Neighbourhood Profile Update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood



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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 ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities 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 the following data sources:

- Crime data and incident data November 2009 to February 2010 and as a comparison data from July 2009 to October 2009 and November 2008 to February 2009.
- Information from Neighbourhood Policing Team March 2010.
- Community intelligence.
- Cambridge City Council, City Services data, November 2009 February 2010 and as a comparison, the same period in 2008/09.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 17th December 2009, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Vehicle-Related Anti-Social Behaviour – Across City East.								
Objective	 To deliver enforcement activities in the areas identified with the intention of reducing incidents of speeding and anti-social use of vehicles and promoting public safety. To evidence to local residents the identification of and response to a community problem through clear visible action. Identify and implement supplementary educational actions that can be delivered to increase driver awareness of the potential dangers of excess speed and anti-social use of vehicles. 							
Action Taken	During the period, focused action on speeding was concentrated on 10 areas within City East. An extremely low proportion of checks resulted in excessive speed being recorded as listed below. During 25 checks, 1340 vehicles were monitored and 13 offences were identified. Professional opinion of officers was that Barnwell Road and Cherry Hinton Road remain the two areas of greatest concern largely due to environmental features, hence the greatest amount of time being spent there. Newmarket Road – 1 check, 50 vehicles monitored, 0 offences Barnwell Road – 8 checks, 600 vehicles monitored, 7 offences Coldhams Lane – 1 check, 50 vehicles monitored, 0 offences Perne Road – 3 checks, 50 vehicles monitored, 0 offences Cherry Hinton Road – 4 checks, 300 vehicles monitored, 4 offences Brooks Road – 0 checks due to congestion Coleridge Road – 3 checks, 100 vehicles monitored, 2 offences Birdwood Road – 2 checks, 80 vehicles monitored, 0 offences Wadloes Road, 2 checks, 70 vehicles monitored, 0 offences Mill Road – 1 check, 40 vehicles monitored, 0 offences In addition to work on speeding, community engagement - largely through PCSOs - noted parking concerns in particular at Mercers Row, Abbey Meadow School St Philips School. There has been some improvement in Mercers Row following engagement with businesses at the location. Actions plans at the two schools continue, seeking to educate parents and take enforcement action where appropriate.							
Current Situation	Speed checks continue and there are no major hotspots based on these checks alone currently. A request has been made to the Roads Policing Unit for a further large-scale enforcement event across City East targeting the criminal use							

	of the roads as per previous successful events. Discussion concerning Speedwatch is being recommenced and community engagement on this issue and commitment to it, once again being reviewed.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue.

Youth-related anti-social behaviour in North Barnwell.								
Objective	 The aim of the plan was to: Identify and engage persons suspected of committing offences/ASB, taking positive action where necessary and proportionate. Identify from analysis and public feedback areas and times to be targeted and provide high visibility patrols to reassure communities. Consider diversionary / preventative activities appropriate to the age range of the youths involved. Utilise both Anti-social Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) and tenancy conditions to seek to curb behaviour where appropriate. 							
Action Taken	During the period the focus of anti-social acts has very much been McDonald's restaurant and the Barnwell Road shops that are used as places to congregate by youths. Regular patrols continue at the peak periods which are during the evening. An individual has subsequently been resettled out of the area at a specialist school in response to acute behavioural issues, some of which were manifesting themselves in public acts of anti-social behaviour. This youth has been subject of significant work by Social Care and Youth Services as well as police as part of earlier interventions for this priority. A further small group of youths have been identified who are currently being engaged with both in the home environment with parents and carers and at school. They have been identified as regularly present at the locations described above. Whilst the right to congregate in a public area is fully respected, this needs to be balanced with the rights of all members of the public seeking to use and enjoy the facilities of the area. A number of vulnerable members of the community in North Barnwell have been identified and increased visits have been put in place to offer reassurance and to seek to gather information concerning this problem. Distinct from the locations above, there have been renewed issues of public buses being targeted in the Thorpe Wood estate with stone-throwing and abuse to drivers and passengers. Patrols have been increased, including occasional police presence on the buses at peak times.							
Current Situation	There has been a decrease in reports of ASB in Abbey as a whole during the period compared to the previous reporting period. However; levels remain higher							

	than this time last year and continued work is necessary.							
Continue or Discharge?	Continue focus on the geographic areas identified and on-going work with Stagecoach to support and protect drivers and passengers.							

Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaint of localised Anti-social Behaviour focused around The Forum								
Objective	To investigate complaints from local residents concerning noise related student behaviour along with environmental issues such as parking, litter and discarded shopping trolleys from The Forum. To seek ways in which the impact of the above can be reduced on the community and community engagement can be promoted.							
Action Taken	Two public meetings have been held to date. The first held in November identified the full range of issues and an action plan was produced. The second, held on 25 th February was to review and report on progress.							
Current Situation	Both meetings were very productive and a spirit of co-operation generated between the management of The Forum, the Police, the City Council and the residents. All agreed actions from the first meeting were discharged or being satisfactorily progressed. A follow-up meeting is planned for 20 th May 2010. Residents are planning to hold a community event for themselves and students in the summer. (Minutes of the two aforementioned meetings are available upon request).							
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge but authorities asked to monitor situation over the spring and summer months.							

Engagement Activity

Ditton Fields: The ASB and Housing teams have been working with the police in order to identify young people causing a problem in the Ditton Fields area. A number of young people and their parents have had a visit from the City Council and the Police to discuss their behaviour.

A survey has been circulated to all residents of Ditton Fields asking about their experience of ASB in the area. A three hour residents drop-in surgery was held at the Baptist Church on 30 March. The housing officer, ASB Investigator and local PCSO attended in order to listen to residents' concerns.

Temporary re-deployable CCTV was installed in Ditton Fields on 29 March and will be there for approximately three weeks.

Romsey: The ASB investigator and housing officer are liaising with residents and working with external agencies such as the tenancy sustainment team and police in order to identify perpetrators of ASB in the area.

Engagement events permitting members of the public to meet the City East Neighbourhood Policing Team and discuss matters in a relaxed environment are listed on the Constabulary's website.

They include:

- Monthly surgeries at ASDA and Tesco
- Regular surgeries at Romsey Mill and Lichfield Community Centre
- Surgeries at the Abbey Meadows School, Community Wing

For further details please visit <u>www.cambs.police.uk</u> and look for the "My Neighbourhood" link or call 0345 456 456 4.

For more private matters, officers will be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience or discuss matters via telephone.

3. Emerging Issues

Cambridge East Trends

Offence levels across the neighbourhood have decreased when compared to the previous period but increased compared to the same period last year. This decrease is due to decreases in violent crime, thefts from vehicle and cycle theft.

ASB incidents across the neighbourhood have decreased compared to the previous period and the same period last year. The decreases in both crime and ASB levels may be in part due to the extreme weather conditions experienced in the County in December 2009 and January 2010.

Abbey Ward

- Total crime in Abbey Ward has decreased compared to the previous period (379 offences vs. 471 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary figures have remained stable, with 25 offences in this period and 22 offences in both the previous period and the same period last year. The offences tended to occur in the evening with a peaktime between 20:00 21:00. A variety of MO's and entry methods were used including smashing windows, forcing doors and insecurities.
- Burglary other offences have decreased compared to the previous period (12 offences vs. 17 offences) and compared to the same period last year (19 offences). There doesn't appear to be any pattern or trend in the MO or method used to gain entry to the building. Most of the offences occurred in the evening with a couple occurring overnight.
- Violent crime offences have decreased from 88 offences in the previous period to 67 offences in this four month period. Offenders have been arrested and charged in 26 of these offences.
- Theft from vehicle offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (30 offences vs. 31 offences) but decreased compared to the previous period (40 offences). Six of the offences occurred at Tesco Stores Ltd on Cheddars Lane. All were evening offences in which an offender has stolen a handbag from the vehicle whilst the aggrieved has been putting shopping in the boot.
- There were 39 cycle theft offences in this period compared to 60 offences in the previous period and 28 offences in the same period last year. Common locations for cycle thefts were Newmarket Road, Riverside and Pool Way.

