

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 June to October 2015, compared to the previous reporting period (January to May 2015) and this same 6 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 South Area Committee meeting of 29 June 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A);
- Target road safety by addressing anti-social cycling and speeding;
- Management of the Cambridge Lakes

The Neighbourhood Action Group 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 to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A)	
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>Operation Hexham was instigated in January 2015 to review how we tackle the issue of London gangs operating drugs supply lines in Cambridge City.</p> <p>Illegality of their drug supply aside, London gangs generally cause three main problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Use of extreme violence. 2) Exploitation of vulnerable people to assist their drug supply business model. 3) Exploitation of children to assist their drug supply model. <p>The exploitation of vulnerable people (VP) is usually focused on drug users and those with mental health conditions. This takes the form of occupations of the VP's home. Generally the dealers will first occupy with consent, offering mutual benefit to the drug user in the form of free drugs in return for the use of their property as a base for drugs supply. Things turn threatening and violent when dealers are asked to leave or admittance to the property is refused. Exploitation of children often follows a similar form to the</p>

above. Dealers will proactively recruit children (in the London area) aged between 14 – 17 years old to sell or store the drugs on their behalf in order to minimise the dealer's risk.

In Cambridge City South we have 7 addresses that continue to be visited by your local policing team under the safeguarding measures of Operation Hexham. We have also been inviting partners to accompany us on the visits.

Below are extracts from a typical report following a visit which gives an indication of the responses received, support offered and an understanding and appreciation of the time being spent on the priority:

Visit to premises at 10:30 hours by PC in the company of the Community Fire Safety (FRS) Officers A and B. The occupant, Y, invited us in to the premises, stating that X was out and her daughter, Z was upstairs.

The house was in a very poor state and the fire safety checks revealed some troubling points. There were a number of exposed wires on lights within the property, and a broken light switch face plate in the bedroom. Items such as boxes had been stacked in front of doors, partially blocking exit points in the event of an emergency. FRS Officer A fitted a fire alarm in the downstairs hall way, and upstairs was tested and worked.

A large number of syringes and needles were seen, albeit there were sharps bins. Y stated that X often smokes in bed, and a number of burn marks were seen on the duvet. FRS Officer has made arrangement to attend with fireproof bedding.

FRS Officer emailed the housing provider who was quick to email back, instructing the attendance of their electrician to address the issues revealed during this morning's visit.

Y states that X has been wasting a lot of money recently. He was supposed to have paid off a Sky TV bill, but didn't. Y stated that they'd received £500 in relation to found property. Intel submitted.

Address visited by PCSO at 11:40 hours. X came to the

	<p><i>window and said that he and Y were still in bed. Was let in by X and house checked apart from main bedroom. No visitors in the house.</i></p> <p>In addition to the supportive visits, we have conducted a number of warrants and proactive patrols in key areas, a number of these have been triggered after concerns have been raised during the visits. The South Area team currently has 15 suspects on bail in relation to live enquiries into the supply of controlled drugs.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Cambridge's proximity to London via the main line rail network means that it is accessible to those criminals who wish to try to expand their market. The fact that Cambridge is not in the grip of any organised gang also means it is an attractive location for London criminals to try to exploit.</p> <p>The proactive work being carried out by the local area policing teams is preventing organised gangs getting a foothold in Cambridge but this remains an ongoing battle.</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Target road safety by addressing anti-social cycling and speeding	
Objective	To address cycling and speeding offences; this will also complement efforts against cycle crime and road safety.
Action Taken	<p>As a rough guide, 4 PCSOs carrying out minimum directed activity for each 'road safety' type initiative, over a 3 month reporting period should equal around 50 hours of dedicated and directed patrol <u>for each activity</u>.</p> <p>Education (Words of advice) v Enforcement (Reporting for summons / issuing tickets) is at the discretion of the officer concerned as it is they that would be required to justify their actions if contested and challenged in a court of law. There are accordingly and appropriately no set performance target figures for them to achieve.</p> <p>At the request of local residents, PCSO patrol activity has been conducted at the following locations at some time during this reporting period:</p> <p><u>Inconsiderate cycling –</u> Hills Rd / Glisson Rd</p>

