

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 April to August 2013, compared to the previous reporting period (November 2012 to March 2013) and the same reporting period in 2012.
- City Council environmental services data for the period April to August 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 16 May 2013, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

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

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 17 May, 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.

| Continue the arson prevention work | |
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| Objective | Arson prevention work supporting on-going intervention and investigation work. |
| Action Taken | <p>The Fire & Rescue Service has led on this priority, supported by the North policing team. There has been continued focus on deliberate fire related ASB and arson issues, resulting in 15 “fire setter” interventions with families. The “Choices” programme for the older age group and a new elongated programme for the younger age group (“Construct”) will continue over the winter months.</p> <p>Two incidents have involved the deliberate ignition of materials left outside flats being vacated for demolition. Increased protection measures were instigated immediately which prevented any further fires.</p> <p>The North PCSOs have assisted the Fire & Rescue Service in pro-active work ranging from house-to-house enquiries and other high profile reassurance activities in potential hotspot areas.</p> <p>Following a spate of criminal damage and minor arsons in East Chesterton, the North area policing team caught three youths exiting a nursery school which had suffered several such attacks. All three have been interviewed and enquiries into this are progressing.</p> |
| Current Situation | The number of fire related issues has reduced by two in comparison with last summer despite the significant difference in this summer’s weather. This should be viewed as a successful outcome of the great partnership working that has taken place around this issue. The last three years has seen significant improvements in partnership working processes |

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| | around arson prevention and the identification of those at risk of offending. The partnership infrastructure is now so effective that any arson issues can be dealt with as part of everyday business. |
| Lead Officer | Jim Meikle, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service |

| Continue the prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft | |
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| Objective | Prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft. |
| Action Taken | <p>Prevention and enforcement work has taken place to combat pedal cycle theft. The North team has worked to increase awareness amongst owners regarding cycle security and theft prevention. There has also been an increase in cycle stops by officers across the City over the summer. This has been assisted by the other campaigns which the police has run, for example, the Lights Instead of Tickets campaign.</p> <p>The North team has also visited second hand dealers and targeted known cycle thieves. There have been some good arrests of cycle thieves in the North area.</p> |
| Current Situation | Pedal cycle theft for this reporting period, compared with the same time last year, is down significantly (115 offences compared to 177). However, September and October represent a peak period for cycle theft and it is recommended this priority continues and links in with dangerous cycling and cycling without lights as the autumn/winter approaches. |
| Lead Officer | Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary |

| Address ASB in the green spaces across the North | |
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| Objective | Tackle ASB across the green spaces in the North area, in anticipation of increased summer ASB incidents. |
| Action Taken | <p>A new and seasonally specific priority was addressing ASB and violence in the parks and green areas of North Cambridge. Warmer weather and longer evenings has previously tended to provide the conditions in which groups which cause ASB can thrive. This sometimes results in excessive alcohol consumption and violence.</p> <p>Large numbers of foreign students, staying over the summer period, have often been harassed or robbed and local residents put in fear by large, unruly groups. The North team took a very proactive approach to this, simply mounting high visibility patrols in parks and other green spaces and the surrounding residential areas. This significant deterrent has proved</p> |

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| | dividends with the impact it has had on reducing unacceptable behaviour. |
| Current Situation | ASB, robbery and violent crime have all been reduced over this summer reporting period compared to last year's reporting period. This is particularly noteworthy taking into account the fine weather this summer compared to the bad summer of 2012. |
| Lead Officer | Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary |

3. PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- In conjunction with the police, ASB Officers from the City Council's Safer Communities Section (SCS) organised a street surgery in Buchan Street on 24 April. Housing officers and local councillors were invited to attend and the mobile police station was present. This street surgery was an opportunity to promote the work of the SCS, as well as being a response to complaints about ASB involving young people in the Buchan Street / Pulley Park area.
- ASB Officers organised a residents' meeting at the Lawrence Way Community Centre in King's Hedges on 19 June. The police, Fire & Rescue Service, housing officers, city councillors, city rangers and residents attended to discuss any ASB concerns they had. Reassurance was provided to one resident in particular who was being subjected to serious ASB.
- ASB Officers attended a number of community events (Cooper House on 20 April; Kingsway on 18 May; and East Chesterton on 20 July). The events were organised by City Homes North to promote all aspects of the Council. The events presented valuable opportunities to interact with local residents and other community groups, and inform people how to report ASB and discuss any concerns. Active ASB cases were generated from the event held in Kingsway.
- Good reduction in total crime (particularly East Chesterton).
- Reduction in ASB.
- Good reductions in violent crime, robbery, pedal cycle theft and theft from motor vehicle.
- Increase in dwelling burglary and theft of motor vehicle.
- All other crime types relatively stable.

- Pro-active North team action against drug dealers continues. There are currently five suspects on bail who have been arrested by the North team for drug offences. There have been two recent Crown Court cases which have resulted in guilty verdicts and custodial sentences for those dealing drugs on the North area. Many of these successes were the result of community intelligence which the North team is keen to act on, so please keep it coming in.
- Last week a section 59 warning (precursor to vehicle seizure) was issued for anti-social driving at the level crossing in Fen Road.
- Throughout the summer, the North team has attended and supported community events such as the Arbury Carnival and the Chesterton Carnival.
- Convicted offenders in the North have received some significant prison sentences, for example Tony Ellis and Kevin Merry were sentenced to nine years in prison for an attempted robbery.
- The police's successful ecops communication tool is being transferred to a new system to allow the Constabulary to communicate more easily with members of the public and receive information back from them.