- Theft from shop offences have decreased from 74 offences in the previous period to 50 offences in this period. This is an increase compared to the same period last year when there were 34 offences. In 41 of these offences an offenders have been arrested and charged. Sixteen offences occurred at Cambridge Retail Park on Newmarket Road, 23 offences occurred at Tesco Stores Ltd on Cheddars Lane and 8 offences at One Stop on Ditton Lane. Common items stolen were toiletries, assorted food and drink, alcohol and building equipment.
- Other crime offences have decreased compared to the previous period (83 offences vs. 94 offences). Fifteen of these offences were possession of controlled drugs, six offences were fraud by false representation and 28 were other theft offences.
- Total ASB has decreased from 336 incidents in the previous period to 312 incidents in this period. This is an increase compared to the same period last year when there were 268 incidents. There were 17 incidents at McDonalds Restaurant on Newmarket Road which mainly concerned youths shouting at customers, running around the location and throwing things. Forty-seven of the incidents occurred at the same address at Ditton Fields during the period. These offences were mainly noise or rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour and appear to concern the aggrieved complaining about a neighbour.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 16 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 9 during the same period the previous year. This included 4 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection, 1 report which was referred to the police and another vehicle, which was removed and taken to a compound pending further action. CLE26 notices were issued to 3 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Cheddars Lane (4) and Riverside (3) were the hotspots during this period, compared with Stevenson Court (3) during the same period the previous year.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 51 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 113 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours an there was sufficient evidence to issue 4 warning letters to domestic offenders. Hotspots during this period were Ekin Road (9, compared with 15 during the previous period last year), Dennis Road (8, compared with 7 previously), Helen Close (4, compared with 7 previously) and Anns Road and Headford Close (both with 3, but 9 and 10 respectively compared with the same period the previous year). Additional hotspots during the 08/09 period included Occupation Road (16), Fison Road and Latimer Close (both with 5).
- 22 derelict cycles were dealt with between November and February 09/10, compared with 57 during the same period the previous year. Thorpe Way (9) was a hotspot during this period and hotspots during the same period the previous year included Occupation Road (18), Bergholt Close (9), Ditton Fields/Walk and Latimer Close (all with 5).
- Between November and February 09/10, 46 needles were reported compared with 44 during the same period the previous year. 24 needles were removed over 5 occasions from Barnwell Road in the area near to the library and shops and 20 were removed on one occasion from a bin at Newmarket Road Cemetery. In the 08/09 period, 4 needles were removed from a verge at Ditton Fields and 38 over 4 occasions from Headford Close, primarily in flytip at the recycling centre.

Petersfield Ward

- Total crime in Petersfield Ward has decreased compared to the previous period (416 offences vs. 462 offences) and compared to the same period last year (461 offences).
- There were 16 dwelling burglary offences in this period compared to 13 offences in the
 previous period and 27 offences in the same period last year. A variety of MO's and entry
 methods were used including insecurities, broken windows, and forced doors or windows.
- Burglary other offences have decreased compared to the previous period (12 offences vs. 17 offences) and compared to the same period last year. Two of the offences occurred at Travis Perkins on Devonshire Road over a three day period in December. In both offences

