



Neighbourhood Profile Update

Cambourne Neighbourhood



Comberton Panel

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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 and Incident data from August 2011 – October 2011 and as a comparison data from May 2011 – July 2011 and August 2010 – October 2010.
- Information from Neighbourhood Policing Team November 2011.
- Community intelligence.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 24th August 2011, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

Objective	Continue to address the inappropriate use of green spaces across the panel area giving focus to Cambourne and Millers Road, Toft.
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood officers have conducted numerous patrols across the Neighbourhood including the following locations; Bourn Rec, Comberton Rec, Caldecote Rec, Cambourne Business Park, the allotments, commercial car parks, The Lakes, Wildlife Trust areas, Brace Dein, Eco Park, Greehaze Park, Grantchester Meadows and car parks. • These patrols have generally found little inappropriate behaviour. • Any individuals or vehicles found at the location were checked. • As a result, 4 drugs searches were conducted with cannabis being found on 3 occasions and cannabis warning issued as a result. • Incidents attended when residents raised concerns, which has provided useful information about certain individuals. • No relevant incidents related to bonfire night. • Report of mopeds being ridden in fields off Highfield established that this was with the permission of the land owner.
Current Situation	The winter quarter normally sees a drop in the reporting of such incidents which can be dealt with by normal patrol activity.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.

Objective	Continue to tackle road safety concerns to include speeding and obstructive parking in Cambourne, and support Speedwatch activity across the neighbourhood.
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed enforcement activity was conducted across the neighbourhood including the following sites; Ermine St & Gransden Rd, Caxton; West Drive Caldecote; A428 Cambourne; St Neots Rd, Hardwick; High St, Toft and The Green, Eltisley. • 754 vehicles checked by my neighbourhood officers during this activity with the following results; 41 warning letters sent to drivers, 9 tickets issued, 12 drivers given verbal warnings, 3 further tickets (including 2 for mobile phone use, 1 offence dealt with by summons and one drink driver being arrested and their vehicle seized. • Enforcement activity by other teams across the panel yielded a further 98 tickets including 59 for speeding and 16 for mobile phone use. • Safety Camera Unit vans have been deployed in Grantchester, Toft, Madingley and Caxton resulting in an additional 88 tickets being issued. • Parking patrols conducted at the following locations; Caxton End and Newton Primary School, Eltisley; High St, School Lane, Monkfield Park

	<p>Primary School & The Vine School, Cambourne; Comberton Village College and Harbour Avenue, Cambourne; High St, Grantchester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During these patrols 5 vehicles were moved on, 1 ticket issued, 1 tax offence dealt with and 5 drivers were given words of advice or warning notices left on their vehicles. • Support provided to Comberton Village College to minimise parking problems during 2 open evenings at the location.
Current Situation	This remains the People's Priority.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue.

3. Emerging Issues

Comberton Area Neighbourhood trends

Total Crime has remained consistent with the previous quarter and comparably lower than the same period last year.

In the last 3 weeks there have been several burglaries to non dwelling properties, particularly in Cambourne. There have been similar burglaries in the neighbouring Swavesey panel area which has also been hit by dwelling burglaries. This crime trend is a current priority for the divisional and local crime and uniform teams. More information will be given at the meeting.

A reduction was observed in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents, from 145 reported in the previous period to 135 in the latest quarter. In the same period last year, 165 incidents were recorded.

Barton Ward (*Barton, Coton, Grantchester, Madingley*)

Crime

- During the 3 month period, only 22 offences were reported which is fairly consistent with the previous period.
- Two offences (violent crime and criminal damage) targeted the same property in Nutters Close, in Grantchester, which were domestic related.
- No further trends or patterns were identified due to low level of offences.

ASB

- Over the 3 month period, there have been 8 ASB incidents reported.
- There have been no ASB incidents of note.