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 |
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| AREA | City North | <i>April 13 – August 13</i> | 54 | 31 | 195 | 11 | 20 | 55 | 115 | 87 | 148 | 255 | 971 | 660 |
| | | <i>April 12 – August 12</i> | 41 | 38 | 247 | 15 | 13 | 69 | 177 | 78 | 157 | 270 | 1,105 | 670 |
| | | <i>Nov 12 – March 13</i> | 45 | 64 | 176 | 9 | 15 | 92 | 102 | 37 | 153 | 217 | 910 | 548 |
| WARDS | Arbury | <i>April 13 – August 13</i> | 18 | 10 | 50 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 33 | 26 | 34 | 62 | 250 | 161 |
| | | <i>April 12 – August 12</i> | 14 | 6 | 62 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 34 | 39 | 81 | 277 | 187 |
| | | <i>Nov 12 – March 13</i> | 4 | 15 | 36 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 13 | 32 | 55 | 195 | 115 |
| | East Chesterton | <i>April 13 – August 13</i> | 11 | 9 | 49 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 43 | 51 | 204 | 168 |
| | | <i>April 12 – August 12</i> | 7 | 14 | 80 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 46 | 9 | 54 | 73 | 323 | 193 |
| | | <i>Nov 12 – March 13</i> | 22 | 19 | 54 | 1 | 7 | 27 | 20 | 3 | 51 | 59 | 263 | 174 |
| | King's Hedges | <i>April 13 – August 13</i> | 10 | 8 | 64 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 14 | 46 | 43 | 80 | 295 | 190 |
| | | <i>April 12 – August 12</i> | 9 | 10 | 68 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 36 | 29 | 41 | 60 | 281 | 171 |
| | | <i>Nov 12 – March 13</i> | 16 | 17 | 63 | 3 | 3 | 38 | 19 | 17 | 50 | 54 | 280 | 162 |
| | West Chesterton | <i>April 13 – August 13</i> | 15 | 4 | 32 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 49 | 11 | 28 | 62 | 222 | 141 |
| | | <i>April 12 – August 12</i> | 11 | 8 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 68 | 6 | 23 | 56 | 224 | 119 |
| | | <i>Nov 12 – March 13</i> | 3 | 13 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 41 | 4 | 20 | 49 | 172 | 97 |

ARSON DATA

Period: April 2013 to August 2013

Deliberate fire summary data:

| Area | Refuse | Bin | Vehicle | Residential | Non-residential |
|-----------------|--------|-----|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Arbury | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| East Chesterton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| King's Hedges | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| West Chesterton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| General | In comparison with last summer there has been a reduction of two incidents over the period. |
| Arbury | Two isolated vehicle fires and two non-residential fires. |
| East Chesterton | One refuse fire. |
| King's Hedges | Two fires involving non residential property that belongs to the City Council. |
| West Chesterton | No incidents. |

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Arbury

Abandoned vehicles

- April to August 2013: 6 reports, which included 5 vehicles not on site following inspection and 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by its owner
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 22 reports

Fly tipping

- April to August 2013: 73 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to a domestic offender in Carlyle Road
- Hotspots: Bermuda Terrace (3), Brackley Close (7), Cockerell Road (9)
- April to August 2012: 71 reports

Derelict cycles

- April to August 2013: 5
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 22

Needle finds

- April to August 2013: 2 (individual needles)
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: None

East Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- April to August 2013: 11 reports, which included
 - 8 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicles impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
 - 2 vehicles subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
 - 1 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: Elmfield Road (4)
- April to August 2012: 19 reports

Fly tipping

- April to August 2013: 27 reports, which included 3 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences on Laxton Way accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 18 reports

Derelict cycles

- April to August 2013: 12
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 14

Needle finds

- April to August 2013: 7
- Hotspots: Church Street (2), Logan's Meadow (2), St. Andrew's Road (2)
- April to August 2012: 1

King's Hedges

Abandoned vehicles

- April to August 2013: 12 reports, which included
 - 9 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners

- 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 9 reports

Fly tipping

- April to August 2013: 60 reports, which included 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders and 2 verbal warnings
- Offences on Minerva Way accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Atkins Close (3), Aragon Close (3), Minerva Way (6)
- April to August 2012: 80 reports

Derelict cycles

- April to August 2013: 8
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 10

Needle finds

- April to August 2013: 3 (individual needles)
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 4

West Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- April to August 2013: 3 reports, which included 2 vehicles not on site following inspection and 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 8 reports

Fly tipping

- April to August 2013: 21 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences on Milton Road accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 7 reports

Derelict cycles

- April to August 2013: 16
- Hotspots: Milton Road (4)
- April to August 2012: 21

Needle finds

- April to August 2013: 1
- Hotspots: None
- April to August 2012: 3

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Prevention and enforcement work to reduce cycle theft.
- Combat dangerous / no lights cycling as autumn / winter approaches.
- Tackle drug dealing on the North area.