- offenders have cut the wooden fence at the rear of the yard before forcing entry to a shed. Items were stolen from within the shed in one of the offences.
- Theft from vehicle offences have decreased compared to the previous period (22 offences vs. 56 offences) but remained stable compared to the same period last year (26 offences).
 In 13 of the offences a window had been smashed and items such as handbags, clothing, mobile phones and satellite Navigation Systems were stolen from within.
- Cycle theft in Petersfield Ward had decreased compared to the previous period (87 offences vs. 116 offences) but still has the highest number of offences out of all the City East Wards. Common locations for cycle theft offences were Anglia Ruskin University on East Road (8), Mill Road (9) and Glisson Road (5).
- Theft from shop offences have increased compared to the previous period (86 offences vs. 69 offences) and compared to the same period last year (45 offences). In 72 of the 86 offences an offender(s) has been arrested and charged. Common locations for the offences were Asda Stores Ltd at the Beehive Centre (32) and TK Maxx at the Beehive Centre (37). Popular items stolen were chocolate, alcohol, meat, toiletries, purses and clothing, particularly gloves.
- ASB levels in Petersfield ward have decreased compared to the previous period (172 offences vs. 201 offences) in the previous period. Common locations for ASB incidents were Tenison Road (21), Mill Road (24), East Road (12), Devonshire Road (9) and Ditchburn Place (9). There didn't appear to be any patterns or trends in the incidents during the period.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 18 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. This included 5 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was later claimed by its owner. In addition, CLE26 notices were issued to 5 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 3 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, 2 of which were destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. Another vehicle has also been impounded and is currently pending further investigation. There were no hotspots in the 09/10 period, but Hooper Street (3) was a hotspot during the same period during the previous year.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 72 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 126 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 32 warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 Section 46 notices were also issued to 2 domestic offenders, a verbal warning was given to a trade offender and waste transfer documentation was requested from a further 4 trade offenders. Hotspots during the 09/10 period were Tenison Road (21, compared with 20 during the same period the previous year), Mill Road (9, compared to 15 previously), St Matthew's Street/Gardens (6, compared with 15 previously), Staffordshire Street (6, compared with 5 previously) and Hills Road (3).
- 25 derelict cycles were dealt with between November and February 09/10, compared with 88 during the same period the previous year. East Road (6), Guest Road (5) and Norfolk Street (4) were the hotspots during this period. Hotspots during the same period the previous year included Mill Road (28), Mawson Road and Perowne Street (both with 8).
- Between November and February 09/10, 278 needles were reported compared with 219 during the same period the previous year. 47 needles were removed on 3 occasions from Bradmore Court, 163 from Mill Road Cemetery over 9 occasions (compared with 113 over 4 occasions in 08/09), 49 needles from East Road/St Matthews Street area over 7 occasions (compared with 22 on 2 occasions in 08/09) and 12 from Rope Walk. Additional hotspots during the 08/09 period included Bath House (6 on 1 occasion), Caroline Place (13 needles over 2 occasions), Norfolk Street (9 needles over 2 occasions), bushes near Parkside Swimming Pool (11 over 2 occasions) and Petersfield Recreation Ground (12 needles over 3 occasions).

