

# 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 2013 to February 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (July to October 2013) and the same reporting period in 2012.
- City Council environmental services data for the period November 2013 to February 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 East Area Committee meeting of 28 November 2013, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area
- Policing issues associated with Mill Road
- Reduce shoplifting in the East area

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 5 December 2013 assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Concerted action against drug suppliers
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Officers have once again executed a number of warrants targeting all classes of drugs at premises in the East and surrounding areas. The team has also targeted a number of street based dealers. Some of the main results are detailed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Whitehill Road – Two search warrants were executed after concerns were raised by the community. Although no drugs were recovered, both properties did show clear signs of the heavy use of Class A drugs. Of note is that the housing officer for both properties accompanied officers and will be taking further tenancy action.</li> <li>□ Wadloes Road – A male was stopped and arrested after he was found to be in possession of over 12 grams of Ketamine. He has since been charged with possession of Ketamine which has recently been reclassified as a Class B drug. Two others people with him were found to be in possession of cannabis and were dealt with by way of a Street Caution.</li> <li>□ Stourbridge Grove – A large amount of Ketamine and a small amount of MDMA (ecstasy) was seized during the execution of a search warrant. One arrest was made resulting in that person now being charged with possession with intent to supply Class C drugs and possession of Class A drugs.</li> <li>□ Molewood Close – Class B drugs and a large amount of meat, believed to have been stolen from shops in the East area (hence the inclusion in this profile), were seized during the execution of a search warrant. One arrest was made</li> </ul>

	<p>resulting in that person being charged with possession of a Class B drug and handling stolen goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ YMCA (policed by the East area team) – Ketamine and Cannabis were seized during the execution of two search warrants. Two arrests were made resulting in one person being charged with possession. Both persons responsible have also now been evicted from their accommodation.</li> <li>□ Brooks Road – A cannabis factory was uncovered during the execution of a search warrant resulting in the arrest of two of the occupants. One person has now been prosecuted.</li> <li>□ Jack Warren Green – A cannabis factory was uncovered during the execution of a search warrant. A number of arrests have been made and those persons remain on police bail whilst the matter is investigated.</li> <li>□ Gresham Road – A person was stopped and arrested for possession with intent to supply (in the area around the cricket ground club house and Glisson Road) after they were found to be in possession of a large amount of cash and Class B drugs. Further drugs were seized during a search of their home address. This person remains on police bail whilst we continue with the investigation.</li> <li>□ Mill Road – A person was arrested and charged with possession of a knife after a lock knife was seized during a drugs search.</li> <li>□ Ferndale Rise – Large amounts of Class B drugs and cash were seized during the execution of a warrant. Three persons were arrested and remain on police bail whilst the matter is investigated.</li> </ul> <p>The East team has also undertaken additional enforcement action in conjunction with colleagues from the South team and has continued to work with the City Council and housing partners to evict persons who have been found to be supplying drugs from properties or allowing their properties to be used for the supply of drugs.</p>
<p><b>Current Situation</b></p>	<p>Fewer complaints and information is being received about drug use across the area. There are however a number of areas which still suffer with both drug dealing and the effects of drug use.</p> <p>In previous reports London drug dealers have been of concern. Although not in the same numbers as previously experienced, we continue to find and deal robustly with dealers arriving from London.</p>

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<b>Policing issues associated with Mill Road</b>	
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<b>Objective</b>	To reduce alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road area, focusing on the street drinking and complaints of ASB linked to that activity.
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<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The Mill Road and Petersfield areas have been the focus of activity by both the East team and the street based ASB team. Of note is that a new PCSO, Tony Marriott, was appointed for Mill Road in January 2014.</p> <p>Both teams have made good use of section 27 dispersal powers from the Violent Crime Reduction Act to prevent alcohol related ASB.</p> <p>Operation Summit, the Local Policing Command response around street ASB, is currently focussing on Ditchburn Place and Petersfield Green areas after an increase in calls from the public. A review of ASB also forms part of the police daily management meeting process which informs and directs policing in the City.</p> <p>A number of people have been arrested and received custodial sentences for breaching the conditions of ASBOs or CRASBOs imposed in part due to their behaviour on Mill Road and surrounding areas. One example of this is Jason GRAY who was jailed for 14 weeks for breach of his ASBO on Mill Road and Section 5 public order offence.</p> <p>Daily patrols are conducted on Mill Road and the surrounding areas by PCSOs and police officers targeting a range of offences. There has been a very warm reception given to the new Mill Road, PCSO, who has made his very visible presence felt both in terms of engagement and enforcement activity.</p> <p>The team continues to meet with the Mill Road traders association and other residents' groups. The team also continues to work with charities and partner agencies to reduce the impact of street based ASB in the Mill Rd area.</p>
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<b>Current Situation</b>	Overall ASB has reduced in the East area. By comparison to the previous reporting period, it remains stable in the Coleridge and Petersfield wards and there have been significant
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	<p>reductions in both the Romsey and Abbey wards.</p> <p>The four main areas which account for a large amount of calls are Newmarket Road (near to Tesco), Elizabeth Way roundabout, Ditchburn Place and Petersfield Green.</p>
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<b>Reduce shoplifting in the East area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce thefts from shops in the East area by working with shop staff and high visibility patrols.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>During the last reporting period the police launched Operation Acura in response to the shoplifting issue. Aimed at deterring retail theft, the operation, which ran for two weeks in February, had two elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ A high visibility operation concentrating on shops in each of the four wards that had been identified as being repeatedly targeted by thieves.</li> <li>□ Working with shops that suffer the very highest level of thefts in an effort to reduce the vulnerability of those shops.</li> </ul> <p>The result was that during the two weeks of the operation the East area saw the lowest levels of shop theft for the past three years. We received positive feedback from the shop staff involved and a number of shops have changed their displays to help prevent thefts. Officers have arrested and dealt with a number of people for both shoplifting and handling stolen goods. As well as action through the criminal justice system, action has also been taken leading to bans from either individual or chains of stores.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>There has been a reduction in shoplifting in the East area in comparison to the previous reporting period. Coleridge, Romsey and Petersfield wards have all recorded reductions, however Abbey has seen an increase of 7 crimes by comparison to the previous reporting period.</p> <p>Overall the upward trend seen across the area which prompted the adoption of this priority would appear to have been stopped.</p> <p>Whilst there are still a number of offences under investigation the following information details our success in detecting this crime type by ward: Abbey – 23 of the 40 crimes have been detected</p>

