

# 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 March 2015 to July 2015, compared to a previous like reporting period (October 2014 to February 2015) and this same 5 month reporting period in 2014 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 09 April 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Continue the safeguarding / enforcement work around the supply of Class A Drugs (Op Hexham).
- ❑ ASB Scotland Road / Green End Road
- ❑ Road enforcement action as follows:
  - i. To continue with the support of the 20mph speed limit.
  - ii. Road enforcement action in one area/street from each ward to be identified by the Ward Councillors in consultation with the Chair.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 16 April 2015, 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>The North Team currently has seven suspects on bail for offences relating to the supply of Class A drugs. The arrest locations include, Northfields Avenue, Nunn's Way, Molewood Close, Downhams Lane and Alice Bell Close, and at the time of writing, further partnership work (co-ordinated through Cambridge Problem Solving Group) is being planned in relation to one of the addresses, in order to prevent the address and occupants from being involved in the supply of drugs locally.</p> <p>Many of the above cases are complex and much background work has been required in order to achieve successful prosecutions. During March and April 2015, North Team officers oversaw five consecutive, successful Crown Court cases.</p> <p>We have continued to support of Op Hexham, (safeguarding</p>

	<p>vulnerable local residents) by disrupting the activities of the “out of town” drugs suppliers, preventing them from getting established within the City and preventing vulnerable residents from being exploited. It is interesting to note that five of the seven suspects currently on bail are not resident in Cambridge.</p> <p>On the whole, we have utilised the same tactics that have brought us continued success, albeit with a small team, there is a limit to what we can do.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>We have noticed that “dealers” are becoming more careful, in the way they conduct their business, which is a manifestation of the disruption our work causes.</p> <p>Generally the feedback from local users is positive, stating it is increasingly hard to buy class A in the North. There is a continued trend in low level acquisitive crime (shoplifting and bike theft) falling, which again would seem a reflection of our success.</p>
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Road Safety</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address road safety issues in the North Area – In particular looking at speeding and HGVs on Victoria Road.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Overnight road closure/diversions on the A14 and M11 caused a particular problem in May, with many lorry drivers avoiding the lengthy diversion by travelling along Huntingdon Road – which itself has had issues with HGVs.</p> <p>Consequently, the details of offending drivers and their vehicles were obtained and education work was carried out with the drivers and some haulage companies. This initiative was not as effective as we had hoped and so therefore officers from the Road Policing Unit were subsequently deployed, resulting in enforcement with over, with around 50 drivers reported for</p>

	<p>traffic offences. Officers and drivers have commented that whilst legally sufficient, the signage could be improved and contact with the county’s highways team has been initiated.</p> <p>Other aspects of our road safety work have included speed checks on the following roads: Fen Rd, Arbury Rd, Scotland Rd, Church St. and Milton Rd. Locations have been selected on the basis of community concerns and we have also followed up viable complaints about individual road users.</p> <p>PCSO Gary May, is currently working to assist in setting up two “Speedwatch” schemes in the North. These consist of trained local volunteers, working within their communities.</p> <p>In addition to the above, North Team Officers have taken two uninsured vehicles off the road and made two arrests for driving whilst unfit through drugs. A cyclist who was stopped after he rode through red lights, with no lights ended up being arrested for being drunk and disorderly.</p>
<p><b>Current Situation</b></p>	<p>I am yet to receive feedback on Victoria Rd, but am happy to continue, should it be deemed necessary – clearly a joined up approach, with Highways, will increase the effectiveness of the restrictions.</p> <p>We are currently encouraging “Speedwatch” as a useful method of addressing road safety and hope to report success in the near future.</p> <p>Speeding is still a very emotive issue for many but the number of complaints received has dropped.</p>
<p><b>Lead Officers</b></p>	<p>Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary</p>

