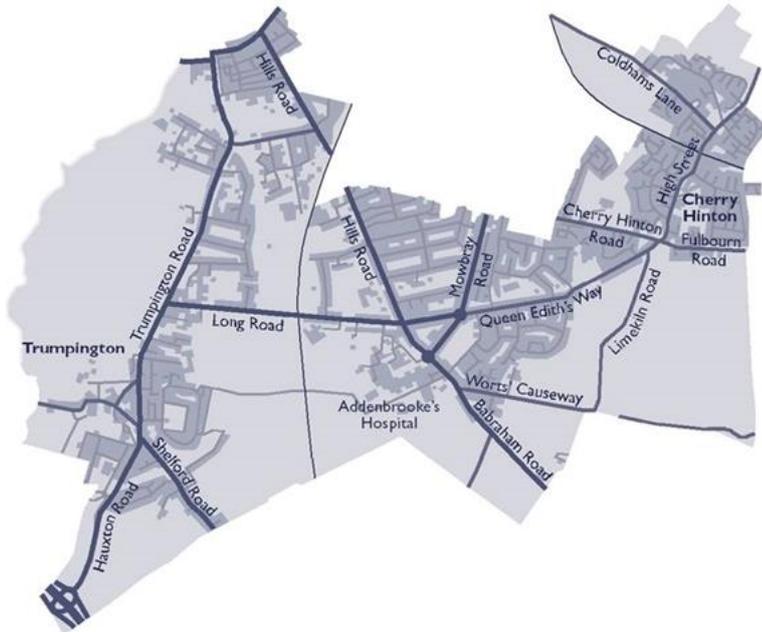


Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – March 2021



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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 7 September 2020, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Traffic [general] and anti-social behaviour by drivers of vehicles and motor bikes in the AURA, Lime Avenue and Hobson Avenue areas of South Trumpington;
- Support for funding so Police Officers can be trained to use decimetre to monitor decibels of noise from vehicles and motor bikes, as part of general monitoring of speeding and anti-social behaviour by drivers/riders;
- Drug dealing around the Clay Farm Centre;
- Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Hall; and
- Policing of the 'Cambridge Lakes'.

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

Traffic [general] and anti-social behaviour by drivers of vehicles and motor bikes in the AURA, Lime Avenue and Hobson Avenue areas of South Trumpington

Objective: To target and sanction those engaged in vehicle-based antisocial behaviour.

Action Taken: The City Neighbourhood Policing Teams in all Wards have current vehicle-based antisocial behaviour (ASB) areas of focus, so we have initiated Operation Crossfade to tackle this in all areas of the City.

Operation Crossfade dedicated days of action have been completed in the South area of the City, including Lime Avenue, Hobson Avenue and the AURA estate. The South Neighbourhood Officers, with assistance from Special Constables, have also increased patrol time in Trumpington to focus on this issue. These are the results of our action since the last Committee:

- Section 59 warning issued to a moped rider for antisocial driving across Trumpington. This warns the owner/rider that should the vehicle continue to be used in an antisocial manner, the Police can seize it, and dispose of it should the recovery costs not be paid;
- A Community Protection Warning Notice issued to the parent of a moped rider believed to be engaged in ASB. This warns the parent that if they fail to control and prevent this ASB, a full Community Protection Notice will be served, breaches of which will incur a fine of up to £2500 and a record of a criminal conviction;
- Briefings circulated to officers in Response Policing to educate them on the issue and identify to them the key vehicles and persons believed to be engaged in this ASB, to improve their knowledge and enable them to take action to complement our work;
- A tenancy warning notice has been served by a Housing Association against the parents of another moped rider believed to be engaged in ASB, after we shared information. This notice informs the parents that they are at risk of eviction if they fail to control and prevent this ASB.
- Two acceptable behaviour contracts imposed upon two further moped riders engaged in ASB; these contracts require the ASB to stop. If the contract is not adhered to, we will, with partner agencies, consider sanctions against the tenancy of these riders and their families.
- Enquiries into another moped being used in an antisocial manner revealed that this moped was owned by a vehicle leasing company. We contacted the leasing company and informed them of how the moped was being ridden; the company acted immediately to end the lease and take the moped away from the rider;
- DS Mazur participated in a virtual Trumpington Meadows residents' association meeting to explain Police action on antisocial vehicle use, among other neighbourhood concerns, followed up with the circulation of advice on how best to report concerns;
- By the time of this Committee, DS Mazur will also have participated in a virtual meeting of the Trumpington Residents' Association to speak on the same issues; and
- Action against car drivers under Operation Crossfade on three dedicated days of action has resulted in 15 Fixed Penalty Notices for excess speed and multiple Traffic Offence Reports (which will result in payment of appropriate fines, license penalty points, or prosecution) for offences of driving without insurance, no seatbelt

and/or driving whilst disqualified. One driver was arrested for driving whilst over the prescribed limit of alcohol, one vehicle was seized, and another driver also had their licence revoked.

