

Neighbourhood Profile Update Cambridge City South Neighbourhood

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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

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

Methodology

This document was produced using Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and incident data, and ASB and environmental services data from Cambridge City Council.

2 PREVIOUS PRIORITIES

At the South Area Committee meeting on 5th March 2012, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities that were set:

ASB in Cherry Hinton	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ To identify and disperse any problematic or anti-social groups of youths in the vicinity of the High Street, this having been extended to include Bridewell Road, Mallets Road and the Recreation Ground. □ To provide immediate respite for businesses and residents adversely-affected by anti-social congregation.
Action Taken	<p>Approximately 80 hours of duty time was spent on this issue during the period. Some congregation has been witnessed and close liaison maintained with Tesco stores as the main focal point of the groups. 8 incidents were reported during the period.</p> <p>Despite the warmer weather, ASB figures are still down compared to the equivalent period last year and are reduced compared to the previous reporting period as well. There are no positive results, such as alcohol confiscation or drug seizures, directly attributable to the increased patrols. In this reporting period the extra patrolling has produced lots of opportunity for positive community engagement with local youths and residents but little else.</p>
Current Situation	<p>The situation is now much better compared to the first reporting period. In the last few months there have been very few calls from the Tesco on the High Street to report problems. Current police activity is now almost entirely positive engagement with little opportunity for enforcement action presenting itself. Although there will always be a small amount of ASB associated with any High Street area it is a logical conclusion that this could be managed by normal police business. This would be much easier to maintain now that the vacancy for the second Cherry Hinton PCSO has been filled.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	<p>Discharge</p> <p>Frequent patrols of the area form part of normal policing business for the staff assigned to the Cherry Hinton area as well as the other supporting staff in the rest of the South Area.</p>

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ASB associated with mini-motos and mopeds	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ To identify and engage offenders and seek to reduce incident of anti-social use.□ Where necessary, to make full use of powers under s59 Police Reform Act to deny repeat and more serious offenders the use of the road through confiscation of vehicles.
Action Taken	<p>The ASB Team has been dealing with reports around youth ASB in the Birdwood Road, St. Thomas's Road and St. Thomas's Square area, with complaints raised about ASB associated with mopeds in the St. Thomas's Square area. Residents have advised that they do not let their younger children play in the park behind St. Thomas Square as they are concerned that youths are dealing drugs and riding their mopeds in this area. A street surgery was organised on the Tiverton Way estate and feedback from residents on the day suggested that there had been a reduction the ASB in that area. The ASB Team has been liaising with the NPT and advising residents to report any moped issues directly to the Police. The Children and Young People's Participation Service (CYPPS) will be organising some activities in that area during the school holidays. It is known that specific households are causing a nuisance and have addressed this with them. Where reports of suspected drug dealing have been received, residents have been advised to report details directly to the Police. The ASB Team will continue to liaise with residents in the area in order to address any issues that may arise during the warmer weather and lighter evenings.</p> <p>Approximately 55 hours of dedicated police patrols were conducted in the routes and locations identified as problematic in addition to local staff paying attention to the areas at key times during the course of routine duties. This is in addition to time spent in the City East area working alongside East team colleagues to tackle similar behaviour by the same individuals there.</p> <p>Despite the much-improved weather compared to the winter reporting period there has been no noticeable increase in this activity. The additional patrols in the South Area have resulted in only one opportunity for enforcement; this is matched by a similar lack of enforcement opportunity in the East Area. Officers continue to monitor the situation and take the</p>

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	opportunity to hand out practical road safety advice to persons using mopeds in the South Area.
Current Situation	The situation at the moment regarding anti-social vehicle use is under control. Individuals using the vehicles in an anti-social way have either been displaced to other areas, although the lack of activity in the East Area suggests that this is not the case, have had their vehicles seized on at least one occasion and are unwilling to have the experience repeated, or have moved on from the use of a moped onto other types of motor vehicle which present less opportunity to commit ASB.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge

Anti-social parking associated with Queen Edith's and Morley Memorial Primary Schools, Homerton Children's Centre and the Perse Pelican School	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reduce the number of complaints of anti-social parking and driving outside Queen Edith's Primary and Morley Memorial Primary Schools. □ This was extended in the latest reporting period to include Homerton Children's Centre and the Perse Pelican School.
Action Taken	Approximately 14 hours of high visibility patrols have been carried out outside the four locations listed above at peak dropping off and picking up times. During this period, 22 drivers have been dealt with using a variety of methods, from Fixed Penalty Notices for Obstruction, to advice on the considerate use of the vehicle both for the manner in which it is being driven or the location in which it is parked. The strategy at present has been one of enforcement outside the Queen Edith's and Morley Memorial Primary Schools and largely this appears to have been unnecessary, as road users have heeded the advice given to them during the previous reporting period. The Perse Pelican School and Homerton Children's Centre users have been given the same period of education and advice as offered to the other two schools. This has resulted in some vehicles being moved on and the drivers offered words of advice, but not as many as outside the other two schools in the previous reporting period. All four establishments appear to be doing their part to support the activity.
Current Situation	The situation appears to be improving with some of the more recent visits resulting in reports of "no problems" from the local

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	Police Community Support Officers. The churn of attendees at the four locations and the change of road users visiting those establishments mean that there will always be the opportunity to deal with individuals who have not heard of the concerns of residents or the activity being done to tackle poor driving and/or parking.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue As the end of the summer term is just around the corner clearly there will be a significant drop in the problems caused during the next reporting period. In the autumn term a new intake of pupils at the above locations will result in a new group of drivers using the area to drop off and collect their children. Retaining this local priority will ensure that acceptable parking standards are communicated to those new parents in the autumn term.

