last six months there have been three investigations completed. Unfortunately, no evidence was found during these investigations.



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In the last six-month officers have investigated the following cases of dog control:

- Dog repeatedly straying into neighbouring gardens and around local area, and being allowed to foul,
- Dog jumping over neighbouring fence This includes being in the garden area and at the front of the property.

One dog was found straying and seized by the council during the last six months. The dogs were found straying at Mowbray Road and the dog was claimed by their owner.

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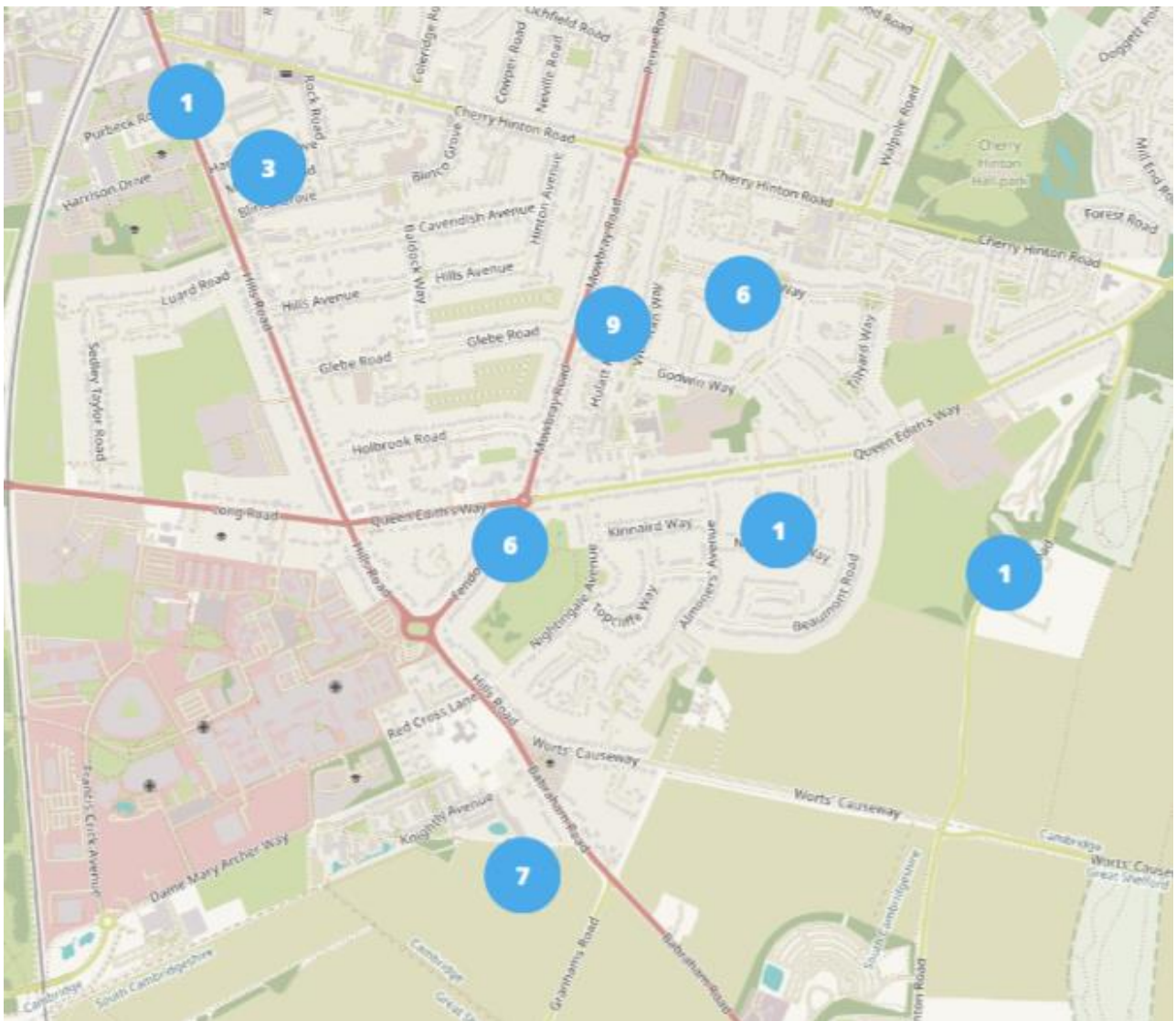
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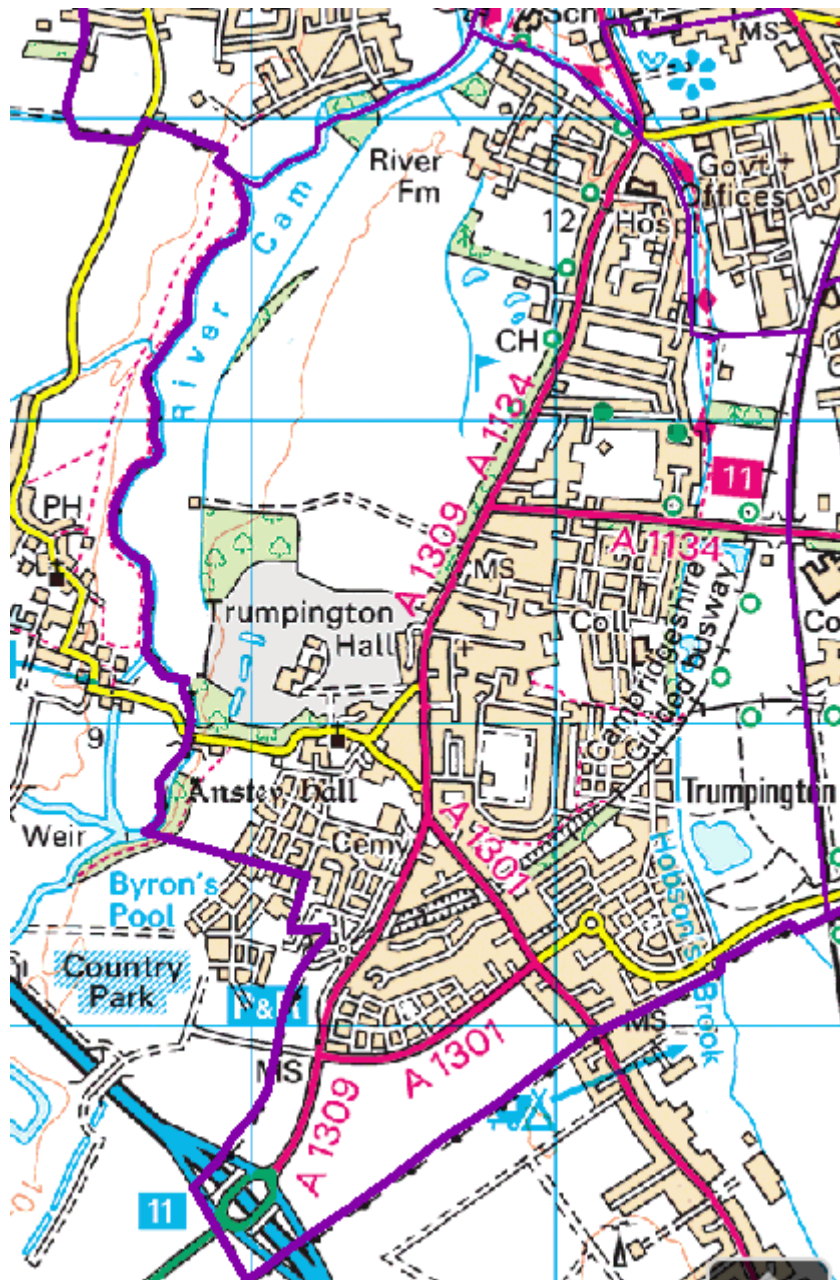
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## Ward Profile: Trumpington

### Map



### Community Engagement team

In January, the Community Engagement Team held a session at Trumpington Recreation Ground for trees, where they undertook re-staking, weeding, and mulching of newly planted apple trees. They also undertook two tree planting sessions with volunteers. At Clay Farm Community Garden, the team also worked with the Community Garden volunteers to help with weeding and sowing grass seed.

