



# Neighbourhood Report - Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

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**1. Introduction**

The aim of the Neighbourhood Report is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues and enable Area Committees to identify issues for attention and make recommendations for future priorities.

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data, from January 2012 – April 2012 and as a comparison data from January 2011 – April 2011 and Sept 11 – December 11
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, May 2012
- Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period December 2011 – March 2012, compared with the same period the previous year.

## 2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

### Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<Priority>	<b>Speeding and Anti-social Driving on Fen Road</b>
<b>Objective</b>	Reduce incidents of speeding and anti-social driving
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The response has been similar to when this was a previous priority. North Neighbourhood Team took enforcement action where appropriate and secondly, worked with partners to get the road environment altered.</p> <p>Local PCSO Louisa Abbott has been attending the steering group meetings and advice has been sought from our Traffic Management Dept.</p> <p>Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002 (a warning regarding anti-social driving which may lead to vehicle confiscation) has been used on only one occasion during the period. A reduction on the previous period. This vehicle was followed by an unmarked police vehicle, along Fen Road when officers observed anti-social driving</p> <p>Overall, patrols of Fen Road were significantly increased, both hi-viz and discreet (as above). The ANPR Unit (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) were asked to attend the road and its immediate area and have done so on a number of occasions. Their efforts have seen at least three vehicles seized and several persons arrested for criminal matters. This latter work indirectly addresses many of the safety issues on Fen Road.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	Whilst the current nature of Fen Road will attract some anti-social driving, the number of complaints the police have received has dropped considerably and is not at unreasonable levels.

<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	It is suggested this priority is discharged and the issues are treated as everyday business.
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<b>&lt;Priority&gt; Anti-social Behaviour – Victoria Road</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Road
<b>Action Taken</b>	We have continued to support staff and work together with Riverside ECHG to ensure the impact on the local environment is mitigated.
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>There has been a decline in the number of complaints reported. Clearly the cold/wet weather has ensured the problems of last summer have not been repeated.</p> <p>The Hostel remains in a state of reorganisation and nuisance drinking and congregations of those under the influence still occurs. Closure of a communal TV room inside the hostel has made a big difference to behaviour inside 222.</p>
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	As reported, there has been a decline in complaints but given the imminent arrival of better weather and city-wide issues with street-drinking, it is suggested this remains a priority for the next period.

<b>Priority Arson Prevention</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Continue Arson Preventative Work
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>There have been a few sporadic arson attacks over this reporting period. Local Officers have worked closely with the Fire Service (particularly with Jim Meikle) on investigation and prevention work resulting in extensive house-to-house visits and leafleting.</p> <p>The recent incidents of arson have not had an obvious</p>

	<p>pattern or link unlike the specific geographical area (around the Pulley Park), targeted prior to Xmas. For these earlier offences a male was arrested and bailed but ultimately released without charge. However, this series abated at the time of the arrest.</p> <p>There have been deliberate fires at the following locations:</p> <p>Discovery Way Allotments – sheds          St Kilda Avenue - garage          Public House in Chesterton - paper fire in toilet          Nicholson Way - caravan</p>
<p><b>Current Situation</b></p>	<p>Deliberate fires in North Area continue to be a concern. The Fire and Rescue Service have prioritised the area and a 'Fire Watch' initiative is being developed. More information will be provided at the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Continue or Discharge?</b></p>	<p>It is suggested this is continued.</p>

### 3. Emerging Issues

#### Neighbourhood trends

Recorded crime has fallen significantly when compared with the same period last year (816 – 961) but is up by 55 offences on the previous period. Offences of dwelling burglary have continued to fall but a rise in theft from vehicle offences is an area of current concern.

There has been a sustained reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour (493 – 527- 709).

#### West Chesterton

Crime and ASB issues – No significant changes.

#### Environmental Services Data

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. 2 vehicles were claimed by their owners. In addition, 3 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 additional vehicle is currently pending further investigation. Victoria Park (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 6 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 1 formal warning letter to domestic offender. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chesterton Road (6) and Milton Road (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 5 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 24 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chesterton Road (5) and Humberston Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, nil needles were reported compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period all needles were removed during the River Cam Clean up and found in various locations along the river.