	<p>Coleridge – 2 of the 4 crimes have been detected  Petersfield – 26 of the 43 crimes have been detected  Romsey – 1 of the 9 crimes have been detected</p> <p>Identification of suspects remains a common theme behind these types of crime remaining undetected. Officers also believe that a number of offenders are traveling from outside the Cambridgeshire area to commit these crimes.</p>
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### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- City Council’s ASB Officers have been investigating reports of anti-social behaviour in the Lichfield Road sheltered scheme and are currently working with the police to resolve issues around persistent door knocking and nuisance behaviour. A community safety event is currently being planned for April to inform the residents of the scheme, and how to keep safe inside and outside of their homes.
- During the reporting period, City Council’s ASB Officers have received reports of tenancy-related ASB issues in Lichfield Road, Budleigh Close, Ditton Fields, Birdwood Road, Anne’s Road, Gray Road, Wycliffe Road, Coldhams Grove and Seymour Street. These reports are currently being investigated and steps are being taken to prevent further disturbances.
- City Council’s Safer Communities team has received reports of ASB and drug dealing in Ainsworth Street and passed the reports onto the police.
- Reports have been received by the City Council’s Safer Communities team and the police of a great deal of antisocial behaviour and vandalism in Queen Anne’s Terrace car park on Gonville Place. The extent of the antisocial behaviour and vandalism is increasing on a nightly basis and security officers are getting verbal and threatening abuse.
- A representative from the City Council’s Safer Communities team attended the Accommodation Fair in February at Anglia Ruskin University to inform students and landlords about the work of the section and how its officers can support them to prevent anti-social behaviour and racial harassment in student accommodation.
- Good reduction in total crime compared to the previous reporting period with Petersfield and Coleridge wards showing significant reductions (15% & 22%)

- Good reduction in anti-social behaviour compared to the same period last year. The most notable reductions against the previous reporting period have been in Romsey ward (39%) and Abbey ward (26%). Coleridge and Petersfield remain stable.
- Overall reduction in shoplifting, compared to both the previous reporting period and this same period in 2012/13, in all wards with the exception of Abbey which has seen an increase.
- Good reduction in cycle theft compared to the previous reporting period. Officers conducted an operation in Leicester and recovered 16 cycles stolen from Cambridge. A suspect has been arrested and bailed; officers are hopeful of a charge in this case.
- Increase in theft from vehicle in Romsey Ward which, although comparable in number to this same period 2012/13, shows a marked increase against the earlier reporting period (6 offences to 14). Officers from the East team have arrested one of Cambridge's most notorious vehicle thieves and recovered stolen goods from their home. This person is currently on police bail. Officers are hopeful of a charge and that this will result in a conviction and a custodial sentence.
- Dwelling burglary and burglary other both remain stable.
- Violent crime increase in Petersfield and Abbey compared to the same period last year. No clear reason for this increase.
- Cambridge City police have 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 have launched their own Twitter account @CambridgeCops
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary has launched Neighbourhood Alert to enhance communication with neighbourhoods.
- The police are exploring how they could utilise the **Shape Your Place** website 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
<b>AREA</b>	<b>City East</b>	<i>Nov 13 – Feb 14</i>	53	33	171	6	7	40	163	96	91	225	885	441
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	54	37	118	3	7	73	148	99	96	241	876	465
		<i>Jul 13 – Oct 13</i>	50	27	157	8	13	36	208	108	100	294	1,001	537
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	<i>Nov 13 – Feb 14</i>	17	7	68	3	2	15	21	40	27	57	257	129
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	34	12	41	3	4	35	26	34	29	82	300	120
		<i>Jul 13 – Oct 13</i>	14	10	52	2	4	15	31	33	30	70	261	175
	<b>Coleridge</b>	<i>Nov 13 – Feb 14</i>	10	10	20	0	1	6	43	4	15	52	161	95
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	4	6	19	0	2	8	26	5	18	37	125	102
		<i>Jul 13 – Oct 13</i>	7	4	31	3	4	8	40	6	18	86	207	99
	<b>Petersfield</b>	<i>Nov 13 – Feb 14</i>	8	11	51	2	1	5	73	43	27	67	288	149
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	5	15	27	0	0	15	58	49	24	68	261	132
		<i>Jul 13 – Oct 13</i>	7	5	48	1	3	7	102	54	28	83	338	151
	<b>Romsey</b>	<i>Nov 13 – Feb 14</i>	18	5	32	1	3	14	26	9	22	49	179	68
		<i>Nov 12 – Feb 13</i>	11	4	31	0	1	15	38	11	25	54	190	111
		<i>Jul 13 – Oct 13</i>	22	8	26	2	2	6	35	15	24	55	195	112