In April the team facilitated a group of corporate volunteers from Future Tech who worked on Lammas Land to do some planting, renovate benches, tree works (such as weeding and mulching) and undertook a litter pick.

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Officers continued to undertake proactive patrols within the city targeting hot spot areas and investigate cases of littering from a motor vehicle. Fixed penalty notices (FPNs) are issued for littering as an alternative to prosecution. Hot spot areas in the period have included Anstey Way, Glebe Farm Drive and Monkswell.

Officers undertake investigations into dumped waste on all public land across the ward, including parks, open spaces, footpaths, and recycling centres, and investigate cases where there is a breach of the household duty of care of waste produced by a householder.

As part of an investigation the suspect will be contacted and invited to provide a response as to how their waste came to be found at the location – this will be done either via letter or a formal interview under caution. Based on their response, or non-response appropriate action can be taken, and this could include a Community Protection Warning, fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

In the last six months there have been fourteen investigations completed which resulted in eight FPNs.

The hot spot areas have been Anstey Way, Vicarage Way and Glebe Farm Drive.



Three suspected abandoned vehicles have been investigated in the period.

- Two of the vehicles has been declared abandoned and was destroyed by the council.
- One vehicle has been claimed by the owner or was no longer on site when officers revisited the locations:

Hot spots for abandoned vehicles in the period were Addenbrookes Road and Hauxton Road.

Officers undertake investigations into cases of reported dog control issues. This can include dogs straying from a property, dogs not being exercised under control or irresponsible dog ownership (such as dog fouling). Officers work closely with Wood Green Outreach Team who work to support dog owners in the community ([Meet Woodgreen's Outreach team](#) | [Woodgreen Pets Charity](#)).

In the last six-month officers have investigated following cases of dog control:

- Paget Close, dog straying and being allowed to foul in area
- Paget Road, dog jumping over neighbours' fence and straying.
- Addenbrookes road, dog straying

Six dogs were found straying and seized by the council during the last six months. The dogs were found straying at places such as Addenbrookes Road, Trumpington Road, and Paget Road. Five of the six dogs were claimed by their owners, and one had been rehomed via Wood Green.

Three warning letters were sent requesting the owners update their dog's details on an approved microchipping database. All of these have been complied with, leading to no further being taken.

If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Tony Durman and Jordan Hine.

