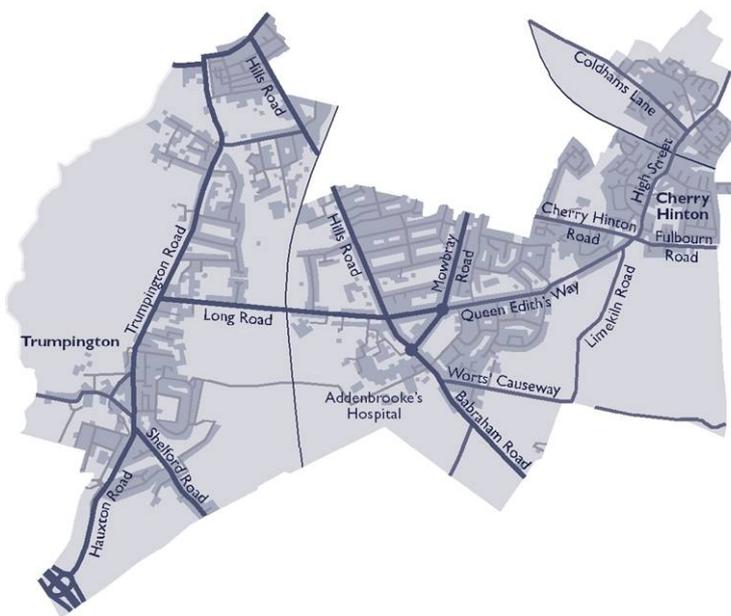


# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City South Neighbourhood

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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 the six months of March 2016 to August 2016, compared to the previous six months (September 2015 to February 2016) and the same six months last year (March 2015 to August 2015); 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 18 April 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A);
- Road safety (around parking) to continue: ASB parking around the city, particularly in south area near schools; and speeding; and
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the Cambridge Lakes to include preventative patrols, to target hot spot areas around the lake and to speak to the management regarding the possibility of installing CCTV.

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 to target the supply of controlled drugs (Class A)</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To combat drug use across the City, by focussing on those who deal and use drugs, and supporting those trying to beat their addiction.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>As has been highlighted in the local press recently, we have had some very positive court results against drug dealers found operating in the City through ‘Operation Daybreak’ – and several people remain on bail and/or remand awaiting trial for drug-related offences. This work will continue, and we remain grateful to the public for their ongoing intelligence submissions.</p> <p>We continue to make use of our ‘Drug Expert Witness’ at Parkside, who has been instrumental in advising community groups (including schools) of the dangers of drug use and current drug trends. This is supplemented by our school engagement work, where we are able to distribute and receive information relating to drug-use in the youth community. We also now have a dedicated ‘Drug Dealing’ portfolio holder, whose remit is to research, disrupt and convict current drug dealing networks who may be operating in the City.</p> <p>In addition to these specialist posts, our recent departmental restructure has created three ‘Prevention’ teams, whose role is to proactively combat crime and ASB in any given area across the City. Their role is intelligence-focussed, and they can be assigned to deploy to a specific area or concentrate on a particular high-harm Nominal – such as a drug dealer or habitual drug user.</p>

	<p>These teams are supported by the 'Partnership' teams, whose role is to work with community partner agencies in a bid to resolve the long-term issues. We have excellent links with both preventative and rehabilitative services (some of whom are already embedded in our custody processes), examples of which include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ CASUS (Cambridgeshire Child &amp; Adolescent Substance Use Service)</li> <li>❑ Inclusion (drug &amp; alcohol treatment service)</li> <li>❑ DAAT (Drug &amp; Alcohol Action Team)</li> <li>❑ Council teams (including ASB, Streets &amp; Open Spaces and Enforcement)</li> <li>❑ NHS and East of England Ambulance Service</li> <li>❑ Housing Associations</li> </ul> <p>According to our Custody System, Parkside Custody has housed over one hundred suspects who have been arrested on suspicion of drug-related offences since the beginning of the year (to-date). However this figure is likely to be significantly higher when you factor in the amount of 'out of custody' disposals that officers are expected to consider over arrest, and the fact that we have several custody facilities across the County.</p> <p>In short, we aspire to disrupt drug supply through proactive patrols and intelligence-led policing. Furthermore, our resultant case files following arrest are routinely supplemented with Court applications for rehabilitation orders, banning orders and confiscation orders against defendants in a bid to make the City a hostile environment for illegal drug use.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	This is an ongoing piece of work. Although some very positive results have been achieved thus far, we will remain committed to combatting illegal drug use.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

<b>Road safety (around parking) to continue: ASB parking around the city, particularly in south area near schools; and speeding</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To promote road safety across the south of the City, with due focus on speed enforcement and anti-social parking around school sites.
<b>Action Taken</b>	Officers have been routinely engaging in road safety work as part of their daily patrols. These patrols are usually conducted following feedback from the public and/or careful analysis of road traffic data submitted to us by the Council. We also

employ the use of 'Traffic Data Boxes' in hotspot areas to identify whether speeding is an issue for a particular road (and when it is happening) and this has been extremely useful in our ongoing bid to enforce road safety.

