

# 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 January to March 2013, compared to the previous reporting period (October to December 2012) and the same reporting period in 2012.
- City Council environmental services data for January to March 2013, compared to the same reporting period in 2012; 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 31 January 2013, the committee recommended adopting the following as priorities:

- Arson prevention work to continue for the Nuffield Road area to support ongoing intervention and investigative work;
- Prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft; and
- Anti-social cycling and cycling without lights, including liaison between the police and council to address any signage issues.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 7 February, 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.

<b>Arson prevention work to continue for the Nuffield Road area to support ongoing intervention and investigative work</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To address arson in the Nuffield Road area.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The Safer Neighbourhood Teams jointly undertook a programme of street surgeries and environmental audits in the four wards, focusing upon areas of concern including deliberate fire setting. These events assisted with the assessment of the risk, determined appropriate remedial action plans and provided indications of who is responsible. The City Council's Safer Communities Section, in partnership with the Fire Service and the police, issued 8 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to 8 young people involved in fire setting and ASB in the Chesterton Area.</p> <p>The 'Phoenix Project' (a fire prevention project funded by a Safer City grant) completed its programme of engagement with those in East Chesterton and has had a measure of success with those that engaged. The progress of young people is being monitored through the City Council's Problem Solving Group to ensure the young people are engaging in positive activities. However, there remains a small cohort that did not engage with the programme, as well as an older group. A 'Choices' programme, which is similar to the 'Phoenix Project' but designed for the older group, is currently being planned.</p> <p>Focus continues in areas of concern, including preventative patrols by fire appliances at times of high risk. A further localised FireWatch scheme is being planned for one risk area, with a view to enhancing the preventative measures there.</p>

<b>Current Situation</b>	The North Team are currently working with the Fire Service on a “catch and convict” operation, which will hopefully pay dividends in the build up to the summer. It is recommended this remains a priority to support this planned work.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Jim Meikle, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service.

<b>Prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce cycle theft.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Pro-active activity in relation to cycle theft goes hand-in-hand with the anti-social cycling campaign, and with officers stopping far more cyclists for miscellaneous offences, chances are increased of catching someone on a stolen cycle.</p> <p>Using their local knowledge of both people and places, the North Team has targeted their efforts and focused on handlers and career cycle thieves. This has been quite successful (as reported via ecops) with four cases currently being prosecuted by the Court in addition to six other arrests.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	Theft of pedal cycle has seen a decrease from the previous reporting period (55 crimes compared to 89) and also a decrease on the same reporting period last year (55 compared to 59). However, the peak period seasonally for cycle crime is approaching, particularly in the East Chesterton / King’s Hedges area. The North Team wish to maintain this pressure on the offenders and are currently exploring the use of a trap cycle as one of their tactics.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Anti-social cycling and cycling without lights, including liaison between the police and council to address any signage issues</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To address anti-social cycling and cycling without lights, including liaison between the police, County Council and other stakeholders to address any signage or road layout issues.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The North Team has continued to stop offenders and issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) as well as utilise the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) option.</p> <p>However, as indicated by the priority, efforts have been made to start improving road conditions for cyclists, by looking at signage and other factors (such as the width of cycle lanes). On two separate occasions, Sergeant Wragg took a local cycling enthusiast out on patrol with him. This was used as an</p>

	<p>opportunity to highlight areas of concern to cyclists regarding road layout.</p> <p>The North Team also dealt with an incident in Milton Road where a cyclist, using a head camera, took video footage of a car driver using a mobile phone and also driving carelessly. Officers identified the driver and they were reported for careless driving and using a mobile phone whilst driving.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Although the FPN and LIT option will be used for errant cyclists, the North Team is working with cyclists to change perceptions and to highlight any road layout issues that need addressing. The road layout issues are clearly longer-term hurdles and will involve good partnership working to address. The work started will continue and it is recommended this be removed as a priority.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- City Council' Safer Communities Section, working with housing and the police, successfully dealt with ASB involving a vulnerable tenant. The person was rehoused in more appropriate accommodation.
- The Safer Communities Section is currently investigating reports of ASB in the King's Hedges area and liaising with police and housing. Although outside the reporting period, a street survey/surgery took place on 24 April, which encouraged residents to report any issues.
- There has been a good reduction in total crime, particularly in East Chesterton.
- There have been good reductions in criminal damage and non-dwelling burglary, and both dwelling burglary and theft of and from motor vehicles are stable.
- Robbery has increased from the previous reporting period, but of the 8 offences, 5 have been detected and offenders charged.
- Violent crime has seen an increase over the previous reporting period (although a reduction on the same period last year), but there are no public space hotspot areas for violence. The relatively small increase relates to violence offences amongst those known to each other.

