



Alley Gate Report

Back Cross Green Crescent

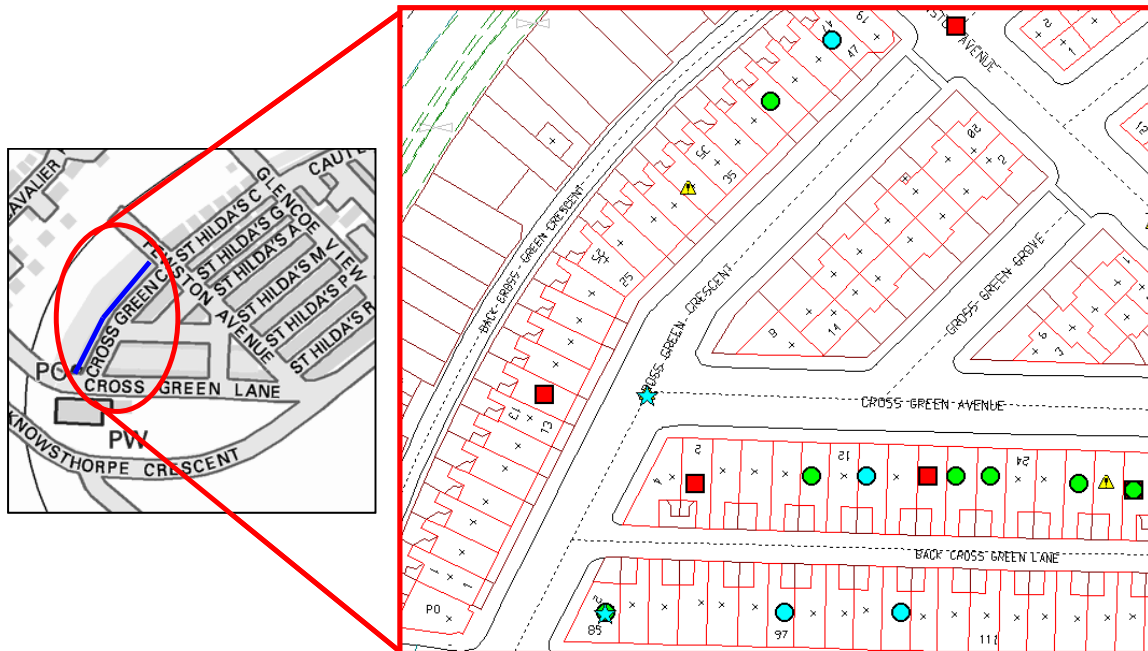
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour data obtained from Niche and Storm via Corvus, covering six months of data from 1st March – 31st August 2009.

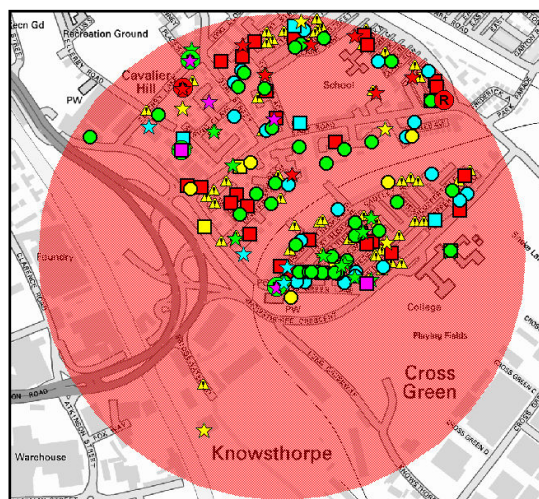
Introduction

Back Cross Green Crescent is within the Cross Green district of the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward, and is situated close to the A61, South Accommodation Road, and the former site of the Copperfield's College, which has recently been a site used by a travelling community.

It has been suggested by local residents that Back Cross Green Crescent should be considered for an alley gate. This report will examine both crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within a 500 metre radius of Back Cross Green Crescent, in order to identify and specific issues which may be alleviated by the installation of an alley gate.



The area highlighted on the map below has a radius of 500 metres, and covers an area of 0.3 square miles. This represents 8.96% of the area of the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward.



Appendix 2 – Crime stats

Crime

In the six month period from March to April 2009 there were a total of 166 priority crime occurrences within a 500m radius of Back Cross Green Crescent. The main issues within the area have been Burglary Dwellings, which have accounted for 14% of the offences recorded. Damages also accounted for 39% of the offences, and there were 33 Assaults, over half over which were domestics (18). Vehicle Crime, in particular Theft Of offences was high, with the highlighted area experiencing 19.05% of the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward's offences during the six month period.

