

Neighbourhood Profile Update Cambridge City East 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 environmental services data from Cambridge City Council.

2 PREVIOUS PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting on 12th April 2012, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities that were set:

Alcohol and drug-related street ASB in the East, targeting known hot spots and focussing on education and enforcement to address licensed premises selling alcohol to the intoxicated	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ To address alcohol-related ASB in the East of the City including Mill Road, Mill Road Cemetery and Norfolk Street. □ To disrupt the supply of Class A drugs in the East of the City.
Action Taken	<p>The ASB Team has been working closely with the police and other agencies to ensure complaints received from members of the public regarding street ASB are communicated between all agencies. Particular areas of concern were: Donkeys Common / East Rd / Mill Road Cemetery (though police there have seen a reduction of ASB within the cemetery) / Mill Road (Petersfield & Romsey) / Norfolk Street and Newmarket Road.</p> <p>The monthly ASB Team-led 'Problem Solving Group' looks at how to address these issues but notes that due to the reduction in hostel bed-spaces in Cambridge, and therefore the lack of move-on potential from Jimmy's Night Shelter, there is an impact on those numbers sleeping rough. The ASB Team is taking enforcement action against those tenants who are identified as causing street-based ASB, whilst engaging with support services to try and encourage these tenants into more "meaningful activity".</p> <p>A joint City Council / police community liaison meeting was held on 17th July at the Access Surgery on Newmarket Road to discuss any concerns around the area; concerns were raised regarding littering, the selling of alcohol and drunken behaviour. Residents are requesting consideration for a bin and supporting police action to encourage local businesses to restrict their sales of strong alcohol.</p> <p>During the reporting period, approximately 70 hours of high visibility patrol time was dedicated to this priority. 79 specific patrols were conducted by PCSOs and Constables to achieve the objectives of this priority.</p>

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Patrols have focused mainly on Mill Road, Norfolk Street and surrounding areas including Newmarket Road around the Access Surgery. During this reporting period calls for service in relation to drugs has decreased. Groups of street drinkers that are seen congregating on Mill Road are routinely spoken to and dispersed. In addition, s27 warnings have been issued, which excludes the person from the area for the time period decided by the issuing constable. There has been continual engagement with and disruption of the street drinking community. Calls for service may have decreased but the problem still persists.

Recent engagement in Mill Road put in place for the Olympic Torch Relay has further focused police officers' time, creating a visible presence in the area, further contributing to this priority.

The police work closely with the City Council and Street Outreach Team, share information and take joint action against the most problematic and needy of individuals. The City Council has been contacted several times to remove tents and bedding from Mill Road Cemetery, which was in use by members of the street drinking community. By removing the tents it has acted as a deterrent to further rough sleeping in the cemetery.

Proactive work has been undertaken with licensed premises in Mill Road and the police successfully opposed an application by the Cambridge Supermarket to sell alcohol.

A number of arrests have been made of members of the street drinking community for a variety of offences ranging from drunkenness, public order offences and breaches of s27 Directions to Leave. Furthermore, applications for ASBOs have been made against some of this group. A recent interim ASBO made against the street drinker, Jason Gray, demonstrates the East Team's determination to deal with the issue using all means available. Further ASBO applications are in the pipeline.

A large number of drug warrants and pro-active arrests have taken place in the East of the City, by members of the East Team resulting in arrest for both supply and possession of Class A & B drugs. Further proactive work is planned.

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Current Situation	Crime and ASB associated with street drinking persists in Norfolk Street, Mill Road, Mill Road Cemetery and Petersfield Green. There is likely to be a rise in activity if the weather improves.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue

