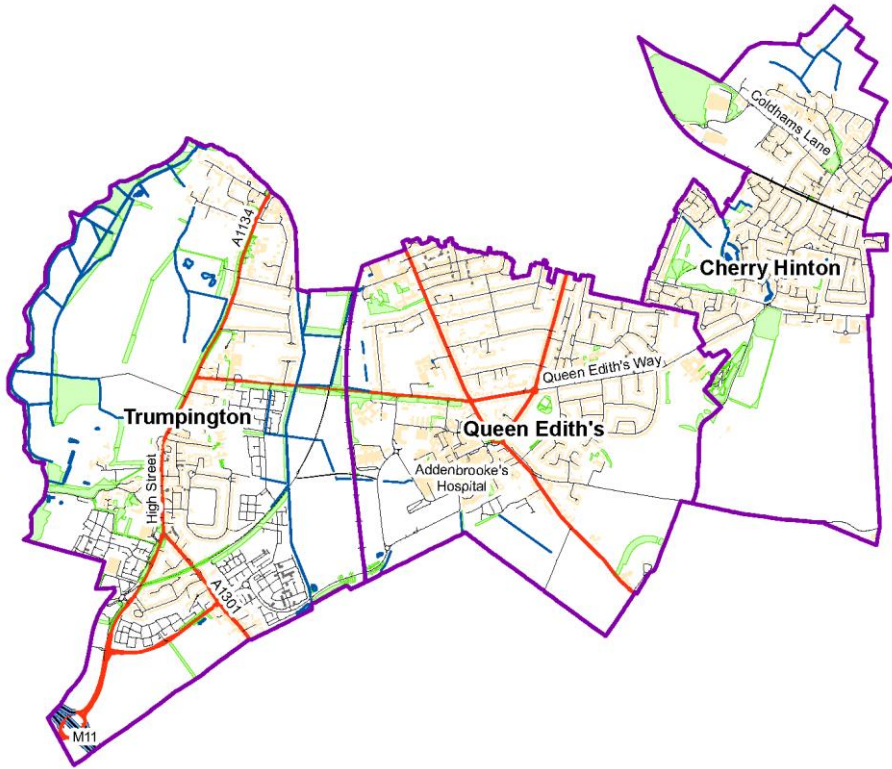


# Neighbourhood Profile

## 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: Op Staple is now a City wide operation to deal with Anti-Social Driving, Speeding and Traffic offences.

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.

Police Officers and also the Special Constabulary carry out speed checks, Hi Visibility patrols and covert patrols are carried out along with the use of the ANPR cameras to target offenders.

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: PS 1886 Kevin Sutcliffe

**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, Hobson Avenue, Glebe Farm, Consort Avenue and Clay Farm areas 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.

Current Situation:

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

## **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. These patrols were conducted, both in high visibility and plain clothes. There has been an increase in call across the city in relation to theft and anti-social riding of mopeds. There is an ongoing Operation around this dealing with all aspects from proactive intervention to enforcement and education. 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. The offenders are concealing their identity and so identification is protracted through forensic work.

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

Lead Officer:

## **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.

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:

### **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, our green spaces become more densely populated and, 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. Dedicated nighttime patrols are occurring 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 ASB team have been working with our partners to tackle 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 court for 2 addresses.

CST have chaired several Multi-agency meetings in conjunction with partner agencies to address concerns reported in several locations within the ward, including Wulfstan Way and Queen Edith's areas.

The concerns are around young people displaying general ASB (including littering, graffiti, swearing and abusive language, noise etc), smoking marijuana, damage of property, threatening behaviour towards staff of local shops and local residents.

Following on from this ASB officers have conducted drop in street surgeries and door knocks to engage with local residents, businesses, and schools to discuss these concerns and advise on how to report issues. Redeployable CCTV cameras are being installed where applicable.

Training has also been delivered to community centre staff to raise awareness and provide skills to tackle youth related ASB issues effectively.

Lead Officers: Louise Willerton, Chloe Newell and Philip Henderson.

