

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 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (October to December 2013) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period January to March 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2013; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the North Area Committee meeting of 6 February 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Tackle drug dealing in the North area.
- Enforce 20mph speed limits (including Fen Road)

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 13 February 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

Tackle drug dealing in the North area	
Objective	Tackle drug dealing across the North area
Action Taken	<p>North team officers have continued to execute search warrants issued under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 targeting all classes of drugs at premises in the North area. The team has also targeted a number of street-based dealers.</p> <p>Some of the main results are detailed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ During this reporting period, a further 13 suspected Class A drug dealers were arrested. Many of those arrested were young men from London with gang affiliations. □ In the most notable success, North team officers arrested 5 men for supplying Class A drugs and for their part in a stabbing incident involving another group. The arrests resulted in the seizure of knives, a large quantity of cash and money and two parcels of Class A drugs were recovered. □ The team has worked with a local housing association to support them in taking possession of a flat in Chesterton where constant drug activity was impacting on the lives of nearby residents and the wider community.
Current Situation	Although primarily due to the profit that can be made, the problems associated with the supply class A drugs continue and this area would benefit from more work. As can be seen from the arrest results and by way of positive feedback from a variety of sources from within the community, the team has worked hard, and will continue to work hard, to tackle the issue.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Enforce 20mph speed limits (including Fen Road)	
Objective	Enforce 20mph speed limits (including anti-social driving on Fen Road)
Action Taken	<p>Throughout the reporting period, the Roads Policing Unit has maintained an active presence on Fen Road. They have dealt with numerous drivers for not wearing a seat belt, use of mobile phones whilst driving and other vehicle defect offences. This highly visible presence has provided a real deterrent to anti-social driving and has resulted in a drastic fall in the number of driving complaints. The North team has worked in support of this tactic on both sides of the railway crossing; with 1 Section 59 warning for anti-social driving being issued and several cannabis possession offences being addressed.</p> <p>The North team has supported the very recent introduction of the 20mph limit. Officers on the team are trained in the use of speed detection devices and have taken part in both publicity around the new limits and enforcement action. The limit has only been enforceable for just over three weeks at the time of writing this. Recent excess speed check activity in Arbury Road produced the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 9 traffic offence reports for excess speed □ 27 verbal warnings for excess speed (all vehicles stopped and drivers advised regarding speed) □ 2 searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 □ 1 arrest for being unfit to drive through drugs
Current Situation	The 20mph speed limit is in its infancy on the North area. Speed and casualty reduction is an aim shared by all and within that goal proportionate speed enforcement has a part to play as do other measures such as education and engineering. Enforcement activity for any posted speed limit has to focus on those areas of greatest risk or which targets those high harm offenders. The police in Cambridge will provide a proportionate response to enforcement in a 20mph limit in the same way they do for a 30mph or 40mph limit.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- City Council's Safer Communities continues to work with City Homes, police and other agencies to address issues of ASB in the North, resulting in three City Council tenants signing undertakings to desist from antisocial behaviour.

- ASB officers in Safer Communities are continuing work with agencies about concerns around vulnerable young people attending an address in the North.
- The City Council conducted a letter drop in the East Chesterton area following concerns from residents about ASB from a private tenancy in the area.
- The City Council organised a street surgery in the Maitland Avenue / Mortlock Avenue area of East Chesterton, to inform residents on the how and to whom of reporting concerns around ASB, following on from work conducted by City Homes North to prevent a Council tenant causing alarm and distress in that area.
- There has been a reduction in antisocial behaviour (ASB) by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year (down 15% or 45 fewer incidents compared to October – December 2013 and down 18.5% or 58 fewer incidents compared to January – March 2013).
- There has been a reduction in violent crime by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year (down 22.4% or 26 fewer crimes compared to October – December 2013 and down 19.6% or 22 fewer crimes compared to January – March 2013).
- The above reductions have been reflected across all wards with the exception of King's Hedges which remains stable.
- There has been a reduction in theft from motor vehicle by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year (down 71% or 30 fewer crimes compared to October – December 2013 and down 78% or 42 fewer crimes compared to January – March 2013).
- There has been an increase in robbery of 87.5% or 7 further crimes by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period in 2013. Of note, however, is that two arrests have been made in respect of this type of offence and, as of 23 April, just one single robbery has been recorded in the North area.
- The North team continues to hold its community engagement surgeries at Arbury Court (last Wednesday of every month: 11am to 1pm) and Tesco Express, High Street Chesterton (last Tuesday of every month: 1pm to 3pm).

