

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 March to June 2013, compared to the previous reporting period (Nov 2012 to February 2013) and the same reporting period in 2012.
- City Council environmental services data for the period March to June 2013; 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 of 26 March 2013, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

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

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 18 April, 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.

Theft of cycles in the East area	
Objective	Reduce the theft of pedal cycles in the East
Action Taken	<p>One of the main problems in tackling pedal cycle crime is that many members of the public cannot inform the police of the basic details of their cycle e.g. make, model, and serial number. There have even been reports where people have been unsure even of the colour of their cycle. This makes it difficult to return cycles to their owners.</p> <p>In order to try and combat the lack of details, officers and PCSOs have been in contact with 700 houses in the East area and given out crime prevention advice with a focus on cycles. They have advised people to register their cycle details on 'Immobilise'. The advantage of this is an officer who stops a known thief or suspect bike can run the cycle's details through both the police crime recording system and the Immobilise system whilst on the street.</p> <p>Officers from the East have continued to seize a number of cycles from different areas of the city that they believe have been stolen. These cycles have been returned to their owners.</p> <p>In tandem with prevention advice, officers from the East team have made several arrests for theft and attempted theft of cycles. These people have all been charged to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Whilst the rate of pedal cycle crime has slowed (177 offences this reporting period) it is still higher than the previous reporting period (148 offences) and the same period last year (161 offences). Pedal cycle crime is still too high on the East area and it is recommended that this is retained as a priority to enable further work to be undertaken to reduce pedal cycle</p>

	theft.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden

Alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road area	
Objective	Reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB)
Action Taken	<p>Daily patrols of Petersfield and the surrounding area have been conducted by the East team and other colleagues. These patrols have led to the use of section 27 powers (dispersal of people in relation to alcohol-related ASB) and arrests when necessary.</p> <p>During the last reporting period, officers have been successful in gaining an Anti-Social Behaviour Order against Paul Elliot a male well known in the Mill Road area. The order prevents him from being on Mill Road in company with three or more persons. Although the order has been breached and Elliot has been arrested, its overall effect has been positive and has helped to reduce the numbers of street drinkers who congregate.</p> <p>The numbers of street drinkers congregating on the bench outside the Co-Op in Mill Road has seen reductions in numbers due to successful accommodation placements for some key individuals. A person responsible for the sale of alcohol in a shop on Mill Road has received an official caution for allowing unsupervised sales of alcohol.</p> <p>There have been complaints regarding ASB in Mill Road cemetery and extra patrols are being carried out over the next month by police and City Council enforcement teams.</p> <p>On 3 May 2013, Cambridge Magistrates' Court upheld the decision of the Cambridge Licensing Sub-Committee who refused to grant an alcohol licence to the Adana Mini Market in East Road. The police argued that the granting of an alcohol licence would have been exploited by street drinkers and would have increased crime and disorder in the area.</p>
Current Situation	There has been a good reduction in ASB in the Petersfield area from 175 incidents last year compared to 137 incidents this reporting period. Despite these reductions, alcohol related ASB is still a significant issue for the community and it is recommended this remains a priority.
Lead	Sergeant Colin Norden

Officer	
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Drug dealing in the Riverside and Stourbridge Common area	
Objective	Concerted action against drug dealing
Action Taken	<p>During the last reporting period, several intelligence-led drug warrants and arrests for drug dealing have taken place in the East and surrounding areas. Whilst not all of the locations of the warrants and arrests have been in the Riverside area the positive action taken has had the effect of creating a more hostile drug dealing environment across the East. The following information details some of the main warrants, actions and arrests which have taken place in the last reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Wycliffe Road - Class A drugs found and a suspect has been identified. □ Wycliffe Road (same address as above) - again class A drugs found. The same suspect as above has been identified. □ Golding Road - Class B drugs were found at this address and a male has been charged with 'possession with intent to supply'. He has been bailed to attend court. □ Ten Acre Place - Class B drugs were found at this address, a male has been cautioned. □ Madras Road - Class B drugs were found at this address and a male has been summonsed to court. □ York Street - a cannabis factory where a large number of plants have been recovered and a male arrested. This male has been bailed to return to the police station in July. □ Newmarket Road - a cannabis factory was found at the location. It is believed that the male living at the address has significant mental health problems and was being exploited. Officers are conducting an investigation to identify the persons responsible. <p>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. In addition to the above warrants, intelligence-led pro-active stop searches have continued resulting in arrests, summonses, formal warnings and Penalty Notices for possession of drugs.</p> <p>One notable stop and search took place on Riverside after</p>

	information was received from a member of the public. Within 48 hours a male was arrested from that location and a tennis ball size bag of class A drugs was found in his underwear. He is currently on bail to return to the police station.
Current Situation	Whilst the pro-active results listed above have made an impact on dealing in the East, a steady flow of information from the public is still coming in. It is recommended that this priority is continued to allow officers to develop and take action in respect of this further information.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden

3. PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- ❑ Good reduction in total crime compared to the same period last year.
- ❑ Good reduction in anti-social behaviour compared to the same period last year.
- ❑ Good reduction in dwelling burglary compared to the same period last year. The East team has recovered items of property stolen in burglaries which led to the arrest and charging of the offenders and the return of the property to its owners.
- ❑ Good reductions in theft from vehicle and criminal damage compared to the same period last year.
- ❑ Shoplifting is showing an increase compared to the same period last year.
- ❑ The East team has conducted speed checks in the Coldhams Lane and Whitehill Road areas.
- ❑ Reports have been received of anti-social behaviour in the Newmarket Road area (near to Tesco) and extra patrols have been carried out in response to this.

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>March 13 – June 13</i>	38	38	134	7	6	44	177	122	99	241	906	522
		<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	42	38	164	16	19	68	161	111	136	238	993	641
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	54	37	118	3	7	73	148	99	96	241	876	465
WARDS	Abbey	<i>March 13 – June 13</i>	14	9	51	1	1	21	38	60	31	72	298	147
		<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	15	16	63	5	9	28	36	51	52	56	331	205
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	34	12	41	3	4	35	26	34	29	82	300	120
	Coleridge	<i>March 13 – June 13</i>	5	9	21	0	2	10	31	2	19	45	144	107
		<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	6	9	34	4	3	20	28	6	22	75	207	107
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	4	6	19	0	2	8	26	5	18	37	125	102
	Petersfield	<i>March 13 – June 13</i>	7	7	31	2	2	6	69	38	27	77	266	137
		<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	9	4	37	3	2	10	58	34	30	67	254	175
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	5	15	27	0	0	15	58	49	24	68	261	132
	Romsey	<i>March 13 – June 13</i>	12	13	31	4	1	7	39	22	22	47	198	131
		<i>March 12 – June 12</i>	12	9	30	4	5	10	39	20	32	40	201	154
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	11	4	31	0	1	15	38	11	25	54	190	111

ARSON DATA

Period: March – June 2013

Deliberate fire summary:

Area	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non-residential
Abbey	1	0	0	1	1
Coleridge	0	0	0	0	0
Petersfield	1	1	0	0	0
Romsey	0	0	0	0	0

Generally the number of deliberate fires is less than in previous years for this period. A key element in this is the effective partnership working with respect to anti-social behaviour by those likely to start nuisance fires. Youths from the area on the cusp of offending, including fire-setting, have participated in a partnership intervention and character building course called 'Choices'.

The Abbey residential fire was in a vacated City Homes flat due for demolition that had been occupied by squatters. Fire loading in the form of furniture thrown out by the previous residents was removed from the area by the City Council.

An adult with known mental health problems was arrested and dealt with for the bin fire in Petersfield.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Abbey

Abandoned vehicles

- March to June 2013: 5 reports, which included
 - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
 - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- March to June 2013: 70 reports, which included
 - 3 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders, Priory Road (1), Whitehill Road (1), Ditton Fields (1)
- Hotspots: Anns Road (5), Dennis Road (4), Fison Road (3)
- March to June 2012: 48 reports

Derelict cycles

- March to June 2013: 8
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 8

Needle finds

- March to June 2013: 5
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 3

Coleridge

Abandoned vehicles

- March to June 2013: 2 reports, which included 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- March to June 2013: 9 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders at Davy Road
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 10 reports

Derelict cycles

- March to June 2013: 13
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 5

Needle finds

- March to June 2013: None
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: None

Petersfield

Abandoned vehicles

- March to June 2013: 11 reports, which included
 - 6 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 3 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 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: Sleaford Street

- March to June 2012: 12 reports

Fly tipping

- March to June 2013: 53 reports, which included
 - 2 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders, Kingston Street (1) and Norfolk Street (1)
 - 3 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Hotspots: East Road (7), Norfolk Street (4)
- March to June 2012: 42 reports

Derelict cycles

- March to June 2013: 14
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 29

Needle finds

- March to June 2013: 4
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 6

Romsey

Abandoned vehicles

- March to June 2013: 4 reports, which included
 - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 10 reports

Fly tipping

- March to June 2013: 28 reports, which included
 - 3 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Sedgewick Street accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Sedgewick Street (3)
- March to June 2012: 30 reports

Derelict cycles

- March to June 2013: 3
- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 5

Needle finds

- March to June 2013: 4

- Hotspots: None
- March to June 2012: 12

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reduce cycle theft in the East area
- Tackle alcohol related ASB in the Petersfield area
- Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area