

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 September to December 2014, compared to the previous like reporting period (May to August 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period September to December 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 13 October 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue work against Class A dealers;
- Address cycle crime in response to citywide spike;
- Address cycling offences with the return of students and darker evenings (will complement effort against cycle crime and road safety);
- Dwelling burglary.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 20 October 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.

Continue work against Class A dealers	
Objective	<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. □ Target the supply of drugs; particularly Class A drugs, by individuals resident in the South area.
Action Taken	<p>Work has continued across the City to combat Class A drug dealing. The South & East teams have 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 South and East areas. The teams have 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"> □ Walpole Road (South) – Search warrant was executed and three persons were arrested for possession with intent to supply class A and B; □ 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; □ Bridewell Road (South) – Search warrant was executed and three persons arrested (including one from London)

	<p>for allowing their premises to be used for drug supply and 'concerned in the supply' of Class A drugs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ancaster Way (East) – Two males arrested for possession and possession with intent to supply Class A and B; □ 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. <p>In addition, in order to further safeguard the community and vulnerable members within it, Cambridge City police have now adopted a target hardening strategy under Operation Hexham. This involves visiting, with partner agencies, any location identified as persistently being used in the dealing of Class A drugs. The occupant is warned of the consequences if it continues and is offered advice, support & guidance to divert them from addiction.</p>
Current Situation	Intelligence continues to be provided from the community in relation to drug use and dealing activity. The new strategy detailed above is being implemented.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Address cycle crime in response to citywide spike	
Objective	To reduce cycle crime in the South area
Action Taken	<p>Operation Raptor has been drafted by the City team in an attempt to address the rise in cycle crime. Displays and presentations have taken place to police staff to highlight the crime and various "sting" operations have taken place in an attempt to capture offenders which have met with some success.</p> <p>From discussions with CCTV, British Transport Police and from analysis, it is clear that the problem is wide spread and involves multiple offenders, local and distant, rather than an organised crime group. This has resulted in limited overall success in the short term with regards to an overall reduction but it has heightened the awareness of staff to the problem and the tactics available, with the hope that this will lead to reductions in the longer term.</p> <p>Local PCSOs have conducted a number of "street surgeries" in identified crime hot spot areas, e.g. Mill Park, Hills Road and Station Road, offering crime prevention advice.</p>
Current	As detailed above, cycle crime continues to make up a

Situation	significant volume of crime within the area.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Address cycling offences with the return of students and darker evenings (will complement effort against cycle crime and road safety)	
Objective	To address cycling offences; this will also complement efforts against cycle crime and road safety.
Action Taken	<p>Local PCSOs have been involved in the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) scheme at various locations throughout the City.</p> <p>Over a three-month period, 304 tickets were issued and 151 persons were offered words of advice. Cherry Hinton Road was one particular location that received attention during this scheme.</p> <p>In addition, patrol time has been specifically spent in education and enforcement action on Trumpington Road, High Street, Long Road, Brooklands Avenue, Hills Road, Mowbray Road, Bateman Street and Panton Street. In total, a further 42 people have been spoken to regarding cycling type offences.</p> <p>On the back of this priority and feedback, discussions have taken place with regards to commencing a Cycling Diversionary Scheme in October 2015 where, similar to the LIT scheme, persons caught offending may be able to take part in a rider improvement and educational scheme in order to avoid further punishment. What this finally entails has yet to be decided.</p>
Current Situation	As previously suggested, the priority should come under the umbrella term of “road-safety” to support local PCSO efforts in combating not only inconsiderate cycling but also inconsiderate parking, especially during the school run periods, as this continues to be widely reported.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Dwelling burglary	
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reduce the incidents of dwelling burglary □ 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>Below is a recent report from DS Russ Figgis (PCT Cambridge City):</p> <p><i>“We have had a series of burglaries within the CB1 and CB4</i></p>

areas of Cambridge.

Many of these have taken place over the festive period whilst individuals have been away from their properties. Operation Kracken has been put in place to tackle this issue. This operation is utilising resources from various CID teams and police resources from all over the force area in order to locate and arrest the offenders of these burglaries.

Over the last 10 days, Cambridgeshire Police have arrested and interviewed a total of six individuals for burglaries across the city. These individuals have either been charged or bailed for further enquiries.

A mixture of tactics are being employed to tackle this issue that include a mixture of high visibility and plain clothes resources being used.

Please can all residents be vigilant and if leaving their property please keep lights on or take other preventative security measures. It is clear that addresses are being targeted that appear from the outside that they are empty. At some of the burglaries, entry has been gained by the offenders forcing the windows open.

Please can residents keep all doors and windows locked and secure and report any individuals that are acting suspicious in their local areas to the Police as soon as possible.

It is fairly general because there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes.”

In addition, local PCSOs have been involved in patrolling the areas specifically highlighted by DS Figgis’s team as being vulnerable, offering both reassurance and crime prevention advise.

In November/December, particular attention was given to the area around Glebe Road when a spike in criminality was identified.

Each local PCSO has recently received training on the eCOPS alert system with instructions to report to their ward communities any identified patterns of criminality. This is in the early stages of being embedded as a process.