## ARSON DATA

**Period:** November 2013 to February 2014

### Deliberate fire summary

Area	Refuse	Bin	Vehicle	Residential	Non residential
Abbey	3	5	1	0	2
Coleridge	0	0	0	0	0
Petersfield	0	0	1	0	0
Romsey	0	0	0	0	0

<b>General</b>	Whilst deliberate fires in other areas have diminished, activity in the Abbey ward for a period significantly increased with risks to life involved.
<b>Abbey</b>	See report below.
<b>Coleridge</b>	No return for this period.
<b>Petersfield</b>	A single car fire in the railway station car park, which appeared to be an isolated incident of vandalism.
<b>Romsey</b>	No return for this period.

During the reporting period there were three primary issues in the Abbey ward which led to a marked peaked increase in deliberate fires in the area:

- One issue involved a neighbourhood dispute between a number of households in a section of one street where all the agencies were receiving high volumes of calls for service out of proportion to the risk. However this escalated to one serious incident where accelerant was applied to the bodywork of a car and ignited. The act of arson was committed in very close proximity to sleeping highly vulnerable people. Fortunately a passer-by saw the fire and called the emergency services before it could develop. As a result, joint safer neighbourhood partners convened a meeting between all parties and visited the individual homes. Appropriate words of advice were issued and no tolerance warnings in the future were given. Calls for service in this respect have diminished to zero for the later part of the reporting period.
- Over the Christmas period there were a spate of fires in the Ditton Fields and Thorpe Way areas involving rubbish, bins, garages and a shed. These were ignited by a person or persons who remain unknown and presented the emergency services with considerable demands for a large number of hours. Proactive prevention and detection measures were put in place but the fires ceased. Motive is still unknown however police would still

appreciate any information that may help to detect these crimes and ensure there is no repetition.

- Within the same time frame one fire was linked to a family dispute in a nearby area where threats to set fire to a home if a dispute was not resolved had been made. That issue has been resolved and there have been no further incidents or threats.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Abbey**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 7 reports, which included
  - 5 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 2 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: Ekin Road (4)
- November 2012 to February 2013: 1 report

#### *Fly tipping*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 68 reports, which included
  - 5 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Cheddar's Lane accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Cheddar's Lane (4), Dennis Road (5) and Ekin Road (15)
- November 2012 to February 2013: 89 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 14
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 1

#### *Needle finds*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 6
- Hotspots: Stourbridge Common (5) - needles found near railway bridge
- November 2012 to February 2013: 2

### **Coleridge**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 4 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation

- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 0 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 9 reports, which included
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to a domestic offender
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 28 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 5

#### *Needle finds*

- November 2013 to February 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 1

### **Petersfield**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 6 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having a valid tax disc
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 3 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 39 reports, which included
  - 4 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 3 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Gwydir Street (1), Willis Road (1), Caroline Place (1) and Mill Road (1) accounted for the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Mill Road (7), Gwydir Street (3) and Norfolk Street (2)
- November 2012 to February 2013: 53 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 19
- Hotspots: Mill Road (4)
- November 2012 to February 2013: 10

### *Needle finds*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 9
- Hotspots: Mill Road (8 unused and 1 used; two separate instances in the cemetery)
- November 2012 to February 2013: 1

## **Romsey**

### *Abandoned vehicles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 7 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 3 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 4 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 8 reports, which included
  - 1 request for waste transfer documentation from a trade offender
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 29 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 4
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: 2

### *Needle finds*

- November 2013 to February 2014: 2
- Hotspots: None
- November 2012 to February 2013: None

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area
- Policing issues associated with Mill Road
- Reduce shoplifting in the East area