Bourn Ward (*Bourn, Cambourne, Caxton, Croxton, Eltisley*)

Crime

- Total crime in Bourn ward remains consistent with the previous period and the same period last year.
- There has been an increase in non-dwelling burglary offences. This was mainly due to a spate of 6 overnight offences targeting commercial properties in Cambourne (5 offences) and Caxton (1). Main entry MO was through smashing a window.
- 21 Violent offences were reported over the 3 month period, 14 of these offences were domestic related (and 2 of these were related to the same incident).
- Criminal damage offences have increased, from 21 offences in the previous period to 26 offences. There was a series of 6 offences on Greenhaze Lane, reported at the end of August. Vehicles were being damaged by offenders running over the top of them causing dents. In addition, there was an offence in the park, where 2 males were seen damaging 2 trees with a handsaw. Several male offenders were arrested and charged with this offence. Furthermore, 6 criminal damage offences were reported on School Lane (2 in August and 4 in October). Three of the October offences targeted the same property and appear to relate to an ongoing neighbour dispute.

ASB

- During the period, ASB levels remain stable with 97 incidents reported. This is comparably lower than the same period last year which recorded 106 incidents.
- Malicious/nuisance communication incidents have increased (12 incidents), mainly relating to unwanted text messages and phone calls.
- Similarly, noise complaints have seen an increase to 9 incidents from 4 in the previous period, however, these all appear to be unrelated.
- Over the 3 month period, the rowdy and nuisance incidents have been mainly reported on Broad Street, Greenhaze Lane, School Lane, and The Vines. The majority of these incidents report problems with groups of youths.

Caldecote Ward (*Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Toft*)

Crime

- During the period 16 offences were reported which is comparatively lower than the 21 and 22 offences reported in the previous and same period last year respectively.
- During the 3 month period, 4 dwelling burglaries were reported (2 in Caldecote, 1 in Toft and 1 in Highfields). Entry was gained through force, and on one occasion, garden tools from the shed were used to achieve this. Offences appear to have occurred during the daytime and mainly targeted jewellery.

ASB

- Caldecote ward recorded 15 ASB incidents over a 3 month period.
- During the period, there were 2 vehicle nuisance incidents refer to use of mopeds/motorbikes on private land in Caldecote and on Highfields, Caldecote. In one incident, obscene hand gestures were made to passing motorists and number plates have been deliberately covered up.
- No further trends were identified.

Comberton Ward (*Comberton*)

Crime

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- During the 3 month period, 14 offences were reported in Comberton ward. This is still comparably low and is consistent with the previous period.
- Half of the total offences were criminal damage offences. Five of these offences were situated on Harbour Avenue. One offence was reported in August when an educational facility had a number of skylights damaged. The remaining 4 offences occurred overnight in September where a number of vehicles have had their wing mirrors broken off.
- A further theft from vehicle offence was reported on Harbour Avenue in October where power tools were stolen from a van. Entry was gained through smashing a window.
- No further trends noted due to low level of offences reported.

ASB

- Only 5 ASB incidents reported were reported over the three month period.
- Three incidents were reported on Westlands, Comberton. One of these incidents was related to a possible rogue trader targeting an elderly widow. The remaining two incidents reported in October refer to ongoing issues with youths in the area.
- There was also a further incident reported in October on St. Thomas Close, Comberton, referring to groups of teens making lots of noise in the area.

Hardwick Ward (*Hardwick*)

