

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 the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for July to November 2012, compared to the previous reporting period (February to June 2012) and the same reporting period in 2011.
- City Council environmental services June to November 2012, compared to the same reporting period in 2011; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service and the City Council's Safer Communities Section.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the South Area Committee meeting of 16 July 2012, the committee recommended adopting the following issues as priorities:

- ASB in Cherry Hinton;
- Anti-social use of mini motos;
- Anti-social parking associated with primary schools in Queen Edith's;
- Speeding at Church End; and
- Dwelling burglary

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), at its meeting of 24 July, assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for four of the five recommended priorities. The recommendations around anti-social use of mini motos was not adopted by the NAG because, with the change in weather and darker evenings, there was no evidence of significant problems being reported to the police or the Safer Communities Section. The NAG therefore decided that resources would be best used to address the other four priorities, where the team could realistically achieve results. The tables below summarise the actions taken and the current situation.

ASB in Cherry Hinton	
Objective	Reduce ASB in Cherry Hinton
Action Taken	<p>Approximately 75 hours of duty time was spent on this issue during the period. The focal points for this activity are the shops on the High Street near to Tesco, the recreation ground and other green spaces in and around the High Street. 10 incidents were reported during the period. They are spread between the High Street and the recreation ground.</p> <p>Due to the length of this reporting period it includes the end of the summer as well as the colder months towards the end of the year. Despite this ASB figures are still down compared to the equivalent period last year however they show a smaller increase compared to the previous reporting period. There are no positive results, such as alcohol confiscation or drug seizures, directly attributable to the increased patrols. However the incidents specifically linked to this activity show no reported underage drinking or suspected drug activity. In this reporting period the extra patrolling has resulted in more opportunity for positive community engagement with local youths and residents.</p>
Current Situation	The situation is now much better compared to the first reporting period. However it now appears to have reached a relatively stable level of activity. In the last few months there have been

	very few calls from the Tesco on the High Street to report problems. The majority of the calls now are to do with issues other than youth related ASB. They are mainly about suspicious incidents involving persons possibly engaged in shoplifting or problems with older individuals. The local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) now conduct regular police surgeries using the mobile police station on the High Street and typically the surgeries take place at peak times for the use of the local facilities.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Anti-social parking associated with primary schools in Queen Edith's	
Objective	Reduce anti-social parking
Action Taken	<p>Approximately 15 hours of high visibility patrols have been conducted outside Queen Edith's Primary School, Morley Memorial School, Homerton Nursery and the Pelican Preparatory School at peak dropping off and picking up times. During this period 18 drivers have been dealt with using a variety of methods, from Fixed Penalty Notices 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.</p> <p>The strategy at present has been one of enforcement outside the four locations. Responding to the requests from residents most of the enforcement activity has been around the Queen Emma School with the visits to Queen Edith's Primary School, the Pelican and Morley Memorial resulting in no problems being found.</p>
Current Situation	The situation continues to improve with most of the visits resulting in reports of "no problems" from the local PCSOs. The recent intakes at both schools have not resulted in an increase in the amount of complaints or the amount of enforcement activity being undertaken. This would suggest that the parents of new starters have been given suitable advice by the school or other parents about the importance of considerate parking. There is no doubt that the roads around all four locations are busy at peak times and there is no doubt that some local residents will still remain frustrated by this, however it is apparent that most of the time the parking is both lawful and considerate.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Speeding at Church End	
Objective	Excess speed enforcement
Action Taken	<p>Speed enforcement activity has been carried out on 6 separate occasions by members of the South Area Team supported by the Special Constabulary totalling about 10 hours work in the area. This has resulted in 8 FPNs issued to motorists 4 of them for using a handheld electronic device whilst driving, 1 for not wearing a seatbelt. The remaining 3 for speeding in excess of 35mph.</p> <p>Traffic activity on Church End is generally quite high with vehicles being speed checked typically at the rate of 40-50 cars/hour. Most vehicles are recorded driving within the speed limit.</p> <p>Speed enforcement is not an activity which PCSOs can conduct and has to be carried out by police officers within strict safety guidelines. These guidelines are there to prevent the enforcement activity resulting in accidents/injury to police staff/injury to other road users.</p>
Current Situation	The geography of Church End makes the successful use of a 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 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.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Dwelling burglary	
Objective	Dwelling burglary reduction
Action Taken	<p>The South Area Team E-Cops messages include regular updates about burglaries that have occurred in the south area as well as crime prevention advice. The PCSOs have included regular crime prevention sessions in their Community Surgeries and have conducted numerous joint surgeries with the local crime prevention team.</p> <p>Police officers have conducted repeated high visibility and</p>

