

13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This report also gives the annual Performance figures from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## 2 Background

2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

## 3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

## 3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

**Annually:** 0 deaths were recorded.

## 3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	0
Pallion	0
Sandhill	0
Silksworth	1
St Anne's	1
St Chad's	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

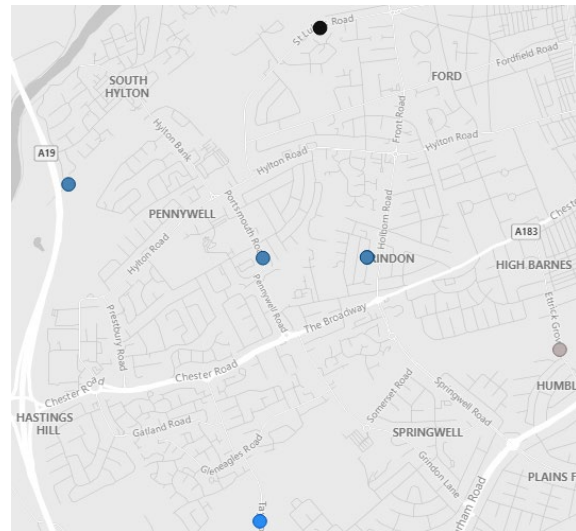
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Food and Drink	1
Retail	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

2 deliberate property fires, compared to 2 in the same period last year. Hot strikes and targeted Safe and Well are ongoing in the area. Crews are on target to achieve 1200 before April 24. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

**Annually:** 19 Primary fires, up from 11, which is a 72% increase. Barnes 1 up from 0, Pallion 4 up from 3, Sandhill 3 which is the same as last year, Silksworth 5 up from 2 and St Annes 6 up from 3. St Chads 0 (0).

### 3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
St Chad's	0
St Anne's	4
Silksworth	0
Sandhill	1
Pallion	1
Barnes	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>



7 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 14 last year. A decrease of 50%. No patterns. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. St Annes seeing a 33% rise having 4 up from 3 vehicle fires. Sandhill 83% seeing a huge decrease from 6 down to 1 vehicle fire.

**Annually:** 33 Vehicle fires, down from 55, which is a 40% decrease. Barnes 4 down from 7, Pallion 6 down from 11, Sandhill 11 down from 18, Silksworth 4 up from 2 and St Annes 8 down from 11. St Chads 0 down from 6.

### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	4
Pallion	9
Sandhill	13
Silksworth	3
St Anne's	2
St Chad's	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	12
Wheelie Bin	11
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Hedge	1
Public admin, security and safety	1
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

There have been 33 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 95 in the same period last year, a huge decrease of 65%. All wards apart from Sandhill have seen a 52 – 92% improvement against the same reporting period in 2022. Sandhill has seen a 44% rise in secondary fires (13 up from 9). The burn area around Tay Road remains the ASB activity area in this reporting period.

**Annually:** 317 Secondary fires, down from 608, which is a 48% decrease. Barnes 26 down from 85, Pallion 76 down from 85, Sandhill 52 down from 81, Silksworth 68 down from 172 and St Annes 76 down from 126. St Chads 19 down from 59.

### 3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

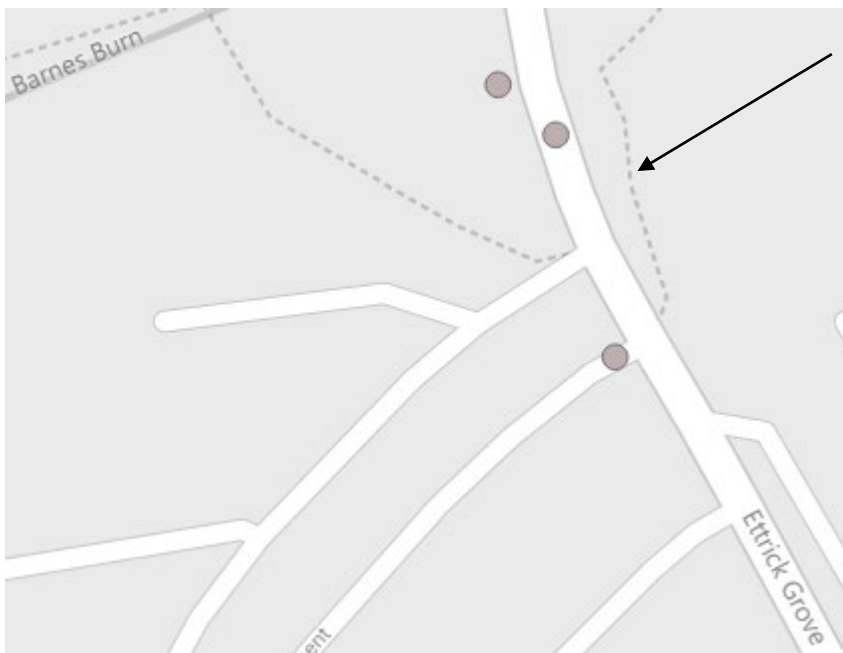
Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 4	Incident Count
Barnes	5	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	12
Pallion	10	Wheelie Bin	11
Sandhill	14	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Silksworth	4	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
St Anne's	7	Food and Drink	1
St Chad's	2	Hedge	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	Public admin, security and safety	1
		Retail	1
		Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

