

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 November 2015 to February 2016, compared to the reporting period of July to October 2015, and this same reporting period in 2014/5 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 14 December 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A);
- Enforcement action against inconsiderate/illegal parking around schools [in] the city. Also speeding;
- Enforcement action against cycling on the pavement[s] around the city. Also cycling at night without lights.

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>Local officers continue to visit identified local addresses on a regular and unannounced basis. A small number of these visits have resulted in arrests being made for drugs offences and on occasion, suspects have been located who are wanted for other matters.</p> <p>There are currently eight suspects on bail for the possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply and it is expected that charges will follow.</p> <p>The team has a high rate of securing court convictions in relation to such matters and it is hoped that appropriate sentencing, together with generated local publicity, will help to dissuade others from coming to Cambridge to sell controlled drugs.</p> <p>All opportunities are followed in each case to seize and recover money under the Proceeds of Crime Act to counter any belief by some that crime pays.</p>
Current Situation	<p>Operation Hexham visits continue across the district and the results support the requirement for these to continue.</p> <p>Class A drugs are still available in the South Area, but it is not an open market and it is still a largely hostile environment for suppliers to work in due to the focus being paid by the South Area team.</p>

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Enforcement action against inconsiderate/illegal parking around schools [in] the city. Also speeding.	
Objective	Improved road safety.
Action Taken	<p>South Area PCSOs have conducted action at the following priority locations throughout this period. The expectation is that they each spend a minimum of one hour per week in support of each priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ School run inconsiderate parking - Mill End Road, Queen Emma School, Queen Edith's School, Rayleigh Close, St. Faith's School, Bosworth Road and St. Mary's School. □ Speed concerns – Addenbrooke's Road, Church End and Queen Edith's. <p>As publicised, I am pleased to report further Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers have come forward for Queen Edith's and have received training. They are now able to be deployed.</p>
Current Situation	<p>There are now three CSW volunteers in Trumpington ward that can be tasked as we do for Queen Edith's.</p> <p>There are still opportunities for volunteers to cover Cherry Hinton.</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeant Chris Horton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Enforcement action against cycling on the pavement[s] around the city. Also cycling at night without lights.	
Objective	Improved road safety
Action Taken	<p>South Area PCSOs have conducted action at the following priority locations throughout this period. The expectation is that they spend a minimum of one hour per week on each priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Pavement cycling - Trumpington Road, Cherry Hinton High Street, around St. Paul's School, St. Mary's School, Stephen Purse School, Heritage School and Walpole Road.
Current Situation	<p>The majority of persons found to have been cycling on the pavement have been school children.</p> <p>There have only been two items of correspondence complaining of cyclists riding on pavements; the team's activity has been targeted in accordance with the correspondence.</p> <p>It would be helpful if residents could advise the South Area</p>

	team of any particular “hot spot” where it is clear, obvious and involves numerous adults so that the relevant local PCSO can be tasked accordingly.
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3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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The Safer Communities (SC) team has continued to be involved in cases of nuisance and anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the south of the city. Where serious ASB has continued, ASB officers have served two Notices of Seeking Possession and one demotion notice.

The SC team has continued to be involved with ongoing work with stakeholders and resident representatives at the CB1 development, meeting with them regularly to address any nuisance and ASB concerns raised.

The SC team continued to deliver the programme of workshops in secondary schools in the south of the city to talk about ASB and healthy and respectful relationships.

ASB officers from the SC team attended community sessions of “Chelsea’s Choice”. This is a play looking at issues around child sexual exploitation, funded by the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, to be delivered to all Year 9 students in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. There were also a number of community performances put on as well, one of which took place in Cherry Hinton. ASB officers from the SC team were on hand to talk to residents about any concerns about community safety that the play raised.

The City Council’s Neighbourhood Resolution Panel Scheme received two referrals from residents in the south of the city. One of these panels in particular was really successful and the panel meeting served to draw up an agreement that addressed and dealt with a number of longstanding issues between two households. Since the panel was held, the local residents report that things are much better.

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During this reporting period, a local Cherry Hinton resident was charged and imprisoned for targeting and stealing from vulnerable local people. This safeguarding work was conducted by the South Area team who identified a series of similar incidents.

The team has started to imbed the use of the most popular social media platforms e.g. Facebook (/PolicingCambridgeCity) and Twitter (@CambridgeCops) and would urge local residents to follow these sites for news and photos of local action and persons we wish to talk to in relation to particular matters.

Whilst there has been concern and publicity around an increase in dwelling burglaries where specific communities appear to have been targeted, a lot of work has been conducted to reassure those communities, offer crime prevention advice and catch and convict those responsible. The Serious and Priority Crime Team at Parkside continues to target those involved in burglary and the handling of stolen property.

As the weather starts to improve, we may start to see a renewed interest in the Cambridge Lakes. The landowners, local policing team and other interested parties invested a lot of time last year and were successful in preventing the levels of anti-social behaviour that had been experienced in previous years. It has to be said that the poor summer played its part too.

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	Nov 15 – Feb 16	39	27	102	7	4	38	105	18	81	145	566	164
		Jul 15 – Oct 15	58	22	142	7	4	37	135	17	71	125	618	215
		Nov 14 – Feb 15	54	24	79	1	7	53	112	12	55	150	547	209
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Nov 15 – Feb 16	17	7	44	4	1	1	17	6	26	42	165	57
		Jul 15 – Oct 15	32	1	52	6	1	10	17	7	29	34	189	73
		Nov 14 – Feb 15	28	3	23	0	2	19	16	4	17	27	139	62
	Queen Edith's	Nov 15 – Feb 16	9	7	22	1	1	22	17	1	16	43	139	40
		Jul 15 – Oct 15	10	10	23	0	2	11	46	1	15	36	154	38
		Nov 14 – Feb 15	15	7	22	1	2	10	28	0	14	49	148	37
	Trumpington	Nov 15 – Feb 16	13	13	36	2	2	15	71	11	39	60	262	67
		Jul 15 – Oct 15	16	11	67	1	1	16	72	9	27	55	275	104
		Nov 14 – Feb 15	11	14	34	0	3	24	68	8	24	74	260	110

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A)
- Road safety (to be specified by concerns raised at the Area Committee)
- Anti-social behaviour at the Cambridge Lakes; preventative patrols