

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City West/Central 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 the five month period April 2015 to August 2015, compared to a previous like reporting period (November 2014 to March 2015) and the same 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 West/Central Area Committee meeting of 23 April 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Address alcohol related violent crime and ASB
- Target ASB caused by punt touts in the Market Ward
- Address a range of road safety issues including parking, inconsiderate cycling, driving and speeding.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 30 April 2015, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the actions taken and the current situation.

Alcohol related violent crime and anti-social behaviour	
Objective	To continue to tackle Alcohol Related Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
Action Taken	<p>The district maintains its commitment to providing dedicated officers to policing the Night Time Economy and over the summer period they have been joined by partners to promote a greater understanding of each other's work and improve relationships.</p> <p>Additionally, the Street Pastors support in the night time economy has, as always, been invaluable. They continue to look after people who have drunk a little too much and this enables the officers who are deployed in the first instance, are able to resume their patrols to address emerging issues of disorder.</p> <p>PARTNERSHIP WORK: Through the ARVC (Alcohol-Related Violent Crime) Task group, we are working closely with the Security Industry Authority to come up with a list of new initiatives to address alcohol-related crime and ASB - including a review of Operation Standing, License premises enforcement visits and tackling the use of Class A drugs in the City Centre. I have also been in communication with other City Centre Policing Teams across the UK about various common issues, in a bid to ensure that we are adopting and implementing best-practice operations. Door staff are now represented on the task group which helps give a greater insight to some of the issues faced and some different approaches to tackling the issues.</p>

OP WILLISTON: Throughout the Spring and Summer period, Officers have been conducting both uniformed and plain-clothed patrols of the City Centre green spaces on both bicycles or on foot. Officers have been successfully giving members of the public crime prevention advice, combatting drug use and challenging rowdy groups (usually youths) found in possession of alcohol. The Operation has been reviewed and streamlined, so it can be implemented at any given time.

SUSSEX STREET ASB: We have been working closely with the Safer Communities Team and members of Sidney Sussex College to address this issue. We have reviewed all previous tactics implemented, and have a clear strategy of how we can resolve this problem through partnership working. Tactics thus far have included a face-to-face meeting with local residents and businesses, devising a 'marketing strategy' to raise public awareness of the issue, installing a temporary CCTV camera and reviewing the layout of the area. Our Crime Prevention Officer has also been busy trying to disseminate the message to the International Student community in a bid to encouraging them to relocate elsewhere. Work is ongoing between the Safer Communities Team, the College and ourselves – but I would anticipate a seasonal dip in this issue over the forthcoming months.

Outside of the night time economy we are working to deal with a number of problematic street drinkers whose behaviour causes distress to people living, working or visiting the City Centre.

Together with the City Council and various support services we are working to tackle not only the direct effects of this behaviour but also to help those involved in street drinking to work towards a more stable and less disruptive lifestyle.

We have had some notable success with this community; success for some has meant diversion to work with other services, whilst to others it has meant a conviction leading to a prison term providing respite for the community and prolonged and enforced treatment for the individual concerned.

With the winter and cold weather approaching historically these issues as well as those of rough sleeping increase. This is starting to be experienced around the area of Kings Street.

Current Situation	<p>As we leave the summer months behind, we move into the autumn term for the schools and colleges; partnership work will continue as we start to plan for “Freshers” week and then a little further along, seasonal celebrations at the end of the year. Night time economy is largely business as usual but we need to maintain a visible presence in the city whilst developing other tactics and involving partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>As detailed above, rough sleepers and street drinkers will move to more sheltered areas as the weather turns colder. We are seeing this in some areas already (Kings Street).</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Target ASB caused by punt touts in the Market Ward	
Objective	To reduce ASB attributable to punt touts
Action Taken	<p>We have made significant headway in this field, and work is ongoing to address this issue. We have worked closely with the Council, Cam Conservators and other interested Agencies to deliver a united approach, and there is now a clear strategy in place to reduce the volume of complaints made about Punt touts. As an example, some of the measures we have assisted in have been;</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT PATROLS: Officers have been routinely supporting Council officials and River Bailiffs in patrols of the area. The purpose of these patrols has been to make the unlicensed Touts aware of the legal stance on this matter, so they cannot plead ignorance if they subsequently face prosecution.</p> <p>GARRETT HOSTEL LANE: We were consulted several times by the Council about the gate being installed at Garrett Hostel Lane - which was introduced to dissuade unlicensed Touts from using this area. We have participated in several meetings with the Council and the Cam Conservators to discuss the potential ramifications of this installation, and are providing</p>