Speeding on Church End	
Objective	Reduce speeding on Church End, Cherry Hinton.
Action Taken	<p>A speed survey was placed on Church End to monitor the use of the road and the frequency of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.</p> <p>The results of the survey can be summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Approximately 8,000 vehicles travel in each direction along Church End over the course of the week-long survey. □ Approximately 25% of vehicles travelling from the High Street to Rosemary Lane and 8% of vehicles travelling from Rosemary Lane to the High Street were found to be exceeding the speed limit. □ The vast majority of vehicles exceeding the speed limit were doing so in the 36-40mph speed range. □ The vast majority of vehicles speeding were doing so at traditional “rush hour” time periods. <p>Speed enforcement is not an option available to Police Community Support Officers and has to be carried out within strict safety guidelines. These are there to prevent the enforcement activity resulting in accidents and/or injury to police staff and/or injury to other road users. Police officers have carried out enforcement activity on 3 occasions targeting the key times when most of the speeding occurs. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to those drivers caught travelling at 35mph or faster.</p>

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Current Situation	The geography of Church End makes the successful use of a portable hand held speed device problematic. The layout of the road presents remarkably few locations where there is sufficient distance to enable the operator to spot the approaching vehicle, train the device on it, activate it, check the result and then, if appropriate, stop the offending vehicles safely. However, as it is a high visibility activity, every driver using Church End can see police officers engaged in speed enforcement and even if not speeding on that occasion will be aware of the activity, which should modify the behaviour of potential offenders on future occasions.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge The committee should be aware that although clearly a lot of work could be put into the speeding issue on Church End, the following need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ The use of the handheld speed device is not an efficient means of enforcement, although it may be an effective deterrent.□ The priority can only be actioned by warranted police officers. Alternative solutions; road layout, traffic calming, speed watch, etc may be much better long term solutions.

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3 CURRENT CRIME & INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwell Burg	Other Burg	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
N'hood	South	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	37	31	104	2	10	21	73	12	55	125	470	239
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	17	25	77	2	11	33	83	18	65	123	454	357
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	44	22	88	2	8	42	73	6	53	123	461	275
Wards	Cherry Hinton	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	10	8	36	0	6	5	23	5	15	30	138	66
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	4	4	25	0	9	14	14	7	28	26	131	136
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	14	5	34	1	4	7	14	0	22	33	134	94
	Trumpington	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	12	13	33	0	1	10	25	6	20	60	180	89
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	5	10	25	2	0	11	31	8	21	50	163	108
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	9	10	15	0	3	22	30	5	20	46	160	99
	Queen Edith's	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	15	10	36	2	3	6	25	1	20	34	152	84
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	8	11	25	0	2	8	38	3	16	49	160	113
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	21	7	39	1	1	13	29	1	11	44	167	82

4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period February 2012 – May 2012 compared with the same period the previous year.

Cherry Hinton

Between February and May 2012, there were 4 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 5, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

Between February and May 2012, there were 39 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 32 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 2 formal warning letters to domestic offenders but no formal warning letters to trade offenders. Colville Road (7), Kathleen Elliott Way (3) & Wenvoe Close (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period.

Between February and May 2012, 1 derelict cycle was dealt with compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. Cherry Hinton High Street (6) was the main hotspot during the previous year.

Between February and May 2012, no needle finds were reported compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period 7 needles were removed from Mill End Road.

Trumpington

Between February and May 2012, there were 4 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 6 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 2, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

Between February and May 2012, there were 23 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 32 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders and 2 formal warning letters to trade offenders. Anstey Way (4), Bentinck Street (3) & Russell Court were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Bentinck Street accounted for 3 of the formal warning letters being sent. Anstey Way (5), Bentinck Street (3), George Fourth Street (3), Hills Road (3), Russell Court (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

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Between February and May 2012, 33 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. Hanover Court (15) & Hills Road (6) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. Hills Road (4) was the main hotspot during the previous year.

Between February and May 2012, no needle finds were reported compared with 1 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period 1 needle was removed from Princess Court.

Queen Edith's

Between February and May 2012, there was 1 report of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 4 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

Between February and May 2012, there were 3 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. Wulfstan Way (3) was the main hotspot during the previous year.

Between February and May 2012, 30 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 59 during the same period the previous year. Babraham Road (20) was the main hotspot during the current reporting period. Babraham Road (19), Hartington Grove (4), Netherhall Way (7), Queen Ediths Way (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between February and May 2012, no needle finds were reported compared with none during the same period the previous year.

5 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- ❑ Drugs Warrant (Gunhild Way) – arrest for possession of Cannabis.
- ❑ Drugs Warrant (Aberdeen Avenue) – arrest for possession of Cannabis. An associated arrest also made for possession of cocaine.
- ❑ Drugs Warrant (St Bedes Crescent) – 3 arrests and suspects still on bail.
- ❑ Drugs Warrants x 2 (Walpole Road) – small cannabis factory dismantled.
- ❑ Drugs Warrant (Kathleen Elliot Way) – Final Warning given for Cannabis possession.
- ❑ Drugs Warrant (Holbrook Road) – nothing found.
- ❑ Drugs Warrant (High St., Cherry Hinton) – two people summonsed for possession of controlled drugs.

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Dwelling burglary levels on South Area are worth highlighting. Making this a neighbourhood priority would give greater focus to some of the reduction and prevention work, which the South Area team are already undertaking.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Anti-social parking outside Queen Edith's and Morley Memorial Primary Schools, Homerton Children's Centre and the Perse Pelican School
- Dwelling burglary reduction