

Neighbourhood Profile Update Cambridge City North 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 the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data, from February 10 – April 10 and as a comparison data from November 09 – January 10 and February 09 – April 09.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, May 2010
- Cambridge City Council, City Services' Environmental Data February – April 2010 and as a comparison data from the same period in 2009.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 04/03/2010 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Anti-social driving in the Fen Road Traffic Calmed area.	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the Highways Authority to review the effectiveness of traffic calming measures and make recommendations for improvement. • Provide regular patrols of the area to seek to identify persons engaged in the anti-social use of vehicles and take appropriate action. • Engage with residents and provide clear updates as to Police / County Council actions to seek to impact on the problem.
Action Taken	<p>A community meeting took place at Brownsfield Community Centre on Monday 10th May. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Blair with Police, City Council and County Council in attendance. The audience comprised of local residents from areas around Fen Road in East Chesterton. The aim of the meeting was to discuss local resident's concerns regarding dangerous and anti-social driving on Fen Road and suggest ways at addressing these as well as considering longer term solutions in relation to traffic issues and Fen Road in general.</p> <p>Police have been focusing efforts on the use of powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform act 2002 to seek to impact upon and change driver behaviour. Under this legislation, where a vehicle has been used in an anti-social manner, a notice may be served on that driver that if further behaviour by that driver is witnessed, the vehicle may be seized. This also applies to that driver using any other vehicle or indeed the original vehicle if used by someone else anti-socially.</p> <p>During the period four notices have been served as part of regular foot and cycle patrols of Fen Road and one vehicle seizure completed following repeat anti-social behaviour by a driver.</p> <p>It is clear that there will not be immediate changes made to the "speed pillows" present at the location despite concerns that they may not be fully effective.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Patrols continue in response to feedback concerning peak periods of problems, in addition to routine visits of the area. Where a notice under Section 59 is issued, it is endorsed fully on the Police National Computer, so all officers engaging with persons know there is a notice in force and can enforce seizure where appropriate.</p>

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Continue or Discharge?	Continue. This remains a concern for local residents and positive action so far needs to continue to seek to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.
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Speeding vehicles - Northfield Avenue and Kings Hedges Road.	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to consider and implement Speedwatch with Police facilitation, but sustain its operation entirely through voluntary patrolling longer term in-keeping with the project. • Continue speed checks to determine the extent of excess speed problem in the streets highlighted. • Build in the issue of the dangers of speeding into classroom sessions with King Hedges' Primary students and seek to engage, reassure and educate parents on these issues.
Action Taken	<p>During the period the Special Constabulary -in particular- have been conducting speed checks. There have been few incidences of excess speed witnessed during these checks; the presence of high visibility jackets are clearly identifiable at distance, along relatively long straights of road.</p> <p>Whilst excess speed remains of concern for City North in some areas, through surgeries and discussions with residents day-to-day, it appears these <i>particular</i> locations are not of huge concern currently. Engagement with parents at the King Hedges school has revealed similar findings.</p>
Current Situation	Checks continue, but the main consideration remains the review and development of Community Speedwatch across the City, which is reliant on community participation in contributing to work to curb speed.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge as an explicit priority, but ensure that discussions concerning Speedwatch in City North continue as part of wider City discussions on this theme.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the vicinity of St Luke's School, Arbury.	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour and crime recorded at St Luke's School, its land and adjacent areas. • To sustain engagement with staff and interested local parties, determine and respond to concerns and maintain effective channels of communication.
Action Taken	In accordance with earlier agreements, the Arbury PCSOs managing the plan

	<p>have been visiting the school every seven to ten days during the period. Since the last update there have been no major issues of anti-social behaviour and certainly nothing forming part of any pattern or relating to a specific group. There was some damage to new bus shelters in the playground. This offence has been fully investigated and the school updated, but unfortunately no offender identified.</p> <p>The school gates stay open now from Monday to Thursday until 1930hrs and Friday until 1830hrs. The gates are closed during weekends, and bank holidays.</p>
Current Situation	<p>The school will shortly be entering the summer period. However; most of the problems that have been raised relate to out-of-hours and groups using the site whether officially or as trespassers.</p> <p>Despite good reductions in incidences of anti-social behaviour, it is recommended the priority remains for the next period.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	Continue

Engagement Activity

Engagement events permitting members of the public to meet the City North and other Cambridge City Neighbourhood Policing Teams are listed on the Constabulary's website. They include a monthly surgery at Arbury Court at which all are welcome.

For further details please visit www.cambs.police.uk and look for the "My Neighbourhood" link or call 0345 456 456 4.

