

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:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for September to December 2012, compared to the previous reporting period (May to August 2012) and the same reporting period in 2011.
- City Council environmental services data for September to December 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 North Area Committee meeting of 27 September 2012, the committee recommended adopting the following issues as priorities:

- Continuation of arson preventative work in East Chesterton;
- Anti-social cycling issues across the area; and
- Anti-social driving on Fen Road.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 4 October, assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

Continuation of arson preventative work in East Chesterton	
Objective	Continue with the arson prevention work in East Chesterton.
Action Taken	<p>There has been a significant reduction in deliberate fires in the area as a result of excellent partnership work. For the first time in the 10 years this data has been collected, there were no deliberate fires in Cambridge in December. There were two fires in the area, not linked to ASB.</p> <p>The City Council's Safer Communities Section are continuing to work closely with the Fire Service, police, young people's agencies and housing associations with regards to fire setting in the area, particularly in the Nuffield Road / Bramley Court / Cams Causeway environs. With the support of the Fire Service and the young persons' parents, the Section has issued an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) to a young person in the area. The City Council's Children & Young People's Participation Service (ChYPPS) is also running a project in the East Chesterton area to engage with young people who may be linked to fire starting.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Unfortunately on 10 January 2013 there was an escalation in serious arson in East Chesterton by an identified cohort of young males previously involved in ASB, which resulted in a fire endangering life and damage to property to the value of £6,000.</p> <p>Fire Setter Intervention, Restorative Justice and a Youth Engagement Scheme will start in February to address the issue. The work of the Safer Communities Section and ChYPPS will also continue.</p>
Lead Officer	Jim Meikle, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Anti-social cycling issues across the area	
Objective	Target anti-social cycling issues across the North area.
Action Taken	<p>Colleagues from the Special Constabulary assisted in tackling this priority. Earlier in the period, and against the backdrop of the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) campaign, they issued 40 Fixed Penalty Notices for offences of cycling without lights and cycling on the footpath. Local Police Community Support Officers also provided a visible deterrent presence in key risk areas.</p> <p>A huge amount of effort has gone into this priority. Focus has generally been on areas where specific complaints have been received, but wherever it has been safe and appropriate to stop offending cyclists, this has been done. The LIT campaign has worked well. A lot of the work has come from the Special Constabulary, but North team officers have had an active role with 8 tickets being issued in one evening. The effort has also been applied on a citywide basis (where over 1000 tickets have been issued). The campaign has been well advertised in the local press and through the medium of ecops and hopefully the culture of anti-social and dangerous cycling has begun to change.</p>
Current Situation	As the daylight hours remain short, cycling without lights is still an issue. Clearly cycling behaviour is a “cultural issue” unlikely to change overnight, so further work in this area is recommended.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Anti-social driving on Fen Road	
Objective	Target anti-social driving on Fen Road
Action Taken	<p>Police Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) units have been used in several days of action around East Chesterton. North team officers spent dedicated days on Fen Road itself and 6 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for various driving offences (e.g. driving whilst using a mobile phone and no seatbelt). Regular hi-visibility patrols from the North team have clearly had a deterrent effect on anti-social driving.</p> <p>In the post-Christmas period, Operation Bind resources were deployed to Fen Road for 5 days. Section 59 warnings proved effective before; perhaps the fact only two have been issued during this period indicates a decline in the most brazen examples of bad driving.</p>

Current Situation	The high visibility police presence and positive action has clearly had an impact on anti-social driving. Word spreads very quickly when the police are about, which can only be a good thing. Complaints about this issue are now few and its negative impact on the community has reduced.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3. PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- The City Council's Safer Communities Section is working with police, the street outreach teams and housing officers in South Arbury and Kings Hedges to identify and take positive action with regards to tenancies where properties housing vulnerable tenants have been targeted, leading to ASB in the property and surrounding area. This is in an increasing problem due to the lack of accommodation options for single homeless in Cambridge.
- There have been good reductions in ASB.
- Overall crime is down compared to previous reporting period, but shows an increase compared to the same period last year. This is mainly due to non-dwelling burglary in the East Chesterton and King's Hedges areas and thefts from vehicles in the King's Hedges area. These offences are the subject of an on-going police operation (Operation Keating). There have been some notable arrests that have impacted on this problem, e.g. on 15 January 2013, the North team officers were quick on the scene and apprehended three men who had broken into a vehicle on the De Freville Estate. These men have been charged with an offence and enquiries suggest they may be responsible for a series of vehicle and shed burglaries across East Chesterton.
- Cycle crime has seen an increase compared to the same period last year and would benefit from further work around both prevention and enforcement. The North team have a person on bail for handling stolen cycles and expect to make further arrests.
- There have been good reductions in violent crime and dwelling burglary compared to the previous reporting period.
- Two good drug arrests were made by the North team; one being a suspected dealer from London.

