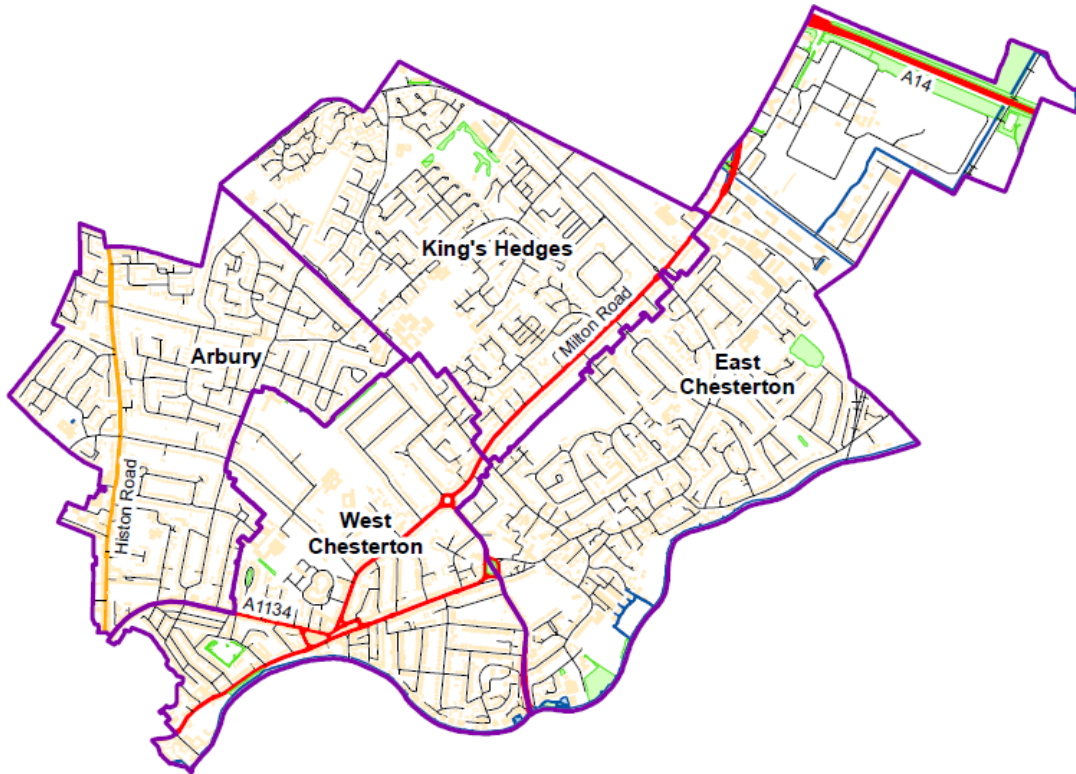


# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City North – June 2023

**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 17 November 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 and cuckooing

Action Taken: Since the last meeting we continue to take in referrals from partner agencies and conduct welfare visits on those potentially being exploited. The Neighbourhood Support team (NST) specifically target county lines across the city and have several recent successes. We continue to hold "days of action" utilising plain clothes patrols which generates a number of stop searches, intelligence reports and arrests.

Current Situation: Tackling drug dealing and County Lines remains a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, with a dedicated team (NST) tackling the issue county wide. We continue to work closely with housing providers to identify those at risk of being exploited by drug dealers, and then work with partner agencies to ensure their safety.

Lead Officer: PC 1654 FREEMAN

### **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: Operation STAPLE remains the North City Team's response to vehicle based anti-social and dangerous driving. We have received information from the Road Safety and Casualty Reduction analyst around key locations as well as the highest risk groups for the city remain cyclists, pedestrians, e-scooters and rider. We continue to target these areas during "days of action" in January, February, March, April and May, carrying out more than 50 hours of patrol time. Since November this has resulted in 6 arrests for various drink and drug driving offences, 5 vehicle seizures, 15+ tickets for various driving offences including use of mobile phones whilst driving, driving whilst disqualified, careless and inconsiderate driving and various other vehicle offences. We have also conducted speed checks outside Chesterton Community College and Gilbert Road.

Current Situation: We currently also have set up operation PROPULSION, which is aimed at reducing the risk to members of the public through education and then enforcement of the legislation relating to the use of E Scooters on public roads. Currently we are in phase 1 of the operation which is around education, this includes designing a package that can be distributed to the public via online media and local publications. We currently are also stopping and engaging those on e-scooters whilst out in the community, and have dedicated approximately 20+ hours to this. Words of advice were given to riders. We have also secured training for one officer to be able to roadside test for drugs.

Lead Officer: PC 817 TOMALIN

### **Cycle crime (raised during the meeting)**

Objective: Target 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 education to enforcement. There have been many successful cycle marking events that have taken place in the last 6 months, where on average each month 60 bikes get marked.

