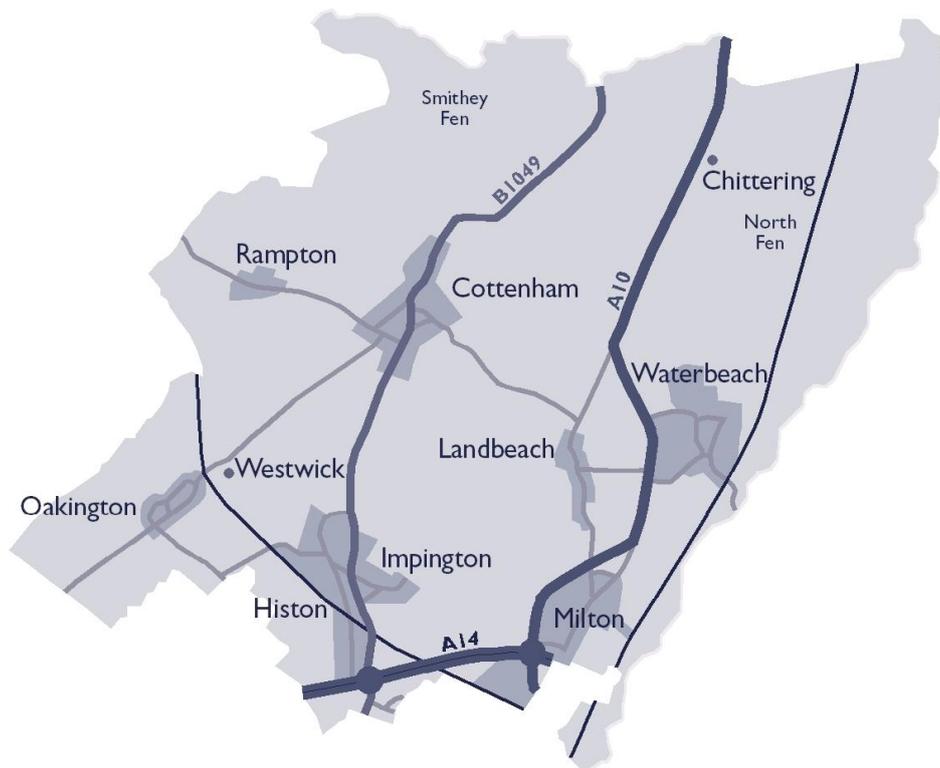


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South Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team Histon Neighbourhood



Histon Panel Meeting Update

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1. Introduction

The aim of the neighbourhood profile update is to inform quarterly consultation meetings between police and public to identify and prioritise issues of concern to local communities. The profile document includes police crime and incident information to help identify ongoing and emerging crime and anti-social behaviour issues, along with feedback provided by individuals and groups within each area gathered by a variety of means by the local policing team.

Based on the data within this document and contributions at the meeting, the chair will identify a number of priorities for the local policing team to progress and report back on.

2. Previous Priorities

Speeding – Setting up a speed watch in Histon and enforcement											
Objective	To continue work with the community to reduce speeding.										
Action Taken	<p>A speed watch group is being formed for Histon and Impington Villages. Five volunteers have come forward and have been provided with access to training and equipment. The scheme will be up and running as soon as training is arranged by the new team.</p> <p>Police held a day of action to target speeding across the neighbourhood. The results were as follows.</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cottenham</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rampton</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oakington</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landbeach</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Histon</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All but one speeder was reported to attend a speed awareness course, one driver was travelling in excess of 50 MPH so will be reported to the courts.</p>	Cottenham	7	Rampton	5	Oakington	5	Landbeach	0	Histon	4
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Current Situation	<p>Speeding has been a continuous concern for the residents of most villages since the South Cambridgeshire panel meetings began in 2005</p> <p>Police enforcement of speeding in this time has yet to prove successful in resolving concerns about road safety and speeding. From January 2014, the model to deal with such issues will comprise residents asking their Parish Councils to lead on road safety plans in their village, to target and co-ordinate work being undertaken and address road safety concerns.</p> <p>The Police will take enforcement action as part of these parish led plans in partnership with the County Council and Speedwatch schemes. Parishes will then be asked to present the results of this work at the panel.</p> <p>Police will still respond to locations of significant public concern outside these Parish action plans, should spontaneous or emerging issue be identified.</p> <p>The Police teams will be making contact with Parish councils about this matter in the near future.</p>										

