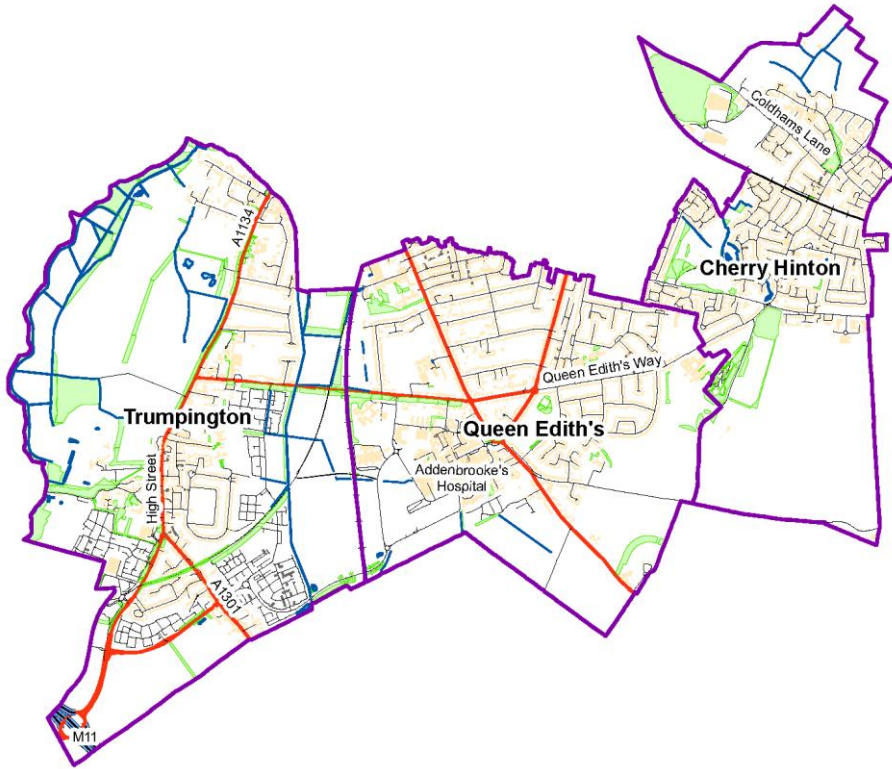


# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City South – September 2021

**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 8 March 2021, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City;
- 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;
- Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall; and
- Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward.

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

### **Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City;**

Objective: To identify those vehicles and persons engaging in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and driving; to reduce the impact of vehicle-related ASB and driving, through advice, education, and enforcement where appropriate.

Action Taken: Speeding checks have been carried out on Long Road by officers from the South and East Neighbourhood Teams. South Team officers returned the favour by also supporting the East Team in carrying out speeding checks on Barnwell Road. A total of 15 speeding tickets were issued, with the highest speed recorded being 42mph in a 30mph zone.

Operation CROSSFADE has continued; this is the umbrella under which City-wide speed and driving offence enforcement is carried out by the Neighbourhood Teams across the City. Two days of action were carried out on 6 and 7 May 2021. Ten Traffic Offence Reports were issued to sanction drivers for mobile phone use whilst driving. Multiple drivers were also given words of advice for other, less serious construction and use offences.

We have continued patrols around all three southern wards to identify and tackle vehicle related anti-social behaviour (ASB). We have seized a stolen moped from a teenager who had long been suspected of riding it in an anti-social manner. In Cherry Hinton, a teenager was given a section 59 warning for his anti-social use of a moped. A teenager in the Queen Edith ward is currently under investigation, suspected of colliding with and causing serious injuries to a pedestrian while on a modified, motorised pedal cycle, in May 2021. Neighbourhood officers assisted with this investigation, including identifying evidence of additional drug possession offences following the suspect's arrest. This investigation is still ongoing and Crown Prosecution Service charging advice is being sought.