ASB mopeds in Coleridge	
Objective	To continue to address the anti-social use of mopeds in the Coleridge area.
Action Taken	<p>The ASB Team has been dealing with reports around youth ASB in the Birdwood Road, St Thomas Road and St Thomas Square area. It has also received a number of complaints about ASB associated with mopeds in the St Thomas 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 the park. The ASB Team has encouraged residents to report these activities to it and the police, and if the individuals can be identified, work with their families to address the young persons behaviour.</p> <p>A multi-agency ‘street surgery’ was held on the Tiverton Way estate on 17th May. The feedback from residents on the day suggested that there had been a reduction the ASB in that area.</p> <p>A multi-agency ‘street surgery’ also took place at Fanshawe Road on 31st May. Some complaints were received about ASB on Coleridge Rec but largely it was positive feedback. There were no incidents of moped ASB reported during this surgery.</p> <p>The ASB Team has been liaising with the police and advising residents to report any moped issues directly to them. It has also liaised with the Children and Young People’s Participation Service (CYPPS) with a view to organising some activities in that area during the school holidays. The ASB Team continues to liaise with residents and the police in the area in order to address any issues that may arise during the warmer weather and lighter evenings.</p> <p>During the reporting period, approximately 20 hours of high visibility patrol time was dedicated to achieving the objective of</p>

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	<p>this priority. The patrols were conducted at key problem times during the course of routine duties. Local PCSOs have conducted 31 dedicated patrols, in addition to other patrols and time spent by other departments. The level of calls and e-mails providing details of incidents taking place has decreased, even more so than the decrease in the last reporting period.</p> <p>No seizures or s59 warnings have been issued during this reporting period, due to a large reduction in the number of reports of anti-social moped use. There has been no displacement into the South Area.</p> <p>However, Ditton Fields (Abbey) has seen a number of reports and observations of ASB by residents and PCSOs. Intelligence has been submitted with details of the persons involved, and words of advice have been given to them and their parents. A pro-active leaflet drop in this area has been carried out providing information regarding the misuse of mopeds and mini motos.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Although the situation has improved during this reporting period, there have been a number of observations and reports by PCSOs and officers in the Ditton Fields area of anti-social use of mopeds and mini moto use.</p> <p>The results show a reduction in number of incidents, within this priority. Nevertheless, it is felt that there is a still problem in Abbey but less so in Coleridge. Further pro- active work would be of benefit to consolidate the action already taken.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	Continue

Vehicle crime, such as theft and vandalism, in East of City	
Objective	To reduce the damage to and theft from motor vehicles in the East area
Action Taken	<p>During the reporting period, approximately 17 hours of dedicated high visibility patrols during key times was devoted to achieve the objective of this priority.</p> <p>Local officers and PCSOs have conducted 11 dedicated patrols in key areas in addition to other patrols. The level of calls and e-mails has decreased since the last reporting period, and criminal damage is down compared to the equivalent period last year (136 offences this year compared to 144 offences last year).</p>

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	<p>In May, an incident of vehicle damage along Hobart Road in the East of the City was reported with a total of 9 vehicles being damaged. Due to quick and accurate reporting from the public and a swift response from officers, 2 males were arrested and charged with the damage.</p> <p>In early June, 9 vehicles were damaged in York Street by a group of males. This was witnessed and reported by a member of the public. Again a quick response by officers resulted in 4 arrests being made.</p> <p>During the reported period there have been 68 thefts from vehicle in the East of the City which is a slight increase compared to the same period last year (60), but an improvement over the previous period (82). Officers and PCSOs have recovered 8 stolen vehicles in the East area on regular and pro-active patrols. Many of the thefts from motor vehicles are thefts of number plates and not of items from within the vehicle.</p> <p>Criminal damage to vehicles for this reporting period compared to the same period last year has seen a decrease from 47 offences to 44 offences.</p> <p>Whilst making a visit to Ashley Court, local PCSOs identified that inconsiderate parking was still an issue in the Staffordshire Gardens area and that yellow lines and residents parking could improve the problems.</p>
Current Situation	Although heading in the right direction, further reduction work and more pro-active work can be undertaken around this priority.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue.

