

1. An Introduction to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Cambridge City

It has been noted from recent Cambridge City Neighbourhood Panel Meetings that Anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues are at the forefront of public concern. To address these concerns, this document will now provide more information about the types of ASB issue faced in each Ward through the inclusion of an additional breakdown of ASB types. A summary of emerging issues within crime will still be provided.

When an incident is reported, it is given a Closure Class which groups the incident under specific categories. The specific closure classes for those incidents defined as ASB are included in Table.1

Table.1 ASB Closure Class Definitions

ASB	Description
AS02.2	Street Drinking
AS03.1	Begging/Vagrancy
AS04.1	Prostitution related activity
AS05.1	Abandoned Vehicle (not stolen/obstruction)
AS05.2	Vehicle Nuisance/Inappropriate Veh use
AS06.0	Noise
AS07.1	Litter/Drugs Paraphernalia
AS07.2	Inappropriate - Use/Sale/Possession of Fireworks
AS07.5	Rowdy/Nuisance - Neighbours
AS07.6	Rowdy or Inconsiderate Behaviour
AS08.1	Hoax Call to Emergency Services
AS09.1	Animal Problems
AS10.1	Malicious/Nuisance communication
AS10.2	Regular caller - HIST INFO
AS11.1	Trespass
AS12.1	Prejudice Incident

4. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City West has increased during the last four months, with each month recording higher levels of crime than in the same months last year. Crime was also significantly higher than in the preceding four months (555/1401, 40% increase). This increase can be seen across all three wards, but in particular, Market ward. The two crime types that have seen substantial rises (in comparison with the preceding months and the same period last year), are cycle theft and theft from vehicles, and this has been seen across all wards. Levels of reported anti-social behaviour have increased in comparison with the previous period, but have fallen in comparison with the same period last year.

Market

- Total crime in Market ward has increased from 1,122 offences in the previous period to 1,583 offences in the current period, and is also an increase on the same period last year when 1,385 offences were recorded. This increase is largely due to the rise in cycle thefts and violent crime.
- Violent crime rose, to 284 offences. Approximately half were classified as Common Assault or Actual Bodily Harm, twelve of which were assaults on police officers. Offences continue to be concentrated around the night time entertainment venues and occurred late night/early in the morning. The Regal, Revolutions, The Place, Niche Bar, Fez Club and Ballare were all hotspots.

Levels of anti-social behaviour increased from 479 incidents in the previous period to 525 incidents in the current period. A large number related to begging/vagrancy and hotspots for this were around the Grafton Centre and the Market Square. There were also a number of incidents regarding street drinking and almost all of these occurred around the Grafton Centre. As expected, many of the rowdy/inconsiderate incidents occurred at pubs/night clubs late at night/early in the morning

Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime (excl. Robbery)	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
N'hood	City West	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	36	52	306	27	5	87	533	296	113	501	1956	620
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	49	44	213	19	9	51	343	222	87	364	1401	562
		<i>Aug 09 – Nov 09</i>	42	48	280	11	6	59	358	280	125	453	1662	738
Wards	Newnham	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	8	15	15	3	2	37	67	1	11	40	199	45
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	17	10	5	2	3	19	42	2	5	33	138	37
		<i>Aug 09 – Nov 09</i>	7	7	19	1	1	16	40	3	10	25	129	49
	Castle	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	17	10	7	1	1	19	73	7	12	27	174	50
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	21	14	10	1	3	17	41	2	10	22	141	46
		<i>Aug 09 – Nov 09</i>	23	14	7	3	0	17	42	3	18	21	148	65
	Market	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	11	27	284	23	2	31	393	288	90	434	1583	525
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	11	20	198	16	3	15	260	218	72	309	1122	479
		<i>Aug 09 – Nov 09</i>	12	27	254	7	5	26	276	274	97	407	1385	624

ASB Incident Types in the City West Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

Please Note

Incident levels for each of the wards may not be consistent with the official figures that will be published by the Force and Home Office. This is because the data system used to draw the level of detail needed for the ASB type breakdown for this report may not contain precise locations due to the way incidents are reported e.g. ASB reported where ward boundaries lie could initially be recorded in the neighbouring ward but subsequently corrected.

These figures should only be used as a guide and not regarded as official statistics for publication.

			Abandoned Vehicle	Animal Problems	Begging/Vagrancy	Hoax call to emergency services	Litter	Malicious/Nuisance Communication	Noise	Prejudice Incident	Rowdy & Inconsiderate Behaviour	Rowdy/Nuisance Neighbours	Rowdy/Nuisance Use/Sale/Fireworks	Street Drinking	Trespass	Vehicle related nuisance/Inappropriate Vehicle use	Grand Total	
N'hood	City West	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	22	1	51	7	23	19	2	2	442	9	0	15	2	24	619	
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	19	3	62	5	3	13	32	3	552	14	1	22	1	26	726	
Wards	Newnham	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	9	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	5	44	
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	7	1	2	0	0	3	6	0	34	4	0	0	0	3	60	
	Castle	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	6	0	2	0	4	2	2	0	1	25	3	0	0	1	7	51
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	7	1	3	1	0	4	4	5	1	22	5	1	0	0	3	53
	Market	<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	7	1	44	7	15	17	17	2	1	396	6	0	15	1	12	524
		<i>Apr 10 – Jul 10</i>	5	1	57	4	3	6	6	21	2	466	5	0	22	1	20	613