

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:

- Crime and Incident data, from December 10 – March 11 and as a comparison data from August 10 – November 10, and December 09 – March 10.
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, April 2010
- Community intelligence.
- Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period December 2010 – March 2011, compared with the same period the previous year.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 6th January 2010, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB)	
Objective	Tackle alcohol related ASAB including both street life issues and the night time economy.
Action Taken	<p>Over 120 hours of targeted patrols have been undertaken by the neighbourhood team. These were in addition to the patrols carried out by other units. Hotspot areas were targeted e.g. Adam and Eve Street, Burleigh Street and the historic city centre. Officers made use of Section 27 powers. A number of arrests were made for breach of these orders, drunk and disorderly behaviour and begging.</p> <p>The streetlife officers targeted the most problematic people. They have been successful in obtaining an alcohol related anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) against one of these individuals. Another 2 ASBOs are currently going through the courts with a third ready to put before the court when the person next appears.</p> <p>Officers have worked with a local supermarket to encourage them to change the quality of stock on sale. ASB around this supermarket has already shown an improvement.</p>
Current Situation	Alcohol related ASB has decreased against the previous period and the same period last year.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue – the new ‘City Central’ team to take lead.

Cycle Theft	
Objective	Continue efforts to reduce theft of cycles.
Action Taken	Officers have attended the colleges offering cycle crime prevention advice and encouraging students to register their bikes on immobilise. The college cycle sheds have also been

	<p>patrolled with immobilise tags hung on the handles of the bikes. Surgeries have been hosted in the Grafton centre, Market Square, Parkside, primary schools and a pub concentrating mainly on cycle crime.</p> <p>Stops were made of those cycling through the city and the bikes were checked against the police systems and immobilise. Crime prevention advice was provided. This action did result in 2 arrests.</p> <p>Cycle shops have and will continue to be visited and provided with details of stolen bikes. The feedback has been good with shops now being more alert regarding the frequency that an individual visits with a bike to sell. Two arrests have been made as a result of this action.</p> <p>A trap bike has been utilised in the hotspot areas along with plain-clothes officers. Once again 2 arrests were made.</p>
Current Situation	Cycle crime has dropped by 50% across the city compared to previous period (224/533). It has remained stable when compared to previous period last year in Newnham and Market but we have seen a reduction in Castle (224/233). The reduction in the Market area follows a similar pattern when compared to previous years.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue

Vehicle Crime	
Objective	Thefts from motor vehicles in the Newnham area.
Action Taken	<p>In excess of 74 hours of dedicated patrols have been carried out. These patrols have concentrated on the roads off of Grange Road and Huntingdon Road. The patrols have been a mixture of plain clothes and high visibility. Officers have patrolled on foot, bikes and in plain vehicles.</p> <p>Two offenders arrested for going equipped to steal.</p>
Current Situation	Vehicle crime has shown a reduction across the west of the city. It has reduced when compared against the previous period (39/92) and the same period last year (39/45).

Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.
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Engagement Activity

Surgeries have been held at many of the colleges. NPT officers and Community Safety officers were on hand to provide personal safety advice and cycle crime prevention advice.

Officers have utilised the mobile police station and held street surgeries in the Market Square, Newnham and Castle.

The County Arms in Castle has hosted 2 surgeries and the library host a monthly surgery.

City West officers have been involved with the enquiries in relation to the series of sexual assaults that have occurred in the West of the City. These enquiries are ongoing. The Community Support Officers have carried out community engagement across the city distributing posters and seeking information.

New 'City Central' Neighbourhood Team

Readers should be aware by now that a new city centre team of officers has been formed to concentrate policing activity in Market ward. The current 'west team' will continue to police Newnham and Castle wards.

Separate priorities can now be set for the central team and west teams although it is expected that some issues will apply to both areas.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City West has decreased during the last four months. Crime was also significantly lower than in the preceding four months (31% decrease). This decrease can be seen across all three wards, but in particular, Market ward. Cycle theft has seen a substantial decrease in comparison with the preceding months and this has been seen across all wards. Levels of reported anti-social behaviour have also decreased in comparison with the previous period, and in comparison with the same period last year.

Newnham

- Total crime in Newnham ward has almost halved compared to the previous period but remained stable compared to the same periods last year.
- There were 19 dwelling burglaries in this period which is more than double the number in both the previous period and the same period last year (8 offences in each period). Eight of these offences occurred over the Christmas and New Year period and it appears that the occupants were away from home at the time of the offences.
- Theft from vehicle offences have decreased by two-thirds compared to the previous period (12 offences vs. 37 offences) and have halved compared to the same period last year (25 offences). In eight of these offences offenders have smashed a window in order to gain entry and then stolen items from within such as satellite navigation systems, laptops, mobile phones and cash.
- Cycle thefts have also dropped by more than two thirds compared to the previous period (20 offences vs. 67 offences), but have remained stable compared to the same period last year (23 offences). In sixteen of these 20 offences the bikes were stolen from a college.
- ASB incidents have remained stable compared to the previous period (41 incidents vs. 45 incidents).
- Three incidents on Fen Causeway concern youths throwing snowballs and stones at passing cars and bikes. Another two calls from the same address on Kings Road concern youths throwing snowballs at the property.
- Four calls from across the Ward were complaints about vehicles parking inappropriately and blocking entrances and driveways.