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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	City East	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	42	38	164	16	19	68	161	111	136	238	993	641
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	59	48	192	9	15	60	208	132	144	250	1117	755
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	35	45	169	13	10	82	164	143	183	208	1052	576
Wards	Abbey	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	15	16	63	5	9	28	36	51	52	56	331	205
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	17	19	93	2	6	18	42	49	52	88	386	256
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	10	14	75	6	5	39	25	48	72	47	341	157
	Petersfield	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	9	4	37	3	2	10	58	34	30	67	254	175
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	17	13	33	1	5	12	94	51	39	72	337	180
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	5	13	41	4	2	16	73	66	41	64	325	186
	Romsey	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	12	9	30	4	5	10	39	20	32	40	201	154
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	16	10	37	3	2	14	45	25	31	53	236	187
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	7	8	28	2	3	11	38	23	40	42	202	111
	Coleridge	<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	16	9	34	4	3	20	28	6	22	75	207	107
		<i>March 11 – June 11</i>	99	6	29	3	2	16	27	7	22	37	158	132
		<i>Nov 11 – Feb 12</i>	113	10	25	1	0	16	28	6	30	55	184	122

4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

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

Abbey

Between March and June 2012, there were 5 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 5 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection; none were subsequently claimed by their owners. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

Between March and June 2012, there were 48 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 107 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 4 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were issued. Abbey Road (4), Ann's Road (3), Cheddars Lane (3), Fison Road (3), Helen Close (6), were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Ekin Road accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Ann's Road (10), Barnwell Road (5), Dennis Road (11) Ekin Road (17), Fison Road (5), Headford Close (5), Helen Close (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between March and June 2012, 8 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 28 during the same period the previous year. Dennis Road (4), Fison Road (5), Newmarket Road (3), were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between March and June, 3 needles were reported compared with 55 during the same period the previous year. 2 were removed from Stourbridge Common. During the previous reporting period 30 needles were removed from Wadloes Road from a needle sweep.

Coleridge

Between March and June 2012, there were 6 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection; none were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 1 CLE26 notice was 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. 1 additional vehicle is also currently pending further investigation. Rustat Road (3) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.

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Between March and June 2012, there were 10 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 3 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

Between March and June 2012, 5 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 3 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the either period.

Between March and June 2012, no needle finds were reported compared with 5 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period 5 needles were removed from Davy Road.

Petersfield

Between March and June 2012, there were 12 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection; none were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 5 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. Cheddars Lane (3) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.

Between March and June 2012, there were 42 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 8 formal warning letters to domestic offenders and 1 formal warning letter to trade offenders. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were issued. Devonshire Road (6), Kingston Street (4), Mill Road (3) and St Matthews Street (5) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at St Matthews Street accounted for 5 of the formal warning letters being sent. St Matthews Street (6) was the main hotspot during the previous year.

Between March and June 2012, 29 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. Mill Road (7) and Norfolk Street (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. Gwydir Street (3) and Mill Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

Between March and June 2012, 6 needles were reported compared with 309 during the same period the previous year. 3 were removed from Mill Road. During the previous reporting period, 200 needles were removed from a garage on East Road.

5 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- During the last reporting period, proactive action against cycle theft was undertaken resulting in the recovery of a large number of bicycles. They were put on display at a 'bicycle open day', which was held at Parkside Police Station. Many cycles were reunited with their owners.
- In another case a pedal cycle worth £5,000 was returned to its owner. The offender was caught and prosecuted.
- Action was also undertaken after intelligence was gathered by the East Team into drug supply. This led to 6 simultaneous Misuse of Drugs warrants being executed in one night by 18 members of staff, including Special Constables. A local City Councillor went with the team as an observer. During these raids drugs were recovered and a number of offenders prosecuted.
- Furthermore, additional intelligence gathered led to 2 males (travelling from London) being detained for drug searches at the police station, as well as arrested for obstructing a police officer. Although, this initial search did not reveal any drugs, a subsequent search at a later date when the same males returned to the City, resulted in 15 wraps of a Class A drug being found and an arrest being made.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Alcohol and drug-related street ASB in the East, targeting known hot spots and focussing on education and enforcement to address licensed premises selling alcohol to the intoxicated.
- ASB mopeds in Coleridge.
- Vehicle crime, such as theft and vandalism, in East of City.