For more private matters, officers will be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience or discuss matters via telephone.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City North has increased with 781 offences reported over this three month period compared to 742 offences in the previous period. Comparatively, there were 992 offences reported in the same period last year, which is the equivalent of a 21% reduction.

There has been a decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 519 incidents reported over this 3 month period compared with 548 in the previous period. Also worth noting is that ASB levels are lower than that recorded for the same period last year (719 incidents equating to a 28% decrease).

West Chesterton

- Offence levels in West Chesterton have increased to 180 offences reported from 166 the previous period. However, this is a decrease compared to the 210 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (20 offences vs. 19 offences) and compared to the same period last year (21 offences). There

doesn't appear to be a common time for offences or MO with offenders entering the properties through insecurities, forcing window and doors and smashing windows. Manhattan Drive was a common location for dwelling burglaries with five reported there during the period, three of them occurred over a two day period in April.

- Violent crime offences have halved compared to the previous period (34 offences vs. 17 offences) a decreased significantly compared to the same period last year. There are no patterns or trend in these offences and no common locations.
- Theft from vehicle offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (14 offences vs. 13 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (23 offences). In eight of the offences entry was gained by smashing a window and small portable items such as Satellite Navigation Systems, MP3 players, CDs, laptops and mobile phones were stolen.
- Other crime offences have increased from 22 offences in the previous period to 35 offences in this period. Eight of these offences were possession of cannabis, all of which resulted in formal warnings.
- ASB levels have increased from 88 incidents in the previous period to 99 incidents in this period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 123 incidents. Ten of the incidents occurred at Garden Walk, six at the same address. Six incidents occurred at the Job Centre on Chesterton Road on different dates during the period. They appeared to concern people refusing to leave or being abusive to staff. Five incidents occurred at one address on Victoria Road and involved an ongoing dispute between landlord and tenant.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. This includes 2 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, 2 CLE26 notices were issued to 2 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Two vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and one was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. Victoria Park (3) was a hotspot during the 2010 period, but there were no specific hotspots during the same period last year.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 23 reports of fly tipping within the ward, compared with 17 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 5 warning letters to domestic offenders along with 3 Section 46 Notices, also to domestic offenders. Chesterton Road (4) and Victoria Road (3) were the hotspots during this period and between them, offences accounted for all of the Section 46 notices issued during this period and 2 of the formal warning letters. Chesterton Road (4) and Victoria Avenue (3) were the hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010, 44 derelict cycles were dealt with compared to 22 during the same period the previous year. Beaulands Close (18) and Chesterton Road (13) were the hotspots this year. Chesterton Road was also a hotspot during the 2009 period with 11.
- Between February and April 2010, 18 needles were reported compared with none during the same period the previous year. 10 needles resulted from a single find on the path at Manhattan Drive and a further 8, also from a single find, on the river bank at Chesterton Road, opposite Alpha Road.
- 41 items of graffiti were removed between February and April 2010 by the City Rangers, compared with 7 items during the same period the previous year. Chesterton Road (12), Hamilton Road (7) and Victoria Park (6) were the main hotspots during the 2010 period, compared with Gilbert Road (4) and Milton Road (3) during the 2009 period.