Romsey Ward

- Total crime in Romsey has decreased from 365 offences in the previous period to 267 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year (281 offences).
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased compared to the previous period (36 offences vs. 27 offences) and compared to the same period last year (21 offences). Similar to the burglaries in Petersfield a variety of MO's and entry methods were used including insecurities, broken windows, and forced doors or windows. Most of the offences occurred in the day time and items such as televisions, laptops, digital cameras, and jewellery were stolen. An offender has been arrested and charged with eight of these offences.
- Violent crime offences have decreased compared to the previous period (30 offences vs. 48 offences) and compared to the same period last year (44 offences). There appear to be no patterns or trends in the offences during the period.
- Theft from vehicle offences have fallen from 36 offences in the previous period to 17 offences in this period. A window was smashed in most of the offences to gain entry to the vehicle and common items stolen were satellite navigation systems and index plates.
- Cycle theft offences have almost halved compared to the previous period (58 offences vs.
 111 offences), but offences levels are higher than the same period last year (42 offences).
 Offences tended to occur on weekdays rather than weekends and during the daytime rather than at night.
- Theft from a shop offences have decreased from 22 offences in the previous period to 12 offences in this period. Ten of the offences occurred at J Sainsbury PLC on Coldhams Lane and offenders have been arrested and charged for 5 of these offences.
- Total ASB in Romsey Ward has decreased from 228 incidents in the previous period to 121 incidents in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 186 incidents. Five incidents occurred at the same address on Seymour Street and concern the occupant having ongoing problems with a particular family who are neighbours of theirs. Eight incidents occurred at the same address at Redmond Court; the informant is reporting that a male keeps banging on his door, following him home and threatening him.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 16 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 12 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and another which was later claimed by its owner. In addition, CLE26 notices were issued to 3 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 4 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, all of which were destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. Another vehicle has also been impounded and is currently pending further investigation. Argyle Street was a hotspot during both periods with 5 reports in the 09/10 period and 4 during the same period the previous year.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 27 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 46 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 3 warning letters to domestic offenders and waste transfer documentation has also been requested from two trade offenders. In addition, two cases are currently pending further investigation. Hotspots during this period were St Phillips Road (4), Brookes Road and Catharine Street (both with 3). Hotspots during the same period the previous year were Vinery Road (11), Coldham's Lane (5), Cockburn Street, William Smith Close and Seymour Street (3).
- 19 derelict cycles were dealt with between November and February 09/10, compared with 20 during the same period the previous year. Mill Road and Thoday Street (3) were the hotspots during the 09/10 period, compared with Mill Road (7) and Coldhams' Lane (5) during the same period the previous year.
- Between November and February 09/10, 17 needles were reported compared with 48 during the same period the previous year. 6 were removed from Brookfields on 1 occasion

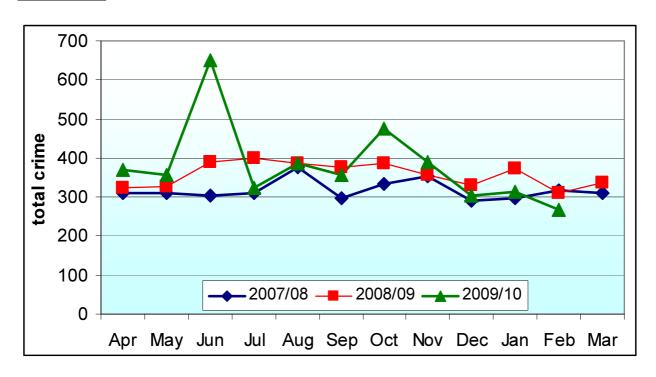
and 9 from Brooks Road over 3 occasions. During the same period the previous year, 10 needles were removed from Argyle Street and 24 from Burnside, both over 1 occasion. In addition, 3 were removed from Romsey Rec over 2 occasions and 9 from Snaky Path over 1 occasion.

