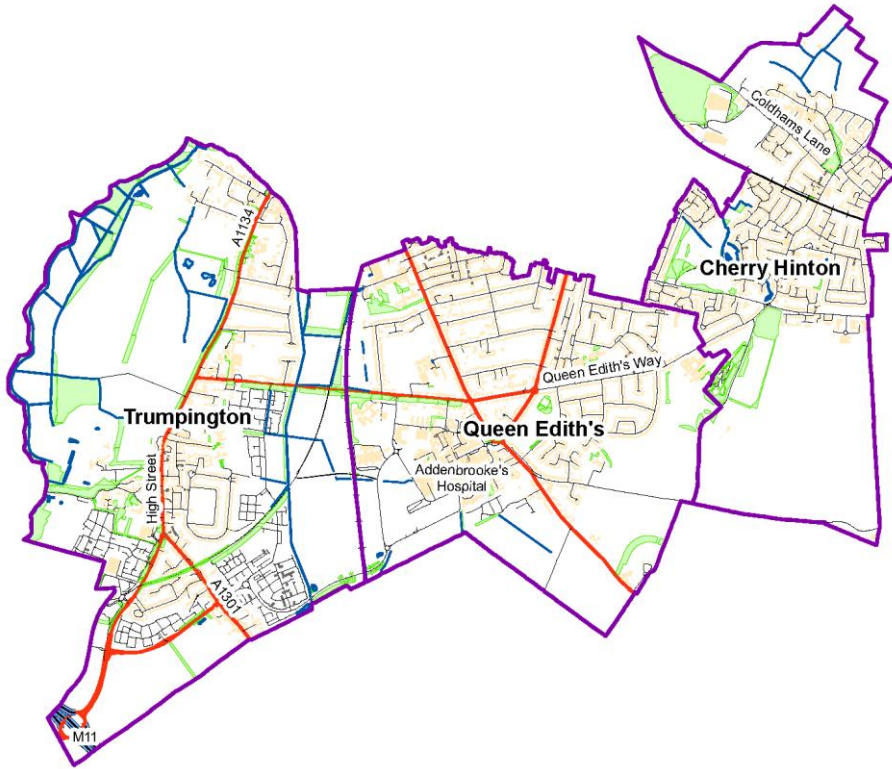


# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City South – September 2022

**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 7 March 2022, 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 reduce instances of antisocial driving across the South of the City

Action Taken: One of our student officers has taken this on as a project and will be looking to attend various locations across the South of the City, with some special constable colleagues, to carry out speed checks. They will also assess the various

locations to see if any suggestions can be put forward to the Council for improved signage etc. Our training team will have this as an ongoing area of concern and as and when student officers require some specific project work, this will be picked up with the aim of targeting different areas each time.

A bid was put in for traffic officers to attend certain troublesome locations – specifically heading towards the Leisure Park on a Saturday afternoon, however it was rejected due to the limited staffing capabilities of that department.

Current Situation: Officers have powers to utilise and deal with this behaviour whilst on patrol, and if they see offences, they will look to take action.

We would also like to remind you of one of our Watch schemes, [Community Speed Watch](#), where communities themselves can become involved in making the roads safer in Cambridge.

Lead Officer: Amanda Large, Watch Coordination Officer - [speedwatch@cambs.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.police.uk)

### **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 reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the South of the City committed by young people.

Action Taken: Operations Guardian and Springboard relate to some targeted work around specific individuals who are deemed to cause the most harm in these areas. Police have been continuing to visit the families and the individuals involved, to offer support and signpost and/or refer to partner agencies, where required. Some proactive patrols have also been carried out with several key individuals being stopped/searched and criminal investigations are underway.

Further to this, police have sat in on a multi-agency [Peer Group and Places](#) meeting, focused again around key individuals and locations to ensure we are sharing the appropriate information and that a full package of services is in place.

Targeted patrols have been carried out in areas such as the Trumpington Pavilion area and we have seen a drop in calls to this location.

Current Situation: The above work continues with further proactive patrols planned to include searches of areas for knives and weapons hidden in bushes.

Lead Officer: Sgt. Amanda ROSSITER has overall lead, due to the various streams of work this involves with individual officers taking the lead on individuals.