East Chesterton

- An increase has been seen in the total number of offences reported in this three month period compared to the previous period (228 offences vs. 197 offences). However, total crime figures have remained stable compared to the same period last year (228 offences).
- There were 22 dwelling burglaries in this period compared to 26 offences in the previous period and 22 offences in the same period last year. Kendal Way was a hotspot area with seven burglaries occurring there during March and April. (There was no common MO or a specific time of day that these offences occurred. There has been a significant amount of information received during the period concerning anti-social behaviour and linked serious acquisitive crime (burglary and theft from vehicles notably) in Kendal Way that has been focused on heavily through increased Police patrolling.
- 'Burglary other' offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (23 offences vs. 25 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year (16 offences). In nine of the offences offenders have gained entry to the aggrieved garden shed and stolen cycles from within. Seven of these offences occurred over a period of several days, whilst the other two were overnight offences.
- Violent crime offences have increased from 33 offences in the previous period to 50 offences in this period. Offence levels have remained fairly stable compared to the same period last year when there were 46 offences. In 18 of these offences an offender was arrested and charged.
- Theft of vehicle offences increased from two offences in the previous period to 20 offences in this period. This is also an increase compared to the same period last year when there was only one offence. In ten offences motorcycles were stolen overnight from outside properties on different dates during the period.
- There were 40 cycle theft offences in this period compared to 23 offences in both the previous period and the same period last year. There does not appear to be any clear reason for this increase in offence levels. Hotspot locations for cycle thefts were St Andrews Road and Scotland Road.
- There were 228 ASB incidents in both this period and the same period last year, this is an increase compared to the previous period (197 incidents). Discovery Way was an ASB hotspot during the period with 15 incidents. Four of the incidents on Discovery Way concern youths riding around on motorbikes over a week long period. Green End Road was also a hotspot with 18 offences but there were no patterns and trends on these 18 offences.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. This includes 5 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection. In addition, an illegally parked sticker was applied to one vehicle and a 15 day notice was also served on a land owner in the case of another vehicle. Another vehicle was removed and taken to a compound and is pending further action. There were no specific hotspots during the 2010 period, but Pippen Drive (3) was a hotspot during the 2009 period.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 41 reports of fly tipping within the ward, compared with 26 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue a warning letter to a domestic offender. Three cases are currently pending further investigation for trade offenders. Church Street (6) and Maitland Avenue (6) were the hotspots during this period and one of the offences at Church Street related in the formal warning letter being sent. During the 2009 period Church Street (4), Maitland Avenue (3) and Moss Bank (also with 3) were the hotspots.
- Between February and April 2010, 23 derelict cycles were dealt with compared 15 during the same period the previous year. Church Street (4) and Fen Road (3) were hotspots during the 2010 period, but there were no specific hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010, 4 needles were reported over two occasions. There were no specific hotspots. During the same period in 2009, 7 needles were removed on one occasion from Mariners Way.

- 7 items of graffiti were removed between February and April 2010 by the City Rangers and Ashfield Road (3) was a hotspot during this period.

Kings Hedges

- Total crime has remained stable in the last three month period compared to the previous three months (190 offences vs. 197 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (268 offences). This decrease is mainly due to a decrease in other crime offences.
- Dwelling burglary offences have more than halved compared to the previous period (14 offences vs. 33 offences) and has decreased by two thirds compared to the same period last year (42 offences). Similar to the offences in East Chesterton there was no common MO or a specific time of day that these offences occurred.
- There were 52 violent crime offences in this period compared to 44 offences in the previous period and 55 offences in the same period last year. Fifteen of these offences resulted in an offender being arrested and charged.
- There were 20 theft from shop offences in this period compared to 15 offences in the previous period and 16 offences in the same period in the previous year. Eight of the offences occurred at Co-Operative Store on Milton Road and another eight offences occurred at Budgens Stores Ltd at Arbury Court. Common items stolen from both locations were alcohol and meat. In ten of these 20 offences an offender was arrested and charged.
- Criminal damage offences have decreased compared to both the previous period (34 offences vs. 41 offences) and the same period last year (52 offences). In 11 of these incidents car windows had been smashed and in seven offences the windows in a dwelling were smashed.
- There were 145 ASB incidents in this period compared to 151 ASB incidents in the previous period and 185 incidents in the same period last year. Eleven incidents occurred at the same address on Wilson Close and all of them the informant is complaining about a particular male who is refusing to leave the address. Seven incidents occurred outside the Butchers at Arbury Court and concern youths congregating and drinking alcohol.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 13 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. This includes 5 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 4 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. Another vehicle was recovered by an insurance company after it had been stolen and burnt out. A further vehicle was also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and was subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots during the 2010 period, but Minerva Way (3) was a hotspot during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 55 reports of flytipping within the ward, compared with 117 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue four warning letters to domestic offenders. Minerva Way (10), Arbury Court (9) and St Kilda Avenue (5) were the main hotspots during the 2010 period and offences at Arbury Court and Minerva Way resulted in 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. The main hotspots during the 2009 period were Minerva Way (15), Edgecombe (12), Arbury Court (also 12) and Woburn Close (7).
- Between February and April 2010, 10 derelict cycles were dealt with compared 21 during the same period the previous year. Edgecombe (4) was a hotspot during this year's period and last year too. Arbury Court and Northfield Avenue (both 3) were additional hotspots in the 2009 period.
- Between February and April 2010, 12 needles were reported compared with 128 during the same period the previous year. This included 4 needles, which were removed from St Kilda Avenue and 3 from Cook Close, but all other reports involved less than 3 needles. The large number of needles during the same period in 2009 was on account of 100 needles found in the Hawkins Road Recycling Centre on one occasion. In addition, 27 needles were removed on two occasions from Larkin Close.
- 31 items of graffiti were removed between February and April 2010 by the City Rangers, compared with 4 during the same period the previous year. The majority of graffiti removed

in the 2010 period was from play equipment at Arbury Court (23 items), but there were no specific hotspots during the same period previous year.

