



# **Littleport Neighbourhood Panel Update**

**October 2013**

## East Cambridgeshire District Council – Action Updates:

Priority – No priorities recorded

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Objective	
Lead Agency	
Action Taken	
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Continue or Discharge?	

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**Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:**

No.	Issue	Issue and Action Taken
1	<p><b><u>Littleport Community Primary School</u></b></p> <p>Recycling vehicles that empty the recycling banks opposite the school have been parking on the yellow zig zag markings on the road whilst they service the banks. This is illegal. The school caretaker has had an unpleasant altercation with one of the drivers of a recycling vehicle when he challenged his parking.</p>	<p>The contractors responsible for emptying the recycling banks have been contacted accordingly and asked not to empty banks near schools during busy periods, also all drivers have been reminded they should not be arguing with the public and any issues should be referred back to the Council for resolution.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Woodfen road</u></b></p> <p>Fencing work, when to be carried out.</p>	<p>We are awaiting a start date from contractors and Officers will update the Panel when this is confirmed.</p>
3	<p><b><u>Across Panel area</u></b></p> <p>Bird scarers going off early AM. Breaching regulations by going off at 4AM? Details needed about which fields they are going off in</p>	<p>Standard guidance is available from the NFU in a bird scarer's code (sample copies available). Environmental Health offer advice and guidance only to farmers. There are no statutory provisions against the early sounding of bird scarers. Most of the scarers are light triggered which is why then can go off early in the summer mornings. However, the units can be adjusted to go off earlier and it is this advice that is provided by Environmental Health at ECDC.</p> <p>To provide this advice ECDC Environmental Health would ideally need the name and address of a farmer or at least a precise location for where the noise is originating.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Beech court</u></b></p> <p>Access area fly tip for garden waste. Cannon Kirk owner.</p>	<p>ECDC will only investigate issues of fly-tipping on public land and these issues should be addressed to the Council directly either by e-mail, phone or via the online portal at the time of the incident.</p> <p>Any fly-tipping on private land is the responsibility of the land owner.</p>

**Current Organisational Issues:**

1	
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*ECDC Fly tipping and dog fouling stats to be inserted here*

## Fly Tipping Reports and Enforcement Actions 2013/14

### Littleport Neighbourhood Panel

Parish/Village	Reported Fly Tips												Total	
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Black Horse Drove	0	0	0	0	0									0
Brandon Creek	0	0	0	0	0									0
Little Ouse	0	0	0	0	0									0
Littleport	4	5	1	0	1									11
<b>Month total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>							

## Dog Fouling Reports 2013/14

### Littleport Neighbourhood Panel

Parish/Village	Fouling Reports											Total	
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Black Horse Drove	0	0	0	0	0								0
Brandon Creek	0	0	0	0	0								0



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**Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:**

No.	Issue	Action Taken
1	New lighting and black spots at Longfield Road and the Crescent	<p>The street lighting for these two roads has been replaced as part of the street lighting PFI replacement programme being undertaken on behalf of the County Council by Balfour Beatty; this programme includes removal of a percentage of street lights in residential roads across Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>The areas where streets lights are not replaced do experience a lower level of lighting, which could be described as “dark spots”.</p> <p>Balfour Beatty will check to ensure that all of the street lights in these roads are working correctly when they next visit that part of the County.</p> <p>Balfour Beatty is currently discussing with District Councillor Morrison the options for Longfield Road, Littleport.</p> <p>Balfour Beatty has informed Councillor Morrison that it would be possible to reinstate the column which was removed from Longfield Road but this result in the need to remove another column in Littleport when Balfour Beatty undertakes the rest of the works in the town.</p>
2	Overgrown at Friars place onto footpaths. Hedges spread onto paths.	<p>In most cases, boundary hedges or planted shrubs adjacent to the public highway are in the ownership of the respective adjoining property owners and, therefore, the responsibility to maintain this planting (to ensure that there is no obstruction to the highway) rests with those property owners.</p> <p>However, the County Council, as Local Highway Authority, will, as a matter of priority,</p>

