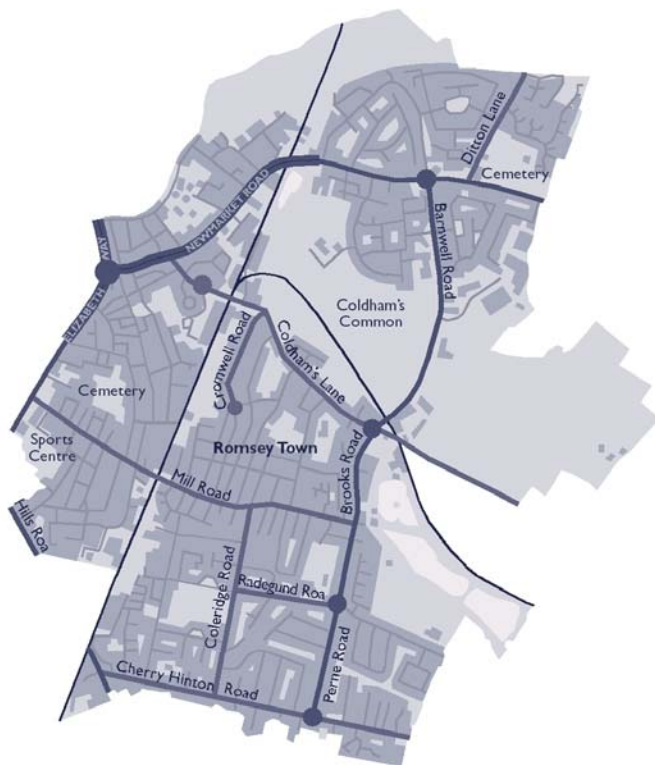


Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

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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 the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for November 2012 to February 2013, compared to the previous reporting period (July to October 2012) and the same reporting period in 2011/12.
- City Council environmental services data for November 2012 to February 2013, 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 East Area Committee meeting on the 29 November 2012, committee recommended adopting the following issues as priorities:

- Theft of cycles in the East area;
- Alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield area; and
- Drug dealing in the Riverside and Stourbridge Common area.

The Neighbourhood Action group, at its meeting of 7 December, assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation.

Theft of cycles in the East area	
Objective	Reduce the number of cycle thefts in the East area.
Action Taken	Due to the increase in dwelling burglaries in the Abbey area, a reduced amount of action was taken in respect of this priority. However, there has been a City-wide campaign in relation to anti-social cycling and cycling without lights and this has resulted in a number of arrests for theft of pedal cycles, which has impacted on the East area figures. Further work is planned with Anglia Ruskin University in respect of cycle safety and crime prevention.
Current Situation	Although cycle crime has reduced in all areas, it still remains high in the East as we approach a seasonally busy time for cycle theft. It is therefore recommended to continue with this priority.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield area	
Objective	Reduce the amount of alcohol related ASB incidents in the Petersfield area.
Action Taken	During the last reporting period, a number of specific problem places within the Petersfield area were targeted by the East team through proactive daily patrols; the use of Section 27 powers (dispersal of people in relation to alcohol-related ASB); and arrests, when necessary. The following information details some of the main places and actions undertaken during the last quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mill Road toilets (specifically highlighted at the last Area Committee meeting as being a problem area): daily patrols have been undertaken at varied times throughout the day. □ Drug taking: police officers have arrested 2 males for possession and use of drugs in the toilets. □ Shoplifters: police officers found two males sleeping rough