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Young person's priorities – Milton Tesco	
Objective	Following a survey of around 500 young people respondents identified a number of issues that concerned them across the neighbourhood. Of note were the number of comments about Milton Tesco, reports of drug use and the fear of crime when using the covered foot path next to the store.
Action Taken	<p>Following the last meeting immediate action was taken to check that CCTV in the area was functioning, and liaison with Tesco security staff. The feedback from the survey was shared with IVC and the youth locality teams.</p> <p>Sgt Rogerson and PCSO Mason met with the managers of Milton Tesco. Managers have agreed to undertake some work looking to improve the area in partnership with the Police and have agreed to consult with local people about the area.</p> <p>The first action undertaken was to issue civil banning notices to a number of young people who were regularly meeting in the car park in the evening leaving litter, and have been recently fined by Police for low level drugs offences. It was agreed that their continuous presence in the car park was contributing to the general fear of crime in the area.</p> <p>PCSO Mason is currently forming a small working group to conduct a visual audit with some of the young people who replied to our survey. The aim of which will be to identify improvements that can be made. Participants invited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tesco - Parish Council - IVC student council - Police - SCDC ASB case worker. <p>Sgt Rogerson met with the Parish Council in September and briefed them on the priority and planned action.</p> <p>PCSO Mason is to hold surgeries outside the store during busy times and improve Police presence in the areas. We also plan to conduct a follow up survey and provide direct feedback to the students who completed our initial survey.</p>
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3. Police crime and incident data

A full table of crime and incident data for July 2013- September 2013 (inclusive) is included at the end of the document.

Overall there has been an increase of six crimes compared to the last period, and a reduction of eight crimes against this time last year.

Histon, Impington and Orchard Park

Crime

Overall crime in Histon, Impington, Orchard Park and the Meadows has increased by twelve offences to a total of one hundred and twelve offences; this increase is accounted for by a sharp increase in reports of cycle theft. The thirty four offences account for one offence every three days over the last quarter. The common theme is thefts facilitated by the use of low quality cable lock; it is noteworthy that none of the thefts have involved cycles locked by a d-lock. There does not appear to be any sophisticated MO in use, offenders are simply stamping or kicking off locks. There is no one single location that is being targeted specifically, locations range from gardens, cycle stores, business premises and school premises. The only identifiable repeat location is Histon guided bus stop, with six crimes over the quarter. There is an increasing trend for stealing bikes from front gardens, mainly with cycle left insecure.

There has been reduction in house burglary shown against the last period, however the number of break-ins remain higher than last year. There were three burglaries in one day in Histon during August where a male was seen after the burglaries in suspicious circumstances, he was not traced.

Six crimes of theft were recorded from Impington Village College, two young people are on bail and await disposal having admitted stealing items such as ipods and mobile phones from other students. Joint action will be taken by the school and Police.

A male has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life, having set fire to items in his partners rear garden, he awaits a court date. A male received a conditional discharge from courts for a racially aggravated harassment that occurred in Orchard Park.

Violent crime remains higher than the other three wards in the neighbourhood but reduced against this time last year. A male was arrested, and is on Police bail, following a GBH after a large party in Orchard Park. The investigation continues at this point. There are no general patterns in violent crime of concern; the majority of crime includes circumstances where the suspect is known to the offender.

There has been a reduction in criminal damage; this is likely to be due to a reduction in graffiti across the neighbourhood.

Anti social behaviour

Residents of a street in Orchard Park have met with local officers and their land lord to discuss noise and ASB in relation to a prostitute using a house in a near-by street. This is being case managed by the housing provider as it relates to noise and nuisance; the reports of prostitution have been investigated by the Police.

The Meadows - Sunflower Street. There is an ongoing dispute between three neighbours, this involves allegations of name calling, low level threats and general noise and nuisance. PCSO Martin is case managing this situation closely with Wheery housing. This prompted a door to door survey of the area, during which the majority of resident reported no concerns.

Cottenham, Oakington and Rampton.

Crime

Reported crime in the ward has increased by thirteen offences on the last period but remains stable compared to last year with a small increase of four crimes. The quarterly increase is accounted for by a rise in break-ins to out buildings and commercial premises. The main increase in this crime type is a seasonal trend of break-ins to allotment buildings. This rise in crime type is accompanied by a very low detection rate, due to the often isolated location and therefore lack of witnesses. Outbuildings also provide little opportunity for recovery of forensic evidence. The local Police team are currently running an action plan to identify these repeat locations as they develop and work with allotment owners to increase the security of sheds and out buildings.

Criminal damage remains stable compared to last year and last quarter, damage around the village recreation ground has remained low.