Current Situation: We continue to receive reports of anti-social driving and vehicle use across the three southern wards. We are having success in identifying and tackling offenders as a result of Operation CROSSFADE and would welcome the continuation of this as a local area of concern.

Lead Officer: PC 304 HORSFALL

**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**

Objective: To identify and divert young people at risk of becoming involved in crime and ASB; to take appropriate enforcement action against those responsible for perpetrating ASB; to reduce the community impact of crime and ASB.

Action Taken: South Team continues to scan incidents and other information reports to monitor and identify key offenders of ASB within our area. We continue to work with schools, the City Council's Community Safety Team, and youth services (such as Romsey Mill) to divert young people away from criminality and ASB. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued to two youths causing anti-social behaviour within the South; this was alongside work with schools, the City Council, and parents. We have recently been able to issue three Community Resolutions to young people committing crime in the community. These are informal disposals, which are effective in identifying and addressing behavioural and support needs and have diverted these three young people away from causing further community harm. We recently attended a Street Surgery in Trumpington, organised by the City Council's Community Safety Team, with housing partners and Romsey Mill; this is the first Street Surgery we have been able to attend since the Coronavirus pandemic and are hopeful this is a start to all partners being able to

regularly participate in these events again. We hope to participate in a further community event in September; this event is currently being organised by the Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association and will also involve other partners.

Current Situation: From the start of the next school term, we will also be able to regain a more regular presence in the schools within the South, which will help us to build better relationships with young people suspected of being involved in crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). We continue to receive information reports regarding youth-related ASB in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards.

Lead Officer: PC 207 CATLING.

### **Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall**

Objective: To assess the scale of drug dealing and anti-social riding and other behaviour in Cherry Hinton; to take appropriate enforcement action against perpetrators of anti-social riding and behaviour.

Action Taken: Local officers and officers from the Neighbourhood Support Team (formerly the Impact Team) have carried out plain-clothed and high-visibility patrols in Cherry Hinton Rec, Cherry Hinton Hall and the wider Cherry Hinton area.

PC Catling saved the life of a male who was in cardiac arrest due to opiate overdose, in Cherry Hinton Hall park. He administered Naloxone, which all Neighbourhood officers are now trained to carry and use, and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which was successful in reviving the male. This has been the only incident of note since the last neighbourhood profile. There continue to be occasional reports to the police of public order incidents, theft, and assault, but the numbers of these are very low and have provided no opportunity for local officers to identify and tackle any repeat local offenders.

Current Situation: We will continue to patrol the area when time allows, but will be focusing our activities on areas which generate more calls for service and opportunities for partnership intervention.

Lead Officer: PS 2146 BOCKHAM

### **Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward.**

Objective: To identify offenders and means of reducing bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington.

Action Taken: Plain-clothed and high-visibility patrols have been carried out on numerous occasions. Visits have been conducted to cycle stores in both areas, by both neighbourhood officers and Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs). Where applicable, DOCOs have provided advice to residents and management companies to assist in increasing the security of these facilities. Analysis of reported bike theft in both locations shows that the majority of thefts are taking place in cycle stores attached to residential buildings. In many cases, such stores are not included in the Secure By Design process at the planning stage of a development. Where cycle storage facilities are believed to be

insufficiently secure, this should be challenged with landlords, management companies or the developers.

Since the Coronavirus lockdown began back in March 2020, officers have arrested 103 people for cycle theft. Almost half of those (51) have since been charged and sent to court where they have been given custodial sentences and Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Current Situation: Cycle crime levels are still high, however across the City they are 25% lower than in the previous year (2019-2020).

We are in discussions to arrange a Cycle Marking and Security Advice event at Addenbrooke's Hospital and are currently negotiating to find a date and a location on site, which is suitable for the public to attend.

Insp MCNEILL or C/Insp ROGERSON attend the Cycle Crime Task and Finish Group meetings which are led by the City Council and includes relevant partners such as Cam Cycle. The aim of the group is to improve cycle security across the City and there are a number of initiatives currently being developed.