	<p>them with ongoing support and advice from our perspective.</p> <p>COMPLAINT FOLLOWUP: We have robustly responded to complaints of ASB and criminality involving the Punt Touts; although the Council ASB Team are currently the predominant recipient of such complaints. As such, we have linked in with Council computer systems to ensure that there is no duplication of work.</p> <p>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: We have now sent out advertising material explaining where people can (and cannot) take a punt tour, which has been circulated by the City Council and via social media. We have also sent out advertising material to the Student Community advising on the potential ramifications of working for an unlicensed Tout, and routinely give the Punt Tout community words of advice about our stance on this matter. We were made aware that some local businesses in the Kings Parade area were processing payments on behalf of the unlicensed Touts, and have contributed to the letter sent out by the Council explaining the legal stance on this practice.</p>
Current Situation	We are drawing towards the end of the busiest part of the year for punt tout related activity, and we have received fewer complaints about ASB than in previous years. We will continue to work with the City Council, Cam Conservators and others to ensure that the positive work we have carried out over the summer is reinforced with further partner-led enforcement tactics.
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Operation Safe Passage¹	
Objective	Address road safety issues for all road users
Action Taken	The Road Safety priority work has continued across the West-Central area on a number of different fronts.

¹ This priority draws together all road safety elements previously referred to under earlier wider road safety priority.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: Our Community Speedwatch scheme is rapidly gaining momentum – to the point that we have had to source additional speed detection kits and consider recruiting another Speedwatch Coordinator to cope with the current demand. As a precursor to such operations, we will continue to conduct electronic traffic data surveys to identify where our efforts should be most effectively focussed. Each geographical area of the city has been assigned a local Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who has been designated to liaise with local volunteers and try to generate enthusiasm for local operations. We will continue to advertise our efforts via Social media (where appropriate) in a bid to raise awareness that these schemes are in existence, and have kindly received support from CamCycle who have written an article on this. Thus far, we have assisted in Community Speedwatch Operations on Tennison Road, Huntingdon Road, Trumpington Road and near the Addenbrookes site – and have several more in the pipeline. Anyone expressing an interest in this scheme is invited to contact us via cambridgespeedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

20MPH ZONE ENFORCEMENT: The ACPO position remains that Police will not routinely enforce such zones (see ACPO's 'Joining Forces for Safer Roads' document), and our KSI (killed or seriously injured) collision statistics for the City to-date tend to confirm that there is little need to do so - given our current competing demands. That said, the student police officers who are attached to the City Centre Problem Solving team have all been trained to use the enforcement equipment and where possible they have been conducting checks. Officers will always retain their discretion whether to issue a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) at the roadside, and as of the beginning of September, a National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme (NDORS) course has been introduced for those caught speeding in 20 mph areas.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: We have made extensive use of Social Media and Public Surgeries to advertise various joint initiatives that we have taken part in with Partner agents (such as 'Wheelsday Wednesday' with British Transport Police), or when Officers have had a positive enforcement result; probably one of the most infamous examples was when Officers seized a Lamborghini for having no insurance, which was circulated nationally. We also organised a 'Road Safety & Crime Prevention' event for Cyclists at the finish line of the 'London to

	<p>Cambridge Cycle ride' back in July; this was a great success (despite the poor weather), and is something we would be looking to bring in as a regular feature with external cycle safety and security firms.</p> <p>CYCLING: We have responded immediately to concerns about people cycling on the pavement on Parkside, by putting Officers out on patrol during the key times and by liaising with the local School. I have been working closely with Sgt Chris Horton in organising for Officers to conduct bicycle patrols in the city to enforce road traffic legislation as well. All of the City Centre Officers now have patrol bicycles, and these are starting to be used in bespoke police operations – such as during a recent Animal Rights demonstration that was organised by Sgt Norden.</p> <p>There has also been a wide range of other road safety based activities which have been undertaken by the team. A large number of tickets have been issued by our PCSO's for a number of cycling offences including cycling on foot paths and through red lights. Whilst over the summer there has been a reduction in these types of offences we are expecting an increase in these offences when the students return and we are already working on this year's LIT scheme to address the ever present issue of people cycling with no lights.</p> <p>In the West Area, we have been working with both our Roads Policing Unit and the Highways Agency to highlight the times when the A14 is closed to focus our enforcement of the temporary weight limit at the period of time when there is the highest levels of risk. These targeted patrols has resulted in a number of successful prosecutions for lorry drivers who have been following their Sat-Nav rather than the diversion which has been set up by the Highways Agency. The West Problem solving team have conducted a number of static late night/early morning operations to address the issues.</p>
<p>Current Situation</p>	<p>Road safety issues are routinely raised at Area Committees; this is recognised as an area of concern but resources must be deployed appropriately in accordance to the threat, risk and harm posed.</p>
<p>Lead Officer</p>	<p>Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary</p>

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Burglary Dwelling - By comparison to the previous five month period dwelling burglary has doubled from 16 to 33 offences. Newnham and Market show an increase of 2% and 11% respectively, whilst Castle indicates a decline of 14%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, there has been an overall increase of 50% or 11 more offences. Although Market and Newnham show a decline of 2% and 5% respectively, Castle shows an increase of 6%.

Non-Dwelling Burglary – By comparison to the previous five month period non-dwelling burglary has seen an overall increase of 53% or 30 more offences. Market shows an increase of 15%, whilst Castle and Newnham indicate a decline of 14% and 1% respectively.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an overall increase of 51 more offences. Although Castle and Newnham indicate a decline of 5% and 21% respectively, Market shows an increase of 21%.

