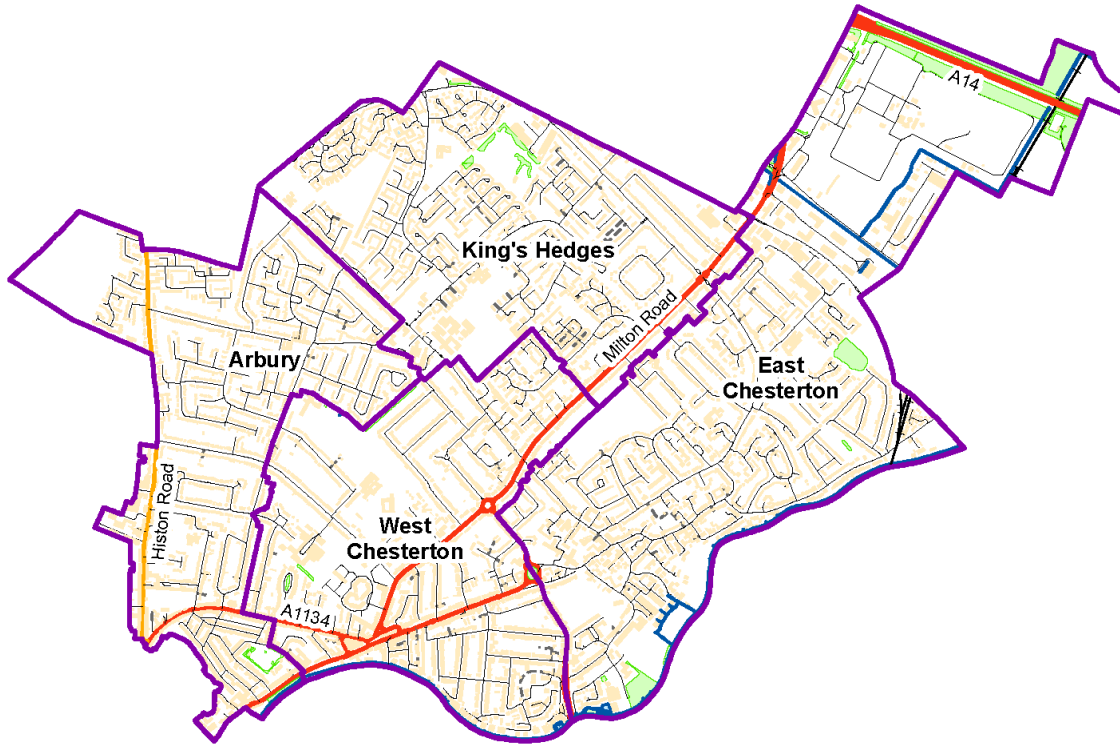


Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City North – June 2021

Wards: Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges and West Chesterton



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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 North Area Committee meeting of 15 March 2021, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO2 canisters;
- Street based drug dealing; and
- Youth and knife crime.

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

ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO2 canisters

Objective: Reduce instances of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and dangerous driving across the North of the City

Action Taken: Dedicated patrols continue and officers from the Cambridge City North team actively pursue drivers causing ASB or who drive poorly. Additionally, all officers in the North team are now trained in the use of Roadside Speed Gun equipment and are proactively deploying to areas reported to be experiencing excess vehicle speed.

Current Situation: Since November 2020, the North Team has implemented Operation STAPLE, specifically to tackle vehicle-related crime and ASB. In that time, the team has

seized in excess of 20 vehicles, for various offences, as well as using legislation to remove driving licences on medical grounds from drivers believed to be habitual drug users; this can be effective where drivers suspected of using NO2 are found.

Lead Officer: PS Shawn EMMS

Street based drug dealing

Objective: Tackle street-based drug dealing.

Action Taken: Using information received from residents, either through online reporting or face to face encounters, the North team have been building up a picture of issues and intelligently deploying officers to areas that require a police presence.

Current Situation: Tackling drug dealing, and county lines, remains a Force priority. Since November 2020, the North Team has executed 10 Warrants at addresses in the North, and made more than 100 stop and searches, resulting in over 35 arrests and seizing in excess of £3,000 in cash and between £10,000 and £20,000 worth of drugs.

Lead Officer: PS Shawn EMMS

Youth and knife crime

Objective: Reduce youth and knife crime

Action Taken: Officers from the North team continue to try and build relationships with those identified as most at risk of becoming involved in youth or knife crime. Proceeds of Crime Act funding enabled the implementation of a cohort at a local school being involved in “Transforming Lives”, a multi-partner programme to divert those on the fringes of becoming involved in criminality, away from this pathway.

Current Situation: As with street-based drug dealing, tackling all forms of violence, including knife and youth crime, remains a Force priority and a core function of police work. COVID-19 affected the multi-agency activity; however, it is hoped that there will be a return to this work shortly. Schools continue to be engaged with, and, where appropriate, “virtual” presentations can be given around reducing risk of harm regarding drugs and knives. Some youths within the North are of specific interest to the team and where it is decided that we will deal with them, we tailor our approach to these individuals. This can be anything from enforcement, in terms of legal proceedings, to, for example, engagement to ensure school attendance.

Lead Officer: PS Shawn EMMS

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

The North team continue to work to the Force Priorities and the local area priorities as above. A large amount of time and effort is spent in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults in our community who are criminally exploited by others. Operation CORDUROY monitors

and manages these vulnerable adults and provides a template for reducing harm and targeting those who are exploiting them. In addition, working in partnership with housing providers and the City Council's Community Safety Team, action is taken through criminal and civil means against those reducing the quality of life of others.

Cambridge City Council

The City Council's Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of anti-social behaviour (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.

During the last reporting period, the CST has been involved in dealing with cases and have acted as appropriate, including:

- Securing the interim injunction that was in place against a tenant and others, to stop serious ASB occurring in the King's Hedges ward;
- Serving a Notice of Seeking Possession on a tenant following reports of ASB at their property in King's Hedges;
- Serving a Notice of Seeking Possession on a tenant following reports of ASB at their property in Arbury. Unfortunately, there continues to be complaints and so further enforcement action is being considered;
- Carrying out a virtual Neighbourhood Resolution Panel for neighbours living in East Chesterton, relating to disputes about noise nuisance. As volunteer facilitators are unable to visit parties in homes, due to Lockdown, they are using a virtual platform to progress and are looking to conduct a final virtual meeting in the coming weeks.

As reported in the previous profile, funding has been secured from the Home Office and the Safer Street funding for project work to be undertaken at the Perse Way flats, including: replacing the entrance door and fire escape door; upgrading lighting; replacing some windows; and redecorating.

The CST is working on a project to raise awareness about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation in the City, both for school aged children, professionals, and adults.

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

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 reporting committee meeting.