



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

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in South Cambridgeshire

Please note that due to changes in the Police incident reporting system we will now be using the final call type rather than the Closure Class Definitions in the summary tables.

3. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 18th May 2011, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<Priority> Misuse of open spaces	
Objective	Continue to address the inappropriate use of green spaces across the panel area giving focus to Cambourne, Recreation Ground and Alms Hill in Bourn and Millers Row, Toft.
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrols have been conducted at public green spaces and recreation areas, in support of this priority, including the following locations; Bourn Rec; Greenhaze Park, Monkfield Ln Rec and the Cambourne Lakes Nature Reserve; Comberton Rec; Byron's Pool and Grantchester Meadows; Millers Rd Toft and Caldecote Rec. • Generally few issues encountered during these patrols, including those undertaken in an unmarked car. • Youths drinking alcohol – Comberton Rec, Grantchester Meadows and Monkfield Ln Rec - have been dealt robustly by confiscation and Guardian Awareness Programme letters. • Particularly significant gatherings occurred at Grantchester Meadows and Cambourne Lakes related to Year 11 school leavers. • 15 drugs searches conducted, one seizure made and a Cannabis Formal Warning issued as a result of this patrol activity. • 2 trials bike incidents attended in Millers Rd – search failed to locate individuals concerned, and concerns raised about the use of Bridleways in the Borne/Caldecote/Hardwick area in a similar manner. • Comberton Village College surgeries have proved to be increasingly popular and have been used to promote awareness of the impact of ASB on the Community.
Current Situation	Total Rowdy Nuisance, Noise and Vehicle Related ASB has essentially remained (101 vs. 95 incidents) when compared to the previous quarter. Subsequent quarter is likely to see a seasonal reduction in such incidents.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue in the absence of more pressing neighbourhood concerns otherwise discharge.

<Priority> Road Safety	
Objective	Continue to tackle road safety concerns to include speeding in Bourn, Croxton, Toft, Madingley, Eltisley and Caldecote.
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity targeting speeding motorists has taken place in Main St, Cambridge Rd and St Neots Rd, Hardwick; St Neots, Rd Eltisley; A428 Cambourne; Ermine St and Gransden Rd Caxton; High St, Toft; Highfields, Caldecote; A1198; Church Ln, Madingley. • Well over 892 vehicles speed checked with the following results; 51 tickets, 47 warning letters, 4 reported for summons and 2 vehicles seized for no insurance. • An additional 47 tickets were issued for a variety of other offences including mobile phone use, seatbelt, licence and MOT offences.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A moped rider and the driver of a car received Section 59 warnings for anti-social vehicle use. • 48 tickets issued as a result of safety camera van deployments including 21 for the new community instigated locations in Caxton and Toft. • Incidental results from this priority include an arrest and a formal cannabis warning for cannabis possession and 8 drug searches of vehicle occupants. • Parking Patrols have been conducted in High St, School Lane and Monkfield, Cambourne; Main St Hardwick and Grantchester with 5 drivers being advised and moved on.
Current Situation	Speeding and wider road safety issues remain a concern for the neighbourhood and are also the 'Peoples' Priority'.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue.

Engagement Activity

Neighbourhood officers participated in a drugs warrant and firearms warrant in the Neighbourhood during this period with no further, ensuing, investigation.

Emerging Issues

Comberton Area Neighbourhood trends

Total Crime has increased from 139 offences in the previous period to 159 in the latest quarter. In same period last year there were 182 offences recorded.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels have remained stable at 145 incidents. Interestingly, this is comparably lower than the same period last year which recorded 225 incidents.

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

Crime

- Total crime in Barton Ward remains low and consistent with the previous period. Only 19 offences were reported over the latest 3 month period.
- Three theft from vehicle offences occurring in Barton were reported in June. This is the only link between these offences as, in each offence offender(s) have targeted different things, i.e. blue badge from dashboard, and exhaust from van.
- No further trends or patterns were identified due to low level of offences.

ASB

- Over the 3 month period, there have been 11 ASB incidents reported.
- There have been no ASB incidents of note.