Environmental Issues

- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 5 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. One vehicle was later claimed by its owner and 3

vehicles were not on site following inspection. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. There were no specific hotspots during the 2010/11 period, but Cranmer Road (3) was a hotspot during the same period the previous year.

- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 7 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 2 warning letters to domestic offenders. Lammas Land was a hotspot with 4 during the 2010/11 period and 5 during the same period the previous year.
- 13 derelict cycles were dealt with between December 2010 and March 2011, compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. Lammas Land was a hotspot with 4 reports in the 2010/11 period and 3 during the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 11 needles reported, compared with 1 during the previous year. The 11 needles resulted from a one-off find in an outbuilding in Grantchester Meadows and were subsequently removed.

Castle

- Total crime in Castle Ward is lower than the previous period (122 offences vs. 174 offences) but higher than the same period last year (104 offences).
- Dwelling burglaries have almost doubled compared to the same period last year (21 offences vs. 11 offences) and have increased slightly compared to the previous period (17 offences). In ten of these offences offenders have gained entry by forcing a rear window and door and stolen items including jewellery, laptops and cash.
- Theft from vehicles have decreased by two thirds (12 offences vs. 37 offences) compared to the previous period and halved compared to the same period last year (25 offences). Eight of these offences occurred in December, and in four of these eight offences the offenders smashed a window in order to gain entry.
- Cycle theft offences have more than halved compared to the previous period (33 offences vs. 73 offences) and have also decreased compared to the same period last year (42 offences). Colleges were a common location for offences as 18 of the 33 offences (55%) occurred there.
- ASB incidents have decreased compared to the previous period (38 incidents vs. 50 incidents) and compared to the same period last year (49 incidents). Three incidents occurred at Trinity College, one concerned a fight, another concerned youths throwing stones at windows and the third concerned a drunk male who had been abusive to staff. There were three calls from Oxford Road which were complaints about abandoned vehicles; two of the calls appeared to relate to the same vehicle. Two callers from Carisbrooke Road stated that they had seen sex workers loitering near the junction of Carisbrooke Road and Histon Road.

Environmental Issues

- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 8 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1 vehicle, which was impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, but was subsequently released following payment by the owner of the DVLA fine. In addition, a CLE26 notice was issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Storey's Way (3) was a hotspot during the 2010/11 period, but there were no hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 3 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. There was insufficient evidence to take enforcement action in these cases, but there were no hotspots during either period.
- 11 derelict cycles were dealt with between December 2010 and March 2011, compared with 25 during the same period the previous year. There were no hotspots during the 2010/11 period, but Huntingdon Road (3) and Marion Close (4) were hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were no needles reported, compared with 3 during the previous year.

Market

- Total crime in Market ward has decreased from 1583 offences in the previous period to 1128 offences in the current period, and is also a decrease on the same period last year when 1161 offences were recorded.
- Violent crime offences have decreased from 284 offences in the previous period to 226 offences in this period. Violent crime offence levels have remained stable compared to the same period last year (224 offences). Common locations for violent crime offences are St Andrews Street (31), Sidney Street (29), Regent Street (15) and Downing Street (14). In 114 of these offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Robberies have decreased from 23 offences in the previous period to 9 offences in this period. Offence levels have remained stable compared to the same period last year (11 offences). In five of these offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Theft of pedal cycle offences have more than halved compared to the previous period (171 offences vs. 393 offences) but have remained stable compared to the same period last year (168 offences). This decrease in offences is due to seasonal patterns in offending behaviour, historically the number of cycle thefts always increases in September and October as at this time a large number of students, most of who own bikes, enter the City to attend the university and colleges.

- Theft from shop offences has decreased by almost a third compared to the previous period (199 offences vs. 288 offences) and has decreased compared to the same period last year (237 offences). In 154 of these offences (77%) an offender has been arrested and charged. Common places for theft from shop offences were Boots on Petty Cury (41), Debenhams in the Grafton Centre (16), and Marks and Spencer's on Sidney Street (14).
- There were 425 crimes recorded as 'other crime' in this period compared to 434 offences in the previous period. There were 60 offences in this period in which offenders were found in possession of a controlled drug, 55 of these resulted in the offender either receiving a warning or being charged. There were 20 affay offences in this period, 15 of which resulted in an offender being arrested and charged. There were also 115 thefts from persons, and 179 offences which are classed as 'other theft' offences which includes offences such as the theft of a mobile phone from an unattended handbag.
- ASB incidents have decreased from 525 incidents in the previous period to 435 incidents in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year (516 incidents). Common locations for ASB were St. Andrew Street (34), Regent Street (31), Sidney Street (30) and Burleigh Street (24).