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

Objective: To reduce instances of moped riding and anti-social behaviour at the above location.

Action Taken: This location has seen an increase in patrols, mainly due to the reports of a male exposing himself. These patrols were conducted, both in high visibility and plain clothes, but none of the offending behaviour described above was observed. There have also been relatively low calls for service on this issue.

Current Situation: Officers will continue to respond to reports of the above behaviour depending on the risk assessment made. Officers cannot chase motorbikes in cars and so some of the enquiries around the offenders will involve office-based enquiries where registration plates are seen.

If the bikes are using the footpaths there are barriers that can be put up to deter this or gates which may be another option should the problem escalate.

Lead Officer: None required at this stage.

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

Objective: To reduce bike theft in the above area.

Action Taken: The police play an important role in the Cycle Crime Task Group. The group works on three key areas: enforcement, education and infrastructure. The police take primacy over the enforcement thematic. Our tactics are to target those that are prolific offenders, ensuring we gather evidence to prosecute offenders and where possible obtain Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs). The City Neighbourhood Policing Team are all involved in this work, and they have secured seven CBOs against prolific offenders. Cycle crime will continue to be a team priority, focusing on those that cause the greatest harm.

Further to this we are working with a tracker company, who offer to install trackers into bikes, on how we can better use technology to locate and recover stolen cycles.

Current Situation: We continue to utilise CBOs to put restrictions on prolific offenders to reduce their offending. This work is part of a whole City approach as the criminals do not adhere to ward boundaries and so we need to work together across the City.

Promotion of bike register also features heavily in our work as the more identifiable the bikes become, the harder it is for the criminals to move the stolen items on, thus making the crime less profitable.

Lead Officer: PC Jess FREEMAN

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

### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Officers continue to review daily the various sources of information passed to us to identify any emerging trends, areas for concern or chances to build relationships with the wider community.

At this time of year, we know our green spaces become more densely populated and as the schools break up for the summer, youth related anti-social behaviour may increase.

We are keeping a close eye on any areas of concern to try and take early action with our partners to reduce the impact this may have on others.

With some extra funding we have been able to provide some extra patrols and searches of these areas, with a focus on knife crime and street-based violence as well as violence towards women and girls. The areas targeted are based on the level of calls and types of reports we are receiving, to ensure the areas experiencing the highest harm are prioritised. This is by looking at frequency of calls and the most serious offences.

## **Cambridge City Council**

The 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, police neighbourhood teams and other partner agencies when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

In the Cherry Hinton ward, the CST has been working with the police and other support services to take proactive action against an individual who has been causing significant nuisance in the area. A Notice of Seeking Possession (NoSP) was served, and the case has been referred to our legal team for advice ahead of further enforcement action being taken. Again, in the Cherry Hinton ward, following concerns of youth-related ASB in the area, we carried out weekly surgeries during July in the Cherry Hinton Library in order to be available to the local community to discuss any concerns they may have.

In the Trumpington area, following reports of ASB linked to begging and drug-related activity on Trumpington High Street, temporary CCTV cameras were installed, letter drops were carried out and any complainants have been advised how to report concerns and keep diary sheets. Whilst there is insufficient evidence at this stage to pursue any enforcement action against individuals involved, we continue to work with the Police and partner agencies to monitor the situation and ensure support is available where necessary.

The CST recently organised the first “Peer Group and Places” (PGPM) meeting, which is a monthly multi-agency meeting, including the Community Safety Team, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Schools, Social Care, Early Help, Youth Offending Teams, Romsey Mill and Housing Associations. The PGPM looks at cases where young people have come to our attention for ASB or crime in a Contextual Safeguarding approach. Contextual Safeguarding identifies that no young person can be seen in isolation from the environment around them. Children and young people attending schools and colleges are part of a much wider network of peers, neighbourhoods, and other influences. It is important that when we consider some of the issues affecting children and young people that we understand these influences. The County Council has created a Sway presentation to explain [Contextual Safeguarding](#).

Cambs Against County Lines weblink - Visit [Cambs Against County Lines](#) for more information, including links to resources.

Save Our Cycles – Linked to the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, the multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task Group is chaired by Cambridge City

Council. The Task Group, which includes Camcycle, businesses, the two universities and the police, 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**

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.