Arbury

- Total crime in Arbury has remained stable compared to the previous three month period (183 offences vs. 182 offences). This is lower than the 286 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have halved compared to the previous period (18 offences vs. 36 offences) and decreased compared to the same period last year (26 offences). Similar to the offences in both Kings Hedges and East Chesterton there was no common MO or a specific time of day that these offences occurred.
- Violent crime offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (26 offences vs. 25 offences). Seven of the offences appear to be domestically related between partners in a relationship or parent and child.
- There were 11 theft from shop offences in this period compared to five offences in the previous period and 13 offences in the same period last year. In eight of these offences an offender was arrested and charged.
- ASB incidents have decreased compared to the previous period (116 offences vs. 157 offences) and the same period last year (213 offences). Seven incidents occurred at Bermuda Road during the period, three of them concern youths 'free running' and just generally causing a nuisance. Nine incidents occurred at a different address on Cockrell Road and all involved complaints about neighbours although it is unclear if all the incidents refer to the same neighbours. Six incidents occurred at Cooper House on Histon Road and in all six incidents the informant reports youths either playing football or loitering in the area. Six incidents occurred at the same address on Victoria Road, in two of the incidents the informant is requesting Police assistance to remove residents.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 18 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. This includes 3 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and 8 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to 1 offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Two further vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, and were subsequently destroyed for non-payment of the DVLA fine. Another report was referred to the police for further action and a further vehicle was removed and taken to a compound and is currently pending further investigation. Brackley Close (3) was a hotspot during the 2010 period compared with Carlton Way (3) during the same period last year.
- Between February and April 2010 there were 61 reports of fly tipping within the ward, compared with 95 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue four warning letters to domestic offenders. Hazelwood Close (11), Molewood Close (7) and Brackley Close (7) were the main hotspots during the 2010 period and the offence at Brackley Close accounted for one of the formal warning letters being sent. Kingsway (11), Molewood Close (9) and Borrowdale (also with 9) were the main hotspots during the 2009 period.
- Between February and April 2010, 17 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 30 during the same period the previous year. Perse Way (3) was a hotspot during the 2010 period and Carlton Way (8) and Akeman Street (6) were the hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between February and April 2010, 5 needles were reported over two occasions at Histon Road Cemetery, compared with 2 needles at Brackley Close during the same period the previous year.
- 4 items of graffiti were removed between February and April 2010 by the City Rangers, compared with 2 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

4. Recommendations

Continuation of work to tackle anti-social driving in Fen Road.

Continuation of work to prevent and deter incidents of anti-social behaviour in the grounds of St Luke's school.

Anti-social behaviour in Kendal Way.

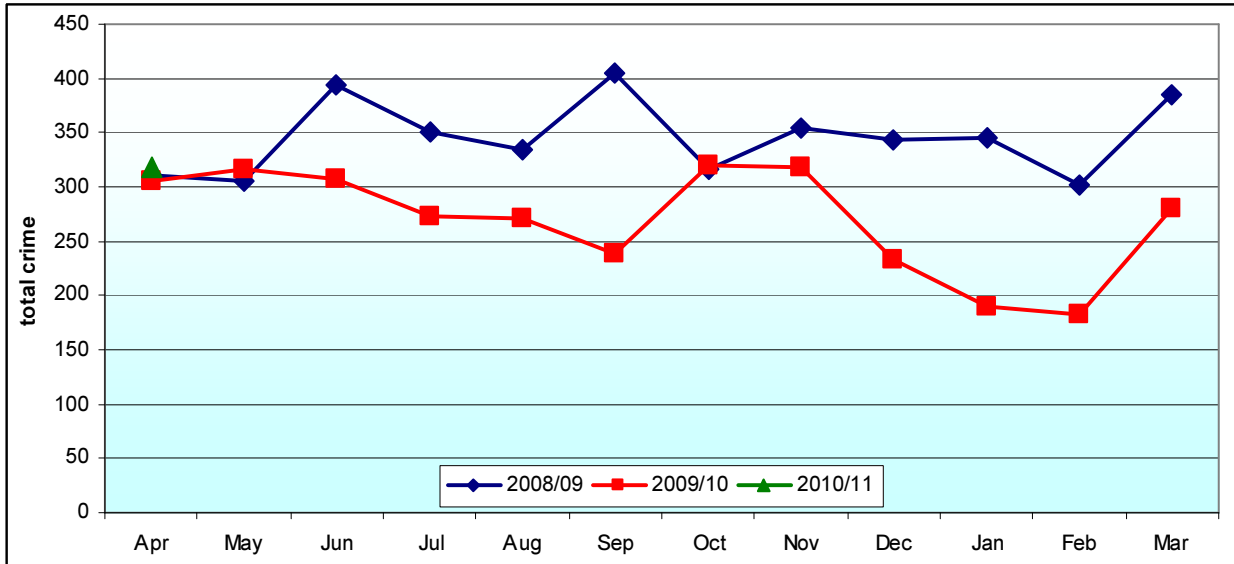
Suggestions by Safer Communities at Cambridge City Council:

