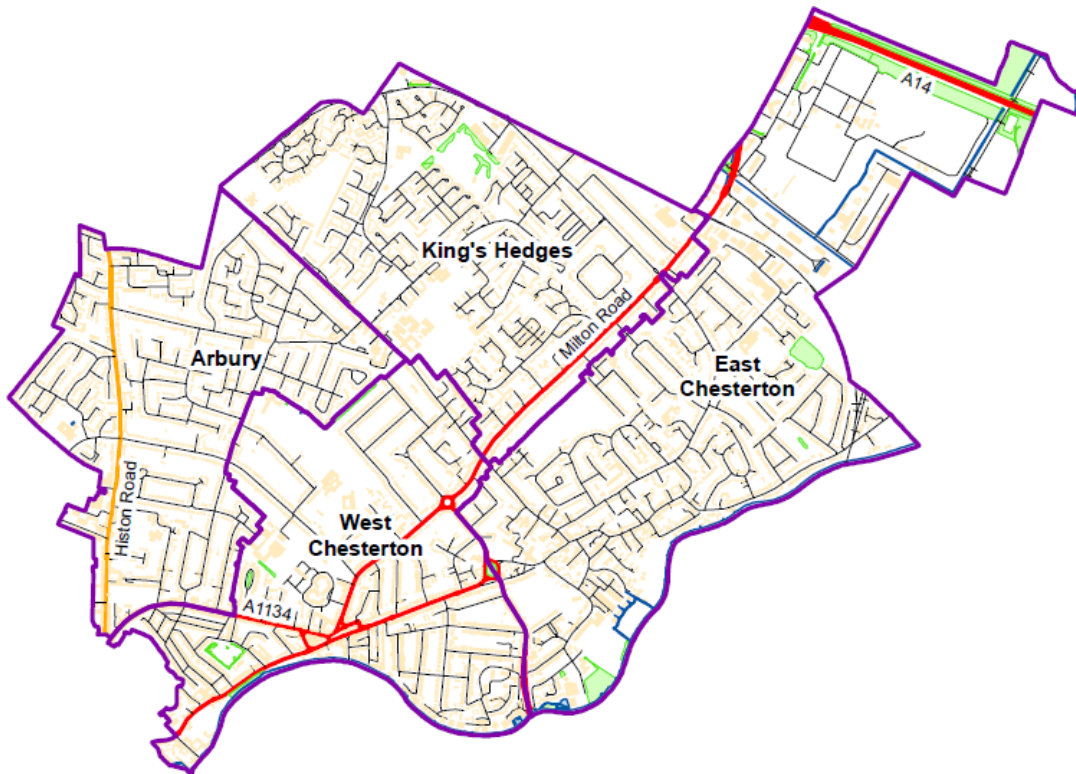


Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City North – November 2022

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 9 June 2022, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing;
- ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO2 canisters;
- Cycle crime (raised during the meeting); 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.

Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing

Objective: Tackling street-based drug dealing

Action Taken: Since the last meeting, local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) have carried out multiple warrants at addresses, with more in the pipeline, completing in excess of 60 stop/searches, resulting in over 20 arrests with multiple charges secured for drug supply offences, and over £160,000 of drugs having been seized.

Current Situation: Whilst clearly an ongoing concern for the community living and working in Cambridge, tackling drug dealing and County Lines remains a priority for

Cambridgeshire Constabulary as a whole, with a dedicated team tackling the issue county wide. We are working closely with housing providers to identify those at risk of being exploited by drug dealers.

By continuing to scan reports to the NPT via all channels, such as online reports, phone calls, Crimestoppers and word of mouth, we consistently identify persons and locations to direct our resources, either via enforcement, education or partnership working. To maintain this pressure, we need people to continue to report concerns to us.

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

Lead Officer: PS669 EMMS

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

Objective: Target vehicle-based anti-social and dangerous driving.

Action Taken: Under the banner of Operation STAPLE, local officers continue to target locations of concern, as highlighted by the community. The introduction of the district-wide Safer Speeds Team has seen additional resourcing available to target key locations.