## **East Chesterton**

Crime and ASB issues – increase in criminal damage offences

### **Environmental Services Data**

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 13 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. 1 vehicle was impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax. 4 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. Moss Bank (6) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Nuffield Close (3) and Ramsden Square (3) were the hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 31 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 29 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders and 1 formal warning letter to trade offenders. Dundee Close (5) and Church Street (4) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Dundee Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Church Street (6), Dundee Close (4), Maitland Avenue (4), Primary Court (4) and Green End Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 2 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 9 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Ashfield Road (3) was the hotspot during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 38 needles were reported compared with 125 during the same period the previous year. 12 were removed from Green Park and a further 12 were removed from Chesterton Road. During the previous reporting period 100 needles were removed from Green End Road.

## **Kings Hedges**

Crime and ASB issues – theft from vehicles offences have risen; ASB incidents have fallen.

## **Environmental Services Data**

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. In addition, 1 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 vehicle was also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax. 3 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. Buchan Street (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 65 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 64 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 6 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were issued. Campkin Road (11), Cadwin Fields (8), Edgecombe (6) and Atkins Close (5) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Cadwin Fields and Atkins Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Campkin Road (11), and Crowland Way (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and January 2012, 8 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the either period.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 447 needles were reported compared with 567 during the same period the previous year. 408 were removed from Hanson Court. During the previous reporting period all needles were removed from a void property at Wilson Close.

## **Arbury**

Crime and ASB issues – increase in theft from vehicles; ASB incidents have fallen.

### **Environmental Services Data**

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection and 2, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 1 CLE26 notice was issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 2 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Hazelwood Close (3) and Histon Road (3) were the hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 80 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 65 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Molewood Close (12), Hazelwood Close (10), Rutland Close (7) and Aylesborough Close (6) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Hazelwood Close accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters being sent. Molewood Close (8), Harris Road (7), Darwin Drive (6), Brackley Close (5) and Aylesborough Close (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 4 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 20 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Stretten Avenue (6), Bermuda Road (3) and Victoria Avenue (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, nil needles were reported compared with 2 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period both needles were removed from Humphreys Road.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- Continue to address ASB in vicinity of 222 Victoria Road
- Continue arson preventative work.

## 5. Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>Nhod</b>	<b>City North</b>	<i>Jan 12 – April 12</i>	44	35	173	8	9	75	89	61	135	187	<b>816</b>	<b>493</b>
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec 11</i>	54	29	177	9	13	58	100	40	120	161	<b>761</b>	<b>527</b>
		<i>Jan 11 – April 11</i>	119	35	204	8	16	61	98	74	128	218	<b>961</b>	<b>709</b>
<b>Wards</b>	<b>West Chesterton</b>	<i>Jan 12 – April 12</i>	10	4	33	2	2	16	30	8	24	32	<b>161</b>	<b>120</b>
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec 11</i>	11	4	37	0	2	15	39	4	25	33	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>
		<i>Jan 11 – April 11</i>	33	7	30	1	1	12	42	17	24	58	<b>225</b>	<b>137</b>
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	<i>Jan 12 – April 12</i>	16	11	40	4	3	17	22	6	42	65	<b>226</b>	<b>141</b>
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec 11</i>	15	11	32	1	6	17	27	2	30	53	<b>194</b>	<b>119</b>
		<i>Jan 11 – April 11</i>	23	10	67	3	4	12	13	13	26	51	<b>222</b>	<b>214</b>
	<b>Kings Hedges</b>	<i>Jan 12 – April 12</i>	8	10	55	2	0	22	18	25	45	40	<b>225</b>	<b>115</b>
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec 11</i>	10	8	49	7	2	13	5	21	38	41	<b>194</b>	<b>155</b>
		<i>Jan 11 – April 11</i>	24	8	63	1	9	30	21	28	39	45	<b>268</b>	<b>162</b>
	<b>Arbury</b>	<i>Jan 12 – April 12</i>	10	10	45	0	4	20	19	22	24	50	<b>204</b>	<b>117</b>
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec 11</i>	18	6	59	1	3	13	29	13	27	34	<b>203</b>	<b>159</b>
		<i>Jan 11 – April 11</i>	39	10	44	3	2	7	22	16	39	64	<b>246</b>	<b>196</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding robbery