

# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City East – July 2019



**Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey**

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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 six months from December 2018 to May 2019, compared to the previous six months (June 2018 to November 2018) and the same six months last year (December 2017 to May 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 East Area Committee meeting of 10 January 2019, the committee recommended adopting the following local area of concern:

- Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour.

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

### **Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour**

Objective: To disrupt the use of illegal drugs and disrupt the sale of those drugs as well as the associated antisocial behaviour across the East area of the City, paying particular concern to the use of public spaces, such as recreation grounds.

Action Taken: This report contains information on the activity of the Neighbourhood Policing Department's Impact Team and Community Action Team's activity in Cambridge East and the City East Geographical Team.

Several vehicles reported as being involved in drug dealing have been intercepted on Birdwood Road, Vinery Road, Bridewell Road, St. Bede's Crescent, Rustat Road and Walpole Road. These stops have resulted in the seizure of nearly £5,000 in cash and over 500 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin. These actions have also resulted in the arrest of four individuals for various drugs offences. It is important to note that many of the initial contact from residents would have resulted in local intelligence being created about the

vehicles in question and they were then stopped at a later time or date. The officers acting on this information would not have known where it came from due to the intelligence process sanitising any information about its source. As such I'd like to take this opportunity to thank local residents for their assistance in helping us identify these vehicles. Please be assured that even if you didn't see any police activity after you called us, doesn't mean that we didn't make good use of your information.

Three Section 8 Notices have been issued at premises thought to be housing drug dealers in Ashley Court, Shenstone House and Lichfield Road. Two search warrants issued by Cambridge Magistrates to officers using powers under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act were carried out in Whitehall Road and Wycliffe Road, and this activity resulted in seven further arrests for drugs offences and the seizure of more cash and class A drugs.

We have had two rounds of Operation Carmel activity on the East. The first in was in the Staffordshire Gardens and Ashley Court area. This resulted in 24 hours of additional patrols, as well as joint street surgeries with the City Council's Safer Communities team. Environmental Audits with the Council have identified a number of issues to improve the area, such as better street lighting, CCTV cameras and other environmental issues. The second and more recent period of activity was in the Tenison Road and Ravensworth Gardens area: this resulted in 32 hours of additional patrols, police and Council street surgeries, and an up-to-date environmental audit, with areas for long term improvement to create a more hostile environment for drug-related antisocial behaviour (ASB) identified.

Specific concerns about Romsey and Coleridge Recreation Grounds have produced a number of additional patrols in those green spaces, lead by local officers and PCSOs. A new Environmental Audit of Romsey Recreation Ground has highlighted a number of areas for improvement. Concerns about needles and other found drug paraphernalia have been passed to the City Council's environmental services team.

As a result of an incident of serious street-based violence on Coleridge Recreation Ground, we formed a team of officers to take immediate action to tackle the increase of serious violence in the City. Officers from the local community policing units were included in that team. Other neighbourhood policing resources have been used to support that, with additional activity, including enhanced patrols in the public green spaces and recreation spaces in the East of the City.

Current Situation: We still have active patrol plans for Staffordshire Gardens, Romsey Recreation Ground and Coleridge Recreation Ground, tackling reports of ASB in those areas. We need residents to continue to keep us informed of suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods to allow us to focus our resources. We continue to work with the City Council's Safer Communities team to target persistent antisocial offenders.

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### **3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues***

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

With the impending school holidays and improving weather, we will be increasing our focus on ASB, especially in the evenings around public parks. We are also focusing on an

increase in reported begging and other antisocial behaviour on Mill Road and the immediate surrounding area.

## **Cambridge City Council**

During the last reporting period, antisocial behaviour (ASB) officers in the Safer Communities team have been involved in dealing with a number of high level cases and have taken action, as appropriate, including:

- County Court action resulting in an outright possession order against a tenant involved in serious nuisance in Athlone;
- County Court action resulting in ASB injunctions against two people involved in causing nuisance in Gray Road: this is part of ongoing casework associated with serious ASB in Gray Road;
- County Court action resulting in ASB injunctions against three prolific individuals in relation to anti-social and drug-related activity in the area around Burleigh Street and The Grafton. The injunctions have excluded the individuals concerned from the area for two years. As a result of the injunction, two of the three individuals have now engaged with services, sought help with their drug dependencies and are in their own accommodation. Unfortunately one continues to breach the injunction and therefore we are applying to the court for committal proceedings;
- Door knocking in Argyle Street, along with the local police team, due to ASB concerns raised in the area;
- Street Surgery in Whitehill Close, along with the local police team, due to ASB concerns raised: as a result the team are now looking into reports related to specific properties with a view to taking appropriate action, where necessary;
- One person has signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract to address ASB in the Staffordshire Street area;
- Continuing to be a key partner for CB1, working with agencies in the area. The open park has been positively received by the community and hosted the first 'Big Lunch' event, which was well attended;
- Preventative work to reduce ASB in Wycliffe Road and Seymour Street, which is also being discussed in the City Council's multi-agency Problem Solving Group. Action will be taken where City Homes properties have been linked to serious drug related activity; and
- Attending Environmental Visual Audits, carried out by the police's Community Safety Officer, in Walpole Road's sheltered schemes, Coleridge Rec and Vinery Rec. Work will be carried out in terms of any recommendations from those Audits.



	City East			Abbey			Coleridge			Petersfield			Romsey		
	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18												
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:

- Serious street-based violence, targeting offenders
- Serious street-based violence, youth based interventions