### **Operations Team**

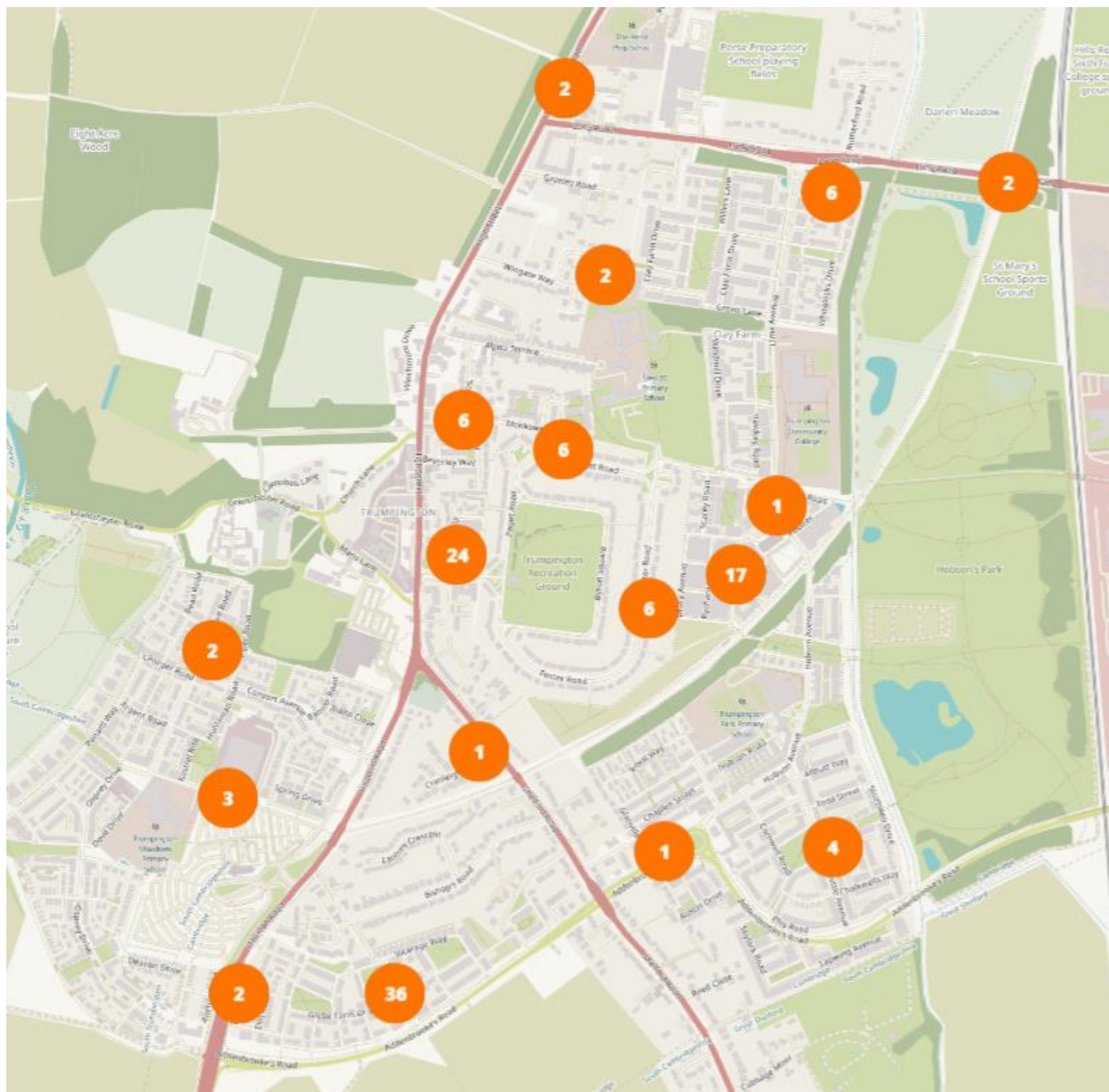
The street cleansing team have been sweeping all the main roads and residential areas of detritus and completing deep cleaning as they go around the ward. Operatives have been busy clearing all the leaf fall in the area with the ground's maintenance team.

The team have completed our winter pruning and maintenance of shrub beds across the highways and parks ready for the bird nesting season.

Over the course of April, the ground's maintenance team started grass cutting for the season.



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.

### Local Nature Reserves and Biodiversity

At Byron's Pool in January volunteers coppiced hazel, in February a kestrel box was put up. In March, the meadow was cut, and the marsh area was given a cut and in April Himalayan Balsam (invasive non-native) weeding was completed.

If you would like to get involved with volunteering on the Local Nature Reserves, please get in contact with Vic Smith.

## 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](mailto: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 December 2022 to May 2023):

Date	Event	Area
03.12 2022	recycling stall	Mill Road Winter Fair
13.02 2023	Recycling talk for supported living residents	Uplands Place Cambourne
07.02 223	Talk about reusable wipes	Meadows Community Centre
01.03 223	recycling talk	Cottenham Cubs recycling talk
07.03 2023	Trip to the waste park by SCDC staff and SOS volunteers	Waterbeach
25.03 2023	Eco Day recycling talk and recycling stall	Cambourne Village College
25.03 2023	CAD	Thorpe Way Housing
01.04 23	CAD	Byron Square
08.04 23	CAD	Crathern Way
26.04 23	Trade recycling talk	Queens College
27.04 23	recycling stand	Hills Rd 6th Form College