The key opportunity to reduce cycle theft is in addressing the security of residential cycle stores. We would urge residents to continue raising security issues with building developers, management companies, landlords, or the City / County Council where appropriate. CamCycle has an excellent [resources section](#) for further advice on security and cycling in general.

We will continue to tackle cycle theft across the City under Operation KONG; this includes seeking prosecutions against identified cycle thieves and handlers and undertaking days of enforcement action.

Lead Officer: PS 2146 BOCKHAM.

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

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

A full Closure Order has been secured on an address in Queen Edith's as a result of continuing anti-social behaviour (ASB) associated with the premises in question being used as a short-term let.

Following a partial Closure Order on an address in Cherry Hinton causing ASB in the community, the occupant is being summonsed for drug possession offences and the City Council secured a possession order on the property.

Police and housing partners are working together to assess the most appropriate action to take in respect of an address in Trumpington identified as being linked to criminality and persistent ASB.

We have, along with our Designing Out Crime Officers, contributed to the planning process for the redevelopment of Cherry Hinton Lakes, specifically commenting on the plans to redevelop and open up a portion of the lakes for public access and recreational use.

In the last three months, Neighbourhood Teams across the City, including the South Team, have experienced a high number of abstractions away from our core local policing duties. These abstractions include supporting Response Policing colleagues, to ensure that 999 emergency calls are responded to quickly, as well as being deployed to policing operations in other areas of the County. These abstractions have occurred on rostered duty days as well as on cancelled rest days and are partially linked to the increase in demand associated with the removal of many of the remaining Coronavirus regulations. These abstractions are likely to continue for some time.

## **Cambridge City Council**

The City Council's Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of antisocial 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: secured a possession order in a case where there had been serious ASB and criminal behaviour; served a notice of seeking possession following breaches of tenancy conditions; and issued a warning for breaches of tenancy condition in another case.

The CST continues to work with partners around youth-related ASB in the Trumpington area and are supporting the work of the police and other registered social landlords in the area through the multi-agency problem solving group (PSG). We recently held a community safety event in Trumpington, which was attended by housing partners and the police, and was well attended by residents. We hope to hold more of these events going forward.

The CST has continued to be a key partner at the CB1 estate, responding to two serious reports of ASB in short-term lets, and working with the management company to resolve these.

We are now planning for the next academic year student intake this September, working with our student hall management companies on the CB1 estate. This will include developing an induction pack and meeting with the students to speak to them about their new neighbourhood, etc.

The Community Safety Team is leading on a [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#) (CSP) project, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, to raise awareness about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation in the City, both for school aged children, professionals, and adults. Leading a multi-agency task group as part of this project, a survey was conducted which received over 1,000 responses from residents in the City. Using information from the survey and knowledge from colleagues in other agencies, a film was commissioned, which will highlight issues around County Lines, grooming and criminal exploitation from a safeguarding perspective. We have begun to roll this programme out in secondary schools and will continue in the Autumn term and beyond in both schools and community settings. Visit [Cambs Against County Lines](#) for more information, including links to resources.

Linked to the CSP, a multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group was set up, in October 2020, to respond to increasing concerns about cycle crime. Cambridge City Council is the interim chair, with stakeholders from local businesses, Cambridge Ahead, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Greater Anglia Rail, Anglia Ruskin University, University of Cambridge, the voluntary sector: Camcycle and Neighbourhood Watch, and Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Task Group has launched a [Save Our Cycles](#) campaign for the public to encourage locking and registering cycles.

#### **4. Additional Information**

At the 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 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:

- Tackling and diverting those involved in anti-social behaviour across the Southern wards;
- Driving offence enforcement (including speeding and mobile telephone use) across the Southern wards (Operation CROSSFADE);
- Cycle theft across the Southern wards (Operation KONG).