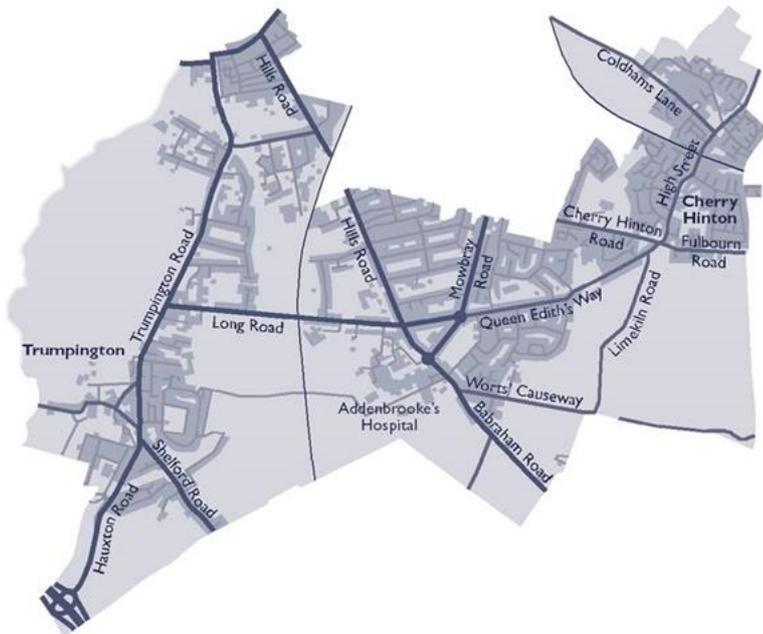


Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – April 2019



Wards: *Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington*

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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 areas of concern 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 seven months from August 2018 to February 2019, compared to the previous seven months (January 2018 to July 2018) and the same seven months last year (August 2017 to February 2018); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the South Area Committee meeting of 10 September 2018, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- ASB on Guided Bus Way and public areas in Trumpington village;
- Street begging – Cherry Hinton; and
- Cherry Hinton High Street – pavement cycling.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

ASB on Guided Bus Way and public areas in Trumpington village

Objective: Tackle incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime on the southern stretch of the guided busway, as well as similar incidents on green spaces and public areas in Trumpington.

Action Taken: High visibility patrols from the local Problem Solving team and Community Action team, as well as the deployment of plain clothes patrols by those teams and the Impact team, have been targeting key areas and individuals across Trumpington. Local Problem Solving teams have worked with the local schools, as well as housing and social care workers, to identify individuals at risk of becoming involved in criminality, and worked to divert them to appropriate services or away from the area.

Current Situation: Reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) on the Busway appears to have returned to normal levels. The increase in disorderly behaviour in public spaces across Trumpington appears to have returned to expected levels. There is going to be a steady increase in incidents across the ward, due to the increasing population level with the ongoing Southern Fringe development, but currently this appears to be in line with the expanding ward population.

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim Stevenson

Street begging – Cherry Hinton

Objective: To tackle the rise in reported street begging on Cherry Hinton High Street and the immediate surrounding area, as well as the ASB associated with this activity.

Action Taken:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary – The issue revolves around a small group of individuals who congregate in Cherry Hinton. The recent Civil Injunctions obtained by the City Council, preventing ASB on Hills Road, dealt with six individuals and excluded them from Hills Road and surrounding streets. Although we were concerned about possible displacement as a result of the Injunctions, only two of those individuals (one being a resident of the ward, until recently), have been identified as begging in Cherry Hinton. The problem is being tackled on two main strands: firstly, by addressing the short term problem of displacement and dispersal, with police officers and PCSOs from the South Area team, assisted by members of the Special Constabulary, dispersing the group from the public areas in Cherry Hinton, where the legal authority to do so was available; and secondly, by addressing the problem long term. The individuals involved have a long established pattern of behaviour that has simply moved from one part of the City to another. Working with social outreach workers and the City Council's Safer Communities team, we continue to address the root causes of this disruptive behaviour and provide a long term solution either via the civil courts.

