

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 August to November 2014, compared to the previous like reporting period (April to July 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period August to November 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 28 August 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue with the work against drug dealers: this is a situation which could easily escalate and attracts other, potentially more serious, criminality. As an organisation, we are now putting more resources into this and linking with other Forces; the Met being one.
- Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture.
- Address cycle crime & anti-social cycling

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 4 September 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.

Continue with the work against drug dealers	
Objective	Combat drug dealing in the North area
Action Taken	<p>The North Area team have continued their pro-active work targeting those involved in Class A drug dealing. Many of the individuals identified have links to London-based gangs but the disruption caused by the team's proactivity has prevented the gangs getting a foothold in the city, which in turn has prevented an escalation of gang-related violence.</p> <p>In October, an organised group was taken out in the Victoria Road area, with drugs and circa £3000 being seized.</p> <p>Additionally, a warrant executed in Alice Bell Close under the Misuse of Drugs Act, snared a male with drugs and cash, who was also wanted for a violent attack involving a knife in Campkin Road.</p> <p>These are two good examples of our work over this period. Four persons have been given custodial sentences and we anticipate more as the justice system finalises some of our earlier enforcement activities.</p> <p>Whilst we have been enforcing the law and disrupting criminal activity, we have sought to safeguard vulnerable local residents (addicts or otherwise) who are being preyed upon by these gangs or are vulnerable to exploitation, through the use of practical measures such as the provision of alarms and</p>

	supportive measures, such as partnership work with housing providers.
Current Situation	<p>Intelligence would suggest that gangs involved in the supply of drugs are currently unable to establish themselves in Cambridge; they are being disrupted through police action which means they are regularly having to relocate and are unable to establish a base.</p> <p>However, the lack of overall “control” by any individual group means that more individuals / gangs are trying to operate in the City. The proactive work continues to ensure there is no danger of the London “gang culture” spilling over into Cambridge.</p>
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture	
Objective	Address road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area
Action Taken	<p>The North Area team have conducted high visibility laser speed enforcement activity on a weekly basis at various locations within the 20mph area.</p> <p>Additional support was gained for the Chesterton area by bidding for resources from our Road Policing Unit.</p> <p>Operation “Safe Passage” (addressing all aspects of road safety) has continued at hotspots around the North and we have supported this with our staff.</p>
Current Situation	<p>We have had surprisingly few complaints about speeding / road safety over the last few months, albeit there are areas which continue to attract concern; Green End Road, Fen Road and Northfields Avenue being the principles.</p> <p>We have followed up the complaints we have received and in many cases these have been found to be a perception of speeding, rather than actual speeding. Compliance across the 20mph is not complete but we are seeing reduced speeds as the community and visitors adjust to the new speed limits.</p> <p>We continue to work with partners and local interest to achieve safer roads locally.</p>
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling	
Objective	Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling
Action Taken	<p>As with the drug dealing, cycle issues are city-wide problems and other area teams have also prioritised similar work.</p> <p>Together with the East Area team, we have carried out two warrants in relation to the handling of stolen bikes and arrested 5 individuals. We have recovered 3 stolen bikes as a result of pro-active targeted stop-searches and have been able to return them to their owners.</p> <p>PCSOs from the North Area team have been active with the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) campaign, which targeted various anti-social cycling offences. 304 tickets were issued and 151 words of advice provided between 27th October and 22nd November. Arbury Road, Milton Road and Mitcham's Corner were our areas of focus within the North. Whilst the focused campaign has finished, LIT remains business as usual.</p>
Current Situation	Difficult to qualify but colloquially local culture does seem to be changing, for example more cyclists seem to have lights. Cycle crime is still high, with a couple of groups of youths targeting cycles on pretty much a nightly basis.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- The City Council's Safer Communities team held two ASB workshops at St. Luke's School for Years 5 and 6. The local PCSO helped to deliver these and they were very well received by students.
- Letter drops were conducted by the Safer Communities team in Campkin Road, Nuns Way, St. Kilda Avenue flats and Perse Way, in response to complaints of ASB, and follow-up action was undertaken on the responses received.
- The Safer Communities team issued 2 Notices of Seeking Possession on grounds of ASB. The team also worked with 2 young people in East Chesterton and they have signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Meetings were held for residents in King's Hedges and East Chesterton and the team also dealt with reports of vandalism on Lawrence Way, which was resolved following words of advice with the perpetrators, and ASB in Northfields Avenue and Nuns Way, which was passed to other agencies following strong words of advice with the perpetrators.

