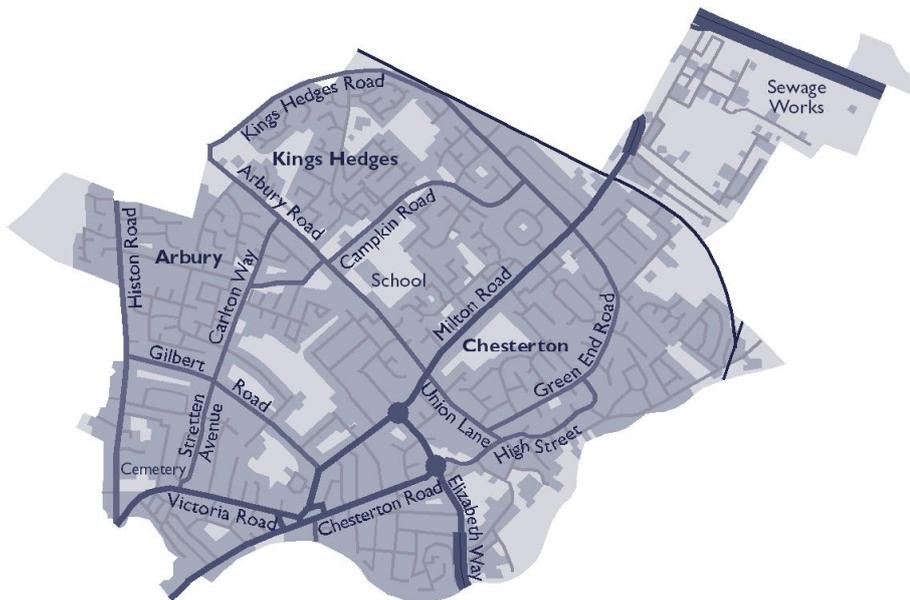


# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

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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 December 2014 to February 2015, compared to the previous like reporting period (September to November 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013/14.
- City Council environmental services data for the period December 2014 to February 2015, compared to the same reporting period in 2013/14; 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 18 December 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue with the work against drug dealers.
- 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 19 December 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.

<b>Continue with the work against drug dealers</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Combat drug dealing in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Over the Christmas period we arrested 4 “out of town” dealers, each with decent quantities of class A drugs, from addresses in Garden Walk, Cockerell Road and Maitland Avenue. As previously identified each £10/£20 deal equates to £50 - £100 of stolen property.</p> <p>Along with the other Cambridge City teams, we have also participated in Operation Hexham. This is primarily a “safeguarding” exercise, designed to prevent vulnerable local people and their properties being used by drug gangs and in part this is achieved through regular managed visits. On the enforcement side of this work we also continue work in partnership with housing associations to get recidivist hosts evicted. During this reporting period this has taken place twice, with another two evictions in the pipeline.</p> <p>We have worked with local media such as the Cambridge Evening News and used our own social media outlets to provide information and publicise our successes against this priority.</p> <p>In the last 4 weeks, North Team officers have attended 4 consecutive Crown Court cases. In each case we were able to secure a positive result by way of conviction. One offender in particular, Ardley Wray, had been very well established in Cambridge. He will be sentenced in April.</p> <p>Positive results such as these, combined with our use of both</p>

	traditional and social media, serve to send out a strong warning message whilst also acting to reassure our communities.
<b>Current Situation</b>	The North Area of Cambridge continues to attract those involved in the supply of controlled drugs as there is a demand for their services. However, the positive enforcement and safeguarding activities are changing the way in which dealers are operating, making them more vulnerable to being caught.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>One of our team, PC Doug MacKenzie, is an ex-traffic officer. He has taken the lead on this priority and has trained two of his PCSO colleagues.</p> <p>We have done a considerable amount of work in Chesterton, which has been an area with frequent road-related issues.</p> <p>Otherwise, we have looked to carry out weekly speed checks in areas where we have received complaints about speeding. We have timed these to achieve maximum impact and concentrated on roads which pass local schools. We have actually received very few complaints/mentions of this as a problem.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>As mentioned above we have actually received very few complaints/mentions of speeding as being a problem.</p> <p>Recent public complaints to the team have principally included: HGVs breaking the restrictions on Victoria Road and cycling on pavements in Carlton Way.</p> <p>At this time last year, in anticipation of better weather and lighter evenings, we increased patrols in green areas which seemed to pay real dividends over Spring and Summer. This was a selected local priority.</p>