Cambridge City Council – The Safer Communities team is in the process of gathering information about the extent of begging and the impact on the wider community as we have had very few direct reports about the issue. We have asked Councillors to encourage residents to report any begging issues to the police on 101 and/or to the Safer Communities team at asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk. We are currently focusing on one particular individual, who we believe is the main cause of concern, and are liaising with partner agencies on a plan to address their problematic behaviour.

Current Situation: Although the individuals are still frequenting the area, their behaviour seems to have moved primarily from the street into enclosed premises. Long term work between the South team and street outreach teams aims to address some of the issues by encouraging the perpetrators to take up offers of services, designed to address the root causes of their behaviour, or, where appropriate, social housing partners may pursue legal action.

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim Stevenson

Cherry Hinton High Street – pavement cycling

Objective: To reduce the incidents of cyclists on pavements in Cherry Hinton.

Action Taken: The main form of action has been to encourage cyclists to make proper use of the road rather than the footpath. The principle agent for this activity has been PCSO Cheryl Carter, as part of her routine foot patrol around the Cherry Hinton area. Ongoing work with local schools around road safety has focused on promoting shared and considerate use of the available highway and includes promoting considerate cycling.

Current Situation: The issue appears to be a minor one. We do not believe that young and/or inexperienced cyclists should be made to use the roadway if they are uncomfortable with the limited road space and feel unsafe because of it. Promoting considerate use of the alternatives has been the principle objective.

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim Stevenson

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

There are no specific issues to bring to the Committee's attention.

Cambridge City Council

CB1 – Partnership working continues at CB1 with regards to tackling ASB. An on-line reporting form has now been drawn up and will be uploaded onto the website soon. Following noise concerns from the out of hour's delivery, we are looking at a monitoring form, which again will be uploaded onto the website. The community website is proving to be a great resource for local and wider communities. The area map is being amended to provide guidance around such issues as parking facilities and access only roads.

We now have residents' representation on the CB1 Steering Group and Anti-Social Behaviour Focus Group. CB1 has two current resident groups: Great Northern Road Residents' Association and Huxley House Residents' Association, with a third (Gilbert House Residents' Association) formalising soon. Although there are common interests between all of these, there are also localised issues and therefore the idea of a federation of residents' associations was scoped as a way to look at how they could work on those common interests together for the benefit of the community.

We are arranging for the wider partnership at CB1 to sign up to a Data Sharing Agreement: this will make the sharing of personal data to prevent ASB and crime an easier and secure process. We are working towards drawing up, with resident volunteers, a simple schedule of events and activities for the estate to help with the good use of green areas at CB1, such as Mill Park.

As an emerging issue, there are community conversations around play-area provision in the CB1 area generally.

Other areas – The Safer Communities team continues to take proactive action in tackling serious cases of ASB in the south, including working in partnership with other housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams. Tenancy enforcement action has been pursued in one case where a Notice of Seeking Possession has been served.

Trumpington – The Safer Communities team arranged a meeting with schools, councillors, a community development officer and a member of a residents' association in response to incidents in Trumpington that escalated in the area before Christmas. We continue to liaise with those involved and there have not been any further incidents. Following the meeting, the team arranged two street surgeries: one in Trumpington Meadows and the other in the Clay Farm area. From the feedback received, residents are saying that they love living in the area.

Street Aid – The Safer Communities team has recently employed a Volunteer Co-ordinator to Cambridge Street Aid whose role will be to recruit a team of volunteers to raise awareness of the issues associated with begging and to discourage members of the public from giving to those begging. Over the course of the next 12 months, there will be an increase in promotional activities across the City. We will also be looking to increase the number of contactless donation points across the City.

	City South			<i>Cherry Hinton</i>			Queen Edith's			Trumpington		
	08/18 – 02/19	01/18 – 07/18	08/17 – 02/18	08/18 – 02/19	01/18 – 07/18	08/17 – 02/18	08/18 – 02/19	01/18 – 07/18	08/17 – 02/18	08/18 – 02/19	01/18 – 07/18	08/17 – 02/18
Cycle Theft												
Theft from Shop												
Criminal Damage												
Other Crime												
Total Crime												
Total ASB												

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next committee meeting.