

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 February to May 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (October 2013 to January 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- ❑ City Council environmental services data for the period February to May 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 South Area Committee meeting of 3 March 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

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

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 12 March 2014, 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.

Combat the supply of drugs in South area	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ 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; and ❑ Target the supply of drugs, particularly Class A drugs, by individuals resident in the South area.
Action Taken	<p>In the last four months, the South area team, working with the East area team, have executed 3 search warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act, as well as supporting other warrants in the East area. This has resulted in the seizure of both Class A and Class B drugs.</p> <p>As a result of these warrants individuals have been arrested and dealt with for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, the production of Class B drugs and the possession with intent to supply of both Class A and Class B drugs.</p> <p>In the same period, 28 stop/searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act have been conducted resulting in the confiscation of cannabis from 7 individuals, and the arrest of 2 individuals for possession with intent to supply and for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Intelligence and information from the public still continues to come to the attention of the problem solving teams working across the city. This indicates there are still numerous individuals in the South area who remain active in the supply of controlled drugs.</p> <p>Many of those arrested normally reside outside Cambridge and are coming to Cambridge purely to take part in their criminal activity.</p>

	The tactic of the police is to make Cambridge as hostile an environment as possible for the intention to supply drugs.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Target the increase in dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton area	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Reduce the incidents of dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton area; and ❑ Increase the awareness of local residents about the risks of becoming a victim of crime, and inform them of suitable simple crime prevention measures they can take.
Action Taken	<p>The dwelling burglary prevention work undertaken by the South area team was not conducted in isolation but in support of the work of other departments in the police who deal with dwelling burglary and offenders on a daily basis. Detectives from Parkside attend the scene of and investigate all burglaries and the Integrated Offender Management team maintains ownership of the management and monitoring of known repeat offenders.</p> <p>The main tactic employed by the South team in terms of prevention is known as “cocooning”. This is basically an intensive crime prevention response to crimes of dwelling burglary. Those whose property are near to the burgled dwelling are visited, reassured and given practical crime prevention advice on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. It is based on evidence obtained from research conducted under the supervision of the Jill Dando Institute for Security and Crime Science. This has been trialled by other police forces in the Eastern region.</p> <p>Cocooning activity around dwelling burglaries in the Cherry Hinton Area has taken the form of 19 hours of visits to residential premises around the victims’ addresses. The South team has visited 553 residential premises, delivered 305 leaflets about reducing the risks of being a victim of burglary, and spoke to 248 residents to deliver appropriate crime prevention advice.</p>
Current Situation	Dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton area is down compared to the previous reporting period, but has seen an increase compared to the same period last year. The cocooning work has been well-received by residents and has now been adopted as standard practice for all dwelling burglaries.

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Target the increase in thefts from motor vehicles in the Trumpington area	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Reduce the theft from motor vehicles in the Trumpington area; and ❑ Increase the awareness of local residents and local businesses about the risks of becoming a victim of crime, and inform them of suitable simple crime prevention measures they can take.
Action Taken	<p>Since the last meeting, around 17 hours of high-visibility patrols, mostly carried out by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), have been undertaken around the principle hotspot areas for theft from vehicle offences.</p> <p>Messages to local residents, containing simple crime prevention advice to reduce the risk of being a victim of theft from motor vehicle, have been delivered via the eCops system as well as in local police surgeries and out on the street to motorists parking in high risk areas.</p> <p>Visits to the site by South area PCSOs where new homes are being constructed have been carried out. Developers have been encouraged to impress upon employees and those visiting the sites the need to secure their vehicles and contents.</p>
Current Situation	The number of theft from motor vehicle offences in Trumpington is down compared to the previous reporting period. There is a slight increase (4 offences) on the same reporting period from last year. An increase compared to 2013 was possibly due to the large number of homes, and therefore cars, being added to the ward by the Southern Fringe developments.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- ❑ The City Council's Safer Communities team, working in partnership with the police and other social landlords, continue to tackle a number of ASB issues in the South. Following significant incidents of ASB, a Notice of Seeking Possession was served on a City Homes tenant. One tenant has given an undertaking to comply with their tenancy agreement and on another case, parties have signed a Good Neighbour Agreement. One

tenant is due to be served a Notice of Seeking Possession for unlawful use of their property.