<b>Lead Officers</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
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<b>Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Our PCSOs have worked extensively with Community Safety to warn cycle owners and assists in target-hardening measures, such as marking of bikes and security advice.</p> <p>We have focussed our efforts in Chesterton, particularly along the river and, although in the past stopping unlit cycles has proved fruitful, we have seen little movement to attract our attention.</p> <p>We have however recently arrested and charged a handler of stolen goods. Living in Chesterton, this person was receiving stolen cycles and his “demise” along with the patrol and educational tactics already mentioned no doubt form part of the reason for the overall decline in thefts.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Cycle crime has significantly reduced during this reporting period. Down 34 offences to 58 this represents a reduction of 37% and is also the second lowest three monthly total in the past year.</p> <p>East Chesterton seems the worst affected area being the only ward not to show a reduction. I suspect the reason for this is the beat’s convenient and often discrete river crossings, making for quick escapes. A couple of known cycle thieves, originally from Chesterton, moved to the Abbey ward last year and they and their associates continue to move freely between the two areas.</p>
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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

- Burglary Dwelling - By comparison to the previous three month period dwelling burglary has seen an overall increase of 14 more offences. With a reduction in Arbury Ward (7 from 13) and East Chesterton remaining stable (7) both Kings Hedges and West Chesterton wards have seen an

increase of 9 and 11 crimes respectively. The overall figure does however still remain lower than this same period in 2013/14.

- Non-Dwelling Burglary – By comparison to the previous three month period non-dwelling burglary has seen an overall increase of 10 more offences. With Arbury, East Chesterton and West Chesterton wards all remaining stable Kings Hedges has accounted for this increase.
- All Violent Crime - By comparison to the previous three month period AVC has seen an overall increase of 14 more offences. With increases across all wards, with the exception of Kings Hedges which saw 10 fewer offences, the most significant increase was in West Chesterton ward which saw 16 more offences. The overall figure does however still remain lower than this same period in 2013/14.
- Robbery - By comparison to the previous three month period robbery has seen an overall increase of 6 more offences. With an increase of two offences on each of the wards, with the exception of Arbury which has remained stable offences, the overall figure does remain slightly lower than this same period in 2013/14.
- Theft of Vehicle – Only three vehicles having been stolen during this reporting period which is a reduction on both the previous reporting period and this same period in 2013/14.
- Theft from Vehicle - By comparison to the previous three month period theft from vehicle has seen an overall increase of 22 more offences. With increases across all wards, with the exception of East Chesterton which saw 2 fewer offences, the most significant increase was in Kings Hedges ward which saw 14 more offences.
- Theft of Pedal Cycle – By comparison to the previous reporting period theft of pedal cycle has seen a significant reduction of 34 fewer offences. This reduction was seen across all wards with the exception of East Chesterton which saw a slight increase. The most significant reduction was in West Chesterton which saw 23 fewer offences.
- The City Council's Safer Communities team held two ASB workshops at Shirley 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 High Street Chesterton, in response to complaints of ASB, and follow-up action was undertaken on the responses received. Letter drops were also carried out in Campkin Road, Lavender Road, Lawrence Way, Livermore Close,

Nuns Way and Wiles Close to advertise a residents' meeting which also gave advice on how to report ASB.

- The Safer Communities team looked at the area in and around Nuns Way Recreation Ground after reports of nuisance and ASB being perpetrated by mostly young people. They undertook to consider whether or not this area and the issues in it would be suitable to apply for a Public Spaces Protection Order (part of the new ASB legislation which came into force in October 2014) in this area. However, after looking at this with the North Area team and other internal partners it became apparent that although there were reports, these may be best dealt with in other ways, for example working with colleagues in the police to identify individuals responsible for this behaviour and working with them and their families where appropriate.
- The team have also worked with the North Area PCSOs ensuring that they are aware of any reports of ASB they receive so that they are able to direct their patrols accordingly, as well as working with the community so that they are clear about where to report any issues that they have. At the Kings Hedges ASB meeting in October 2014 the area of Nuns way was raised as an issue by residents, but at the March 2015 meeting the local PCSO said that things had quietened down. This was echoed by the residents who had initially complained and they are pleased that things have improved. The team will keep a close eye on this area, particularly as the weather improves and will continue to work closely with partner agencies.
- The Safer Communities team held a street surgery in East Chesterton where a number of areas of concern were identified. The team are working with the North Area team and other agencies and will follow this up with a meeting in May to update residents.
- The team also dealt with reports of ASB in Campkin Road, Cunningham Close, Daniel's House, Dundee Close, Ferrars Way, Perse Way, Scholars Walk, St David's House, Temple Court and Victoria Road. All were passed to other departments or agencies following words of advice and reassurance to the complainants.
- Total Crime – At 570 offences this figure is slightly lower than both the previous reporting period and this same reporting period 2013/14.
- ASB – By comparison to the previous reporting period there has been an overall reduction of 125 fewer incidents of ASB made to Cambridgeshire Constabulary. This also represents a reduction of 29 fewer incidents by comparison to this same period in 2013/14. However, we are aware that

ASB can sometimes increase as the weather improves and days get longer. In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in calls for service in relation to vehicle related ASB in the Scotland Road area. Whilst this appears to have died down again, there is a history of ASB in the Scotland Road / Green End Road area.

