

# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City South 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 on-going 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 October 2013 to January 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (June to September 2013) and the same reporting period in 2012/13.
- City Council environmental services data for the period October 2013 to January 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2012/13; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service and the City Council's Safer Communities Team.

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the South Area Committee meeting of 4 November 2013, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Reduce the theft of pedal cycles in the Newtown area;
- ❑ Combat the supply of drugs in South area; and
- ❑ Tackle vehicle parking offences around school premises across the South area and in Mill End Road

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 14 November 2013, 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>Reduce the theft of pedal cycles in the Newtown area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Reduce the theft of pedal cycles in Trumpington, specifically those occurring in the Newtown area of the ward.</li> <li>❑ Increase the awareness of pedal cycle owners about the risks of becoming a victim of cycle crime by encouraging the use of sound crime prevention measures.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The work undertaken by the South area team consists of two approaches to tackling the cycle crime problem in Newtown: crime prevention; and targeted enforcement. During October 2013, the work of the South team was also supplemented by the Operation Huntsman team. Operation Huntsman was launched on 1 August 2013. This police operation had several strands: to provide a highly visible, flexible and mobile response to crime and ASB; and to address issues of dangerous and irresponsible cycling. Whilst Huntsman was pro-active, it also had a crime reduction focus and worked with the South area team in the promotion of education around cycle theft prevention and the value of registering property online (<i>Immobilise</i>: <a href="https://www.immobilise.com/index.php">https://www.immobilise.com/index.php</a>)</p> <p>As part of the on-going crime prevention element of this priority the South team have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Visited local businesses, residences with communal cycle parks and educational premises;</li> <li>❑ Engaged directly with cyclists in the street and through neighbourhood surgeries; and</li> <li>❑ Offered crime prevention advice, both in person and via Ecops circulations, including promotion of good quality locks and the Immobilise internet database.</li> </ul>
<b>Current Situation</b>	The South Area has seen a reduction of 15% in the rate of cycle crime against both the previous reporting period and this

	<p>same period in 2012/13. 56% of cycle thefts have occurred within the Trumpington beat where the highest concentrations of offences have been at the Newtown end. Recent property developments have seen a large increase in the amount of residential and student accommodation in this area which in turn has resulted in an increase in cycle ownership. Although the Trumpington beat does still have the highest rate of cycle crime on the South area it should be noted that it has also seen reductions of 4% against the previous period and 17% against this same period in 2012/13. Operation Huntsman undoubtedly contributed towards reducing the level of cycle crime in the South Area despite the backdrop of its increasing population and cycle ownership.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

<b>Combat the supply of drugs in South area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Target individuals and organised groups travelling to the South area of Cambridge to engage in the unlawful supply of controlled drugs, particularly Class A drugs.</li> <li>□ Target the supply of drugs; particularly Class A drugs, by individuals resident in the South area.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>During the last four months, the South Area Team, working together with the East Area Team, has executed eight search warrants at premises under the Misuse of Drugs Act. This enforcement action resulted in: the arrest of seven people for being concerned in the supply of class A drugs; the seizure of several quantities of both Class A and Class B drugs; and the arrest of several individuals who were wanted in respect of other matters.</p> <p>During this same period, 35 Stop Searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act have been carried out. These searches resulted in: two arrests for possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply; two arrests for the theft of a motor vehicle; and the seizure of cannabis from five other individuals.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Despite the successes outlined above it is believed that, based on community information and intelligence, there remain several individuals who are still actively involved in drugs supply in the South Area. Recent media reporting has also highlighted the fact that criminals are travelling to the City to deal drugs. Whilst this is not new to the police, it does however remain a challenge.</p>
<b>Lead</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Officer</b>	
<b>Tackle vehicle parking offences around school premises across the South area and in Mill End Road</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Tackle the incidents of road users parking illegally, dangerously or irresponsibly in the areas adjacent to the schools in the South Area.</li> <li>❑ Tackle incidents of dangerous or illegal parking in the Mill End Road area of Cherry Hinton.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>During the past four months, 37 hours of patrol work has been conducted around all schools within the three wards. This has predominantly been carried out by our PCSOs.</p> <p>The South Team has sought to promote considerate and lawful parking by advising and educating drivers in relation to parking offences relevant to the specific areas outside schools. This was also extended to cover considerate parking in areas not directly outside the schools but where parking during school times was problematic. In addition to the education element in tackling this priority, enforcement action was also taken. This involved the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices for offences of unnecessary obstruction as well as several drivers being reported for the issue of a summons for parking on the yellow zigzag road markings.</p> <p>Illegal parking on Mill End Road was targeted with the assistance of the City Council's Civil Enforcement teams and several drivers have been advised by police staff and ticketed by the City Council's officers.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>There has been a marked improvement in the standards of parking and the behaviour of drivers since this priority was adopted. Whilst on patrol, our team has been approached by members of the public with positive messages about the level of improvement. Whilst there have been some comments on the situation in the local press this is to be expected with heightened awareness around the issue.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- ❑ City Council ASB officers are working in partnership with the police and City Homes to tackle a number of ASB issues in the Cherry Hinton area of the South. A Notice of Seeking Possession has been issued on a problematic City Homes tenant and further investigations are currently on-

going with regards to a number of properties where there are emerging issues of nuisance behaviour impacting on the wider community.