## Environmental and Waste Data

### Public Realm [South Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Cherry Hinton	Queen Edith's	Trumpington
December 2021 to May 2022	Fly tipping	185 <sup>1</sup>	47Error! Bookmark not defined.	30Error! Bookmark not defined.	108Error! Bookmark not defined.
December 2022 to May 2023	Fly tipping	136 <sup>2</sup>	52 <sup>2</sup>	17 <sup>2</sup>	67 <sup>2</sup>
December 2021 to May 2022	Needles	6 needles (5 instance)Error! Bookmark not defined.	0Error! Bookmark not defined.	4 needles (3 instance)Error! Bookmark not defined.	2 needles (2 instances)Error! Bookmark not defined.
December 2022 to May 2023	Needles	67 needles (5 needles) <sup>2</sup>	3 (1 instance) <sup>2</sup>	1 needle (1 needle) <sup>2</sup>	63 needles (3 instances) <sup>2</sup>
December 2021 to May 2022	Fixed penalty notices	10Error! Bookmark not defined.	4Error! Bookmark not defined.	3Error! Bookmark not defined.	3Error! Bookmark not defined.
December 2022 to May 2023	Fixed penalty notices	22 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>

#### 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:

- Cherry Hinton: Three needles were found on St Bedes Crescent at the site of the old playground in March.
- Queen Edith's: One needle was removed from Harrison Drive near to the bicycle track in April.
- Trumpington: In February 53 needles were removed from Gresham Road in a garage area in boxes, in March two needles and drugs paraphernalia were found in Union Road garages and in April eight needles were found at the rear of a property on Bateman Street.

<sup>1</sup> Data is from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

<sup>2</sup> Data is from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023



**Fixed penalty notices:**

Fixed penalty notices issued across the period includes three for littering, eleven for littering from a motor vehicle, one for breach of a stator notice in regard to waste. one for domestic waste fly tipped, three for littering domestic waste, two for breach of household duty of care for waste and one for abandoning a vehicle.

**Private Realm [South Area]**

No data available at time of report.

## Waste and Recycling Data [Greater 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	Q2 Jul-Sep 22/23	Q3 Oct-Dec 22/23	Q4 Jan-Mar 22/23	Total for 2022/23
<b>Total recycling rate</b>	51.71%	49.37%	49.32%	45.52%	48.98%
<b>Recycling rate – composting</b>	31.56%	26.97%	25.47%	19.80%	25.95%
<b>Recycling rate – dry recycling</b>	20.44%	22.37%	23.65%	25.61%	22.15%
<b>Residual waste</b>	48.00%	50.66%	50.88%	54.59%	51.03%

### 3. Key contacts

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
<b>Community Engagement</b>	Community Engagement Team	01223 458084	<a href="mailto:sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk">sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Local Nature Reserves Ranger</b>	Vic Smith	01223 458282	<a href="mailto:Victoria.Smith@cambridge.gov.uk">Victoria.Smith@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Enforcement (Cherry Hinton, Queen Ediths and Trumpington)</b>	Tony Durman Jordan Hine	01223 458581 01223 457157	<a href="mailto:Tony.durman@cambridge.gov.uk">Tony.durman@cambridge.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Jordan.hine@cambridge.gov.uk">Jordan.hine@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Streets and Open Spaces Operations / Commercial</b>	Paul Jones	01223 458282	<a href="mailto:paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk">paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>South Area Operations Team Leader</b>	James Maberly	01223 458282	<a href="mailto:James.maberly@cambridge.gov.uk">James.maberly@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Recycling Champions</b>	Birgitta Laurent	07525 213774	<a href="mailto:recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk">recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk</a>

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](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk). If you cannot 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.

## 4. 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 are 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 are already part of an existing local group and want some additional support or you are 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
- Work with a variety of council departments and other agencies to solve problems that you find on your streets.

As a volunteer you are free to suggest your own ideas and we will do our best to accommodate them. We do not 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](mailto: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 do not 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@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk) or telephone 07525 213774.

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