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

Crime

- Offence levels in Bourn have seen a marked increase, however, this was relatively low against offence levels reported for the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences remain consistent with the previous period, with offences seen on Broadway, Lancaster Gate and School Lane. All 3 offences occurred in the month of June, however, the entry MOs employed were varied, including 1 entered through an insecure rear door.
- Violent offences have seen an increase over the 3 month period to 25 offences, however, this is still at a lower level than the same period last year. Of the 25 offences, 11 were domestic related offences and a further 3 offences actually related to the same incident in which 3 victims were assaulted.
- Four vehicles were stolen during the period, 1 of which was an insecure vehicle parked on a drive with the keys in the ignition, another one was taken by a friend without permission and was subsequently involved in a road traffic collision. A further abandoned vehicle left in disrepair was stolen on Eastgate, Great Cambourne.
- Criminal damage offences have also seen an increase from 13 in the previous period to 21 currently. This is likely to be a seasonal trend as 20 offences were recorded for the same period last year. Repeat locations for offences include, Damson Way (4 offences) and School Lane (6) in Lower Cambourne.

ASB

- During the period, ASB levels remain stable with 96 incidents reported. This is a notable reduction on the 154 reported in the same period last year.
- Vehicle related nuisance accounted for 19 incidents. Repeat locations for these incidents were on Back Lane and Crow Hill Lane.
- Similarly, rowdy and nuisance incidents have also been reported at the above locations, but also at Broad Street, Green Haze Lane, Jeavons Lane, Monkfield Lane, and School Lane.

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

Crime

- Offence levels remain consistent with the previous three month period with 21 offences reported overall.
- During the period, 2 theft from vehicle offences were reported on Highfields Road and Clare Drive. A set of index plates and a CD/radio player was stolen from these offences respectively and are unlikely to be linked.
- An attempt was made to burgle a property on Tinkers Lane, Kingston, in June. This was the only dwelling burglary reported during the period, which is consistent with the same period last year.
- An offender has targeted a commercial property on St. Neots Road, Dry Drayton, twice within a week in July. This offender was arrested and charged with both offences.
- Violent offences have remained consistent with the previous period. Four out of 5 offences were domestic related.

ASB

- Caldecote ward recorded 18 ASB incidents compared with 8 in the previous period. This however is comparatively consistent with the same period last year.
- The majority of the rowdy/nuisance incidents occurred on Furlong Way in Highfields Caldecote (4/6 incidents). These were mainly youth-related incidents reported by intimidated elderly complainants.
- Vehicle related nuisances accounted for a third of the incidents reported. Out of the 6 offences reported, 5 incidents relate to youths using trial/motorcross bikes in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner. Three of these incidents were reported on Millers Road. The remaining incidents were recorded on Blythe Way and Main Street in Highfields/Caldecote.

- Malicious/nuisance communication incidents have doubled, however, two of these incidents were reported by the same complainant referring to nuisance SMS messages.

Comberton Ward (*Comberton*)

Crime

- Total crime in Comberton has increased to 14 offences reported during the last three month period. This is still comparably low and is consistent with the previous period.
- Two of the 3 violent offences reported were related to the same domestic dispute.
- No further trends noted due to low level of offences reported.

ASB

- Only 7 ASB incidents reported were reported over the three month period.
- Two incidents reported on the same day in May, were youth-related, including 1 report of a rave occurring on Hines Lane and another incidents where a group of youths were throwing stones at passing vehicles on Barton Road. A further incident was reported on Hines Lane in July, referring to youths starting a fire underneath the skate ramp.