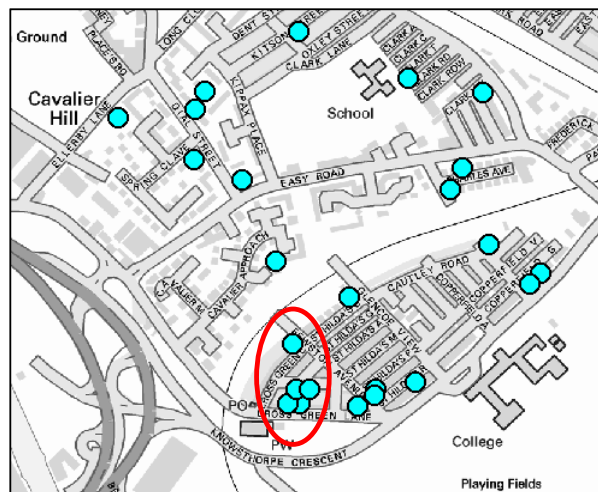
Occurrence Type	Area Total	BRH Total	% of BRH Total
Arson	3	18	16.67%
Assault	33	245	13.47%
Burglary Dwelling	24	231	10.39%
Burglary Other	8	98	8.16%
Criminal Damage - Building Non Dwelling	1	28	3.57%
Criminal Damage - Dwelling	37	170	21.76%
Criminal Damage - Motor Vehicle	20	150	13.33%
Criminal Damage - Non Specific	6	25	24.00%
Interference With M/V	6	34	17.65%
Robbery	3	45	6.67%
Theft From Person	4	38	10.53%
Theft From Vehicle	9	184	4.89%
Theft Of Vehicle	4	21	19.05%
TWOC	8	54	14.81%
Grand Total	166	1341	12.38%

The area within a 500m radius of has experienced a total of 12.38% of the priority crime within the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward. This is disproportionately large amount for an area which only represents 8.96% of the Ward's physical area.

Burglary Dwelling

Between March and August 2009 there have been 24 Burglary Dwelling offences within a 500m radius of Back Cross Green Crescent, which accounts for 10.39% of the burglaries in the BRH Ward. The Cross Green's have been the worst affected group of streets in the area, with a total of eight offences, five of which were on Cross Green Lane. The cluster of offences at the junction of Back Cross Green Crescent and Cross Green Lane has been highlighted on the map (right).

Within the highlighted area there have been a number of MO's used, the most common being entry via an insecure



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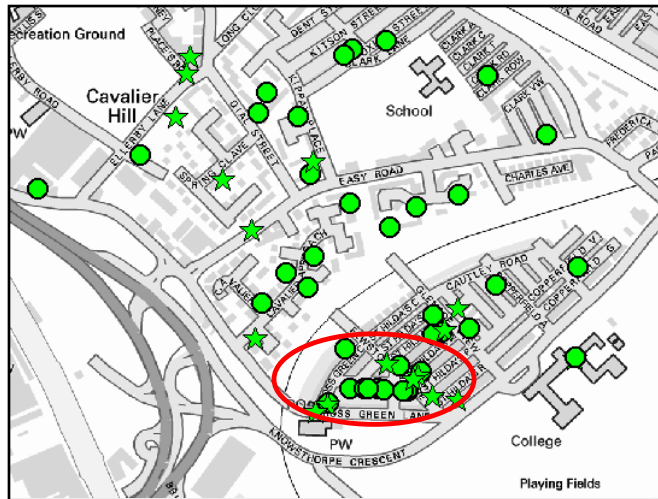
door or window (9) and the use of bodily force (5). In four occurrences the suspect/s entered the premises via the cellar. The property most frequently targeted has been games consoles, televisions, cash and jewellery.

The peak days for Burglary Dwelling offences within the area have been Tuesdays (5) and Sundays (5), with only one offence occurring on a Friday in the last six months. The peak times for offences has been in the afternoon, between 14:00 x 18:00 hours, and also in the evening / overnight between 20:00 x 02:00 hours.

Damages

There were 64 Damage offences in total in the highlighted area during the six month period, the majority of which were Damage to Dwelling offences (58%). As can be seen from the map (right), a large cluster of offences were in the Cross Green's. Cross Green Lane (9), St Hilda's Mount (7) and Cross Green Avenue (6) were the worst affected streets.

The most common form of damage caused was smashed windows (49), which accounted for over three quarters of offences (77%). Four of the offences recorded were classed as domestics according to Niche flags, and there were no racial or homophobic related damages in the six month period.