	<p>Hills Rd Bridge Trumpington Rd Panton St Bateman St Brookside St Faith's School</p> <p><u>Inconsiderate parking –</u> Glebe Rd Station Rd Hauxton Rd Bateman St Nightingale Ave Topcliffe Way Red Cross Ln Netherhall Way Bosworth Rd St Mary's Senior School Stephen Purse Foundation, St. Eligius St Trumpington Meadows School St Faith's School Cherry Hinton School Queen Edith's School Stephen Purse Senior School Heritage School Morley Memorial School</p> <p><u>Speeding –</u> Trumpington Rd Brooklands Ave Fen Causeway Addenbrookes Rd Coldhams Ln</p> <p>Work is ongoing and continuing in attempting to reduce the number of persons having to be spoken to in relation to offences linked to this type of behaviour.</p>
Current Situation	We have received positive feedback from the community with regard to our attention and visibility in the areas that we have paid attention to, but we acknowledge that this is something that needs to be revisited.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Management of Cambridge Lakes	
Objective	Prevent ASB, criminality and harm associated with visitors to the Cambridge Lakes.
Action Taken	<p>In previous years, we have seen significant amounts of ASB attributed to people visiting the Cambridge Lakes. This year, we had no significant calls for service but this was largely due to the high number of patrols conducted in the area by the South Area team.</p> <p>The regular patrols enabled us to update the landowners, City Rangers and others about insecurities or vulnerable access points. Our presence also meant that those legitimately using the land were quick to call us and we were able to disperse groups before there were any significant numbers involved.</p> <p>We cannot ignore the impact that the weather had – the fact that we did not have a glorious summer also kept numbers down, but we regularly came across groups of 20 or more people who had planned to spend the evenings at the lake.</p> <p>No formal dispersal powers were used over the period.</p>
Current Situation	This is a seasonal issue so we are confident that we won't be getting any calls for service until the spring. However, we will maintain contact with those responsible for the management of the land to ensure that the site is kept secure in preparation for next summer.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Burglary Dwelling – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period Burglary Dwelling shows an overall increase of 21.1% or 11 more offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents an increase of 26.9% or 13 more offences. Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows an increase of 11 and 2 more offences respectively, whilst Queen Edith's shows a decrease of 2 less offences in comparison to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows an increase of 7 and 9 more offences respectively, whilst Queen Edith's shows a decrease of 3 less offences.

Non-Dwelling Burglary – By comparison to the previous five month period Non-Dwelling Burglary has seen an overall decrease of 44% or 22 less offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents a decrease of 10.7% or 3 less offences. Queen Edith's shows an increase of 6 more offences, whilst Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows a decrease of 11 and 17 less offences respectively in comparison to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Queen Edith's shows an increase of 10 more offences, whilst Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows a decrease of 2 and 11 less offences respectively.

All violent crime – By comparison to the previous five month period AVC has seen an overall increase of 83.3% or 80 more offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents an increase of 28.4% or 50 more offences. Cherry Hinton and Trumpington both show an increase of 41 more offences, whilst Queen Edith's shows a decrease of 2 less offences in comparison to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows an increase of 28 and 27 more offences respectively, whilst Queen Edith's shows a decrease of 5 less offences.

Robbery – By comparison to the previous five month period Robbery has seen an overall increase of 4 more offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents a decrease of 2 less offences. Cherry Hinton shows an increase of 6 more offences, whilst Queen Edith's and Trumpington both show a decrease of 1 less offence to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Cherry Hinton shows an increase of 1 more offence, whilst Queen Edith's figure has neither increased nor decreased and Trumpington shows a decrease of 3 less offences.