Hardwick Ward (*Hardwick*)

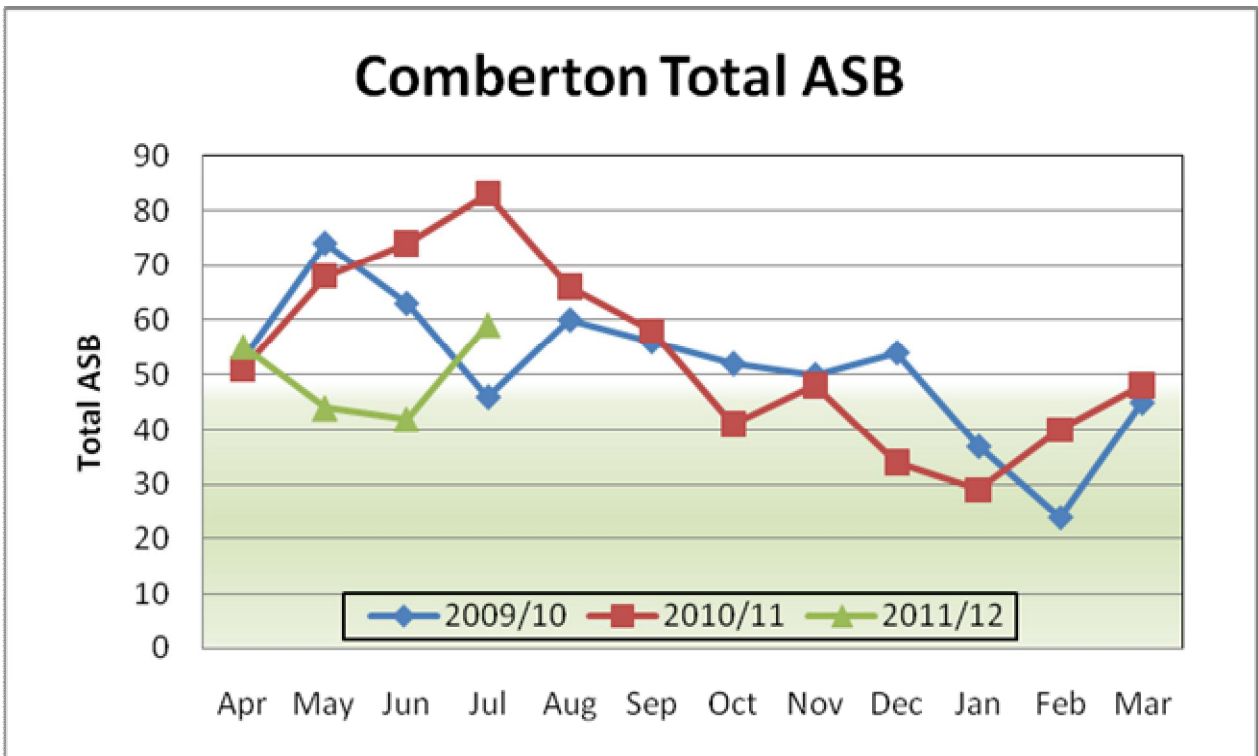
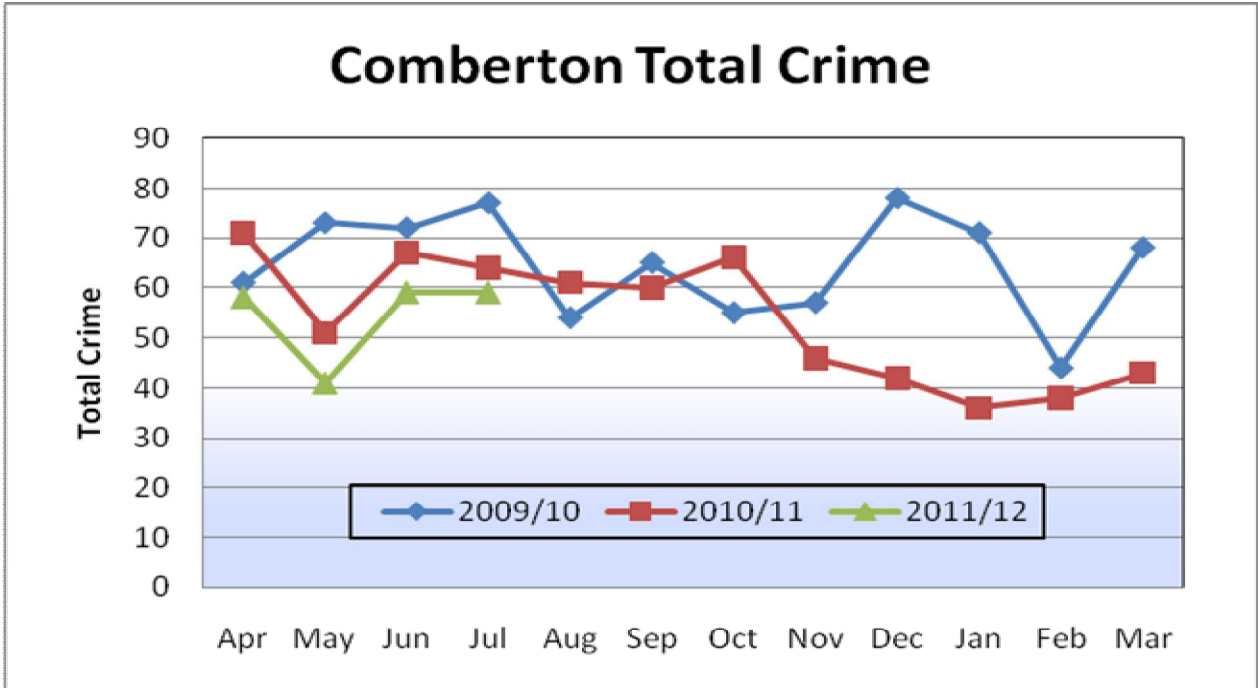
Crime