## 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 North</b>	Dec 14 – Feb 15	45	29	126	10	3	48	58	25	81	145	570	221
		Dec 13 – Feb 14	59	24	133	11	8	26	53	47	83	133	577	250
		Sep 14 – Nov 14	31	19	112	4	5	26	92	41	72	184	586	346
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Arbury</b>	Dec 14 – Feb 15	7	3	31	2	2	10	9	4	16	35	119	58
		Dec 13 – Feb 14	13	3	32	1	1	1	7	14	27	34	133	46
		Sep 14 – Nov 14	13	4	29	2	2	4	17	9	12	60	152	75
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	Dec 14 – Feb 15	7	6	32	2	1	7	21	4	21	31	132	61
		Dec 13 – Feb 14	17	7	34	3	2	8	14	9	13	36	143	69
		Sep 14 – Nov 14	7	5	26	0	2	9	16	7	23	49	144	102
	<b>King's Hedges</b>	Dec 14 – Feb 15	14	16	35	3	0	25	13	8	32	36	182	61
		Dec 13 – Feb 14	14	10	55	6	3	10	13	7	27	34	179	72
		Sep 14 – Nov 14	5	6	45	1	1	11	21	19	21	44	174	99
	<b>West Chesterton</b>	Dec 14 – Feb 15	17	4	28	3	0	6	15	9	12	43	137	41
		Dec 13 – Feb 14	15	4	12	1	2	7	19	17	16	29	122	63
		Sep 14 – Nov 14	6	4	12	1	0	2	38	6	16	31	116	70

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Arbury**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 9 reports (1 pending further action), which included
  - 5 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 0 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
  - 2 vehicles impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
  - 0 vehicles subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
  - 0 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 10 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 26 reports (2 – suspect untraceable and 5 ongoing investigations), which included
  - 7 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 0 formal warning letters issued to trade offenders
  - 0 verbal warnings
  - 0 request for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- The offences at Brackley Close accounted for 3 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 32 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 5
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 4

#### *Needle finds*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 0
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 23

## **East Chesterton**

### *Abandoned vehicles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 3 reports, which included
  - 0 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 2 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 0 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
  - 0 vehicles subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
  - 0 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 5 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 6 reports (1 – inspection, no evidence found and 1 ongoing investigation), which included
  - 2 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 0 formal warning letters issued to trade offenders
  - 0 verbal warnings
  - 0 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- The offences at Pearl Close and High Street – 1 warning letter each
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 11 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 3
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 2

### *Needle finds*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 14
- Hotspots: Scholars Walk – 3 in electricity room before block 27 – 33 and Franks Lane – 11 in hedge.
- December 2013 to February 2014: 68

## **King's Hedges**

### *Abandoned vehicles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 4 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 0 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway

- 0 vehicles impounding on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
- 0 vehicles subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
- 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 4 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 45 reports (1 inspection – no evidence found), which included
  - 18 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 formal warning letter issued to trade offenders
  - 0 verbal warnings
  - 2 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at Cadwin Field accounted for 4 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Cadwin Field - 4
- December 2013 to February 2014: 33 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 4
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 3

#### *Needle finds*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 0
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 12

### **West Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 6 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 3 CLE26 notices issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax
  - 0 vehicles subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
  - 0 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 10 reports

### *Fly tipping*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 3 reports (1 inspection – no evidence found), which included
  - 0 formal warning letters issued to domestic offenders
  - 0 formal warning letters issued to trade offenders
  - 0 verbal warnings
  - 0 requests for waste transfer documentation from trade offenders
- Offences at N/A accounted for N/A of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 9 reports

### *Derelict cycles*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 3
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 2

### *Needle finds*

- December 2014 to February 2015: 0
- Hotspots: None
- December 2013 to February 2014: 1

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue the safeguarding / enforcement work around the supply of Class A Drugs (Op Hexham)
- ASB Scotland Road / Green End Road