Theft of Vehicle – By comparison to the previous five month period Theft of Vehicle has seen an overall decrease of 16.6% or 1 less offence. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents an increase of 25% or 1 less offence. Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's both shows an increase of 1 more offence, whilst Trumpington shows a decrease of 3 less offences to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Queen Edith's shows an increase of 2 more offences, whilst Trumpington's figure has neither increased nor decreased and Cherry Hinton has decreased by 1 less offence.

Theft from Vehicle – By comparison to the previous five month period Theft from Vehicle has seen an overall decrease of 20.9% or 13 less offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents an increase of 28.9% or 11 more offences. Queen Edith's shows an increase of 6 more offences, whilst Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows a decrease of 15 and 4 less offences respectively to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith's shows an increase of 6 and 9 more offences respectively, whilst Trumpington shows a decrease of 4 less offences.

Theft of Pedal Cycle – By comparison to the previous five month period Theft of Pedal Cycle has seen an overall decrease of 5.8% or 10 less offences. In comparison to the same reporting period in 2014 this represents a decrease of 2.4% or 4 less offences. Queen Edith's shows an increase of 6 more offences, whilst Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows a decrease of 5 and 11 less offences respectively to the previous reporting period.

In comparison to the same reporting period last year, Queen Edith's shows an increase of 8 more offences, whilst Cherry Hinton and Trumpington shows a decrease of 5 and 7 more offences respectively.

Total crime – At 747 offences, there has been an overall slight decrease of 0.05% or 4 less offences by comparison to the previous five month reporting period. This represents a slight decrease of 1.8% or 14 less offences compared to the same reporting period in 2014.

Trumpington shows the highest crime rate at 344 offences, down from 366 offences in the previous reporting period, Cherry Hinton is second with overall crime rate at 220 offences, up from 185 offences and Queen Edith's is third with overall crime rate at 183 offences down from 200 offences.

ASB – By comparison to the previous five month reporting period there has been neither an increase nor decrease of incidents of ASB recorded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary. In comparison to the same period in 2014, there has been an overall decrease of 23.8% or 83 less offences.

Trumpington shows the highest ASB recorded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary with 123 incidents, down from 138 incidents, Cherry Hinton is second with 94 incidents, up from 89 incidents and Queen Edith's is third with

48 incidents, up from 38 incidents in comparison with the previous reporting period.

The City Council's ASB team continue to work with all the stakeholders in the CB1 development in order to come up with solutions and take enforcement action where necessary when there are reports of ASB.

The City Council's Safer Communities team participated in another week of safety zone sessions for school children from across the city, talking to them about ASB, what the children think it is, what constitutes ASB, the consequences of being involved in it and being a victim of it.

The team also organised a programme of workshops about ASB and healthy relationships for pupils in years 8, 10 and 11 at schools where children from the South area attend. This was very well received by students and teachers alike.

Two Community Days were held in Trumpington in the new developments and one Community Day was held in the Cherry Hinton area. All were well attended by residents.

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	Jun 15 – Oct 15	63	28	176	7	5	49	162	21	85	151	747	265
		Jan 15 – May 15	52	50	96	3	6	62	172	15	104	191	751	265
		Jun 14 – Oct 14	50	31	126	9	4	38	166	27	86	224	761	348
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Jun 15 – Oct 15	33	3	65	6	2	12	20	8	32	39	220	94
		Jan 15 – May 15	22	14	24	0	1	27	25	7	30	35	185	89
		Jun 14 – Oct 14	26	5	37	5	3	6	25	6	37	68	218	114
	Queen Edith's	Jun 15 – Oct 15	11	12	31	0	2	14	50	3	20	40	183	48
		Jan 15 – May 15	13	6	33	1	1	8	44	0	31	63	200	38
		Jun 14 – Oct 14	14	2	36	0	0	5	42	0	21	70	190	86
	Trumpington	Jun 15 – Oct 15	19	13	80	1	1	23	92	10	33	72	344	123
		Jan 15 – May 15	17	30	39	2	4	27	103	8	43	93	366	138
		Jun 14 – Oct 14	10	24	53	4	1	27	99	21	28	86	353	148

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

- Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A)
- Other priorities as set by the committee