<b>Address Anti-Social Behaviour – Scotland Road &amp; Green End Road</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To reduce incidents of ASB in areas identified.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>This priority related particularly to the area known as “Grumpy’s Corner” on Green End Road, with the anti-social behaviour including nuisance use of vehicles, cannabis use, laughing gas use and littering.</p> <p>A regular police presence has been maintained, by both the North Team and shift Officers. For several weeks, the Council deployed their mobile CCTV camera. Police and City ASB Team met with the landlord (of the shops/flats and pavement area), with a view to achieving a more long-term solution. The possibility of having a permanent CCTV camera being installed is being explored.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>The problem appears to have subsided. Local residents, who had previously complained have stated that the issues have decreased significantly.</p> <p>Occasionally there have been small scale re-occurrences but no more than would be expected outside of any late night shop. However, I note the importance of achieving a long-term solution and local officers will continue to work to that end, however, I would suggest this can be done as part of our day-to-day business.</p>
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

During the review period, a problem with drug dealing/ASB emerged in Akeman Street. A public meeting was called which was supported by the relevant partner agencies. Extra-patrols were mounted and as a result of the proportionate use of stop/search powers, a number of arrests were made. At time of writing, the issues appear to have subsided.

**Burglary Dwelling** - From the previous five month reporting period Burglary Dwelling shows an overall increase of 16.2% or 11 more offences. However, in comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents an increase of 46.3%. Arbury, East Chesterton and King's Hedges show an average decline of 3.5%, whilst West Chesterton shows an increase of 10.68% comparison to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, King's Hedges and West Chesterton indicate an increase of 3% and 20.8% respectively whereas Arbury and East Chesterton wards indicate overall reduction of 18.6% and 5.19% respectively.

**Non-Dwelling Burglary** – By comparison to the previous five month period non-dwelling burglary has seen an overall increase of 51.1% which represents an increase of 38.3% by comparison to 2014. Despite King's Hedges showing a reduction of 22% from the previous reporting period Arbury, East Chesterton and West Chesterton show an increase of 7.6%, 6.7% and 17.5% respectively.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Arbury and King's Hedges show a decrease of 10.3% and 9.7%; whilst East and West Chesterton show a rise of 12.8% and 7% respectively.

**All Violent Crime** - By comparison to the previous five month period AVC has seen an overall increase of 31.7% which translates to an increase of 51.4% by comparison to the same reporting period in 2014. Both Arbury and East Chesterton show an increase of 4% and 1.71%; whilst King's Hedges and West Chesterton indicate a decline of 1.87% and 3.84% respectively.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Arbury and East Chesterton show increase of 5.5% and 0.9%; whilst King's Hedges and West Chesterton indicate a decline of 3.39% and 3.02% respectively.

**Robbery** – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period robbery shows an overall reduction of 50%, which translates to a 40% reduction by comparison to the same reporting period last year. However, both Arbury and King's Hedges show an increase of 16.6% whilst figures remain stable in both East and West Chesterton.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Arbury, East Chesterton and West Chesterton show increases of 6.6%, 3.3% and 6.6% respectively. However, King's Hedges indicates a reduction of 16.6%.

**Theft of Vehicle** – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period theft of vehicle has more than quadrupled. There have been 20 more cases recorded in comparison to only 6 in the previous period. This indicates an increase of 73.3% in comparison to the same reporting period in 2014. Both East and West Chesterton show increases of 12.8% and 19.2%; whilst Arbury and King's Hedges indicate a reduction of 26.9% and 5.1% compared with the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year Arbury and King's Hedges show a reduction of 16.9% and 15.1% but East and West Chesterton show an increase of 26.1% and 5.1% respectively in the same period.

**Theft from Vehicle** – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period, Theft from Vehicle shows an overall reduction of 15.1%. However, this still translates to a 60% increase in comparison to the same period in 2014. Despite King's Hedges showing a decline of 51.1%, Arbury, West and East Chesterton show increases of 14.2%, 10.6% and 1.4% respectively in comparison to the previous reporting period.

Compared to the same reporting period last year, Theft from Vehicle crime remains stable in both King's Hedges and West Chesterton at an average of 24.2% whereas Arbury represents an increase of 11% and East Chesterton shows a decline of 8.9%.