	plain-clothes patrols in the south area targeting suspicious persons in known burglary hot spots using stop searches to identify offenders. The work of the South Area Team has been in support of that carried out by the priority crime team at Parkside as well as officers from the Integrated Offender Management team and as part of their core duties, they continue to target known individuals suspected of committing Serious Acquisitive Crime.
Current Situation	Burglary rates over the last reporting period have been in line with typical crime figures for the local area over the period examined and much improved on the reports from the previous period which were unusually high. The incarceration of several high profile offenders during the end of the summer may be responsible for the reduction.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- Safer Communities Section officers are dealing with a number of addresses where there have been reports of ASB, mainly drunken, rowdy behaviour, which is impacting on the community. These are unrelated to the youth ASB in the area. The officers are liaising closely with the police and Housing to resolve the issues.
- Increase in overall crime due to increase in cycle theft, particularly in Newtown area.
- Increase in drugs possession offences (11 compared to 4 in previous period) due to pro-active police action.
- Good reductions in dwelling burglary compared to previous five months.
- Good reduction in ASB compared to same period last year, particularly in Cherry Hinton.
- Good reduction in violent crime compared to previous 5 months. There are no public space violent crime hotspots (there are 59 types of offence included in the violent crime category).
- Monthly surgeries continue at Waitrose (Trumpington), the Concourse at Addenbrooke's and in the High Street, Cherry Hinton using the mobile police station.
- Intervention activity over the reporting period has seen 5 search warrants executed and numerous stop searches for drugs offences. This has resulted in approximately £5,000 worth of Class A drugs being seized (mostly heroin and crack cocaine) and £10,000 in cash seized which is believed to be linked to the sale of illegal drugs. Currently there are several active investigations into the supply of drugs in the South Area.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	City South	<i>July 12 – Nov 12</i>	32	28	91	1	6	45	133	18	71	188	613	289
		<i>July 11 – Nov 11</i>	28	29	111	3	10	57	111	9	78	150	586	448
		<i>Feb 12 – June 12</i>	52	34	120	2	12	35	86	12	63	158	574	302
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	<i>July 12 – Nov 12</i>	5	8	32	0	1	14	21	14	35	49	179	110
		<i>July 11 – Nov 11</i>	9	7	38	1	3	32	17	4	29	43	183	169
		<i>Feb 12 – June 12</i>	13	9	39	0	7	6	26	5	19	43	167	92
	Trumpington	<i>July 12 – Nov 12</i>	11	16	27	0	2	18	70	4	23	87	258	94
		<i>July 11 – Nov 11</i>	7	13	32	1	5	15	51	5	26	50	205	149
		<i>Feb 12 – June 12</i>	19	15	40	0	2	19	32	6	22	73	228	108
	Queen Edith's	<i>July 12 – Nov 12</i>	16	4	32	1	3	13	42	0	13	52	176	85
		<i>July 11 – Nov 11</i>	12	9	41	1	2	10	43	0	23	57	198	130
		<i>Feb 12 – June 12</i>	20	10	41	2	3	10	28	1	22	42	179	102

ARSON DATA

Period: July to November 2012

Deliberate fire summary data:

Incident	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
Cherry Hinton	0	1	0	0	0
Trumpington	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Edith's	0	0	0	0	1

General	<p>With regard to parking issues, Fire Service operations staff have visited both schools and streets around Addenbrookes. Access checks revealed that appliances could access all areas except for a section of Almoners Avenue, between Topcliffe Way and Beaumont Road where parking on both sides of the road is permitted. A total of 9.5 service hours have been devoted to the area since the last area committee on periodic visits at various times including early morning to meet parking motorists. On two occasions fire appliances were present. Access advisory notices were placed on 37 vehicles on various dates and times. Although on those occasions that appliances attended motorists were seen to consider parking and then drive away and park nearby indicating that they were aware of the issue. A total of 42 people were approached and suitable advice offered. No one objected to moving. At the nearby junctions of the streets mentioned above, the junctions have been marked with double yellow lines up to 5m from the junction. If one set of those yellow lines could be extended to join those at the next junction on one side of the road then the appliance access issues could be resolved. Whilst heavy occupation of all available parking spaces in the area was observed by those seen to walk off in the direction of the hospital or on cycles towards the city, that parking does not impede the access of emergency vehicles into the area. A total of 3 hours were devoted to school access checks and access to/past the schools was possible on the occasions observed. Parking was busy and parents were engaged by the crews and leaflets distributed to them. The schools will be revisited during the first week of the term to reassess.</p>
Cherry Hinton	<p>No adverse activity, fire related ASB seems to have reduced dramatically.</p>

Trumpington	No adverse activity.
Queen Edith's	Single incident on City Homes' property related to other crime and not ASB.
Comments	None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Cherry Hinton

Abandoned vehicles

- June to November 2012: 8 reports, which included
 - 6 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 19 reports

Fly tipping

- June to November 2012: 25 reports
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 77 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to November 2012: 4
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 18

Needle finds

- June to November 2012: 15
- Hotspots: Tenby Close - 14 were found in one incident, all were used and found by staff in a bin cupboard, and were removed immediately once found.
- June to November 2011: 2

Trumpington

Abandoned vehicles

- June to November 2012: 5 reports, which included
 - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 vehicles impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 7 reports

Fly tipping

- June to November 2012: 20 reports, which included
 - 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Coronation Street accounted for 4 of the formal warning letters sent.
- Hotspots: Coronation Street (4), Hills Road (5)
- June to November 2011: 44 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to November 2012: 16
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 30

Needle finds

- June to November 2012: Nil
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: Nil

Queen Edith's

Abandoned vehicles

- June to November 2012: 6 reports, which included
 - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 vehicles impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 3 reports

Fly tipping

- June to November 2012: 11 reports
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: 17 reports

Derelict cycles

- June to November 2012: 32
- Hotspots: Blinco Grove (3),
- June to November 2011: 20

Needle finds

- June to November 2012: Nil
- Hotspots: None
- June to November 2011: Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ ASB in Cherry Hinton to address the rise in criminal damage
- ❑ Combating supply of controlled drugs in South area
- ❑ Theft of pedal cycles in Trumpington