

# 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 four month period September 2015 to December 2015, compared to a previous reporting period (May 2015 to August 2015) and the same like 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 30 September 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Night time economy
- Traffic Junction Enforcement (All road users)
- 20mph in the City Centre

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its October meeting, 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.

<b>Alcohol related violent crime and anti-social behaviour</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To continue to tackle Alcohol Related Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour during the Night-time Economy
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p><b>Operation Manzano:</b> We ran a passive drugs dog operation in the City Centre just before Christmas, whereby plain-clothed Officers followed a dog-handler on a walk around the known hotspot areas during the evening. This operation was the first of its' kind run in the City centre for several years, and was fairly easy to implement. The Operation led to a large number of stop-searches and intelligence submissions as well as a couple of arrests. This operation was run on two separate dates (with a third planned for the next couple of months).</p> <p><b>Licensed Premises Visits:</b> A second strand of Operation Manzano was to conduct Licensed Premises Enforcement visits. This was coordinated by Police, and involved close consultation with Cambridge City Council Licensing team, the Security Industry Authority, Cambridge Drug &amp; Alcohol action Team and Cambridgeshire Fire &amp; Rescue. Under the supervision of the Police Licensing Officer, teams of Officers and partner agents conducted enforcement patrols of numerous licensed premises across the City centre. Officers completed Licensed Premises check forms (to ensure licensing compliance), and used special 'drugs wipes' to check whether drugs had been used in the toilet and bar areas. Nineteen venues were visited over the two operational days – 47% of which were found to have traces of drugs, 58% were found not to be complying with their licensing conditions. Given these statistics, Police &amp; Council licensing teams have since held a post-operational debrief, and the information gleaned has been used to provide a more up-to-date and accurate Cardiff model</p>

scoring. Work is ongoing to address these issues.

**Operation Brake:** On the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we coordinated a follow-up operation with the Council Licensing Team to target Taxi touts in the City centre. This was also followed up on during Operation Manzano where a further 32x Hackney Carriages were checked for compliance. We are in regular correspondence with the Cambridge City Hackney Carriage Association, and have started to ensure that a representative attends the regular Taxi forum meetings run by the Council.

**Operation Connect:** This continues to be run every weekend in the City Centre whereby Officers and Partner Agencies (such as St Johns Ambulance and Street Pastors) brief together at the start of the evening. Based on careful analysis of crime trends and ASB, Officers are strategically positioned around known hotspots in a bid to prevent alcohol-related crime and ASB. We also use this opportunity to conduct Licensed Premises Inspections.

**Operation Standing:** Work is ongoing to promote the use of breathalysers by members of door-staff, and we are now starting to loan them for local events where under-age or excessive alcohol consumption has historically been an issue (e.g. Sixth Form events at The Junction). We have had several enquiries about the scheme from other City Centre teams, and are looking to promote this in Huntingdonshire too.

**Operation Remedy:** Officers have recently been working with local Security Teams to conduct plain-clothed patrols during local music events across the City that have historically attracted high volumes of mobile phone thefts and drug dealing. The most recent example was a 'Vaccines' concert at the Corn Exchange; nationally, there had been a high number of problems during the tour – and the Venue itself had experienced a number of thefts being reported; however, due to Officer presence (and close working with the Security Staff), there were no reported incidents whatsoever on this particular occasion.

**Partnership work:** In addition to the partnership work conducted during Operation Brake and Operation Manzano, we have conducted proactive ad-hoc enforcement patrols with the Security Industry Authority, Trading Standards and the Border Enforcement Agency in a bid to target NTE Crime & ASB hotspots. Officers are making excellent use of body-worn video

	<p>to ensure that any evidence of non-compliance with Licensing terms is captured early.</p> <p><b>Care venue: The Community Safety Partnership</b> funded a multi-agency Care Venue project that operated on two nights over the Christmas and New Year period from St Columbas Church. Police Street Pastors, SJA, Army Reserve and the EEAS provided a medical treatment and safe haven facility to revellers during two peak nights.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	Work on this priority area is ongoing.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

<b>Traffic junction enforcement (all road users)</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>To promote and improve road safety for all users</b>
<b>Action Taken</b>	We have routinely deployed uniformed Officers to patrol around the most problematic junctions in the City centre area based on careful consideration of recent Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics and Road Traffic Collision (RTC) data (e.g. Mill road/East road junction, Gonville place/Regent Street junction and Bridge Street/Chesterton Lane junction). Not surprisingly, when seeing uniformed officers very few road users contravened the road signs. For safety and legal reasons, Officers were not permitted to perform these duties in civilian clothing and the Council CCTV Control room stated that it wouldn't be a viable option to obtain CCTV footage of any infringements either. Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) and LIT Scheme tickets continue to be issued by Officers throughout the City where appropriate.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Work on this priority area is ongoing
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

<b>Operation Safe Passage<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Speed Enforcement in 20 mph controlled zones</b>

<sup>1</sup> This priority draws together all road safety elements previously referred to under an earlier wider road safety priority.

