

# 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 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 East Area Committee meeting of 11 September 2014, 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 18 September 2014, 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>The East team 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>Officers have once again executed a number of warrants targeting all classes of drugs at premises in the East and South areas. We target addresses in the South with the South team as they impact in the East too. Similarly, we have been supported by the South team on a number of our warrants. The team has also targeted a number of street based dealers. In addition, we have recovered stolen property whilst conducting these warrants.</p> <p>Some of the main results are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walpole Road (South) – Search warrant was executed and three persons were arrested for possession with intent to supply class A and B.</li> <li>• Leete Road (South) – Search warrant was executed and two persons were arrested (including one from London) for ‘concerned in the supply’ of Class A drugs and possession of a large amount of money.</li> <li>• Bridewell Road (South) – Search warrant was executed and three persons arrested (including one from London) for allowing their premises to be used for drug supply and ‘concerned in the supply’ of Class A drugs.</li> <li>• Ancaster Way – Two males arrested for possession and</li> </ul>

	<p>possession with intent to supply Class A and B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YMCA (policed by the East area team) – Class A drugs found and a female arrested who remains on bail she has now been evicted from her accommodation.</li> </ul>
<b>Current Situation</b>	We are still seeing drug dealers from London coming to Cambridge and installing themselves in vulnerable people's houses. Often this starts with a small gift of alcohol or money but quickly turns to intimidation tactics and the use of force.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Policing issues associated with Mill Road</b>	
<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.
<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.</p> <p>Both teams have made good use of section 27 dispersal powers from the Violent Crime Reduction Act to prevent alcohol related ASB. The section 27 power has now been replaced with section 35 Anti-social Behaviour, Crime &amp; Policing Act 2014.</p> <p>A review of ASB also forms part of the police daily management meeting process, which informs and directs policing in the City.</p> <p>Daily patrols are conducted on Mill Road and the surrounding areas by PCSOs and police officers targeting a range of offences.</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 Road area.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>There are no individual figures for ASB in Mill Road, however, if we look at the ASB incidents for Romsey and Petersfield wards for this review period over the last 4 years we can see a clear fall, as detailed below:</p> <p>August to November 2011 - 336  August to November 2012 - 290  August to November 2013 - 239  August to November 2014 - 232</p>

	We feel the work carried out has had the desired effect to reduce the number of issues of ASB in Mill Road. We will continue the measures in place as they are impacting on the issue and this is fully integrated into the team's work.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Reduce shoplifting in the East area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce thefts from shops in the East area.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>We have continued to maintain high visibility patrols and to work with shop owners. We continue to see a number of suspects traveling large distances to Cambridge targeting high value goods such as 'iMac' computers.</p> <p>The East team have focused on these where suspects are unknown in the local area. The team have spent time tracking, arresting and prosecuting thieves who are responsible for thousands of pounds worth of stolen goods. Two examples of such cases, which show the diversity of the goods stolen, are a £2,000 computer and £3,000 worth of paint brushes. The suspects in both cases have been caught and successfully prosecuted.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	Shop thefts have stabilised after peaking earlier in the year and prompting this as local priority. Local PCSOs have good working relationships with store staff and we will continue the measures in place.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### **3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES**

- Officers have arrested a male who was passing fake £50 notes in the Cambridge area. Further enquires have revealed a further 22 offences in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire with all of the victims being of the older generation. The suspect remains on bail.
- Officers have recovered a number of items of stolen property when conducting warrants including a large haul from a number of burglaries. Two persons remain on bail.
- Officers have assisted Trading Standards officers on a warrant in the city to help combat fake consumer goods.

- Officers have received reports of drugs being dealt outside a local school. They have been in contact with the school and a male who was suspected to be involved has been arrested and drugs recovered. The suspect was not a pupil at the school.
- There have been a number of complaints received about speeding vehicles in Tenison Road in Cambridge.
- The Safer Communities Team are currently leading on a pilot looking at potential new management models for supporting those that are homeless or vulnerably housed and at risk of anti-social behaviour due to substance or alcohol misuse or mental health issues. Currently nine individuals (out of a potential twelve) have been referred to the pilot. Of those nine, three have disengaged, however the remaining six continue to engage with the co-ordinator and their keyworkers in order to identify gaps in their service provision.

## 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>	Aug 14 – Nov 14	50	40	178	6	14	34	283	90	103	244	1042	500
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	55	31	155	10	15	37	218	89	97	294	1001	494
		Apr 14 – July 14	47	44	159	8	11	26	187	91	111	261	945	526
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	Aug 14 – Nov 14	13	20	81	1	5	8	44	34	34	56	296	161
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	15	10	54	4	6	16	30	27	29	67	258	157
		Apr 14 – July 14	19	27	67	2	5	11	22	22	33	75	283	181
	<b>Coleridge</b>	Aug 14 – Nov 14	20	5	28	3	3	7	54	5	20	47	192	107
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	10	7	31	2	4	8	50	5	15	81	213	98
		Apr 14 – July 14	8	8	24	1	2	6	51	10	18	54	182	101
	<b>Petersfield</b>	Aug 14 – Nov 14	5	10	41	2	1	10	135	38	23	97	362	136
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	10	6	46	1	3	6	103	40	31	95	341	148
		Apr 14 – July 14	11	3	43	4	2	3	75	52	22	80	295	158
	<b>Romsey</b>	Aug 14 – Nov 14	12	5	28	0	5	9	50	13	26	44	192	96
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	20	8	24	3	2	7	35	17	22	51	189	91
		Apr 14 – July 14	9	8	25	1	2	6	39	7	38	52	185	86

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Abbey**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- August to November 2014: 6 reports, which included
  - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by its owner
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a tax disc on a public highway
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 17 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- August to November 2014: 33 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to a domestic offender in Ekin Road.
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 79 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- August to November 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 13

#### *Needle finds*

- August to November 2014: 15<sup>1</sup>
- Hotspots: Stourbridge Common (15)
- August to November 2013: None

### **Coleridge**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- August to November 2014: 2 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a tax disc on a public highway
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 7 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- August to November 2014: 17 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to a domestic offender in Cherry Hinton Road.
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 20 reports

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<sup>1</sup> 15 needles were found by one of the City Council's Rangers during a check of rubbish bins on Stourbridge Common and removed.



### *Derelict cycles*

- August to November 2014: 9
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 4

### *Needle finds*

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

## **Petersfield**

### *Abandoned vehicles*

- August to November 2014: 4 reports, which included
  - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: Rope Walk (3).
- August to November 2013: 4 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- August to November 2014: 19 reports, which included
  - 5 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to a trade offender
  - 2 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Staffordshire Gardens, St Matthew's Street, Mill Road, Gwydir Street and Abbey Walk. accounted for one each of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 34 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- August to November 2014: 24
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 15

### *Needle finds*

- August to November 2014: 29<sup>2</sup>
- Hotspots: Mill Road (29)
- August to November 2013: 17

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<sup>2</sup> 29 used needles found during a needle sweep undertaken in the cemetery.

## **Romsey**

### *Abandoned vehicles*

- August to November 2014: 2 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by its owner
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 10 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- August to November 2014: 20 reports
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 24 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- August to November 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 11

### *Needle finds*

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

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue with the work against the supply of Class A drugs and the presence of persons linked to organised crime groups from the London area.
- Target street drinking and alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road area.
- Address road safety matters such as vehicle speeding and anti-social cycling.