There were a total of **42** deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from **111** last year, a decrease of **62%**. 12 fires involved loose refuse and 11 were wheelie bin fires.

**Annually:** **369** Deliberate fires, down from **674**, which is a **45%** decrease. Barnes **31** down from **92**, Pallion **86** down from **99**, Sandhill **66** down from **102**, Silksworth **77** down from **176** and St Annes **90** down from **140**. St Chads **19** down from **65**.

#### Barnes ward **62%** decrease (**5** down from **13**)

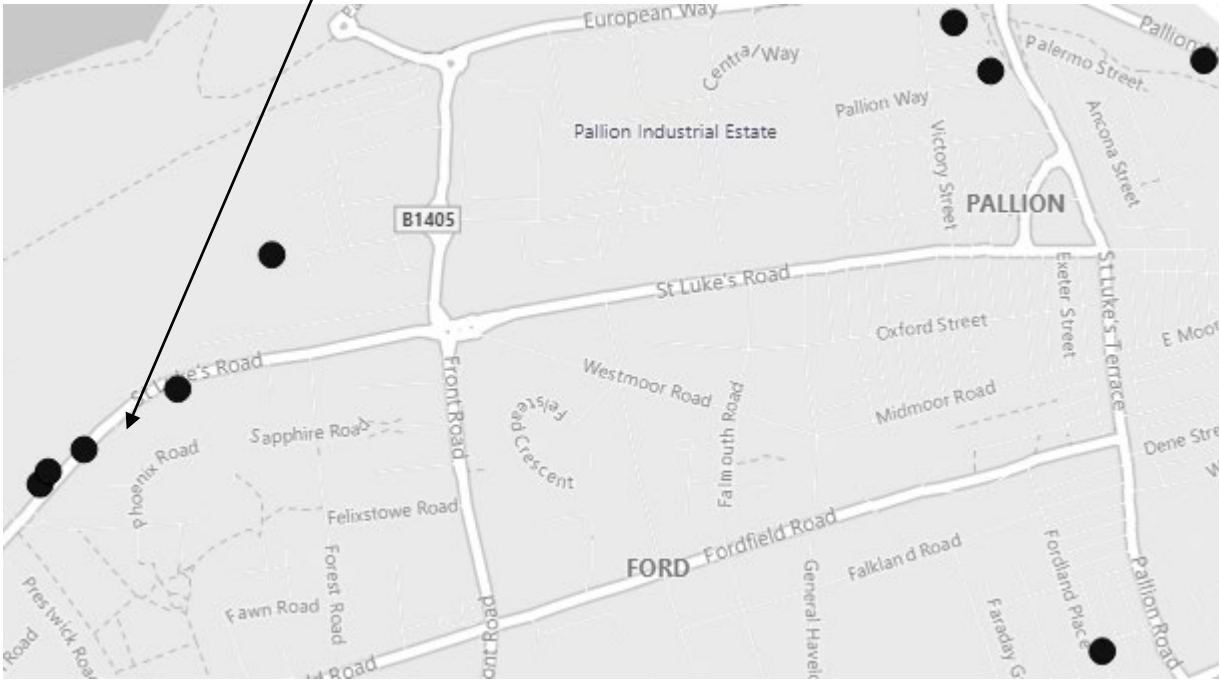
The main area of activity in Barnes ward is around Etrick Grove.