Current Situation: The action undertaken so far has been a success in terms of results. Of the drivers and moped riders issued with warnings and other sanctions, none have since come to our attention for continuing their behaviour, so the action taken by us seems to have been proportionate and effective. That said, residents' associations still inform us that there is antisocial vehicle use continuing in parts of Trumpington, and we have been made aware of residents' concerns about excess speed on Cherry Hinton Road. Operation Crossfade will continue with further days of action and we will continue to monitor any changes in these reports as or when lockdown restrictions are lifted and the volume of traffic returns to levels similar to pre-pandemic levels.

Lead Officers: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur and PC 304 George Horsfall

Support for funding so Police Officers can be trained to use decimetre to monitor decibels of noise from vehicles and motor bikes, as part of general monitoring of speeding and anti-social behaviour by drivers/riders

Objective: To identify sources of internal funding for neighbourhood police officers to become trained.

Action Taken: Enquiries have confirmed that there is currently no Police funding available for this. On a periodic basis, some sources of external funding become available under the Proceeds of Crime Act. At the next opportunity, a bid for funding will be considered.

Current Situation: Officers from other departments, who are trained in decimetre usage, have assisted with Operation Crossfade and deployed the equipment on days of action. No decibel level breaches were identified in these deployments.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

Drug dealing around the Clay Farm Centre

Objective: To reduce the prevalence of drug dealing around the Clay Farm Centre.

Action Taken: Regular overt and covert patrols have been carried out specifically in the area of the Clay Farm Centre, the surrounding estates, and the Guided Busway. Results from these patrols have included:

- Lots of regular engagement with residents, the Clay Farm Centre, and the shops. Feedback from the community regarding Police presence has been positive;
- Stop and Searches (twenty, in number) carried out in and around Clay Farm estate and the Guided Busway: Five of these were positive for personal cannabis possession and one was positive for offensive weapons and possession of an imitation firearm. The suspect for these offences has been charged and is awaiting a Court date. None of this Police activity has resulted in the gathering of intelligence, confirming the existence of, or disrupting the practice of, dealing in controlled drugs;

- We have dispersed many youths congregating at the Clay Farm centre, and five Covid-19 fixed penalty notices have been issued to the parents of youths who returned having been dispersed; and
- There was community concern regarding a number of robberies on and around the Guided Busway within the area in October and November 2020, as well as a number of criminal damage offences committed against buses being driven on it. Our patrols enabled us to assist with the arrest of three persons suspected to have been involved in these offences and the subsequent investigations are still ongoing. We also patrolled on a bus, kindly supplied by Stagecoach and arranged with the assistance of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, which was an excellent way to ensure we were in the right place at the right time for some of the above action. We will carry out further patrols in partnership in the future.

Current Situation: Antisocial behaviour in this area continues to be a concern and this should remain an area of focus for us. However, neither our enhanced patrols nor regular scanning of incidents and actionable intelligence, has allowed us to specifically confirm or disrupt drug dealing within this area.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Hall

Objective: To reduce the prevalence of drug dealing and antisocial behaviour around Cherry Hinton Hall.

Action Taken: Significant patrol hours were concentrated in the area throughout September and October 2020, to identify times and days of the week where this type of behaviour is prevalent. Regular scanning was also undertaken of incidents, intelligence and crime reported to the Police, to inform a patrol plan and a problem-solving profile. Very little further information, or opportunities to identify and disrupt offenders, was identified as a result. Since October 2020, we have patrolled the area when we have been able, and have continued to scan reported incidents, intelligence and crime reports on a weekly basis.

Current Situation: There has been minimal reporting of any issues at this location since the last area committee meeting:

- One assault between school children in October 2020;
- One assault of an adult by an unknown offender in November 2020;
- One theft of tools in November 2020;
- One concern for a dangerous dog in January 2021; and
- One theft of unattended property in January 2021.

There have been a further seven incidents reported to Police since September 2020 for Cherry Hinton Hall, mainly reports of groups of people suspected of breaching Covid-19 regulations. It was not possible to attend all of these reports, but Covid-19 patrols have been ongoing throughout, and where groups have been in breach then they have immediately dispersed upon being spoken to. No Covid-19 fixed penalty notices have

been issued following our attendance. To contextualise this, our enforcement threshold is lower than at the start of the pandemic, but Police are still following the four E's approach to Covid-19 enforcement and only issuing fines when people have not responded to being advised regarding their behaviour.

In order to prioritise further patrol time, we need to see an increase in reported antisocial behaviour (ASB) and drug dealing for the location. Calls to Police should be made in an emergency on 999, non-emergency 101 or alternatively www.cambs.police.uk has several options for reporting, including live webchat and incident-specific reporting options for different types of crime and ASB.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

Policing of the 'Cambridge Lakes'

Objective: To assist partners in mitigating the impact of ASB on local residents from those trespassing at Burnside Lakes.

Action Taken: There have been no calls for service to this location following the last area committee meeting. This is as expected as historically no calls are received over the winter months.

A joint visit to the site has been undertaken by Supt Sutherland, Insp McNeill, Cllr McPherson and key partners.

Contact with the landowners has been ongoing and several improvements have been made over the winter to perimeter fencing to improve security.