- It is pleasing to see crime figures look very good, with most types falling again. In particular it is great to see the number of burglaries has reduced in most wards; undoubtedly the fact that many of our principle burglars are currently imprisoned has made a difference. One particular burglar that has just been imprisoned has been active in the North Area; this should have a significant and positive impact as we move forward. That said, we cannot afford to be complacent, particularly as darker nights signal a rise in this type of crime. We will continue to target and disrupt those who we know to be engaged in burglary.
- Violent crime is also down after an apparent rise over the summer and in comparison to the same period last year. This is positive, as many other parts of the City have seen a rise as we strive to record *all* crimes that we become aware of, including those where the victim refuses to co-operate.
- Despite a very warm autumn and the passing of Halloween and Bonfire nights, ASB has remained stable.
- Class A drug enforcement and disruption activity continues as various groups continue to try to establish themselves within the City. Cycle crime is another area that remains worthy of police focus due to its volume. However, we will concentrate our policing activities on safeguarding, focussing on those who are a threat, risk or harm to themselves or others.

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	Aug 14 – Nov 14	46	29	147	7	6	32	132	55	93	235	782	453
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	60	39	176	10	12	50	108	55	107	201	818	455
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	37	29	173	7	13	30	123	57	100	248	827	451
WARDS	Arbury	Aug 14 – Nov 14	21	5	40	3	2	6	29	10	14	73	203	94
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	13	8	40	2	1	11	25	14	23	61	198	85
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	12	6	40	4	6	8	32	23	20	60	211	107
	East Chesterton	Aug 14 – Nov 14	11	5	31	0	2	11	23	8	28	66	185	134
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	15	19	41	5	2	18	21	3	31	48	203	108
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	10	5	44	0	2	9	31	7	31	78	217	124
	King's Hedges	Aug 14 – Nov 14	6	11	57	1	2	11	31	29	31	54	233	135
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	15	9	69	3	7	11	14	34	34	53	249	167
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	7	11	60	1	4	9	23	19	34	65	233	140
	West Chesterton	Aug 14 – Nov 14	8	8	19	3	0	4	49	8	20	42	161	90
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	17	3	26	0	2	10	48	4	19	39	168	95
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	8	7	29	2	1	4	37	8	15	55	166	80

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Arbury

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 6 reports, which included
 - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 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
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ August to November 2014: 44 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Stretten Avenue accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- ❑ Hotspots: Cockerell Road (6) and Molewood Close (9)
- ❑ August to November 2013: 88 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 6
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 12

Needle finds

- ❑ August to November 2014: None
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: None

East Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 6 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 1 vehicle subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ August to November 2014: 14 reports
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 20 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 6
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 10

Needle finds

- ❑ August to November 2014 2012: 1
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 69

King's Hedges

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 5 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 3 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ August to November 2014: 36 reports, which included 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ Offences at Larkin Close, Campkin Road, Walker Court and Nuns Way accounted for 4 of the formal warning letters sent
- ❑ Hotspots: Campkin Road (5)
- ❑ August to November 2013: 57 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 3
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 5

Needle finds

- ❑ August to November 2014: None
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 1

West Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ August to November 2014: 5 reports, which included 5 vehicles not on site following inspection
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ August to November 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- August to November 2014: 13 reports, which included
 - 2 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
 - 1 formal warning letter issued to trade offenders
- Offences at Carlton Way accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 21 reports

Derelict cycles

- August to November 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 10

Needle finds

- August to November 2014: 2512
- Hotspots: Milton Road (2500)¹ and Cutter Ferry Path (12)²
- August to November 2013: None

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue with work against drug dealers
- Continue to address cycle theft

¹ 2500 mixed new and used needles were removed from a void property on Milton Road in October 2014. These needles posed no risk to the public as the property had been locked. The removal works was requested by City Homes and completed by Streets and Open Spaces operations staff following a risk assessment. This needle find was reported to the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

² 12 used needles were removed from a bin as it was being emptied along the Cutter Ferry Path in November 2014. This needle find was reported to the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.