

Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – March 2020



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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the South Area Committee meeting of 9 September 2019, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate;
- Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows; and
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

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

Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate

Objectives:

- Disrupt anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the locality;
- Increase public feeling of safety in the community;
- Increase public awareness in reporting methods; and
- Divert youths associating with others committing, or at risk of committing ASB.

Action Taken: Uniformed and plain clothed patrols on foot, bicycle and in vehicles have been regularly carried out in the last six months. These have been carried out by local neighbourhood police officers in the main, supported by officers from Emergency Response and the Special Constabulary. This has seen a reduction in calls for service, and an improved use of the 101 and online reporting mechanisms to notify us of intelligence and incidents falling short of the need for a response by Emergency Response colleagues.

Joint visits and correspondence have been sent to the parents of all youths identified as being involved in perpetrating ASB in the area, even if only identified on one occasion, to ensure that they were made aware of and could sanction their children's behaviour.

The issue has also been adopted for multi-agency discussion and tasking at the monthly City Council-led Problem Solving Group meeting.

Current Situation: Civil action is currently being taken against a small number of families for their persistence in ongoing ASB at the detriment of other residents. These include serving Community Protection Notice warning letters to two families, specifying our intention to progress with seeking service of a Notice against them should ASB issues continue.

Criminal investigations are ongoing for a small number of public order and criminal damage offences. The likely outcome of these will be out of court youth disposals, which is what the Crown Prosecution Service charging and sentencing guidelines require us to consider and implement if they have not already been tried. As much of the behaviour is falling short of criminal offences that the police can take the lead on, we are not able to resolve the wider issue in isolation. There is a requirement for support from the relevant Housing Associations and the City Council Housing and Community Safety teams to utilise their own powers of enforcement against those perpetrating ASB. We are working closely with these agencies and supporting them with enforcement action such as tenancy breaches and enforcement.

Lead Officer: PC 207 Adam Catling

Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows

Objectives:

- Disrupt ASB in the locality;
- Increase public feeling of safety in the community;
- Increase public awareness in reporting methods; and
- Target harden Wildlife Trust land of the Meadows.

Action Taken: Many of the same tactics have been employed as have been employed in the Anstey Way estate to target anti-social behaviour (ASB), so the update above is also valid for the update here.

In addition, given the location of the Wildlife Trust nature reserve, we have developed a relationship with the Wildlife Trust Ranger, Becky Green, and are in regular contact

(including undertaking joint visits), to assess the impact of this behaviour on the estate and reserve and to assess and recommend opportunities for making it more difficult for the perpetrators to continue behaving in this way. A visual assessment has been conducted with her and whilst some walkways from the residential estate do allow some access, the corner nearest the ranger's office is wide open for vehicles of any size to access the Meadows. This has now had a 2ft x 2ft ditch dug to prevent vehicular access and since this ditch was installed there have been no further calls regarding issues from vehicles attempting to access the reserve from this location.

Current Situation: Priority was set shortly after an illegal encampment arrived resulting in a spike of local issues, several of those incidents were attributed to the encampment and on their departure, calls dropped dramatically. Residual issues are linked to the Anstey Way local priority as detailed above. The same work will continue, as with the Anstey Way priority.

Lead Officer: PC 207 Adam Catling

Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation

Objective: To identify and safeguard those children and young people most at risk of becoming victims of serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

Action Taken: Serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation remain priorities for the Constabulary. We are currently focusing on proactive identification, in conjunction with our partners, of those young people (aged under 18) who are most vulnerable to being exploited and becoming involved in county lines drug dealing. This is being used as a basis on which to engage with these young people directly, at home and with their parents and guardians present, or indirectly via school and other partner services, to offer support and opportunities for diversion away from criminal behaviour. This is being undertaken presently in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the County Council, who have currently established a dedicated team to review all safeguarding referrals and cohort nominations that come from the police, schools and other partners. Their specialist workers then undertake engagement and diversion with those youths most at risk. Those at lower risks are engaged with and diverted to support and other provision by police and schools. We believe this is the most important piece of work for our team.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

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Updates to be given at the committee meeting.

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The City Council's Community Safety Team carried out visits to young people and their parent(s)/guardian(s) who were identified as causing problems in the Trumpington Meadows and Anstey Way areas. Following this, the Team has not received any further complaints regarding issues in the area from residents; however, this area has been referred to the Problem Solving Group (a multi-agency group that meets monthly to look at complex cases) and the police provide regular updates. The Team also attended a professionals meeting to discuss individuals involved in ASB and consider how we can work together in partnership to reduce incidents. We will continue to work with the local police team to address the incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour caused by some young people in the Trumpington area.

To help address anti-social behaviour and provide something positive for young people in Trumpington, the City Council's Active Lifestyles Team (working in partnership with the police, Trumpington Community College and Albion Boxing Academy), set up a boxing club (Project Southpaw). Funding for this 12-week pilot came from the Police and Crime Commissioner, with the hope to do more work in the future. Albion Boxing Academy has previously worked in the north of the city with young people linked to crime, and had also worked with the police and offenders, so were well placed to undertake partnership working. The pilot was a success: there was a marked improvement in the behaviour of those who attended, both in and outside of school, with better schooling engagement leading to improved grades and fewer detentions and other sanctions. Unfortunately, since the pilot ended, some of the young people involved reverted to anti-social behaviour. The Active Lifestyles Officer has submitted an Area Committee grant application with the view to running it again; this time, the project will incorporate not only those in Trumpington but also in Queen Edith's.

Following reports of more graffiti and ASB in Cherry Hinton Hall park and grounds, the Community Safety Team arranged and attended a meeting with local police officers and the Streets and Open Spaces team. At that meeting, the police advised they had not received any reports of incidents in the area and reiterated the importance of people reporting incidents on the police website. If perpetrators can be identified, then the Community Safety Team will work closely with the police to deal with the individuals identified.

The City Council's Community Safety Team continues to take proactive action in tackling serious cases of anti-social behaviour in the south of the City, working in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams. In this respect, the Team is currently working in areas such as St. Bede's Crescent and Ainsdale and investigating possible Civil Injunction breaches by the street life community on Hills Road.

4. *Additional Information*

At neighbourhood level, the POLICE.UK website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good overview of

issues within the local area. The specific link for Cambridgeshire Constabulary is:
<https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/>

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

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- Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows.
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.