Current Situation: DS Mazur has contacted representatives from Fire and Rescue, and East of England Ambulance Service, to request a joint water recovery exercise. There are scheduling issues meaning that it may not be possible to have this exercise prior to trespass again becoming an issue affecting residents. In previous years, calls for service have begun escalating at the end of March and have continued through to the end of August, peaking during spells of hot weather. Discussions are still ongoing to try and schedule this.

Cambridgeshire Police will continue to triage calls for service to the Lakes and deploy, where possible, to reports of Covid-19 breaches or incidents of criminality. Where neither of these factors is present, the key issues are those of civil trespass, parking violations or noise complaints, which the Police have no powers to sanction.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

3. Proactive Work and Emerging Issues

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Working with the City Council's Community Safety Team, we have issued a Closure Notice on a residential premises in Cherry Hinton following repeated information being received regarding ASB. The Closure Notice prohibits anyone from entering who is not on the

tenancy. We are gathering evidence to progress against the tenant for breaches of this order and have shared information with the Council to enable them to take action to end the tenancy. This is an ongoing piece of work.

A female living in the Accordia estate, who has been the subject of an ongoing Class A drug supply investigation, has since moved to a different address in the City and reported antisocial behaviour (ASB) calls linked to the address have dramatically reduced. The associated case is with the Crown Prosecution Service for a charging decision.

We continue to monitor and target repeat offenders for shoplifting and associated drug and public order crime. South Team officers have, so far in 2021, been responsible for arresting three of the most problematic nominals whose behaviour was mainly affecting the Cherry Hinton area of the City. All of these were charged and given subsequent custodial sentences upon conviction.

Evidence of repeated breaches of a Criminal Behaviour Order is being gathered against a male who frequents the Trumpington area of the City, in anticipation of being able to charge him and seek either a custodial sentence or a variance of the Order to ensure that his behaviour can be stopped from negatively impacting on the Community.

Officers from the local team, as well as officers from elsewhere dedicated to Covid-19 patrols, continue to undertake regular patrols of locations where breaches of Covid-19 legislation have been reported. We are also regularly visiting Covid-19 vaccination sites across the City to support NHS and other local partners in the smooth and safe delivery of this vital function.

Further neighbourhood officers are now trained in the use of mobile speed monitoring devices and will be deploying these more regularly in locations reported to be experiencing antisocial driving.

Calls for service to ASB and other community concerns continue to be the most prevalent in the Trumpington area, so much of our general patrol time is spent here. Please ensure that issues in other Wards are reported to us, and to the City Council's Community Safety Team, so we can make sure that we identify the most pressing issues across the Area.

Neighbourhood officers continue to assist with regular days of action against cycle theft offenders and hotspot locations in the South and across the City.

Cambridge City Council

The Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of ASB or nuisance behaviour, and works in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams, when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

The CST, working in collaboration with the police, has secured a closure order for three months against one of the properties in the South area. Warning letters have been issued to two different tenancies, following breaches of tenancy conditions.

The CST and the City Council's City Homes team, has worked with the police to secure a property, following reports of serious antisocial behaviour (ASB) committed by individuals who had gained access to a property where the tenant had been absent.

The CST continues to be a key partner at the CB1 estate, responding to reports of ASB during this pandemic and the current guidelines. During late summer, we received reports from residents about loud noise from children playing on the green space at Mill Park, including reports of damage to planters. This activity was exacerbated by a number of factors: the hot summer, when balcony doors and windows were open; by more residents being at home due to the lockdown; and by children wanting to enjoy the outdoor areas. In the summer and going into autumn, we received reports of late-night and early-morning noise from student accommodation. Students were also reported for breaches of lockdown regulations, including the 'Rule of Six'. Other reports included antisocial use of e-scooters, where students had hired them and were riding them up and down Mill Park very late at night, causing noise nuisance. As a result of these residents' reports, we have held a number of high-level partnership/residents' meetings to address some of these concerns. A problematic individual, responsible for aggressive begging at the Station Square has been dealt with by way of a Criminal Behaviour Order. We have continued to engage regularly with the community at CB1 via the community newsletter, updating and sign posting support over lockdown. Events and initiatives have included the traditional pop-up markets over four days, and although footfall was down compared to 2019, we received great feedback from residents.

Cambridge Street Aid continues to help individuals on the street, especially during lockdown, with grants to help them move away from a street-based lifestyle and access support and accommodation. After some technical issues, both the Mill Road and Hills Road contactless donation points are working and attracting donations. We now have a contactless donation point at the Ibis Hotel at CB1.

The CST is working on a project, with colleagues from other agencies, to raise awareness and understanding of the issues around County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation. As part of this, a survey was undertaken of residents in Cambridge, the results of which have been analysed. We are now developing an information programme to roll out across the City for residents, including young people and their families, to assist them if they are concerned about these issues.

4. *Additional Information*

At the neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](https://www.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 map'; and 'statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City and
- Continue work (patrols and diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour) across the South of the City, with specific focus on Trumpington Ward.