Coleridge Ward

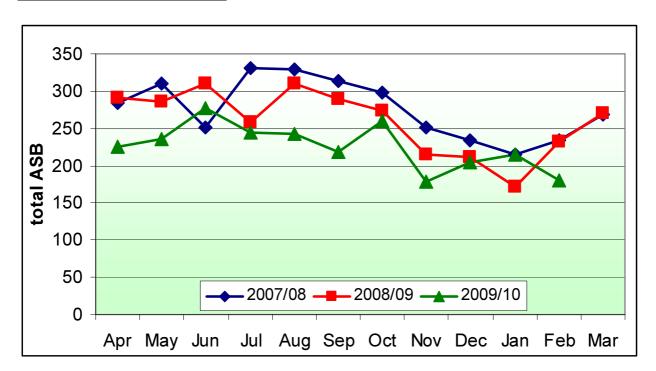
- Total crime in Coleridge Ward has decreased from 243 offences in the previous period to 213 offences in this period. This is also a decrease compared to the same period last year (276 offences).
- Dwelling burglary figures have doubled compared to the previous period (27 offences vs. 13 offences) and have increased compared to the same period last year. An offender has been arrested and charged with committing four of these offences. A variety of MO's and entry methods were seen in the offences during the period and most offences occurred in the daytime or evening.
- Theft from vehicle offences have doubled compared to the previous period (20 offences vs. 10 offences), but remained stable compared to the same period last year (19 offences).
 Three of the offences occurred at Barclays Bank PLC at Clifton Court on the same date in December. A window was smashed in all three offences and clothing, a satellite navigation system and CD's were stolen.
- Cycle theft offences have decreased from 75 offences in the previous period to 34 offences in this period. Common locations for cycle theft offences were Adkins Corner, Radegund Road, Cambridge Leisure Park.
- ASB incidents in Coleridge Ward have decreased compared to the previous period (172 incidents vs. 202 incidents) but remained stable compared to the same period last year (175 incidents). Thirty-six of the offences occurred at Brooklyn Court on Cherry Hinton Road and they appear to be the same informant complaining about noise from her neighbours.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 10 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection, 2 vehicles, which were later claimed by their owners and another case which is currently pending further investigation. In addition, CLE26 notices were issued to 4 offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway and will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. Rustat Road/Avenue was a hotspot during the 09/10 period, but there were no hotspots during the same period the previous year.
- Between November and February 09/10 there were 25 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 47 during the same period the previous year. All were removed within 24 hours and there was sufficient evidence to issue 2 warning letters to domestic offenders. Lichfield Road (4) and Walpole Road (3) were the hotspots during the 09/10 period compared with Hobart Road (7), Perne Road 6) Brackyn Road (4) and Ancaster Way, Budleigh Close and Rustat Road (all with 3) during the same period the previous year.
- 13 derelict cycles were dealt with between November and February 09/10, compared with 39 during the same period the previous year. Lilac Court (3) was a hotspot during this period and hotspots during the same period the previous year were Clifton Way (26, removed from outside the cinema at the Leisure Park) and Hobart Road (3).
- Between November and February 09/10, 21 needles were reported compared with 22 during the same period the previous year. 20 needles were removed over 4 occasions from Coleridge Recreation Ground close to the toilets, compared with the 22, which were removed on one occasion during the 08/09 period from the same location.

4. Current Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Levels

Total Crime



Total Anti-Social Behaviour



Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Levels in the Cambridge East Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	Total Crime	Total ASB
N'hod	City East	Nov 09 – Feb 10	104	48	165	17	18	89	218	153	196	267	1275	777
		Jul 09 – Oct 09	75	57	213	12	24	142	362	173	184	299	1541	967
		Nov 08 – Feb 09	89	106	209	20	23	97	217	95	250	262	1368	831
Wards	Abbey	Nov 09 – Feb 10	25	12	67	4	6	30	39	50	63	83	379	312
		Jul 09 – Oct 09	22	17	88	7	10	40	60	74	59	94	471	336
		Nov 08 – Feb 09	22	19	60	8	9	31	28	34	83	56	350	268
		Nov 09 – Feb 10	16	12	35	4	2	22	87	86	56	96	416	172
		Jul 09 – Oct 09	13	17	38	2	1	56	116	69	47	103	462	201
	Petersfield	Nov 08 – Feb 09	27	32	67	3	3	26	95	45	63	100	461	202
	Romsey	Nov 09 – Feb 10	36	14	30	6	6	17	58	12	41	47	267	121
		Jul 09 – Oct 09	27	12	48	2	6	36	111	22	48	53	365	228
		Nov 08 – Feb 09	21	21	44	4	4	21	42	14	55	55	281	186
		Nov 09 – Feb 10	27	10	33	3	4	20	34	5	36	41	213	172
		Jul 09 – Oct 09	13	11	39	1	7	10	75	8	30	49	243	202
S	Coleridge	Nov 08 – Feb 09	19	34	38	5	7	19	52	2	49	51	276	175