Enforcement is predominantly conducted by local officers, but is complemented by the Roads Policing Unit and Community Speedwatch initiatives. Going forward, we would hope to bring in additional support from the police cadets and special constabulary to build on their operational experience.

As discussed during previous meetings, we now have an established Community Speed Watch (CSW) network across the City. We are always keen to hear from new volunteers, who wish to promote road safety in their community; we provide full training and equipment, and all we require is your time (which is flexible around your needs) and a minimum of three people to participate. Further information is available on our website: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/> or via email: [CambridgeSpeedWatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CambridgeSpeedWatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

We have recently secured funding for a new Speedwatch kit from Cambridge City Council, and we are looking to appoint an additional member of staff to help coordinate operations and provide training.

We aim to make use of social media to advertise our road-safety efforts retrospectively, but for obvious reasons we do not advertise where we will be and when. Similarly, we are not routinely able to comment on how many tickets we issue, as a sizeable proportion may potentially be subject to an ongoing investigation. However as our Corporate Communications Team recently advertised in 2015, over 19,000 Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) were issued to motorists across the County, which gives a good indication of our efforts.

In terms of 20mph enforcement, the ACPO (now 'College of Policing') 'Joining Forces for Safer Roads' (2013) guidance suggests that 20mph zones should be 'self-enforcing', as statistics show that the risk of serious KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured) accidents is comparably low compared to higher speed-limited zones. From what we have seen, this reflects the current KSI picture for Cambridge City (as well as our road traffic collision data) too, and as such there are no operational safety cameras in 20mph zones in Cambridgeshire.

	<p>Due to the local infrastructure and traffic congestion in Cambridge City, the incidence of 'speeding' is a lot lower than the current public perception (which is why we have used the aforementioned Traffic Data boxes in the past to establish average speeds on certain roads, as a precursor to a Community Speedwatch Operation).</p> <p>We also have good working relationships with the Council to explore traffic calming measures such as when we negotiated an adjustment to the traffic light phases at the East Road/Mill Road junction last year, to give people adequate time to clear the box junction. We also have a good working relationship with the Parking Enforcement Team, and will often share intelligence about where the current parking problems are located. In terms of parking issues, targeted enforcement patrols around local educational establishments will also continue with Officers tasked to engage with staff, parents and pupils on a regular basis.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	This is an ongoing piece of work that we are slowly making some positive headway in. Preventative work will remain ongoing whilst infrastructural measures are considered by the Council.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

<b>Anti-social behaviour at the Cambridge Lakes to include preventative patrols, to target hot spot areas around the lake and to speak to the management regarding the possibility of installing CCTV.</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To work with site owners and the local community to reduce anti-social behaviour both in and around the Cambridge Lakes site.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>We have researched the legacy issues surrounding the site, and have reviewed and assessed the previous tactics and interventions adopted for their effectiveness. Early contact was made with the site management company and the Council, and a good ongoing dialogue has been established. We have generated an investigation casefile to document our efforts, and the Council's Safer Communities team have appointed a project lead at our request. In a bid to obtain a balanced appraisal of the situation, we have also referred to the Cambridge Lakes website and had contact with Cllr. Baigent about the application to open the Lakes to the public.</p> <p>We have made use of social media to promote awareness of</p>

	<p>the dangers of swimming in this area, and are looking to introduce signage on-site to enable trespassers to relay their exact location in the event of an emergency ('Operation Harvell'; the Force water safety scheme). We have even considered approaching local diving teams to film the detritus in the Lake, in a bid to perturb people from swimming there.</p> <p>We have conducted a site security survey to identify vulnerable access points and potential security measures (such as on-site CCTV and sheet metal fencing) that could be considered. Through the use of body-worn video and photographs, we have reported our recommendations to the site management company (Carter Jonas), and have found that they have responded promptly to our suggestions; as such, their staff have routinely repaired damage and improved security where suggested.</p> <p>Regular patrols of the area have been conducted throughout the summer months – both within and around the site. Officers have been tasked to positively engage with the local community and explain the potential dangers to persons found trespassing on the site. We are logging details of all persons found within the site and have noticed that the common denominator are young males aged from 10-16 years old; with this in mind, we will be conducting some work with local schools next year and officers have been notifying parents either verbally or through 'Guardian Awareness Programme' form submissions. Details of persons found on site will be made available to Carter Jonas via our Force Legal team, in the event of a civil trespass matter (or warning letter) being considered.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Although this is a private site, we remain committed to working with the site owners to safeguard the local community affected, and to identify target-hardening options to prevent further intrusion onto the site. Although anti-social behaviour peaks during the warmer weather, we will ensure that work is maintained throughout the winter months, in a bid to address the situation ready for next year.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	<p>Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary</p>

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

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

We have recently restructured our departments to focus on issues of threat, risk and harm in the local Community. Although staff postings have largely remained the same, a proportion of officers are busy familiarising themselves with their new patrol areas. Details of the new public-facing partnership teams across the City can be found on our force website or on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) (click on 'Find your neighbourhood').