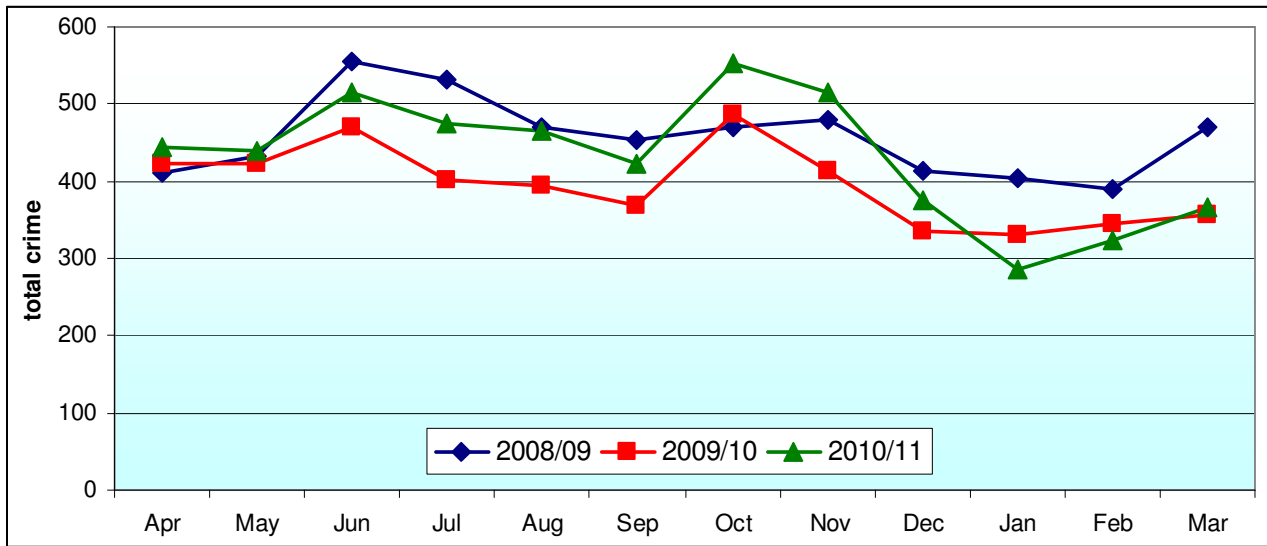
Environmental Issues

- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 22 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward, compared with 3 during the same period the previous year. However, 14 of the 22 vehicles were not on site following inspection. In addition, 4 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Two vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, but were subsequently released following payment by the owner of the DVLA fine. A further two vehicles are currently pending further investigation and there were no hotspots during either period.
- Between December 2010 and March 2011 there were 100 reports of flytipping in the ward, compared with 129 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 warning letters and 4 verbal warnings. In addition, waste transfer documentation has been requested from 4 trade offenders and 4 cases are currently pending further investigation.
- The main hotspots during the 2010/11 period were Market Square with 9, Market Street and St John's Street – both with 7, Market Hill and Market Passage – both with 6. The main hotspots during the same period the previous year were City Road and Market Street – both 11, Sidney Street with 7, Rose Crescent and St Andrews Street, both with 6.