- ❑ There has been an overall increase in total crime on the South area. Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards have remained stable with Trumpington ward accounting for the majority of this increase.
- ❑ There has been an overall increase in theft from vehicle in the South Area. The most significant increase has taken place in the Trumpington ward.
- ❑ Dwelling burglary for the South area has remained stable by comparison to the previous reporting period. Queen Edith's ward remains stable and Trumpington ward saw a reduction. Cherry Hinton ward has however seen an increase.
- ❑ Good overall reduction in cycle crime with most significant reductions in the Cherry Hinton Ward.
- ❑ Good overall reduction in anti-social behaviour with reductions represented across all wards.
- ❑ Cambridge City Police has drawn up a new service level agreement with Neighbourhood Watch and are seeking to build on the already good relationship with members to increase scheme numbers even more. Anyone interested in finding out more should visit [www.cambsnhw.org.uk](http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk)
- ❑ Cambridge City Police has launched its own Twitter account: @CambridgeCops
- ❑ Cambridgeshire Police has launched Neighbourhood Alert to enhance communication with neighbourhoods.
- ❑ The police are exploring how they could utilise the **Shape Your Place** website (<http://cambridge.shapeyourplace.org/>) to improve community engagement and will include the results of consultation in the next profile.

## 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 South	Oct 13 – Jan 14	36	25	71	2	7	41	86	6	51	108	433	201
		Oct 12 – Jan 13	21	16	54	1	4	30	101	7	34	126	394	197
		Jun 13 – Sep 13	36	24	61	2	6	24	101	5	45	99	403	292
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Oct 13 – Jan 14	18	3	29	0	2	6	10	0	20	17	105	89
		Oct 12 – Jan 13	3	3	20	1	0	6	13	4	15	27	92	76
		Jun 13 – Sep 13	13	2	19	1	1	5	25	3	17	22	108	135
	Queen Edith's	Oct 13 – Jan 14	11	12	11	0	2	11	28	0	9	38	122	32
		Oct 12 – Jan 13	10	5	19	0	2	8	30	0	6	39	119	58
		Jun 13 – Sep 13	12	6	18	1	4	7	26	0	12	40	126	66
	Trumpington	Oct 13 – Jan 14	7	10	31	2	3	24	48	6	22	53	206	80
		Oct 12 – Jan 13	8	8	15	0	2	16	58	3	13	60	183	63
		Jun 13 – Sep 13	11	16	24	0	1	12	50	2	16	37	169	91

## ARSON DATA

**Period:** October 2013 to January 2014

### Deliberate fire summary data

Area	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
Cherry Hinton	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Edith's	0	0	0	0	0
Trumpington	0	0	0	0	0

<b>General</b>	There have been no incidents in the South of the city during the reporting period. The fire service is aware of community concerns regarding youth conduct in the area. The service is undertaking preventative patrols in the area and working with partners to maintain a preventative presence.
<b>Cherry Hinton</b>	No incidents.
<b>Queen Edith's</b>	No incidents. The fire service continues to monitor and engage with drivers who park and restrict access for emergency vehicles in the Queen Edith's ward.
<b>Trumpington</b>	No incidents.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

### Cherry Hinton

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 5 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 2 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
- ❑ Hotspot: St. Bede's Crescent
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 3 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 30 reports, which included
  - 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Colville Road accounted for one of the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: Colville Road (8)
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 13 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 6



- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 0

#### *Needle finds*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 0
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 0

### **Queen Edith's**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 4 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 1 report

#### *Fly tipping*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 7 reports, which included
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to trade offenders
- ❑ Offences at Hills Road accounted for one of the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: Hills Road (4)
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 7 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 9
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 9

#### *Needle finds*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 1
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 0

### **Trumpington**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 5 reports, which included
  - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 2 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 3 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 22 reports, which included
  - 2 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Anstey Way accounted for one of the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 13 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014: 3
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 14

### *Needle finds*

- ❑ October 2013 to January 2014 2012: 7
- ❑ Hotspots: George IV Street (6) needles were removed from a drain and posed no danger to the public.
- ❑ October 2012 to January 2013: 0

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ❑ Combat the supply of drugs in the South area
- ❑ Target the increase in dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton area
- ❑ Target the increase in thefts from motor vehicles in the Trumpington area