There was a short spate of house burglaries between the end of July and August, three homes were targeted. There were a number of forensic leads that are still being followed up, however no suspect has been identified yet.

A male was arrested for drink drive in Rampton and assaulted a Constable, he was later convicted at court and received a fourteen week sentence and a five year disqualification from driving. Eight people received eighty pound fines for possession of cannabis following stop searches.

Six people were fined having being found in possession of cannabis in the last quarter.

At the time of writing, there remains no update from the Met-Police in regards to the arrests made at Smithy Fen.

Anti-social behaviour

Coolidge gardens – There have been a high number of calls for service over the last quarter relating to three specific families in the street. Police have been working with SCDC housing team and Metropolitan housing to resolve the situation. One family have been evicted for breach of tenancy by causing ASB in the area. Two further families are being case managed by Police. The complaints mainly relate to children being let out unsupervised.

Police are also working with SDCD environmental health officers to resolve a noise complaint between a group of neighbours in Franklin Gardens Cottenham.

Waterbeach and Chittering

Crime

Crime in Waterbeach and Chittering remains low, and crime has reduced in the last quarter from forty to thirty three crimes. This is also a year on year reduction. Criminal damage remains the single issue of concern in the village, in number only. There are no identifiable patterns or trends in damage across the village.

One male remains on police bail for possession with intent to supply cannabis and cocaine. Drugs were seized following a search, now thought to be worth in excess of £110,000 street value. A series of search warrants were conducted in the last quarter in Waterbeach as part of a follow up investigation from this drugs seizure.

A male was arrested and charged driving a vehicle without consent and without a licence and insurance, he has been bailed to court.

No crime data has been provided by BTP for this period.

Anti-social behaviour

A family in Winfold road was case managed by the local Police team in partnership with Bedfordshire pilgrim's housing association. The investigations covered a protracted series of complaints about drug use and sale, abuse to neighbours and general antisocial behaviour. This case has now reached a conclusion and the tenants were made subject of a suspended possession order by the county court. Police reported in the previous panel document that tenants of this same house were prosecuted for possession of cannabis.

Milton, Landbeach

Crime

Recorded crime has increased over the last period, and remains stable compared against last year. Theft from vehicle continues to be an issue in the ward, with mainly commercial vehicles targeted. Business related crime accounts for around a third of crime in the neighbourhood. Twenty seven crimes relate to the commercial estate in the village, Tesco and the Science park. The regional college also reported four crimes relating theft of cycles and personal items.

There were five house burglaries over the last quarter, three of which shared similar methods of entry and have been linked. One crime almost certainly relates to items being stolen by a previous occupier and did not involve a break in.

There has been a very slight reduction in cycle crime, it is worth noting that these thefts are now occurring in and around the Science Park more commonly than the bus way.

There are five drugs crimes recorded in this period, three relate to the fen road estate in Cambridge City, the other two relate to an address on Cambridge Road, the occupants of which have now been moved on by their landlord.

Anti-social behaviour

As referred to above, ongoing problems around an address in Cambridge Road Milton have much improved. There has been a hand full of crime reported in the Country Park along with some reports of nuisance behaviour. There has been a significant improvement over the summer period (compared to last year) around the community centre and Cole Road car park, with a reduction to just a few calls for service relating to nuisance.

4. Community consultation and feedback

Online Survey – Results will be presented at the meeting

Surgeries:

Histon and Impington -

The Meadows – PCSO Martin held a joint door to door surgery with Wherry housing around the estate to discuss any concerns. No concerns were documented.

Cottenham – A joint walk in surgery was held in the community rooms in Coolidge Gardens aimed at gathering more information about an ongoing anti social behaviour problem. Officers from the local team, SDCD housing and two other registered social land lords attended to talk with residents. Ongoing partnership work continues to resolve these issues, and an eviction of one tenant has already gone ahead. A follow up meeting is being held on the 10th Oct.

Waterbeach – Officers from SCDC , Police and NHW co-ordinators are currently working together to plan for the new community likely to start moving into the old MOD housing in Waterbeach before the new year. The aim of this work is to provide welcome packs to new residents to help sign post towards advice for dealing with a wide range of ASB and crime issues. From a de-brief of Cambourne and Orchard park new communities work, it was identified that the CDRP (Crime and disorder reduction partnership) should help connect new communities with local services aimed to help deal with quality of life issues.

Milton – Sgt Rogerson attended a Parish council meeting; the parish asked a number of questions about the Policing of the proposed new railway station in the parish. An update was given in relation to work ongoing, to deal with a “crack house”.As per the above update, the tenants in question have been moved by their private landlord.