- The North area team has set up a North Area Committee police item on the ***Shape Your Place*** website to enhance community engagement. The item is still open for comment and the results will be shared at the North Area Committee meeting on 8 May 2014.

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 North	<i>Jan 14 – Mar 14</i>	49	33	90	15	7	12	72	41	58	220	597	255
		<i>Jan 13 – Mar 13</i>	24	28	112	8	7	54	55	23	79	122	512	313
		<i>Oct 13 – Dec 13</i>	59	33	116	8	8	42	61	33	68	139	567	300
WARDS	Arbury	<i>Jan 14 – Mar 14</i>	17	11	17	1	1	1	11	14	23	50	146	63
		<i>Jan 13 – Mar 13</i>	3	8	24	4	2	9	9	11	22	31	123	62
		<i>Oct 13 – Dec 13</i>	13	5	30	1	0	7	15	8	11	36	126	56
	East Chesterton	<i>Jan 14 – Mar 14</i>	11	4	22	3	2	2	19	8	7	58	136	66
		<i>Jan 13 – Mar 13</i>	12	7	30	1	3	18	13	3	21	32	140	101
		<i>Oct 13 – Dec 13</i>	15	18	30	3	2	17	12	3	22	40	162	69
	King's Hedges	<i>Jan 14 – Mar 14</i>	10	14	42	8	2	3	12	5	19	75	190	77
		<i>Jan 13 – Mar 13</i>	7	2	43	3	1	18	11	7	25	29	146	91
		<i>Oct 13 – Dec 13</i>	16	6	41	4	5	10	9	16	22	32	161	103
	West Chesterton	<i>Jan 14 – Mar 14</i>	11	4	9	3	2	6	30	14	9	37	125	49
		<i>Jan 13 – Mar 13</i>	2	11	15	0	1	9	22	2	11	30	103	59
		<i>Oct 13 – Dec 13</i>	15	4	15	0	1	8	25	6	13	31	118	72

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Arbury

Abandoned vehicles

- January to March 2014: 9 reports, which included
 - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 3 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 CLE26 notice 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
- January to March 2013: 3 reports

Fly tipping

- January to March 2014: 36 reports, which included
 - 1 verbal warning
 - 1 request for waste transfer documentation from a trade offender
- Hotspots: Hazelwood Close (6), Molewood Close (5)
- January to March 2013: 53 reports

Derelict cycles

- January to March 2014: 12
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 1

Needle finds

- January to March 2014: 1
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 3

East Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- January to March 2014: 4 reports, which included
 - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
 - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- January to March 2014: 12 reports, which included
 - 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 10 reports

Derelict cycles

- January to March 2014: 2
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 0

Needle finds

- January to March 2014: 8
- Hotspots: Church Street (8) - used needles found by member of cleaning staff in ladies public toilets
- January to March 2013: 1

King's Hedges

Abandoned vehicles

- January to March 2014: 4 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 0 reports

Fly tipping

- January to March 2014: 35 reports, which included
 - 4 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Aragon Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 29 reports

Derelict cycles

- January to March 2014: 4
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 2

Needle finds

- January to March 2014: 12
- Hotspots: Wilson Close (12) – 9 used needles were reported by a member of public and removed from near the garage block at Wilson Close; 3 used needles were reported by a member of public and removed from the rear of Wilson Close.
- January to March 2013: 4

West Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- January to March 2014: 7 reports, which included

- 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- 4 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
- 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- January to March 2014: 10 reports
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 5 reports

Derelict cycles

- January to March 2014: 6
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 0

Needle finds

- January to March 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- January to March 2013: 2

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Combat drug dealing in the North area
- Road safety issues (including 20mph limit compliance) in the North area