- There was a good reduction in ASB, though officers are noticing an increase in ASB around some of the green areas, like the Pulley Park in King's Hedges.
- A regular presence in Fen Road has been maintained.
- Regular checks on public houses have been conducted.
- Using their local knowledge of offenders, the North Team has played a significant part in identifying and arresting offenders relating to 3 disorder offences in the North, which have their origins in drug debts.

## 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
<b>AREA</b>	<b>City North</b>	<i>Jan 13 – March 13</i>	24	28	112	8	7	54	55	23	79	122	512	313
		<i>Jan 12 – March 12</i>	36	29	130	6	7	48	59	50	113	127	605	375
		<i>Oct 12 – Dec 12</i>	25	67	100	2	9	56	89	24	110	139	621	346
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Arbury</b>	<i>Jan 13 – March 13</i>	3	8	24	4	2	9	9	11	22	31	123	62
		<i>Jan 12 – March 12</i>	6	10	36	0	3	15	16	16	20	31	153	84
		<i>Oct 12 – Dec 12</i>	3	9	20	1	2	3	25	3	15	35	116	84
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	<i>Jan 13 – March 13</i>	12	7	30	1	3	18	13	3	21	32	140	101
		<i>Jan 12 – March 12</i>	16	8	28	3	2	9	13	4	33	46	162	102
		<i>Oct 12 – Dec 12</i>	10	31	33	0	4	13	17	1	46	39	194	107
	<b>King's Hedges</b>	<i>Jan 13 – March 13</i>	7	2	43	3	1	18	11	7	25	29	146	91
		<i>Jan 12 – March 12</i>	6	8	41	1	0	14	12	22	39	32	175	94
		<i>Oct 12 – Dec 12</i>	10	23	32	1	3	29	14	17	35	37	201	99
	<b>West Chesterton</b>	<i>Jan 13 – March 13</i>	2	11	15	0	1	9	22	2	11	30	103	59
		<i>Jan 12 – March 12</i>	8	3	25	2	2	10	18	8	21	18	115	95
		<i>Oct 12 – Dec 12</i>	2	4	15	0	0	11	33	3	14	28	110	56

## ARSON DATA

Period: January to March 2013

### Deliberate fire summary:

Incident	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
Arbury	2	0	0	0	0
East Chesterson	0	1	0	0	0
King's Hedges	3	0	1	0	0
West Chesterton	0	0	0	0	0

<b>General</b>	There has been a small increase in the number of deliberate fires in this period and the improving weather may have contributed to this. The continued joint safer neighbourhood focus on ASB, including that related or linked to fires, has ensured the low level of activity recorded. The number of incidents has seen a continuing small increase in the next reporting period (April).
<b>Arbury</b>	During the reporting period, there have been two fires relating to furniture and rubbish fly tipped in the area and subsequently ignited.
<b>East Chesterton</b>	There has been one bin fire in the area during this reported period; however reports of fire-related ASB has increased during the next reporting period (April).
<b>King's Hedges</b>	There have been three deliberate fires ignited by youths in the area, including one in a youth's own property related to family issues. There has also been one other deliberate car fire in the area.
<b>West Chesterton</b>	No incidents in the reporting period.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

### Arbury

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- January to March 2013: 3 reports, which included
  - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None



- January to March 2012: 8 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- January to March 2013: 53 reports, which included 2 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Hotspots: Aylesborough Close (3), Brackley Close (3), Fordwich Close (4), Gilbert Close (3)
- January to March 2012: 56 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- January to March 2013: 1
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 3

#### *Needle finds*

- January to March 2013: 3
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: None

### **East Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- January to March 2013: 5 reports, which included 5 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 12 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- January to March 2013: 10 reports
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 22 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- January to March 2013: None
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 2

#### *Needle finds*

- January to March 2013: 1
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 31

### **King's Hedges**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- January to March 2013: No reports
- Hotspots: None

- January to March 2012: 8 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- January to March 2013: 29 reports, which included
  - 3 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- The offences at Campkin Road accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 63 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- January to March 2013: 2
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 8
- Hotspots: N/A

#### *Needle finds*

- January to March 2013: 4
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 2,146

### **West Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- January to March 2013: 5 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 9 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- January to March 2013: 5 reports
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 4 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- January to March 2013: None
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: 4

#### *Needle finds*

- January to March 2013: 2

- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2012: None

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue the arson prevention work
- Continue the prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft
- Address ASB in the green areas across the North