**Theft of Pedal Cycle** – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period Theft of Pedal Cycle shows a significant reduction of 22.4% or 28 fewer offences. This represents a reduction of 36.6% or 56 fewer offences by



comparison to 2014. Despite the reduction, Arbury and West Chesterton show an increase of 6.3% and 4% respectively.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, East Chesterton shows a reduction of 5.5%; West Chesterton and East Chesterton indicate a rise of 4% and 3.2% respectively; whilst Arbury remains stable at 24.4%.

**Total Crime** – At 1059 offences, there has been an overall increase of 8.3% or 81 more offences by comparison to the previous five month reporting period. This represents a slight increase of 2.1% compared to the same reporting period in 2014.

King's Hedges shows the highest crime rate at 28.7% down from 30.6% in the previous reporting period; Arbury is second with overall crime at 27.1% up from 23.2%; East Chesterton is third at 23.1% down from 24.1% and West Chesterton is at 21% down from 21.9% in the last reporting period.

**ASB** – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period there has been an overall increase of 12.7% or 56 more incidents of ASB recorded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary. This figure however does represent a reduction of 8.6% or 47 fewer incidents by comparison to this same period in 2014.

King's Hedges leads with 28.1% from 28.5%; Arbury is second at 27.5% from 24.4%; East Chesterton is third at 25.2% from 29.02%; West Chesterton is fourth at 20.1% from 17.9% compared to the previous reporting period.

ASB Scotland Rd / Green End Road. The Safer Communities Team and the Police met with landlord of the local shops to work together to find a solution to the ASB issues on the parking area outside the shops. The Landlord is receptive to the idea of installing CCTV in the area and is currently looking into the cost implications of this.

Two ASB Meetings have been held for Kings Hedges residents during this time. The Team also held a workshop about ASB for the '*Not Quite Over the Hill Club*' in July which was attended by more than 60 residents. A community day was held in East Chesterton and was well attended by residents. The Team also participated in another week of safety zone sessions for school children from across the city talking to them about ASB,

what they think it is, what constitutes ASB, the consequences of being involved in it and being a victim of it.

The Safer Communities team were made aware of some incidents at the Brownsfield Community Centre. Following further investigation and identification of those involved, the ASB officer has worked with five young people and their families. The young people signed up to six month long Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

## 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>	Mar 15 – Jul 15	79	65	262	6	26	56	97	57	152	259	1,059	497
		Mar 14 – Jul 14	54	47	173	15	15	35	153	63	100	382	1,037	544
		Oct 14 – Feb 15	68	43	199	12	6	66	125	58	131	270	978	441
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Arbury</b>	Mar 15 – Jul 15	16	14	75	2	6	19	24	17	42	72	287	134
		Mar 14 – Jul 14	21	15	40	4	6	8	37	24	20	86	261	139
		Oct 14 – Feb 15	17	6	49	2	3	13	23	11	25	78	227	108
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	Mar 15 – Jul 15	12	18	69	1	12	11	19	3	39	61	245	123
		Mar 14 – Jul 14	11	7	44	2	3	10	39	9	31	112	268	142
		Oct 14 – Feb 15	12	9	49	2	2	12	34	10	40	66	236	128
	<b>King's Hedges</b>	Mar 15 – Jul 15	17	16	82	1	3	14	19	32	42	78	304	140
		Mar 14 – Jul 14	10	16	60	5	4	9	25	20	34	113	296	168
		Oct 14 – Feb 15	17	20	66	4	1	34	28	23	44	63	300	126
	<b>West Chesterton</b>	Mar 15 – Jul 15	34	17	36	2	5	12	35	5	29	48	223	100
		Mar 14 – Jul 14	12	9	29	4	2	8	52	10	15	71	212	95
		Oct 14 – Feb 15	22	8	35	4	0	7	40	14	22	63	215	79

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

As agreed with the chairs and vice-chairs of the Area Committees, this data will not be covered in this report as it is already covered in the Environmental Data Reports.

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- To continue to disrupt the supply of Class A drugs.
- Priority to be decided by the Committee