Theft of vehicle in East Chesterton

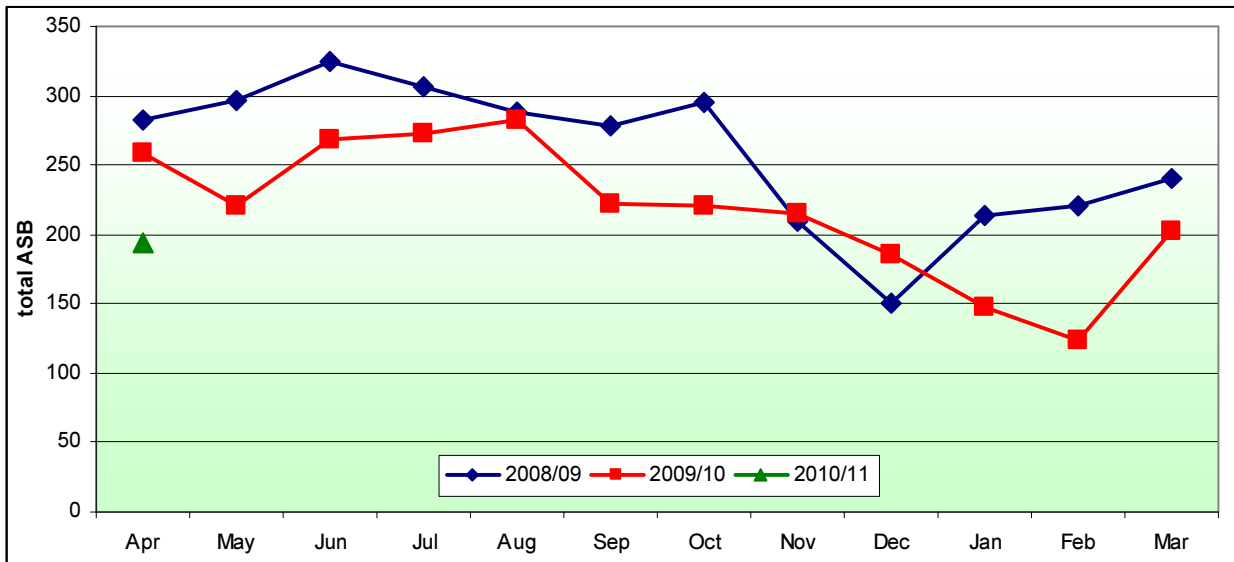
Theft of cycle in St Andrews Road and Scotland Road

Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



ASB Incidents



Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
Nhod	City North	Feb 10 – April 10	74	58	145	16	36	34	133	39	116	130	781	519
		Nov 09 – Jan 10	114	44	136	23	14	47	98	25	122	119	742	548
		Feb 09 – Apr 09	121	64	163	21	21	97	97	42	207	159	992	719
Wards	West Chesterton	Feb 10 – April 10	20	10	17	5	4	14	45	6	24	35	180	99
		Nov 09 – Jan 10	19	4	34	8	3	13	43	3	17	22	166	88
		Feb 09 – Apr 09	21	18	31	4	1	23	39	10	33	30	210	123
	East Chesterton	Feb 10 – April 10	22	23	50	3	20	12	40	2	26	30	228	159
		Nov 09 – Jan 10	26	25	33	6	2	13	27	2	33	30	197	152
		Feb 09 – Apr 09	22	16	46	5	1	22	23	3	49	41	228	198
	Kings Hedges	Feb 10 – April 10	14	8	52	2	3	4	10	20	34	43	190	145
		Nov 09 – Jan 10	33	3	44	6	3	13	22	15	41	17	197	151
		Feb 09 – Apr 09	42	9	55	9	5	24	12	16	52	44	268	185
	Arbury	Feb 10 – April 10	18	17	26	6	9	4	26	11	32	24	183	116
		Nov 09 – Jan 10	36	12	25	3	6	8	22	5	31	31	182	157
		Feb 09 – Apr 09	26	21	31	3	14	28	23	13	73	54	286	213