Current Situation: As well as targeting prolific cycle thieves and handlers, multi-agency work with organisations, such as CamCycle, there have been many successful stories of re-uniting owners with their bikes and prosecuting offenders. This is very much highlighted on our social media pages. This work is always ongoing, with one dedicated officer leading the operation.

Lead Officer: PC 2018 TINDALL

## **Youth and knife crime**

Objective: Tackle youth and knife crime

Action Taken: Operation GUARDIAN is a city-wide policing plan to tackle habitual knife carriers in Cambridge City. It consists of an outlined multi-factorial approach through target hardening, engaging with the identified individual, school engagement, and engagement with youth services. Subjects are identified and graded according to risk, creating cohorts of individuals listed as SIGNIFICANT, MODERATE or EMERGING. There is now a minimum set of standards for each cohort which involves varying degrees of intrusiveness. As expected, those in the significant category are the most intrusive, receiving bi-monthly engagement from police, linked-in work with partner agencies such as the youth offender service, and school engagement, all to try and discourage subjects from carrying knives.

Current Situation: This is now a force wide initiative, and still early in the days to establish results. What we are seeing is a good level of support from all agencies and positive engagement with majority of subjects.

Lead Officer: PS 841 JEFFERY

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

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Nothing further to report

#### **Cambridge City Council**

On behalf of the [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board](#), Cambridge City Council co-ordinates the Cambs Against County Lines Project, which delivers sessions in secondary schools, raising awareness of county lines to help prevent children being criminally exploited into the movement of drugs and money. Cambs Against County Lines sessions have been delivered to secondary school across the city including 3 secondary schools in the north of the City. We're also in the process of expanding the project to make age-appropriate content for younger children.

The city council also co-ordinates the monthly Peer Groups and Places meeting. This is a multi-agency meeting to discuss areas in local community where there are concerns about young people in relation to anti-social behaviour and/or crime. The meeting is attended by Cambridgeshire County Council (Early Help, Social Care, Youth Offending Service), Cambridgeshire Police, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, local schools and colleges in the Cambridge City locality, local youth-based charities in the Cambridge City locality and registered housing providers. The purpose of the meeting is for agencies to share information about the concerning and risky behaviour by young people and agree actions that safeguard the young people whilst also reducing the impact of their behaviours on the community.

Recently we have created a poster raising awareness to parents about the signs County lines and what to do if they're worried about their child or a child they know.

Members of the Community Safety Team have been attending multi-agency meetings, including the North Cambridge Collective, to explore and focus on youth provision in this area of the City. These meetings create a platform for relevant agencies to network and discuss ongoing work involving young people in the North. Such meetings also allow for any issues or concerns to be

raised and discussed; for example, young people who have displayed anti-social behaviour in the local community or community spaces. This multi-agency working allows for a contextual safeguarding approach to be adopted and the exploration of alternative activity that young individuals could positively engage with. The Community Safety Team continue to work closely with other professionals, including Young People Workers and Community Centre staff, to monitor this on a regular basis, and promote positive opportunities and engagement of young people.

Multi-agency working in this area has also been adopted in the form of joint visits, between the Community Safety Team, Police colleagues, Cllrs and local residents, to specific locations in the North. This has allowed for a holistic agency approach and provides professionals the opportunity to work with and hear directly from those in the local community. This has included community spaces, as well as residential areas.

Cambridge City Council's Public Realm Engagement Team co-ordinate the Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group, which a sub-group of the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership. The group focuses on 3 key areas to reduce cycle crime – Education, Infrastructure and Enforcement.

1) **Education** – ‘**Save Our Cycles**’ Campaign, led by Task Group member Camcycle, encourages the public to record their bike’s frame number with a description, **register their bike on [Bikeregister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com)**, which helps the Police trace and return stolen bikes, and to always lock their bike securely to a fixed object even if it is only being left for a few minutes. A range of bike register events have taken place through the year, with a number of bike marking kits being funded by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office, following a successful bid by the Community Safety Team.

2) **Infrastructure** – there has been an audit of the cycle stands in the city, which has included identifying opportunities for safety and security improvements to strengthen user confidence and prevent cycle related crime. Work has been undertaken at Cambridge and North railway stations which could be used in designing out cycle crime at the proposed Cambridge South station. Cambridge City Council provides best practice guidance to new residential developers, which is being updated in the context of the work being undertaken and developing the new Local Plan.

The City Council are making investments to new CCTV coverage around the city centre, and both Fitzroy and Burleigh street to increase our ability to detect cycle crime and support with positive policing outcomes.

3) **Enforcement** - The Police continue their enforcement work and are using theft data combined with the CCTV locations to make sure that they are correctly placed to capture where the cycle theft is more evident. It is important for the public to report any crimes directly to the Police by reporting online using the link <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime> or by calling 101, so that this is officially recorded.

#### **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**

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

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.