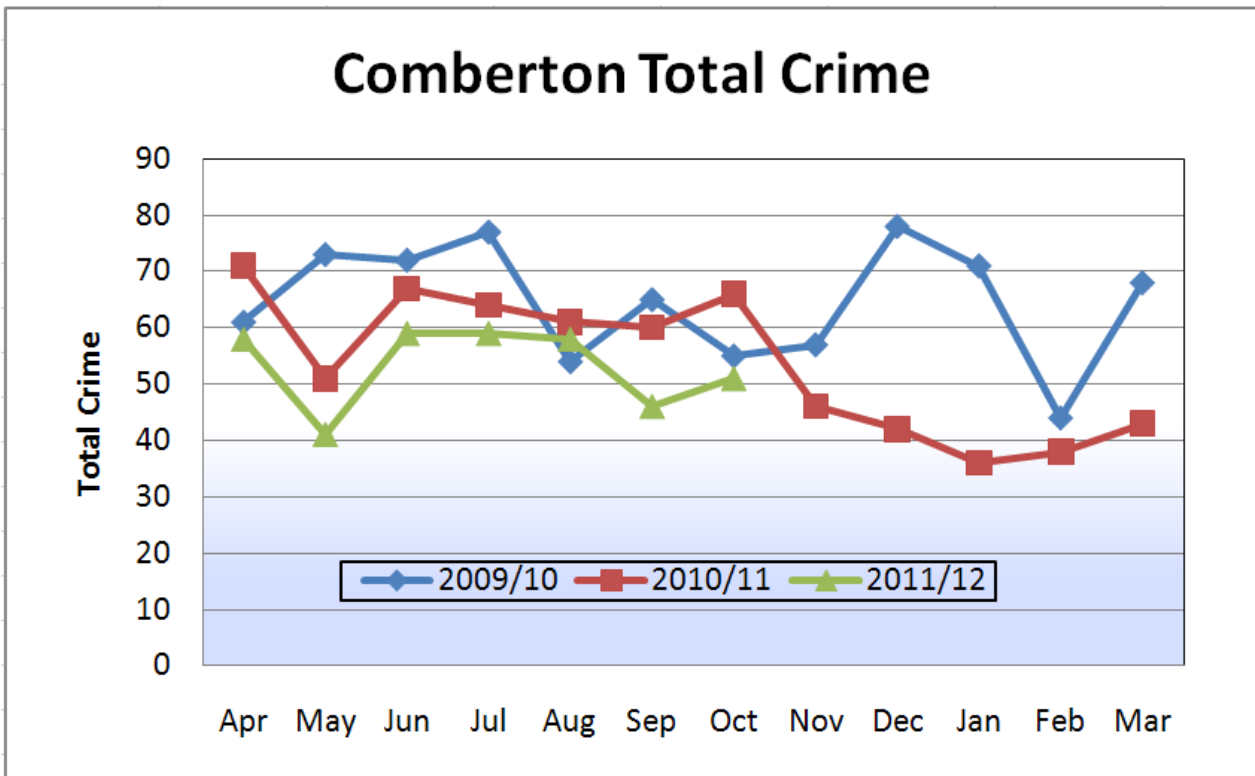
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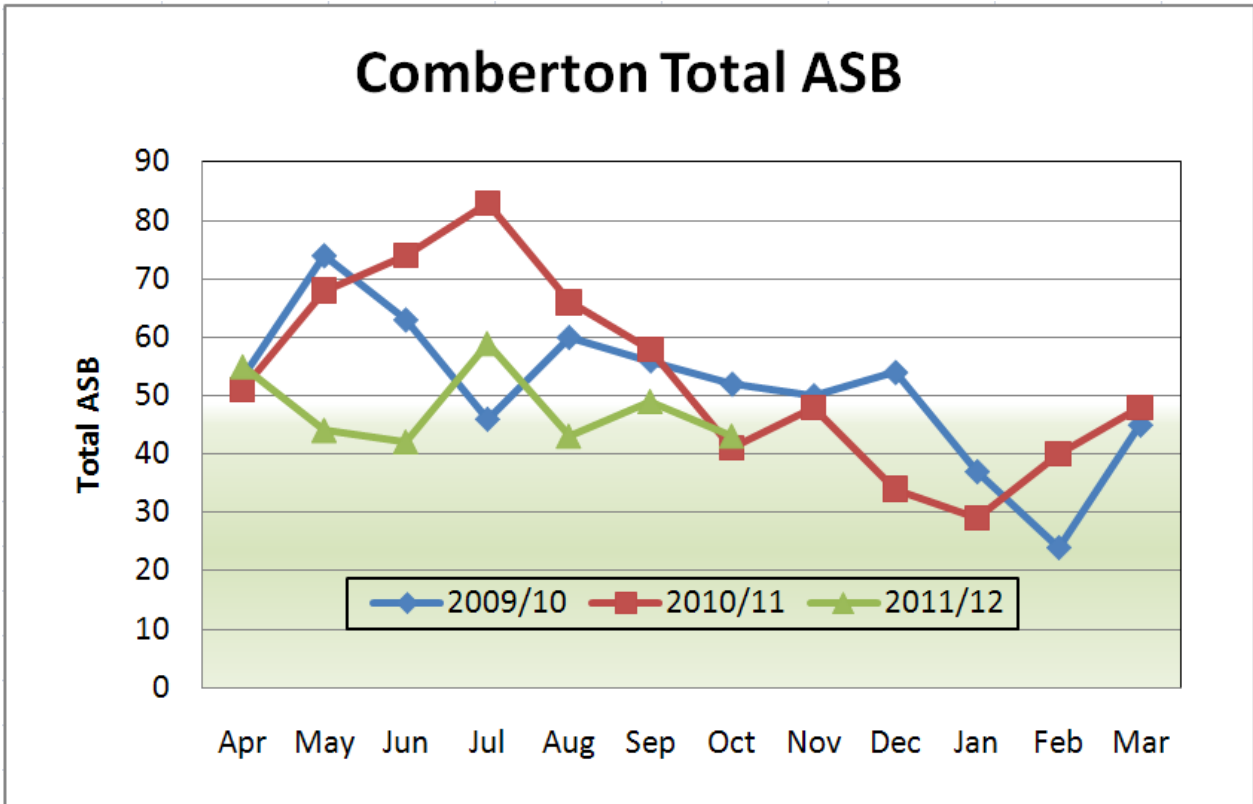
- Only 5 offences were reported over the 3 month period.
- Two theft from vehicle offences occurred on the same night in August on Ellison Lane. In both offences, index plates were removed from the vehicles parked on the street.
- Two daytime dwelling burglaries occurred at 2 properties on Sudeley Grove in September. Entry was gained through force, and jewellery was targeted.