- Offence levels in Hardwick remain low and stable at 10 offences reported over the 3 month period.
- 4 violent offences were reported during the period, however, these all appear unrelated and were mainly domestic or neighbour disputes.
- Only 1 dwelling burglary was reported on Laxton Avenue during the period in May. Unknown offender(s) entered the property via unknown means.
- During the period 2 theft from vehicle offences were reported in June. One offence targeted a vehicle for its index plates and the other targeted a toolbox left in the rear of an insecure vehicle. Both offences were overnight offences occurring on Bramley Way and Meridian Close respectively.
- No further trends were identified in the remaining offences.

ASB

- There were 13 ASB incidents reported in this three month period.
- Three of the 13 incidents relate to an ongoing neighbour dispute on Egremont Road.
- No further trends were identified in the remaining 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>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	6	13	39	1	4	11	3	4	30	48	159	145
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	6	20	31	1	2	3	10	4	23	39	139	143
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	10	23	45	1	4	21	13	1	32	32	182	225
Wards	Barton	<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	8	19	11
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	2	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	6	17	11
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	1	2	4	0	0	13	5	0	4	8	37	24
	Bourn	<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	3	6	25	1	4	3	1	4	21	27	95	96
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	3	9	20	0	1	2	5	2	13	24	79	98
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	7	16	34	0	4	5	2	1	20	15	104	154
	Caldecote	<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	4	7	21	18
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	6	18	8
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	16	20
	Comberton	<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	14	7
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	1	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	1	13	12
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	3	1	11	14
	Hardwick	<i>May 11 – Jul 11</i>	1	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	10	13
		<i>Feb 11 – Apr 11</i>	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	12	14
		<i>May 10 – Jul 10</i>	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	14	13

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Top 10 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)	Criminal Damage	Domestic	Malicious/ Nuisance Communication	Neighbour Dispute	Noise – All Types	Prejudice Incident	Rowdy/ Nuisance Incident	Suspicious Circumstances	Vehicle Related Nuisance	Violence	Other Call Types	Grand Total
Nhod	Comberton Area	May 11 – Jul 11	6	2	2	10	7	8	4	66	2	27	7	6	147
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	12	1	0	16	1	6	0	68	1	21	9	10	145
Wards	Barton	May 11 – Jul 11	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	11
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	2	11
	Bourn	May 11 – Jul 11	3	1	1	3	3	4	3	50	1	19	7	2	97
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	6	1	0	9	1	6	0	46	0	16	7	6	98
	Caldecote	May 11 – Jul 11	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	6	0	6	0	1	18
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
	Comberton	May 11 – Jul 11	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	7
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	2	14
	Hardwick	May 11 – Jul 11	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	14
		Feb 11 – Apr 11	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	14

6. Recommendations

The following Neighbourhood Priorities are recommended for consideration:

- Road Safety issues
- Misuse of green spaces