Histon – There has been ongoing consultation between local agencies, IVC and local councillors to monitor the previous Graffiti issues. There has been an overall reduction in graffiti and SCDC have continued to work with Sgt Rogerson to share information on the matter as a number of incidents were now being reported to the Police before being reported to the council for clearing up.

Cottenham - Following operation Elven, the arrest of five males from Smithy fen, there has been continued work to engage with the rest of the traveller community not involved in any way in the allegations. The Traveller Times published a national article reporting concerns about excessive use of force by Police during the operation. The Traveller Times has been contacted and invited to join local officers on patrol to get a better sense of day to day work with residents, a date is yet to be agreed, but the editors have been keen to learn more about the day to day neighbourhood policing of the community. During the operation Police were not required to use force on any person above the use of hand cuffs to detain arrested persons. During the operation UK Power network and EDF energy attended and made safe a number of dangerous power junctions. The junction boxes were made safe by UK Power networks to ensure the continued safety of Police officers lawfully on the sites, and to ensure they were left safe on leaving so no other person was injured. There is still tension on the site between a small number residents as they feel they were unfairly treated by Police during the operation and singled out by the media. No official complaint has been made, but the local team are working to resolve any remaining grievances.

Force satisfaction survey

Each month the force conducts telephone surveys to measure satisfaction over a number of different crime types and performance measures (see annex).

Over the last two period's the number of people satisfied with ease of contact has reduced, with increases in satisfaction in the other areas of the survey. The rate of satisfaction with the “whole experience remain stable.

5. Recommendations

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- 1) Continue work to improve Milton Tesco for young persons and reduce the fear of crime.
- 2) Crime prevention work as per last year to prevent a seasonal increase in cycle crime.

6. Current Crime and Incident Levels

Crime and Incident Levels in the Histon Area Neighbourhood, by Ward

	Date from	Date to	Burglary dwelling	Burglary non dwelling	All violent crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Pedal cycle theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	Total Crime	ASB
Total Histon	Jul-13	Sep-13	21	26	28	0	3	26	49	12	36	73	274	175
	Jul-12	Sep-12	19	12	23	0	9	18	34	9	40	70	234	145
	Apr-13	Jun-13	8	25	43	0	5	16	26	13	42	72	250	156
Cottenham	Jul-13	Sep-13	6	12	5	0	0	4	4	4	11	16	62	55
	Jul-12	Sep-12	5	4	4	0	3	7	4	2	10	10	49	26
	Apr-13	Jun-13	1	7	12	0	1	3	1	5	16	12	58	43
Histon and Impington	Jul-13	Sep-13	6	9	17	0	1	8	34	1	8	28	112	60
	Jul-12	Sep-12	11	4	9	0	4	6	18	2	16	30	100	71
	Apr-13	Jun-13	2	6	20	0	3	1	12	2	15	28	89	59
Milton	Jul-13	Sep-13	5	2	5	0	1	9	7	4	9	25	67	27
	Jul-12	Sep-12	2	2	5	0	2	4	8	5	2	16	46	22
	Apr-13	Jun-13	2	5	8	0	0	8	9	5	9	17	63	22
Waterbeach	Jul-13	Sep-13	4	3	1	0	1	5	4	3	8	4	33	33
	Jul-12	Sep-12	1	2	5	0	0	1	4	0	12	14	39	26
	Apr-13	Jun-13	3	7	3	0	1	4	4	1	2	15	40	32