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 North	<i>Sept 12 – Dec 12</i>	31	72	131	4	11	65	133	41	138	189	815	466
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec11</i>	54	29	186	9	13	58	100	40	120	152	761	527
		<i>May 12 – August 12</i>	33	32	196	13	11	42	147	67	135	218	894	552
WARDS	West Chesterton	<i>Sept 12 – Dec 12</i>	5	6	20	0	1	12	51	7	16	35	153	81
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec11</i>	11	4	37	0	2	15	39	4	25	33	170	94
		<i>May 12 – August 12</i>	9	7	27	1	0	8	56	6	20	44	178	94
	East Chesterton	<i>Sept 12 – Dec 12</i>	10	33	42	1	4	16	25	5	60	56	252	145
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec11</i>	15	11	33	1	6	17	27	2	30	52	194	119
		<i>May 12 – August 12</i>	7	11	64	4	5	21	37	7	45	58	259	154
	King's Hedges	<i>Sept 12 – Dec 12</i>	11	23	42	2	3	31	25	23	44	45	249	124
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec11</i>	10	8	56	7	2	13	5	21	38	34	194	155
		<i>May 12 – August 12</i>	7	8	52	6	5	8	30	26	35	54	231	150
	Arbury	<i>Sept 12 – Dec 12</i>	5	10	27	1	3	6	32	6	18	53	161	116
		<i>Sept 11 – Dec11</i>	18	6	60	1	3	13	29	13	27	33	203	159
		<i>May 12 – August 12</i>	10	6	53	2	1	5	24	28	35	62	226	154

ARSON DATA

Period: September to December 2012

Deliberate fire summary data:

Incident	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
West Chesterton	0	0	0	0	0
East Chesterson	0	0	1	0	1
King's Hedges	0	0	1	0	1
Arbury	0	0	0	0	0

West Chesterton	No incidents in the reporting period.
East Chesterton	There have been two fires in the area not linked to ASB.
King's Hedges	Fire-related ASB in this ward has almost ceased. There was one incident of a fire in the open ignited by an identified youth, which was dealt with by the Safer Neighbourhood partners and one vehicle fire relating to a car stolen elsewhere, dumped and fired in the area.
Arbury	During the reporting period there was no fire-related ASB. Fire Setters Intervention Scheme and Restorative Justice action continues in the ward with three young males.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

West Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- September to December 2012: 6 reports, which included
 - 6 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: Milton Road (3)
- September to December 2011: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- September to December 2012: 16 reports, which included
 - 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Woodhead Drive accounted for all the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Woodhead Drive (7)
- September to December 2011: 14 reports

Derelict cycles

- September to December 2012: 4
- Hotspots: None

- September to December 2011: 26

Needle finds

- September to December 2012: 4
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: None

East Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- September to December 2012: 5 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: 9 reports

Fly tipping

- September to December 2012: 12 reports, which included
 - 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 verbal warning
- Offences at Warren Road accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- Hotspots: Warren Road (3)
- September to December 2011: 39 reports

Derelict cycles

- September to December 2012: 1
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: 13

Needle finds

- September to December 2012: 8
- Hotspots: Mortlock Avenue (7) - found in one incident in a car park and removed safely.
- September to December 2011: 274

King's Hedges

Abandoned vehicles

- September to December 2012: 10 reports, which included
 - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 2 vehicles impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: Arbury Court (3)

- September to December 2011: 12 reports

Fly tipping

- September to December 2012: 50 reports, which included
 - 3 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Minerva Way accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Arbury Court (6), Campkin Road (5),
- September to December 2011: 115 reports

Derelict cycles

- September to December 2012: 4
- Hotspots: Arbury Court (2)
- September to December 2011: 7

Needle finds

- September to December 2012: 2
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: 2

Arbury

Abandoned vehicles

- September to December 2012: 10 reports, which included
 - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 3 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: 10 reports

Fly tipping

- September to December 2012: 45 reports, which included
 - 3 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Aylesborough Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Aylesborough Close (6), Brackley Close (3), Cockerell Road (3), Fordwich Close (6), Gilbert Close (5), Harris Road (3), Hazelwood Close and Stretten Avenue (4).
- September to December 2011: 102 reports

Derelict cycles

- September to December 2012: 9
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2011: 22

Needle finds

- September to December 2012: 5
- Hotspots: Victoria Road (5) - found in a cemetery and removed safely
- September to December 2011: 510

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Arson prevention work to continue for the Nuffield Road area to support on-going intervention and investigative work.
- Prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft.
- Anti-social cycling and cycling without lights.