We continued patrols of highlighted areas during “days of action” in June, July, August, September, and October, carrying out more than 30 officer hours of patrol time. Since June, over 25 tickets have been issued, for numerous offences including use of mobile phones whilst driving, not wearing seatbelts and other vehicle offences. Five vehicles have been seized for various offences and three arrests made.

Current Situation: We have investigated various noise recording instruments to use to identify illegal car and motorbike exhausts, but unfortunately, we do not have any suitable equipment to carry out roadside testing. We used some equipment a number of years ago to measure power output, but we no longer have access to this as it was borrowed equipment.

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: PC817 TOMALIN

Cycle crime (raised during the meeting)

Objective: Target proliferation of cycle crime in the city.

Action Taken: Operation KONG is the Cambridge city response to cycle crime, tackling all aspects of the crime type, from enforcement to education. As well as targeting prolific cycle thieves and handlers, multi-agency work with organisations, such as CamCycle, has seen multiple cycle marking events take place, as well as target hardening with vulnerable locations and establishing efficient working practices with organisations such as CyclePoint and City CCTV, to ensure collation and retention of quality CCTV evidence.

As a Constabulary, we have taken part in cycle marking events in conjunction with the Cambridge cycle scheme. At one event at the Cambridge train station cycle park, we marked a large number of bicycles and since this event we have noted a decrease in cycle thefts at that location, showing only one reported crime for the month of October.

A similar event took place at Addenbrooke's in the beginning of November, and we hope to continue to do these events on a monthly basis.

Current Situation: Recently, we identified and arrested two prolific cycle thieves, leading to charges of theft of pedal cycle for both, and successful outcomes at Court have led to prison time for both offenders. We continue to act against offenders and those who facilitate them.

Days of action are planned in cycle hotspots across the city and reported thefts in the North of Cambridge continue to remain among the lowest in Cambridge, whilst overall reported cycle theft continues to fall across the city.

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.

Lead Officer: PC2018 TINDALL

Youth and knife crime

Objective: Tackle youth crime and knife crime

Action Taken: Operation GUARDIAN is a city-wide policing plan to tackle knife crime in Cambridge city, consisting of an outlined multi-factorial approach through target hardening, school engagement and engagement with youth services. Results are expected to be measured through positive outcomes for offenders, crime statistics and offender information on policing systems. Subjects are identified and graded according to risk, creating cohorts of individuals listed as SIGNIFICANT, MODERATE or EMERGING. Each category then has an approach of varying levels of intrusiveness, with SIGNIFICANT cohort members having home visits by officers and linked-in work with partner agencies, such as Youth Offending Services, to try and dissuade subjects away from carrying knives.

Current Situation: Results are anecdotal so far, but several cases have been removed from our lists as being of concern, as the work we carry out continues with them. Conversely, others highlighted as being a risk have gone on to commit offences and are under investigation for various weapons and violence offences. The scheme started in North Cambridge but has been rolled out district-wide and the principles adopted across the southern half of the city.

Lead Officer: PS669 EMMS

3. Proactive Work and Emerging Issues

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Nothing further to report.

Cambridge City Council

The 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, 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.

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

- Collating evidence and seeking an injunction against a person to forbid them from continuing to take advantage of, and financially exploit, vulnerable individuals across the North of the City. The CST works very closely with the police and partner agencies to ensure these vulnerable individuals are supported when reporting concerns and that safeguarding is put in place, where possible;
- In conjunction with the local policing team, arranged weekly surgeries during the month of October at Arbury Court library in response to reports to youth ASB there;
- Currently investigating reports about youth-related ASB in the Kings Hedges and Arbury areas, and working with police and partner agencies to tackle community concerns;
- Working with our partners from the housing department and Environmental Health services to deal with reports of neighbour nuisance in the Arbury area and also working with the police to tackle reports of drug-related ASB in the East Chesterton area;
- Organised monthly, multi-agency “Peer Group and Places” (PGPM) meetings, which are attended by the 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 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](#).

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.