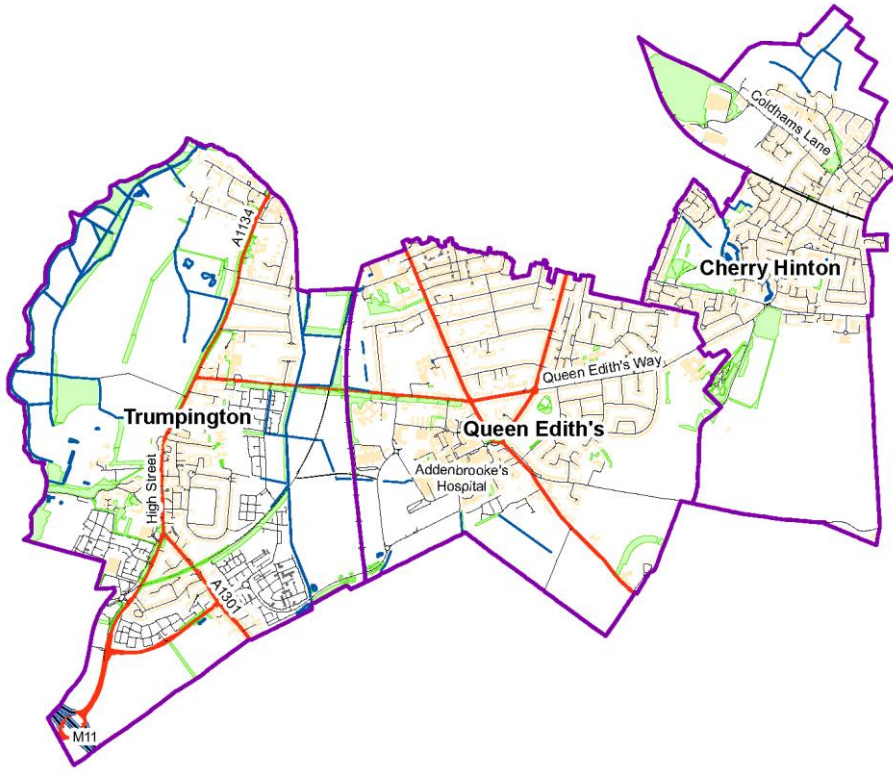


# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City South – March 2023

***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 5 September 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.

Further updates may be provided at the meeting.

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 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:

**Police** – 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. Proactive and targeted patrols have also been carried out with key individuals being stopped/searched and criminal investigations are underway. We want our offenders to know that we are actively seeking them and will utilise our powers to prevent and detect criminal and anti-social activity.

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.

Further to this, police sit in on the City Council led multi-agency Peer Group and Places meetings. The Peer Group Meeting is a multi-agency meeting to discuss and explore issues within the local community where there are concerns about a particular group of young people, or a location where young people are known to congregate. The meeting allows for professionals to understand the risk levels young people are subject to and, as a result, appropriately safeguard them.

**City Council** – It was identified that several outdoor spaces, including multi-use games areas, lacked an efficient amount of lighting that would enable children and young people's outdoor and physical activity to continue running throughout the winter and darker months. This raised concern, given the likely negative impact on children and young people if these groups could not run, and they were unable to continue to engage with this physical, meaningful and positive activity.

Current Situation:

**Police** – The above work continues with further proactive patrols planned to include searches of areas for knives and weapons hidden in bushes.

**City Council** – The Community Safety Team, working with partners, secured funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Fund, that enabled the purchase of portable LED lights; two of which have been deployed at Trumpington Pavilion and are due to remain there permanently. These lights enable agencies and organisations, such as Romsey Mill, to overcome the lack of natural light or pre-existing lighting fixtures, and to allow their outdoor and physical activity groups to continue all year round and provides children and young people consistent opportunity to engage with such activity.

Lead Officers:

**Police** – Inspector McNeill

**City Council** – Louise Willerton and Chloe Newell

### **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.

Further updates may be provided at the meeting.

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.

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

Lead Officers: 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.

Further updates may be provided at the meeting

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.

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: PC Jesse 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 it won't be long before our green spaces become more densely populated and as the schools break up for the half term, 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 extra patrols and searches of these areas, as well as employing two new PCSOs who will be deployed across the city 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 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.

Since the last reporting period, the CST has been working with our partners in Housing, Police and Environmental Health to deal with nuisance and ASB in multiple locations within the ward, as and when they are identified, and we are currently pursuing tenancy enforcement action via the courts.

**Cherry Hinton** – The CST has been working closely with Cambridgeshire Library staff to try and address issues of ASB, in this case being displayed by young people. Meetings attended by Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire Libraries, police and Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) have been held recently, in attempt to adopt a multi-agency approach to address and improve these issues. The CST has created a poster that aims to provide examples of ASB within a library and informs library users that ASB will not be tolerated. A second poster is in the process of being created to accompany the existing poster, whereby library users and/or members of the public will be encouraged to report any ASB they witness and be informed of the ways in which they can do this. Cherry Hinton Library has also now had re-deployable CCTV (funded by the CST) installed both inside and outside of the library; it is hoped this will work as a deterrent for ASB, to support agencies identify perpetrators of this behaviour if needed and increase staff and library user safety.

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The CST has organised a monthly, multi-agency Peer Group and Places (PGP) meeting, which is attended by the police, Fire and Rescue Service, schools, Social Care, Early Help, Youth Offending Teams, Romsey Mill and housing associations. The PGP looks at cases where young people have come to their 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](#).

#### **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.