ASB

- There were 10 ASB incidents reported in this three month period.
- No trends were identified due to the low levels of incidents.

4. Current Crime and Incident Levels





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Crime and Incident Levels in the Comberton area Neighbourhood, by Ward

These are the official figures published by the Force and the Home Office.

			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	
Nhod	Comberton Area	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	9	15	28	0	4	13	6	1	40	39	155	135	
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	6	13	39	1	4	11	3	4	30	48	159	145	
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	30	12	30	0	0	20	10	4	23	58	187	165	
Wards	Barton	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	1	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	4	5	22	8	
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	8	19	11	
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	3	1	2	0	0	14	1	0	1	25	47	14	
	Bourn	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	2	11	21	0	4	4	4	4	0	26	26	98	97
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	3	6	25	1	4	3	1	4	4	21	27	95	96
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	13	9	25	0	0	4	4	3	14	23	95	106	
	Caldecote	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	5	16	15
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	7	21	18
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	5	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	6	22	12
	Comberton	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	3	14	5
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	14	7
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	6	10
	Hardwick	<i>Aug 11 – Oct 11</i>	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	10
		<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	10	13
		<i>Aug 10 – Oct 10</i>	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	17	23

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Top 10¹ ASB Incident Types in the Comberton Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

Please Note

Incident levels for each of the wards may not be consistent with the official figures that will be published by the Force and Home Office. This is because the data system used to draw the level of detail needed for the ASB type breakdown for this report may not contain precise locations due to the way incidents are reported e.g. ASB reported where ward boundaries lie could initially be recorded in the neighbouring ward but subsequently corrected.

The figures should only be used as a guide and not regarded as official statistics for publication.

			Abandoned vehicle (Not stolen)	Malicious/ Nuisance Communication	Message	Neighbour Dispute	Noise – All Types	Road Related	Rowdy/ Nuisance Incident	Vehicle Related Nuisance	Violence	Other Call Types	Grand Total
Nhod	Comberton Area	Aug 11 – Oct 11	6	17	2	5	9	2	65	12	6	8	132
		May 11 – Jul 11	6	10	0	7	8	1	66	27	7	15	147
Wards	Barton	Aug 11 – Oct 11	1	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	7
		May 11 – Jul 11	2	1	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	11
	Bourn	Aug 11 – Oct 11	4	12	1	2	9	1	47	8	5	7	96
		May 11 – Jul 11	3	3	0	3	4	1	50	19	7	7	97
	Caldecote	Aug 11 – Oct 11	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	3	1	1	15
		May 11 – Jul 11	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	2	18
	Comberton	Aug 11 – Oct 11	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5
		May 11 – Jul 11	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	7
	Hardwick	Aug 11 – Oct 11	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	9
		May 11 – Jul 11	1	2	0	2	2	0	3	1	0	3	14

¹ Top 9 incident types as there was only 1 report of each remaining incident type

6. Recommendations

The following Neighbourhood Priorities are recommended for consideration:

- **Non dwelling burglary in Cambourne.**
- **Continue to tackle road safety concerns to include speeding and obstructive parking in Cambourne, and support Speedwatch activity across the neighbourhood.**