Current Situation	Sadly, despite the low number of offences in the earlier part of the period, there was a significant increase in dwelling burglaries over the Christmas/New Year period. There have been a number of arrests and property has been recovered; the drop in subsequent offences would imply that we have arrested the right people; we are working to prevent further offences.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- The Community Cohesion & Racial Harassment Officer and ASB officers, both from Safer Communities team, are now holding monthly surgeries on the last Friday of every month at Addenbrooke's Hospital. These surgeries encourage people to report issues of racial harassment and ASB. It also raises awareness of the services available to combat such incidences. At the surgeries, attendees will also be able to get help with other council services by way of sign posting. The surgeries also help by being out in the community to make reporting easier.
- The Safer Communities team issued a Notice of Seeking Possession for ASB activity in Wulfstan Way and obtained a signed undertaking from another perpetrator in Paget Road.
- A letter drop was carried out by the Safer Communities team in Harvey Road in relation to reports of ASB between neighbours. The matter has been referred to the landlord, Hundred Housing.
- The Safer Communities team are dealing with ASB cases in a number of locations: Wulfstan Way, Paget Road, Cherry Hinton Road, Bridewell Road and Hanover Court. The ASB at Bridewell Road was quickly resolved by contacting the perpetrator.
- The Safer Communities team have received reports of neighbour nuisance in Foster Road, Princess Court and Wulfstan Way, environmental ASB in Walpole Road, threatening behaviour in Winchmore Drive, criminal damage in Paget Close, and a burglary in Lilac Court; the reports were either dealt with or passed to the correct agency to deal with.
- There has been an overall reduction in recorded crime on the South area of 5%, or 28 fewer offences, by comparison to the previous reporting period. This reduction has been reflected across all three wards with Queen Edith's accounting for 18 fewer offences.

- Anti-social behaviour for the South area has seen a reduction of 14% or 39 fewer incidents by comparison to the previous reporting period. Although Trumpington ward has remained stable both Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's wards have both seen a decrease. Queen Edith's in particular saw 28 fewer incidents.
- Overall, dwelling burglary for the South area has remained stable with 40 offences which is one fewer offence by comparison to the previous reporting period and is also on a par with this same reporting period in 2013 during which there were 39 offences. Cherry Hinton remains unchanged at 19 offences. Queen Edith's has seen an increase to 14 from 12 and Trumpington has seen a reduction from 10 to 7.
- All violent crime for the South area has seen a reduction of 11% or 11 fewer offences increase by comparison to the previous reporting period. With reductions in both Queen Edith's and Trumpington wards with Cherry Hinton seen a slight increase of two offences.
- Non-dwelling burglary for the South area has seen a reduction of 39% or 12 fewer offences. Although Queen Edith's remained stable at 4 offences this is still significantly lower than in this same period in 2013. Both Cherry Hinton and Trumpington have seen reductions.
- Theft from vehicle for the South area has seen an increase of 59% or 16 offences by comparison to the previous reporting period. Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's have remained stable with Trumpington accounting for 14 of these offences.
- Cycle crime for the South area overall has seen an increase of 23% or 26 offences by comparison to the previous reporting period. This increase has been reflected across all three wards.
- Cambridge City 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
- Cambridge City police has launched its own Twitter account: @CambridgeCops

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	Sep 14 – Dec 14	40	19	92	3	4	43	138	15	61	149	564	245
		Sep 13 – Dec 13	39	27	63	2	7	42	91	6	46	91	414	204
		May 14 – Aug 14	41	31	103	6	4	27	112	22	60	186	592	284
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Sep 14 – Dec 14	19	2	29	1	2	6	25	3	23	42	152	75
		Sep 13 – Dec 13	18	3	26	1	2	7	16	1	17	12	103	87
		May 14 – Aug 14	19	5	27	4	2	5	14	6	25	49	156	90
	Queen Edith's	Sep 14 – Dec 14	14	4	26	0	1	6	37	0	13	43	144	51
		Sep 13 – Dec 13	16	9	10	0	3	9	33	0	9	32	121	33
		May 14 – Aug 14	12	4	29	0	1	7	30	0	14	65	162	79
	Trumpington	Sep 14 – Dec 14	7	13	37	2	1	31	76	12	25	64	268	119
		Sep 13 – Dec 13	5	15	27	1	2	26	42	5	20	47	190	84
		May 14 – Aug 14	10	22	47	2	1	15	68	16	21	72	274	115

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Cherry Hinton

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ September to December 2014: 4 reports, which included 4 vehicles not on site following inspection.
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 7 reports

Fly tipping

- ❑ September to December 2014: 18 reports.
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 31 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ September to December 2014: 6
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 4

Needle finds

- ❑ September to December 2014: None
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: None

Queen Edith's

Abandoned vehicles

- ❑ September to December 2014: 5 reports, which included
 - 3 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 1 report

Fly tipping

- ❑ September to December 2014: 4 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- ❑ The offence at Glebe Road accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 6 reports

Derelict cycles

- ❑ September to December 2014: 8
- ❑ Hotspots: None
- ❑ September to December 2013: 7

Needle finds

- September to December 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2013: 1

Trumpington

Abandoned vehicles

- September to December 2014: 5 reports, which included
 - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
 - 3 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2013: 3 reports

Fly tipping

- September to December 2014: 10 reports
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2013: 18 reports

Derelict cycles

- September to December 2014: 12
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2013: 9

Needle finds

- September to December 2014: 1
- Hotspots: None
- September to December 2013: 1

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reduce dwelling burglary
- Target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A)
- Target road safety by addressing anti-social cycling