		<p>send letters to the property owners, to both remind them of their duties and request that they trim back the hedges and/or shrubs.</p> <p>The relevant officer within the Highways Service is seeking to clarify ownership issues and will arrange for any clearance work/trimming to be done as required.</p>
3	<p><b><u>BP garage</u></b>  Pedestrians and cars near misses. Crossing set back. Blocked view of cars from petrol station. Can crossing have black bars (zebra crossing markings)? Cars come off roundabout and pick up speed! Problem for Wisbech Road.</p>	<p>Awaiting update from County Council Highways.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Parsons Lane</u></b>  Drainage gullies in the vicinity of the cemetery are "sinking"</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highway Officer for the area is investigating the issue.</p>

**Current Organisational Issues:**

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**Sanctuary Housing – Action Updates:**

**Priorities: None recorded**

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Objective	
Lead Agency	
Action Taken	

<b>Current Situation</b>	
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	

**Other issues;**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	
1	Overgrown at Friars place onto footpaths. Hedges spread onto paths.	Officers have investigated area and not recorded any problems with overgrown hedges near Sanctuary properties.	
2			

**Previous Priorities: None set**

**Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting: – None identified**

**Current Organisational Issues:**

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## East Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team – Action Updates:

### Priorities:

- **Priority 1 - Crime and Antisocial Behaviour**

<b>Objective</b>	To deal with offenders suspected of involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour in Littleport, and tackle the recent increases in both																										
<b>Action Taken</b>	Officers have undertaken patrols in hotspot areas (incl. the area of St George's Medical Centre) and have dealt with a number of young people for offences (incl. dwelling burglary in the High St, arson at the Pavilion, criminal damage at the Skate Park and Littleport Community Primary School).																										
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>During this period numerous young people have been interviewed in relation to recent offences in Littleport, and 3 formally dealt with for offences.</p> <p>Crime has increased (by 1 offence) during this period, but many crimes recorded have been as a result of proactive activity and these crimes have been detected.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Littleport</th> <th>Apr – Jun 2013</th> <th>Jul – Sep 2013</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Total Crime</b></td> <td><b>82</b></td> <td><b>83</b></td> <td><b>+ 1.2%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Serious Acquisitive Crime</b></td> <td><b>7</b></td> <td><b>11</b></td> <td><b>+ 57.1%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Pedal Cycle Theft</b></td> <td><b>4</b></td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>- 75.0%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Criminal Damage</b></td> <td><b>20</b></td> <td><b>15</b></td> <td><b>- 25.0%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b></td> <td><b>43</b></td> <td><b>54</b></td> <td><b>+ 25.6%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Although ASB has increased, many reports do not relate to ASB affecting the wider community, and instead relate to nuisance messages on social media, noise complaints, neighbour disputes, and parking complaints where no offences have been committed.</p>			Littleport	Apr – Jun 2013	Jul – Sep 2013		<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>+ 1.2%</b>	<b>Serious Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+ 57.1%</b>	<b>Pedal Cycle Theft</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- 75.0%</b>	<b>Criminal Damage</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>- 25.0%</b>	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>+ 25.6%</b>
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**Other Issues Raised at the Panel meeting:**

Number	Issue	Action Taken
1	Incident at Littleport Station where a man was beaten up by a gang in front of his young Inspector Ormerod said that this would have been dealt with by the British Transport Police, but he would take it as an action and check up on it.	No update yet received from British Transport Police. Insp Ormerod will endeavour to obtain an update for the panel meeting.
2	Speedwatch brought up the parking problems at the school at Bank Row and at Ten Mile Bank	Parking patrols have been conducted in the area of the schools in Littleport, but no offences have been observed and therefore no tickets issued. We have not come across any issues with vehicles parking at Bank Row? Or Ten Mile Bank.
3	People driving along the footpath near to the Littleport Community Primary School	PCSO advised and has monitored the area, but no offences observed.
4	Problems with 2 cars parking outside 6 Gilbert Road,	PCSO advised and has monitored the area, but no offences observed.
5	Obstructive parking at The Crescent. A resident said it was often impossible for people with pushchairs or in wheelchairs to get past the vehicles.	PCSO advised and has monitored the area, but no offences observed.

Emerging Issues: *Police Intelligence Unit Update to be inserted here*

***Fire Service data***

**Secondary fires that could be associated with Anti-social Behaviour**