## Hate crime and racial harassment –

HATE CRIME – what does this mean? Hate Crime is any criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or another person to be motivated in any way by a hostility or prejudice based on the victim’s actual or perceived –

- Race/ethnicity
- Religion/belief
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Transgender identity

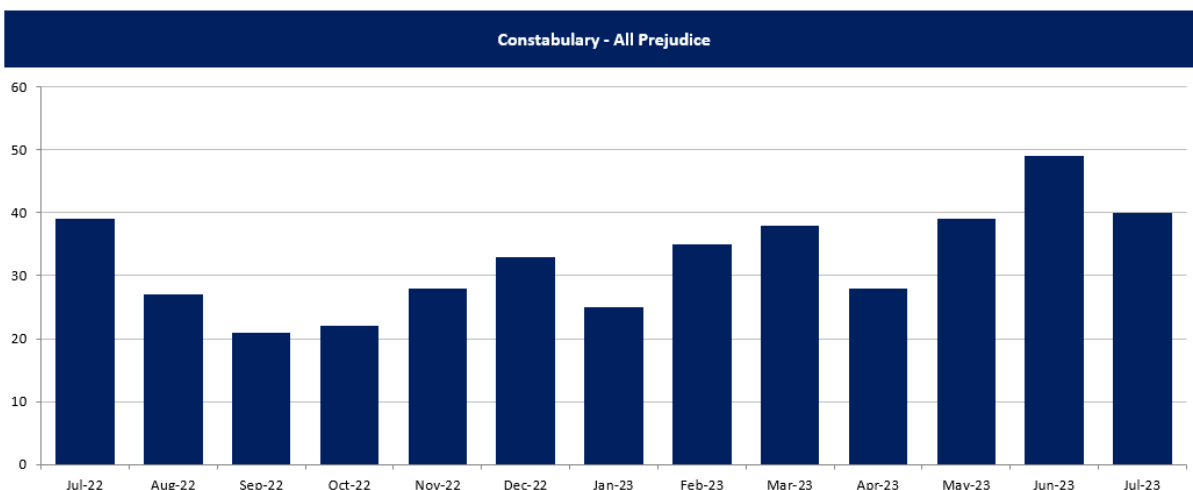
Police need to be aware of what is happening in our communities. They need you to report things, however significant you think they may be.

What might “hate crime” look like? Hate could be verbal abuse, taunts, assaults and damage to property. Abuse can be obvious or not so obvious. For example, repeatedly blocking the path of a guide dog, neighbourhood disputes about disability parking, shouting at someone ‘go back home where you came from’ causing distress or alarm, taking advantage of a vulnerable ‘friend’ by taking their money or hurting them and so on.

Victims may not be aware that they are being targeted. Any person can perceive that someone is being targeted.

Year to date for the South area the CST have received 5 reports of Racial Harassment 3 of which had been reported to the police, and a further 2 reports of hate crime both of which were also reported to the police.

Police figures show that where the weather is good, daylight is longer, more opportunity for strangers or communities to interact, so hate crimes increase. We therefore see a decrease in the colder months.



	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Racially Aggravated Violence	19	17	13	8	15	18	12	25	16	16	17	29	20
Racially Aggravated Damage	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Racially Aggravated Harassment	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1
Other	17	9	8	12	12	15	13	8	19	12	21	20	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>

The police officer Tiff Lane – Action Against Hate coordinator, Cambridgeshire Constabulary has offered to provide Hate Crime awareness sessions for council staff and members. Alternatively, there are organisations such as Stop Hate UK who provide information on their website; [Home - Stop Hate UK](#)

Most people who have been subjected to hostility do not report it for lots of reasons.

The reasons for lack of reporting include:

- Lack of awareness of what constitutes an offence or hate crime
- Belief that it won't be taken seriously
- Don't have the time/inclination
- Perception of police or cultural dislike

#### How to Report Hate Crimes:

- Always ring 999 in an emergency
- Telephone police "101" (Non-Emergency)
- Cambridgeshire Police Online reporting <https://www.cambs.police.uk/>
- Alternative reporting via this website which also has brilliant resources such as key support agencies\* **True Vision** <http://report-it.org.uk/home>
- Currently the county has use of a 24/7 phonenumber for advice and/or reporting: **Stop Hate UK 0800 138 1625** (most languages covered including BSL)

Or it can be reported to the council at [Racial harassment - Cambridge City Council](#) or call 01223 457967 or 07973 883 261

#### 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:

[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.]