	<p>in the toilets and in possession of stolen goods; both were arrested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ News and More Newsagents on Norfolk Street: further to November's report, the Licensing Review has been held. Their licence to sell alcohol was suspended for 28 days and 21 conditions imposed. This will have a significant effect on ASB in the Norfolk St area. □ Petersfield Green area: this has been the focus for daily patrols and the East team has developed an excellent working relationship with Jimmy's hostel.
Current Situation	<p>Although there has been a significant reduction in the number of reports of ASB in the Petersfield area (88 compared to 137 for the previous year and 132 for the previous reporting period) there are still other areas suffering ASB, e.g. outside St Barnabus Church and the Co-op in Mill Road. As the Spring and Summer historically sees an increase in street drinking and associated ASB, it is therefore recommended to continue and extend the geographical area of this priority.</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Drug dealing in the Riverside and Stourbridge Common area	
Objective	Reduce drug dealing and its impact in the Riverside and Stourbridge Common areas.
Action Taken	<p>During the last reporting period, a number of drugs warrants and arrests for drug dealing took place in the East and surrounding areas. It should be noted that although not all of the location of the warrants or arrests have been in the key areas noted above they do impact on them. The following information details some of the main warrants, actions and arrests that have taken place in the last quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Search Warrants executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ekin Road – Class A & B drugs were found at this address and a male has been charged with 'possession with intent to supply'. He has been bailed to court. Stevenson Court – Class B drugs were found at this address and a male has been charged with 'possession' and 'possession with intent to supply' of a class B drug. He has been bailed to court. Thorpe Way – Class A drugs (15 wraps) were found at this address and a male and female have been charged with 'possession with intent to supply'. They have been bailed to court. □ Proactive stop searches in known hot spots for street

	<p>dealing:</p> <p>Thorpe Way – A male, who ran from a police officer when stopped was chased and caught. When searched, he was found in possession of 62 x £20 ‘deal bags’ of heroin and crack and arrested. He was charged, bailed to court and found guilty. He has subsequently been sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.</p> <p>Ekin Road – A drug arrest was made and a male was found to be in ‘possession’ of a number of wraps of cannabis. He is currently on police bail.</p> <p>Mill Road – A male was stopped and found to have a large amount of Class A drugs on his person. He was charged with ‘possession with intent to supply’. He has been bailed to court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A number of other warrants have been conducted by the East team or undertaken by other Force wide teams using intelligence gathered by the East team.
Current Situation	It is recommended that this priority be continued to allow officers to conduct further regular patrols and enforcement work. This will have an additional affect in reducing other acquisitive crimes and anti-social behaviour within the area.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- In February, the Safer Communities Section organised a street surgery in Ditton Fields, following some complaints about disruptive behaviour in the area. ASB officers, housing officers and police attended and spoke to residents in the area about their concerns. Residents appreciated that officers were in the area. They spoke to 41 households and 30 raised concerns. The majority of problems raised concerned dog mess, especially in the passageway that leads to Wadloes Road, and general litter. Residents also said that there was rowdy & drunken behaviour in the street, but this occurs in the warmer weather. City Council’s Street Scene and dog warden have been advised of the litter and mess, and the city rangers have been asked to do ‘bin education’ with residents.
- The Safer Communities Section also joined forces with Environmental Health to attend a housing event at Anglia Ruskin University and gave students information and advice about anti-social behaviour, how to report it and the consequences perpetrating ASB.

- There have been good reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour in all wards on the East area. Of particular note are the reductions in violent crime, robbery, theft from vehicle and criminal damage. The Abbey area has seen an increase in dwelling burglary, which the East team has focused on as an emerging issue. However, as the result of combined efforts from the East team and detective colleagues at Parkside, a female from the Abbey area has been arrested and charged with burglary and has cleared up 14 offences in total. Further work continues to identify the other persons involved. Property from some of these burglaries has been recovered and returned to their owners.

- A search warrant executed in the Chesterton area in December 2012 after a number of houses were burgled in the Mill Road area in November 2012 resulted in arrests and the recovery of a substantial amount of the stolen property which was returned to their owners. Suspects are currently awaiting trial.

- The City Council's Community Cohesion & Racial Harassment Officer and the East team worked together to provide community engagement and reassurance work for the policing of the English Defence League assembly and Unite Against Fascism march on 23 February 2013.