We have had an extremely busy summer period managing calls for service and policing some of the City events, such as the Cherry Hinton Folk Festival. A large proportion of our time has been concentrated on patrolling known ASB hot spots, such as Cherry Hinton Lakes and the CB1 development, and we have endeavoured to engage with the community at every opportunity.

We have attended and hosted several cycle crime prevention workshops, and have already established excellent working relationships with local partner agencies (such as Addenbrooke's Hospital and British Transport Police). We have recently instigated several 'pop-up' road safety enforcement operations, which will continue into the next reporting period and beyond.

Over the past couple of months, we have also been engaged in combatting a series of theft from motor vehicle offences across the City, where taxis were predominantly targeted. After providing crime prevention advice to the Hackney Carriage Association, subsequent enquiries led to the arrest of an extremely prolific nominal, which in turn has led to a noticeable drop in this type of offence.

Over the next few months, we will continue to focus on community engagement.

#### **Cambridge City Council**

The Safer Communities team has continued to be involved in cases of nuisance and ASB across the south of the city. One case is being prepared for possession proceedings, two tenants have given undertakings to the Council to comply with the terms of their tenancy agreement and two families have signed up to Good Neighbour Agreements.

Officers from the team continue to work with partner agencies involved in new developments. At the CB1 development, the team has continued to be involved with stakeholders and residents' representatives, meeting with them regularly and addressing current and/or emerging issues. At the moment, the team is very much involved in supporting the community at CB1 to set up a residents' association.

The team ran Safety Zone workshops in July, talking with 9 and 10 year olds about anti-social behaviour. Sessions were delivered to young people from across the City including students from schools in the south. The team also worked together with the police at two workshops (one for Year 5 and one for Year 6 pupils) about anti-social behaviour and crime. These interactive workshops got the children to think about their behaviour and how it might affect others.

Members of the team also gave a talk to the Trumpington Youth Forum run by the Children and Young Peoples Participation Service (ChYPPS). The team led discussions around ideas on how to make Trumpington a safer place to live and work in. Some ideas included doing a blog to canvas for speed checks along an unadopted road and fun bins to discourage littering. Members of the team were also on hand at a community day in the St Bede's Crescent/Walpole Road area to talk to any residents who were experiencing or had concerns about anti-social behaviour.

The team also attended the Olympic Family Fun Day event in Trumpington, a joint event between ChYPPS and the Community Development team. The event is free to families in Trumpington. It is an opportunity for the agencies involved in Trumpington to promote their service and also to highlight upcoming events.

The Neighbourhood Resolution Panel Scheme received three referrals for residents in the south of the city. Two cases were resolved; one with a panel meeting, one other case is due to go to panel imminently.

## 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 South</b>	Mar 16 – Aug 16	45	34	227	6	12	94	158	28	72	241	917	375
		Sep 15 – Feb 16	77	37	184	13	7	59	179	32	129	209	926	264
		Mar 15 – Aug 15	47	56	158	3	4	62	205	18	108	209	870	329
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Cherry Hinton</b>	Mar 16 – Aug 16	20	14	89	2	5	17	12	9	26	59	253	139
		Sep 15 – Feb 16	39	8	70	9	2	8	21	11	49	57	274	90
		Mar 15 – Aug 15	15	14	53	1	1	17	37	9	30	49	226	119
	<b>Queen Edith's</b>	Mar 16 – Aug 16	15	6	48	1	3	28	34	1	13	62	211	84
		Sep 15 – Feb 16	14	11	35	1	2	29	41	2	25	60	220	57
		Mar 15 – Aug 15	14	11	43	0	1	11	55	2	31	65	233	55
	<b>Trumpington</b>	Mar 16 – Aug 16	10	14	90	3	4	49	112	18	33	120	453	152
		Sep 15 – Feb 16	24	18	79	3	3	22	117	19	55	92	432	117
		Mar 15 – Aug 15	18	31	62	2	2	34	113	7	47	95	411	155

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ❑ Combatting ASB in the CB1/Brookgate Development
- ❑ Promotion of road safety
- ❑ Drug dealing/use in the South of the City