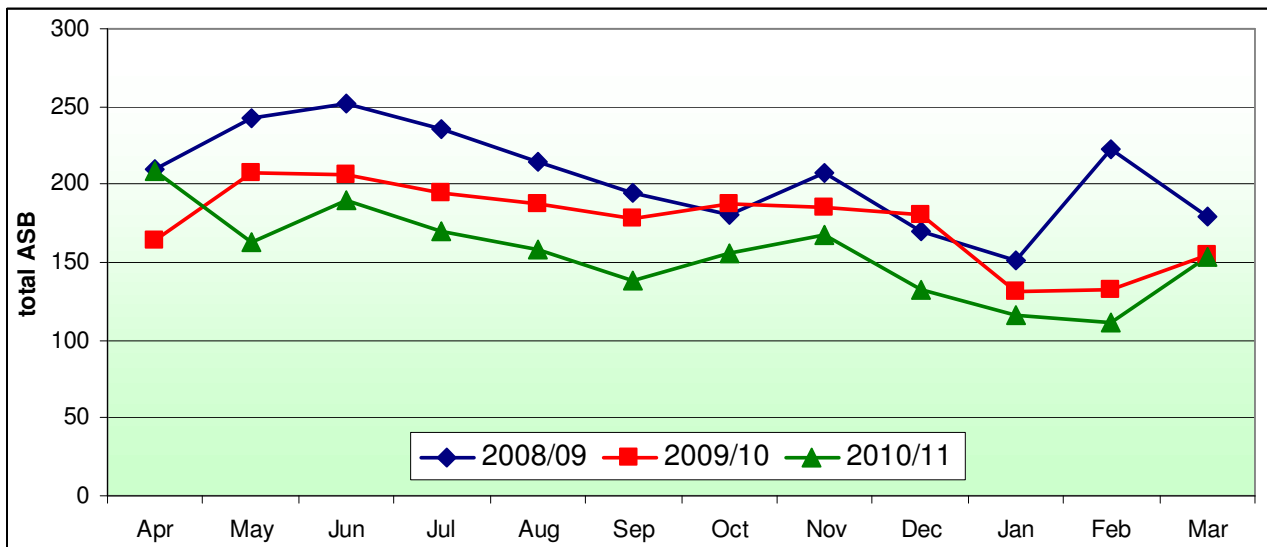
- 196 derelict cycles were dealt with between December 2010 and March 2011, compared with 129 during the same period the previous year. Hotspots during the 2010/11 period included St Andrew's Street 21, Market Hill 18, Sidney Street with 16 (19 during the 2009/10 period), Market Street 14, Downing Street with 17 (compared with 28 during the 2009/10 period) and Guildhall Street 13.
- Approximately 2,025 incidents of anti-social cycling occurred between December 2010 and March 2011, compared with approximately 1, 529 incidents during the same period the previous year. Hotspots during the 2010/11 period included Sidney Street with 481 (compared with 356 during the 2009/10 period), Bridge Street with 325 (compared with 260 previously), Trinity Street with 298 (compared with 281 previously), Market Street with 288 (compared with 186 previously) and Petty Cury with 237 (compared with 178 previously).
- Between December 2010 and March 2011, 14 needles were reported, compared with 180 during the previous year. This included 7 needles, which were removed from a stairwell at the Grafton Car Park on one occasion and 4 needles, which were removed on one occasion from bins on Midsummer Common. During the same period last year, 56 needles were removed from King Street, the majority in the vicinity of garages, 45 were removed from Salmon Lane, 33 from the Grafton Car Park and 33 from Adam & Eve Street Car Park, primarily in bushes. Of the 180 needles reported during the previous period, 105 resulted from large finds on three single occasions (50 from King Street, 32 from Adam & Eve Street Car Park and 23 from Salmon Lane.)

4. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Total Crime



Total ASB



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>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	48	25	243	12	3	36	224	203	81	476	1351	514
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	36	52	306	27	5	87	533	296	113	501	1956	620
		<i>Dec 09 – Mar 10</i>	26	35	240	12	2	45	233	239	95	439	1366	600
Wards	Newnham	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	19	3	7	1	1	12	20	2	9	27	101	41
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	8	15	15	3	2	37	67	1	11	40	199	45
		<i>Dec 09 – Mar 10</i>	8	8	9	1	2	25	23	0	9	15	101	35
	Castle	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	21	8	10	2	0	12	33	2	10	24	122	38
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	17	10	7	1	1	19	73	7	12	27	174	50
		<i>Dec 09 – Mar 10</i>	11	7	7	0	0	7	42	2	8	30	104	49
	Market	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	8	14	226	9	2	12	171	199	62	425	1128	435
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	11	27	284	23	2	31	393	288	90	434	1583	525
		<i>Dec 09 – Mar 10</i>	7	20	224	11	0	13	168	237	78	403	1161	516

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	Prostitution	Rowdy & Inconsiderate Behaviour	Rowdy/Nuisance Neighbours	Street Drinking	Trespass	Vehicle related nuisance/inappropriate Vehicle use	Grand Total
N'hood	City West	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	22	1	28	12	1	13	11	3	2	373	10	12	0	28	516
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	22	1	51	7	23	19	2	2	0	442	9	15	2	24	619
Wards	Newnham	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	8	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	17	0	0	0	11	41
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	9	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	5	44
	Castle	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	8	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	2	14	3	0	0	4	38
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	6	0	2	0	4	2	0	1	0	25	3	0	1	7	51
	Market	<i>Dec 10 – Mar 11</i>	6	1	27	11	1	7	8	2	0	342	7	12	0	13	437
		<i>Aug 10 – Nov 10</i>	7	1	44	7	15	17	2	1	0	396	6	15	1	12	524

5. Recommendations

The following Neighbourhood Priorities are recommended for consideration:

- To continue to tackle alcohol-related ASB (Central)
- To continue to tackle cycle crime.