

# 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 December 2015 to April 2016, compared to a previous like reporting period (July 2015 to November 2015) and this same 5 month reporting period in 2014/15 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 20 January 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue the safeguarding / enforcement work around the supply of Class A Drugs (Op Hexham);
- Speeding in the Chesterton High Street and Green End Road area.

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.

<b>Continue the safeguarding / enforcement work around the supply of Class A Drugs (Op Hexham)</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Combat drug dealing in the North Area.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Operation Hexham has developed to include a more hard-edged approach, whereby a small team has been set up to specifically address a recent proliferation of dealers in the city and move our policy forward toward a sanction. The operation focussed on supporting “vulnerable” occupants in the face of putting-up drug gangs. Now, the situation has shifted to addressing cooperation with such groups, in conjunction with Housing Officers and other partners.</p> <p>The North Team has continued gathering evidence, disrupting and arresting individuals involved in Class A supply. Each case requires a great deal of administrative work to support its progress through the criminal justice system.</p> <p>During this period, we have arrested 7 persons related to London-based organised crime groups (drug gangs). One of these was armed with a samurai sword and another two with knives. Quantities of drugs, money and other evidence were also recovered.</p> <p>With our local knowledge, we have been able to assist other teams with information and searches, relating to the same.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	The above bespoke team is currently a temporary response to an upsurge in criminality, surrounding the supply of class A drugs by out of town gangs. There have been marked successes over the last few weeks, with more than twenty arrests. Clearly this indicates the persistence of those behind

	the problem, albeit we have clearly wrested back the initiative, with indications that Class A drugs have become much harder to come by.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Speeding in the Chesterton High Street and Green End Road area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address speeding issues in the Chesterton High Street and Green End Road area
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Speedwatch is now up and running with several events, throughout the North. This undoubtedly assists in changing driving culture in Cambridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Gilbert Road - 9 vehicles reported for speeding</li> <li>□ Arbury Road - 24 vehicles reported for speeding.</li> </ul> <p>In the area of Fen Road, Chesterton High Street and Green End Road, more than 30 vehicles have been stopped with 5 Traffic Offence Reports submitted, 5 stop/searches and 1 vehicle seized.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	This matter has been discussed at numerous meetings, over the last few years. Problems identified have been high population density in certain areas, poor road design and ineffective traffic calming measures. Whilst police action can have short term impact, our understanding is that there will be work to address the above issues, in the near future.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### **3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES**

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Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers in the Safer Communities team worked with colleagues in the police and 4 young people in the north of the city and asked them to sign up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) because of persistent nuisance and ASB. Another existing ABC was reviewed and the young person has made satisfactory progress.

The Safer Communities team continued to work to tackle nuisance and anti-social behaviour across the north of the city and one resident in the north signed a tenancy undertaking promising to abide by their tenancy conditions.

The team also applied to the court for possession of a property where there was persistent and serious anti-social behaviour, a judge granted an outright possession order.

ASB Officers from the 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 which were delivered to all Year 9 students in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. There were also a number of community performances put on as well, two of which took place in the North. ASB Officers were on hand to talk to residents about any community safety concerns that the play raised for them.

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A very busy period for the team with much abstraction of our staff and support for other policing activities in Cambridge.

- A On-going neighbourhood issues have attracted much of our effort, particularly surrounding individuals with mental health problems. Our efforts have been aimed at ensuring the right services are sign-posted, in order to achieve a safe and happy living environment for all.
- B North team officers took the lead in enquiries, which led to the successful resolution of a double stabbing case, which occurred in West Chesterton.
- C We dealt with three juveniles seen on social media with "guns". These, it transpired, were BB guns. All three are now currently on bail for theft, handling and possession of cannabis, in addition to the replica firearms.
- D Currently much work is being done to support local schools. Individual officers have specific commitments to each local secondary school. The North Area Academy is being supported with a "new" Police Cadets Scheme and we have plans to start joint team-building/sports activity at TBAP (Ascham Road School).
- E Arrest of a "spree" shoplifter, who had been evading arrest for several weeks.

## 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>	Dec 15 – Apr 16	59	29	249	11	11	57	79	59	133	267	954	387
		Jul 15 – Nov 15	100	31	279	14	10	108	93	50	111	233	1,029	512
		Dec 14 – Apr 15	73	53	218	11	19	60	101	47	146	241	969	399
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Arbury</b>	Dec 15 – Apr 16	15	8	57	2	1	14	16	19	34	58	224	92
		Jul 15 – Nov 15	30	5	65	5	3	44	25	16	33	60	286	153
		Dec 14 – Apr 15	11	9	61	2	7	12	20	11	36	61	230	105
	<b>East Chesterton</b>	Dec 15 – Apr 16	20	11	49	4	3	16	27	2	34	53	219	87
		Jul 15 – Nov 15	14	8	78	1	3	22	15	4	26	55	226	126
		Dec 14 – Apr 15	11	15	60	2	7	10	24	4	43	50	226	102
	<b>King's Hedges</b>	Dec 15 – Apr 16	13	3	98	3	6	14	7	30	43	70	287	125
		Jul 15 – Nov 15	22	4	103	5	2	26	18	26	29	59	294	149
		Dec 14 – Apr 15	21	20	56	3	3	29	25	22	48	63	290	105
	<b>West Chesterton</b>	Dec 15 – Apr 16	11	7	45	2	1	13	29	8	22	86	224	83
		Jul 15 – Nov 15	34	14	33	3	2	16	35	4	23	59	223	84
		Dec 14 – Apr 15	30	9	41	4	2	9	32	10	19	67	223	87

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Continue with Class A drug work – this underpins much criminality and also impacts on community safety.