All Violent Crime - By comparison to the previous five month period AVC has seen an overall increase of 3% or just 8 more offences. Market shows an increase of 2%, whilst both Castle and Newnham indicate a decline of 1%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an increase of 17% or 39 more offences. Castle and Newnham both show an increase of 2% and 1% respectively, whilst Market indicates a decline of 3%.

Robbery - By comparison to the previous five month period robbery has seen an overall reduction of 50% or 4 fewer offences. There were no crimes recorded in Castle and Newnham respectively, but just a total of 4 in Market.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an overall reduction of 33% or 2 fewer cases.

Theft of Vehicle – No vehicles have been stolen during this reporting period.

Theft from Vehicle - By comparison to the previous five month period theft from vehicle has seen an overall increase of 19% or 7 more offences. Both Castle and Newnham show an increase of 5% and 3% respectively, whilst Market indicates a decline of 7%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an increase of 5% or just 2 more offences. Although Castle and Market show an increase of 6% and 9% respectively, Newnham indicates a decline of 15%.

Theft of Pedal Cycle – By comparison to the previous five month period theft of pedal cycle has seen an overall increase of 27% or 81 more offences. Despite the decline in Castle and Newnham of 1% and 3% respectively, Market indicates an increase of 3%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents a reduction of 11% or 48 fewer offences. Castle and Newnham show a decline of 2% and 3% respectively, whilst Market shows an increase of 5%.

Theft from shop – By comparison to the previous five month period this crime type has seen an overall increase of 10% or 25 more offences. Castle and Newnham both show an increase of 1%, whilst Market shows a decline of 2%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents a reduction of 8% or 23 fewer offences. Although both Castle and Market show an increase of 0.4% and 1% respectively, Newnham indicates a decline of 1%.

Total Crime – By comparison to the previous five month period there has been an increase of 13% or 208 more offences. Whilst total crime in Newnham and Market is stable, Castle shows an increase of 1%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an increase of 5% or 82 more offences. Both Castle and Newnham show an increase of 1% whilst total crime remains stable in Market.

ASB – By comparison to the previous five month period there has been an increase of 59% or 199 more incidents of ASB overall. Newnham and Market both show an increase of 2% and 1% respectively, whilst Castle indicates a decline of 2%.

In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014, this represents an increase of 11% or 52 more offences. ASB remains stable in both Newnham and Market, whilst showing a decrease of 1% in Castle.

The City Council's Safer Communities team and Police are working together with support agencies to tackle problematic behaviour associated with the street drinking community and aggressive beggars. Individuals who have a particular visible street presence are referred to the multi-agency Task and Target meeting, where actions are set around support and enforcement. We are also looking at a stepped approach, only taking enforcement action when the supportive and preventative interventions have failed to have an

impact. This is a continuing piece of work discussing individuals who have a problematic presence across the City, but predominantly within the City Centre. A representative from CAMBAC (Cambridge Business against Crime) also attends and is able to feed in any concerns that come via the business community.

The Safer Communities team have had isolated reports about ASB in the Castle area and are working with the Police and Housing team to prevent further incidents.

The Safer Communities team was contacted regarding complaints about ASB in the alleyway behind the row of shops on King Street and of people being on the rooftop above the shops on Market Street which is being accessed via Radcliffe Court. There is ongoing work with both issues, and the Safer Communities team has kept the informant updated. In the past, reports about similar issues above Radcliffe Court have revealed this was free runners. However, it is thought this current complaint is not related to free runners, and the Safer Communities Team is working closely with the local Police team and the property manager, with investigations taking place on how to prevent the people accessing the roof.

The Safer Communities team 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.

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 West/Central	Dec 14 – Mar 15	14	48	210	5	4	24	229	198	84	440	1256	254
		Dec 13 – Mar 14	19	28	146	8	4	38	229	237	46	517	1272	330
		Aug 14 – Nov 14	27	36	181	12	5	54	404	200	81	450	1450	397
WARDS	Castle	Dec 14 – Mar 15	8	14	13	1	0	7	20	0	10	22	95	32
		Dec 13 – Mar 14	10	6	5	1	1	9	36	3	4	34	109	31
		Aug 14 – Nov 14	10	9	11	2	2	12	39	0	8	24	117	38
	Newnham	Dec 14 – Mar 15	3	10	13	0	2	8	24	1	11	27	99	19
		Dec 13 – Mar 14	4	9	3	2	0	21	31	2	3	31	106	11
		Aug 14 – Nov 14	9	14	2	0	1	36	43	3	5	42	155	30
	Market	Dec 14 – Mar 15	3	24	184	4	2	9	185	197	63	391	1062	203
		Dec 13 – Mar 14	5	13	138	5	3	8	162	232	39	452	1057	288
		Aug 14 – Nov 14	8	13	168	10	2	6	322	197	68	384	1178	329

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Night time economy
- Other, as decided by the Area Committee.