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 East	<i>Nov 12 - Feb 13</i>	54	37	118	3	7	73	148	99	96	241	876	465
		<i>Nov 11 - Feb 12</i>	35	45	169	13	10	82	164	143	183	208	1,052	576
		<i>July 12 – Oct 12</i>	43	51	178	11	18	50	270	78	127	287	1,113	611
WARDS	Abbey	<i>Nov 12 - Feb 13</i>	29	8	30	3	2	25	22	21	18	65	223	84
		<i>Nov 11 - Feb 12</i>	7	8	48	3	3	23	14	35	58	36	235	120
		<i>July 12 – Oct 12</i>	9	14	48	2	7	33	24	33	29	50	249	119
	Coleridge	<i>Nov 12 - Feb 13</i>	3	4	16	0	2	2	18	4	14	26	89	79
		<i>Nov 11 - Feb 12</i>	11	7	16	0	0	12	21	3	24	44	138	75
		<i>July 12 – Oct 12</i>	5	6	16	0	0	9	29	2	19	46	132	75
	Petersfield	<i>Nov 12 - Feb 13</i>	4	11	16	0	0	11	36	33	19	52	182	88
		<i>Nov 11 - Feb 12</i>	5	6	33	3	1	13	49	38	30	49	227	137
		<i>July 12 – Oct 12</i>	8	8	29	3	2	5	86	31	19	48	239	132
	Romsey	<i>Nov 12 - Feb 13</i>	9	2	24	0	1	12	26	10	17	38	139	84
		<i>Nov 11 - Feb 12</i>	5	8	20	1	2	6	31	18	30	32	153	86
		<i>July 12 – Oct 12</i>	11	7	23	2	0	10	46	5	38	39	181	88

ARSON DATA

Period: September – December 2012

Deliberate fire summary:

Incident	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
ABBEY	0	2	0	0	2
COLERIDGE	0	0	0	0	1
PETERSFIELD	0	2	0	1	0
ROMSEY	1	0	1	0	0

General	In common with other areas of the City there has been a reduction in fire related incidents especially in respect of the street community in the East Area. Joint safer neighbourhood teamwork has successfully driven fire-related ASB and arson incidents to an all time low in Cambridge. Young people involved in fire-related ASB have been targeted with joint intervention engagement and behaviour contracts designed to reduce fire related risk to the community. On 8 February 2013, there was a serious accidental flat fire in York Terrace, Petersfield to which fire appliances had severe difficulty reaching due to congested parking. Post fire inspection revealed that there are a number of access issues in the area, which the fire service would like to bring to the notice of committee with a view to seeking support for a review of access in the area.
Abbey	The Fire Service has attended two fires and the local community has dealt with two fires where recently re-located young people may have had an involvement. A Fire Watch scheme and joint police/fire service house to house enquires, increased preventative patrols by police and fire service and intervention measures with the family have resulted in no further incidents.
Coleridge	Single fire in the open.

Petersfield	Two wheelie bin fires started by a known arsonist who was detected at the scene and arrested by police. One fire in a flat being renovated and left insecure. Suspect street community entered the building and lit a fire during cold weather period.
Romsey	One bin fire: ASB related but an isolated incident.
Recommendation:	No fire-related priorities needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Abbey

Abandoned vehicles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 1 reports, which included
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 15 reports

Fly tipping

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 89 reports, which included
 - 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Dennis Road accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Anns Road (6), Dennis Road (12), Ditton Fields (5), Ekin Road (21)
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 89 reports

Derelict cycles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 1
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 6

Needle finds

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 2
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 67

Coleridge

Abandoned vehicles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 0 reports
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 9 reports

Fly tipping

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 28 reports, which included
 - 5 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Rustat Road accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Cherry Hinton Road (5), Lichfield Road (5)
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 18 reports

Derelict cycles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 5
- Hotspots: Lichfield Road (3)
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 8

Needle finds

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 1
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 0

Petersfield

Abandoned vehicles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 3 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 31 reports

Fly tipping

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 53 reports, which included
 - 7 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 verbal warnings
- Offences at St Matthews Street accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Devonshire Road (4), East Road (3), Mill Road (6).
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 96 reports

Derelict cycles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 10
- Hotspots: Mill Road (4)
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 97

Needle finds

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 1
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 29

Romsey

Abandoned vehicles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 4 reports, which included
 - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 8 reports

Fly tipping

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 29 reports, which included
 - 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders

- 1 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Brooks Road accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Cromwell Road (3), Hemingford Road (3), Wycliffe Road (10)
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 62 reports

Derelict cycles

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 2
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 14

Needle finds

- November 2012 to February 2013 2012: 0
- November 2011 to February 2012 2011: 1

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Theft of cycles in the East area.
- Alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road area.
- Drug dealing in the Riverside and Stourbridge Common area.