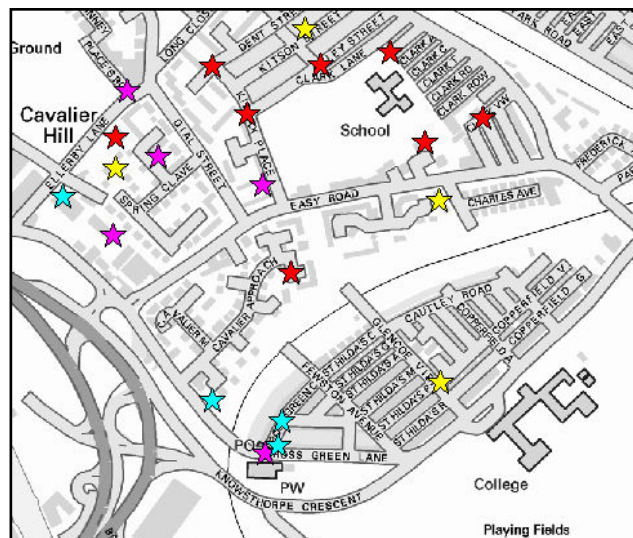


The peak days for offences were on Saturdays (15) and Sundays (15), and peak times were in the afternoon and late evening, between 17:00 x 01:00 hours.

Vehicle Crime

There were 27 Vehicle Crime offences in total within 500m of Back Cross Green Crescent, with a third of the offences being Theft From's (9). The worst affected streets during the six month period have been Ellerby Lane (5) and Cross Green Lane (3). As can be seen from the map (right), there has also been a cluster of Theft Of offences close to Back Cross Green Crescent.

Where known, the most common methods of gaining entry to a vehicle have been by smashing a window (6) or via an insecure door (6). In Theft From offences, the most commonly stolen items have been Sat Navs, CD players and handbags / holdalls etc.



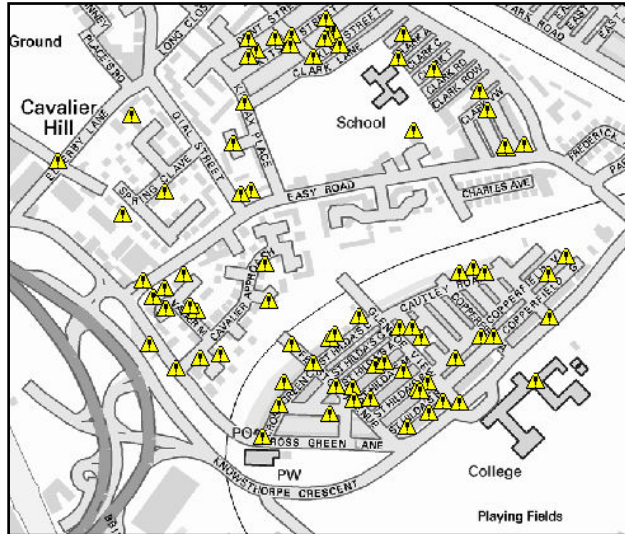
The peak days for Vehicle Crime in the area have been through the week, particularly Tuesdays (5), Wednesdays (5) and Thursdays (6). Peak times have been in the early afternoon 13:00 x 16:00 and also in the late evening and overnight, particularly 22:00 x 02:00 hours.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

Within 500m of Back Cross Green Crescent there have been 124 Anti-Social Behaviour logs, which accounts for 10.91% of the ASB within the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward during the six month period. The worst affected street in the area has been Cross Green Lane (31), with the majority of the calls being in relation to the travellers' site on the disused college grounds.

70% of the calls received in the area have been regarding 'Rowdy Inconsiderate Behaviour'. The majority of these logs have been regarding the travellers' site, and also nuisance youths, who have been throwing stones, making a noise, and generally congregating in groups and being a nuisance.



The peak day for offences in the area has been Saturdays (29), and peak times were in the evening between 18:00 x 23:00 hours.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the area within a 500m radius of Back Cross Green Crescent has experienced a disproportionately large amount of crime and ASB in the six months from March – August 2009. The main crime problems in the area have been Burglary Dwellings, Criminal Damages and also Vehicle Crime, particularly Theft Of offences, with clusters of all these offences close to Back Cross Green Crescent. There have also been ASB related issues in close proximity to Back Cross Green Crescent, particularly regarding the travellers' site and nuisance youths.


















It is likely that offenders are using Back Cross Green Crescent as an access route to facilitate the commission of crime and evade the police, particularly as a similar back street, on Cross Green Avenue, has been closed by an alley gate. Given the high levels of crime and ASB in the immediate vicinity of the street, it would be a reasonable response to block Back Cross Green Crescent with an alley gate in order to prevent it being used as an access route by offenders, reduce crime and ASB in the area, and improve public confidence in the police and council's ability to effectively deal with crime and disorder in the area.

STANDARD

Appendices

1: Map Key

Where practical, the key below has been used to generate maps

Arson (ARSN)	
Assault (ASSL)	
Burglary Dwelling (BURD)	
Burglary Other (BURO)	
Damage Other (DMGE)	
Damage to Vehicle (DTMV)	
Drugs (DRUG)	
Robbery (ROBB)	
Sexual Offence (SEXL)	
Shoplifting (SHOP)	
Theft from Person (THEP)	
Theft from Vehicle (TFMV)	
Theft of Vehicle (TOMV)	
Theft Other (THFT)	
TWOC (TWOC)	
Vehicle Interference (INMV)	
Incident Log	

MAPS

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