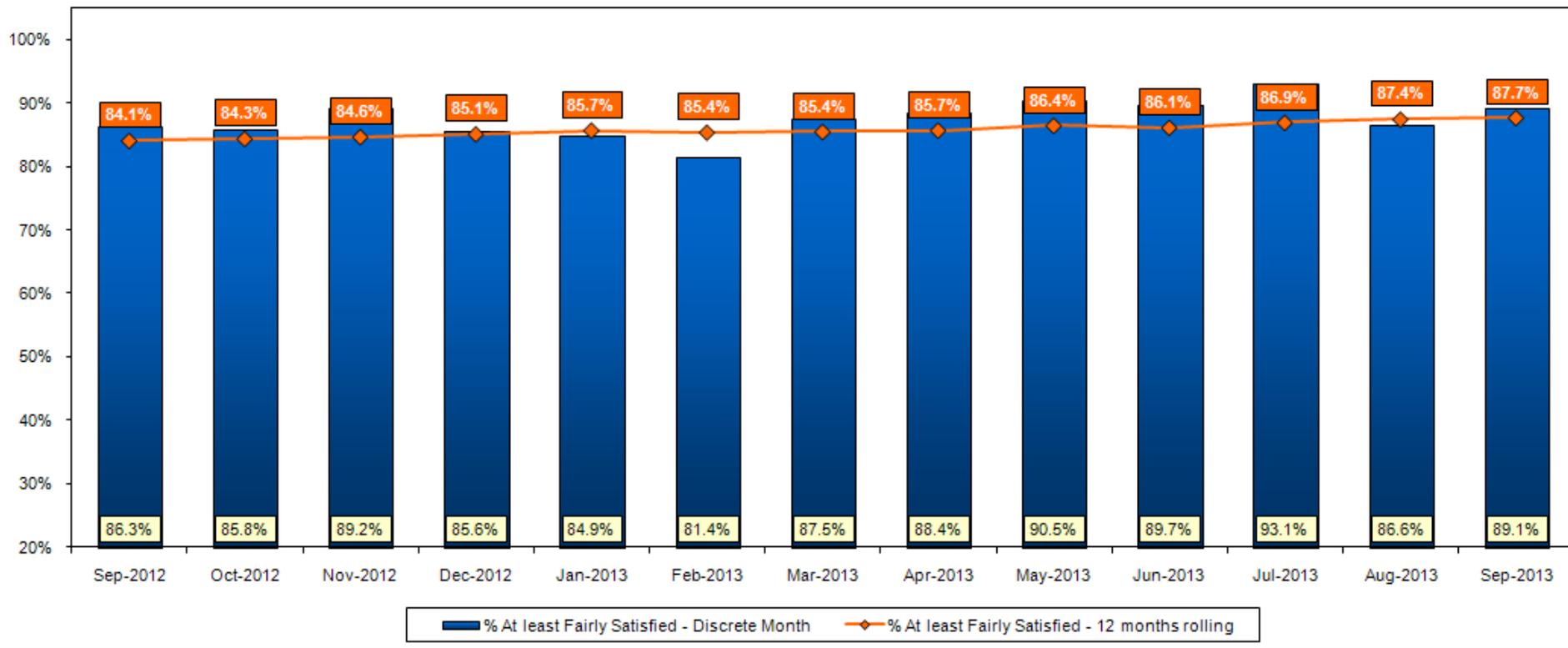
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Satisfaction- South Cambridgeshire (last two periods)

Question asked:	Whole experience	Ease of contact	Police actions	Follow up	Treatment
Last period (April 12- June 12)					
Total respondents	68	61	69	69	69
Number satisfied	62	61	60	52	62
Lower confidence interval	84.8%	100.0%	79.4%	65.7%	83.1%
Percentage satisfied	91.2%	100.0%	87.0%	75.4%	89.9%
Upper confidence interval	97.6%	100.0%	94.5%	85.0%	96.6%
Current period (July2013- Sep 2013)					
Total respondents	71	56	72	72	71
Number satisfied	64	55	66	63	69
Lower confidence interval	83.6%	94.9%	85.6%	80.2%	93.5%
Percentage satisfied	90.1%	98.2%	91.7%	87.5%	97.2%
Upper confidence interval	96.7%	101.5%	97.7%	94.8%	100.8%

Constabulary; % at least Fairly Satisfied with Whole Experience; showing 12 months rolling and discrete month data for All Categories (excl Racist) over time

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	Sep-2012	Oct-2012	Nov-2012	Dec-2012	Jan-2013	Feb-2013	Mar-2013	Apr-2013	May-2013	Jun-2013	Jul-2013	Aug-2013	Sep-2013
Month - no. of satisfied/responden	126 / 146	127 / 148	132 / 148	125 / 146	124 / 146	118 / 145	126 / 144	130 / 147	133 / 147	131 / 146	135 / 145	129 / 149	131 / 147
Rolling 12 - no. of satisfied/responden	1502 / 1787	1508 / 1788	1514 / 1789	1523 / 1790	1525 / 1780	1516 / 1776	1515 / 1773	1520 / 1774	1530 / 1770	1513 / 1757	1526 / 1756	1536 / 1757	1541 / 1758

The orange data points show those victim users of the Constabulary's services who were at least fairly satisfied with the aspect selected using 12 months rolling data for the crime type displayed. The blue columns show the satisfaction in the discrete month and give an indication as to what has just come into or is about to drop out of the rolling 12 data. The table below the graph shows the actual number of satisfied respondents and the overall total who responded. The size of any rise or fall in the rolling 12 will be influenced by this.