<p><b>Action Taken</b></p>	<p><b>Enforcement:</b> Officers have continued to deploy city-wide with Speed Detection devices on a regular basis, however the incidence of speeding has been a lot lower than we expected. The ACPO (now 'College of Policing') 'Joining Forces for Safer Roads' (2013) guidance suggests that these 20mph zones should be 'self-enforcing', as the risk of KSI accidents is comparably low. From what we have seen, this reflects the current KSI picture for Cambridge City (as well as our RTC data) and as such there are no Safety cameras in 20mph zones in Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>Officers will continue to prosecute motorists who drive carelessly, inconsiderately or dangerously: as was evidenced by our Corporate Communications team recently. In 2015 over 19,000 Traffic Offence Reports were issued to Motorists in 30mph zones across the County. Due to the local infrastructure and traffic congestion, the incidence of 'speeding' is a lot lower than the current public perception (which is why we have used Traffic Data boxes in the past to establish average speeds on certain roads, as a precursor to a Community Speedwatch Operation). As a recent example, only 2% of vehicles were found to be speeding on Gilbert road and 8% on Arbury road during our recent CSW Operation held on 27<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Speedwatch:</b> The Community Speedwatch scheme for Cambridge City has been gathering momentum over the past year, and we now have nearly thirty CSW Volunteers from across the City: two volunteers reside in the West area, but we have had no volunteers come forward for the City Centre area. Each of the five geographical policing areas across the City have local PCSO's assigned to liaise with our Volunteers, and to coordinate Operations. We have now sourced a Speedwatch Kit (which is housed at Parkside), and we have trained a second CSW Trainer to expedite requests. We have attempted to publicise our efforts via Social media recently; the most recent operation being on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January where nearly 700 vehicles were checked within a matter of hours on Gilbert and Arbury road. We are actively seeking to recruit another CSW Police Service Volunteer, and would actively welcome any enquiries to our <a href="mailto:cambridgespeedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk">cambridgespeedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk</a> mailbox.</p>
<p><b>Current Situation</b></p>	<p>Work on this priority area is ongoing</p>
<p><b>Lead Officer</b></p>	<p>Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary</p>

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

**The Safer Communities team** are currently liaising with Police and other agencies in order to tackle concerns around rough sleeping and begging in the City Centre. 4 warning letters have been issued to prolific beggars with a view to issuing Community Protection Notices if they continue to beg.

Rough sleeping and begging are discussed at the monthly multi-agency Task and Target meetings with a view to consider support and enforcement options for the most prolific and problematic individuals. Where an area has been identified as a popular sleep site the Street Outreach Team and Police are carrying out individual patrols in order to identify rough sleepers and direct them to the appropriate services who can assist them. Individuals refusing to engage are being referred to the Task and Target group for a more targeted approach.

The Safer Communities team have worked with Housing and support agencies to deal with reports about ASB in the Castle ward. No further reports have been received.

As reported previously, the Safer Communities team was contacted by Cllr Gillespie regarding complaints about people being on the rooftop above the shops on Market Street which is being accessed via Radcliffe Court. The team liaised with both Property Management companies, the local Police team, the Community Safety Officer at the Police and Cllr Gillespie and arranged for a site visit with everyone. Actions were set from the site visit and consequently there have not been any further complaints about people being on the rooftop. The Safer Communities team are continuing to monitor this and liaise with the relevant agencies.

The Safer Communities team have developed and delivered a programme of workshops discussing anti-social behaviour and healthy relationships at schools across Cambridge City, including Parkside Community College for pupils in years 9 and 11 which were well received.

## 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 West/Central</b>	Sep 15 – Dec 15	22	38	206	15	4	32	293	165	88	434	1297	361
		May 15 – Aug 15	27	70	209	4	0	37	290	234	90	517	1478	423
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	22	40	184	10	5	55	343	195	80	454	1388	343
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Castle</b>	Sep 15 – Dec 15	7	12	15	1	2	20	27	0	16	25	125	28
		May 15 – Aug 15	12	7	11	0	0	10	28	3	12	30	113	48
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	10	10	13	2	1	11	39	0	8	22	116	36
	<b>Newnham</b>	Sep 15 – Dec 15	8	3	6	2	0	6	50	2	7	32	116	35
		May 15 – Aug 15	7	11	9	0	0	18	31	1	5	43	125	46
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	7	16	9	0	1	36	42	1	5	36	153	19
	<b>Market</b>	Sep 15 – Dec 15	7	23	185	12	2	6	216	163	65	377	1,056	298
		May 15 – Aug 15	8	52	189	4	0	9	231	230	73	444	1,240	329
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	5	14	162	8	3	8	262	194	67	396	1,119	288

**5 RECOMMENDATIONS**