- ❑ The City Council's Safer Communities team is working with police street life officers in a number of areas where residents have reported a street life presence, as well as supporting agencies where vulnerable tenants are identified as needing help with managing their tenancies.
- ❑ The City Council's Safer Communities team, together with other partner agencies, was involved in the Hanover and Princess Court Community Clean Up Day on 17 May, organised by City Homes, as well as the opening of the new Community Centre there and the formation of a Residents' Association.
- ❑ There has been a slight rise in overall crime recorded in the South area. Trumpington and Queen Edith's wards have remained stable, with Cherry Hinton ward accounting for the majority of this increase. There is no particular pattern to the Cherry Hinton increase; the majority is accounted for by various types of thefts (though not shoplifting) across the ward.
- ❑ ASB for the South area has shown an increase by comparison to the previous reporting period. Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards are relatively stable with the increase coming in Trumpington. This increase is linked to more street-based ASB (for example, begging) in the Station Road and Newtown areas. Action is already being taken in respect of this by the street-based ASB team. One of the main offenders, Mark Guy, has been given an ASBO to prevent this behaviour; one of his conditions is not to sit within 10 metres of a cash point machine and ask for money. Since the ASBO and increased police patrols begging activity has decreased.
- ❑ Dwelling burglary for the South area has remained stable by comparison to the previous reporting period. Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards have both seen fewer offences. Trumpington has, however, seen an increase.
- ❑ Non-dwelling burglary for the South area has decreased to 17 offences by comparison to 25 in the previous reporting period.
- ❑ Theft from vehicle for the South area has decreased by 11 offences with reductions across all three wards.
- ❑ There have been good reductions in criminal damage across all wards.
- ❑ Violent crime remains stable.

- ❑ Cycle crime for the South area has remained stable by comparison to the previous reporting period. Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards have both seen fewer offences. Queen Edith's ward has however seen a small increase.
- ❑ Cambridge 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
- ❑ A meeting has already taken place with South area councillors, the police, City Council's Safer Communities team, one of the landowners and other agencies in respect of "Cambridge Lakes". A multi-agency action plan has been drawn up to combat the ASB associated with the area. Local residents will be informed of what action is planned.

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	Feb 14 – May 14	36	17	62	2	4	30	85	9	30	176	451	253
		Feb 13 – May 13	23	22	66	0	3	28	91	8	42	87	370	224
		Oct 13 – Jan 14	36	25	71	2	7	41	86	6	51	108	433	201
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Feb 14 – May 14	16	2	27	2	1	5	7	1	10	51	122	72
		Feb 13 – May 13	4	3	17	0	1	6	19	1	15	20	86	65
		Oct 13 – Jan 14	18	3	29	0	2	6	10	0	20	17	105	89
	Queen Edith's	Feb 14 – May 14	7	2	15	0	1	5	35	0	7	49	121	61
		Feb 13 – May 13	15	6	30	0	0	6	26	1	13	26	123	74
		Oct 13 – Jan 14	11	12	11	0	2	11	28	0	9	38	122	32
	Trumpington	Feb 14 – May 14	13	13	20	0	2	20	43	8	13	76	208	120
		Feb 13 – May 13	4	13	19	0	2	16	46	6	14	41	161	85
		Oct 13 – Jan 14	7	10	31	2	3	24	48	6	22	53	206	80

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Cherry Hinton

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 7 reports, which included 7 vehicles not on site following inspection
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ February to May 2014: 18 reports
- ❑ Hotspots: Colville Road (3)
- ❑ February to May 2013: 7 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 11
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 2

Needle finds

- ❑ February to May 2014: None
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: None

Queen Edith's

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 6 reports, which included
 - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 1 report

Fly tipping

- ❑ February to May 2014: 12 reports, which included 1 request for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 4 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 4
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 2

Needle finds

- ❑ February to May 2014: None
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: None

Trumpington

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 5 reports, which included
 - 2 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
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ February to May 2014: 20 reports, which included 2 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Russell Street and Anstey Way accounted for the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 9 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ February to May 2014: 11
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ February to May 2013: 11

Needle finds

- ❑ February to May 2014: 4
- ❑ Hotspots: Botanical Gardens (2); Coronation Street (2)
- ❑ February to May 2013: None

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Combat the supply of drugs in the South area
- ❑ Target dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards
- ❑ Target ASB associated with the “Cambridge Lakes” area