**Slight increase**  
in ASB fires

**Pallion ward 55% decrease (10 down from 22)**

ASB fire activity continues on St Lukes Road



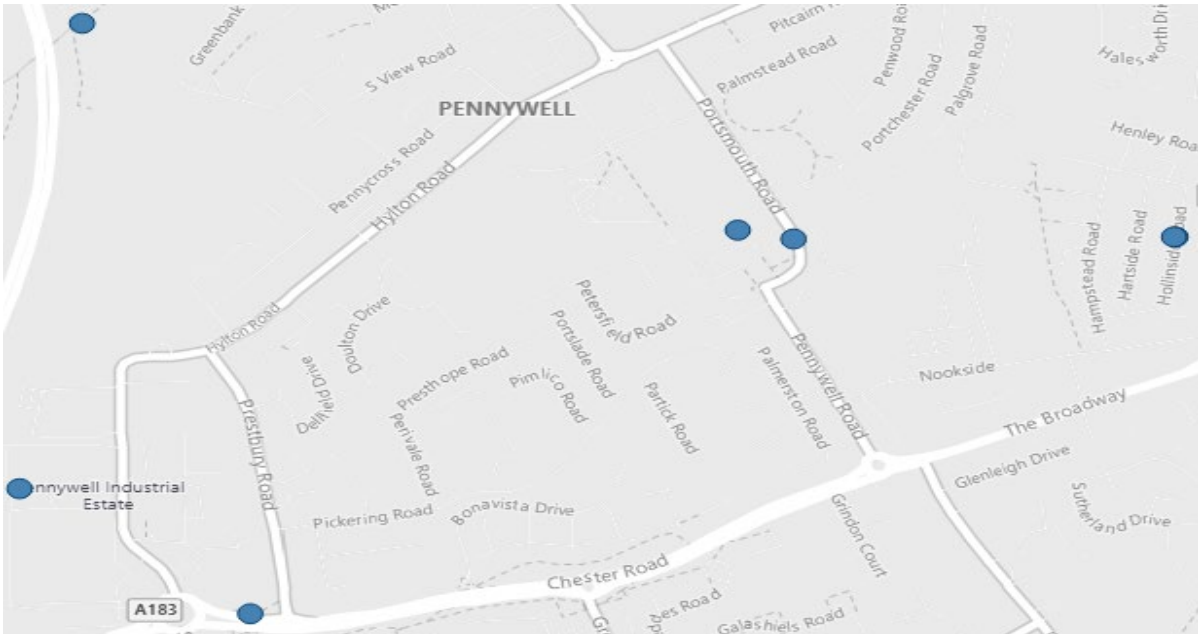
St Luke's Rd is an ongoing hotspot area and makes up 5 of the 10 incidents in this period. This was 1 vehicle fire and predominately loose refuse. FRS crews have targeted this area with Fire stoppers leaflets and S&W's. ASB patrols have also been increased in this area.

**Silksworth ward 66% decrease (4 down from 12)**



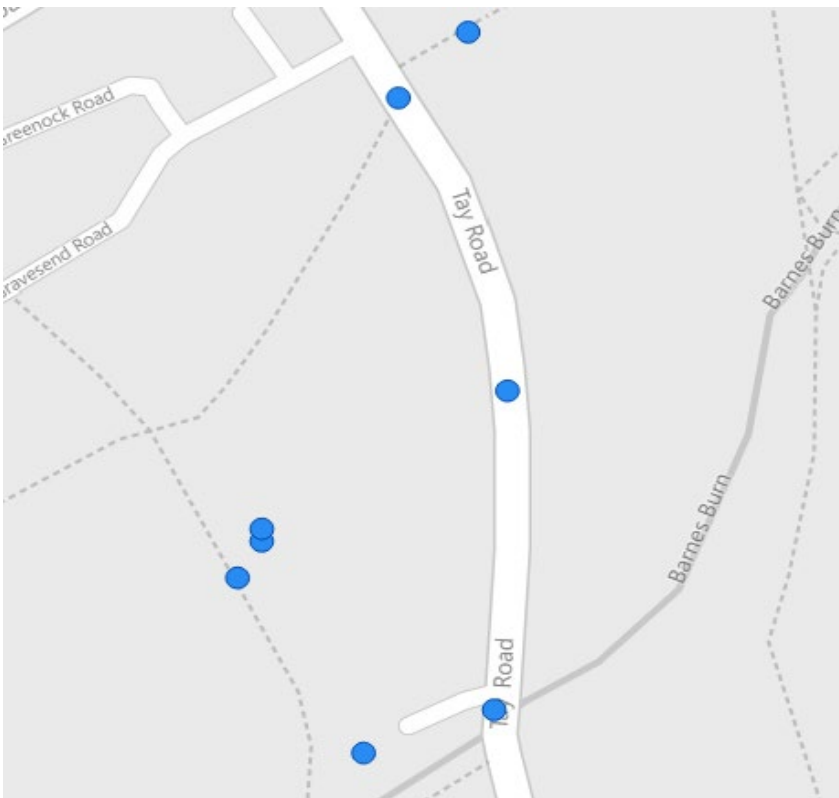
Fires spread across the ward area, with no identified hotspots present. There has been a huge decrease in ASB activity around the Former Farringdon Police station (now under demolition) and surrounding wasteland.

**St Annes ward 76% reduction (7 down from 30)**



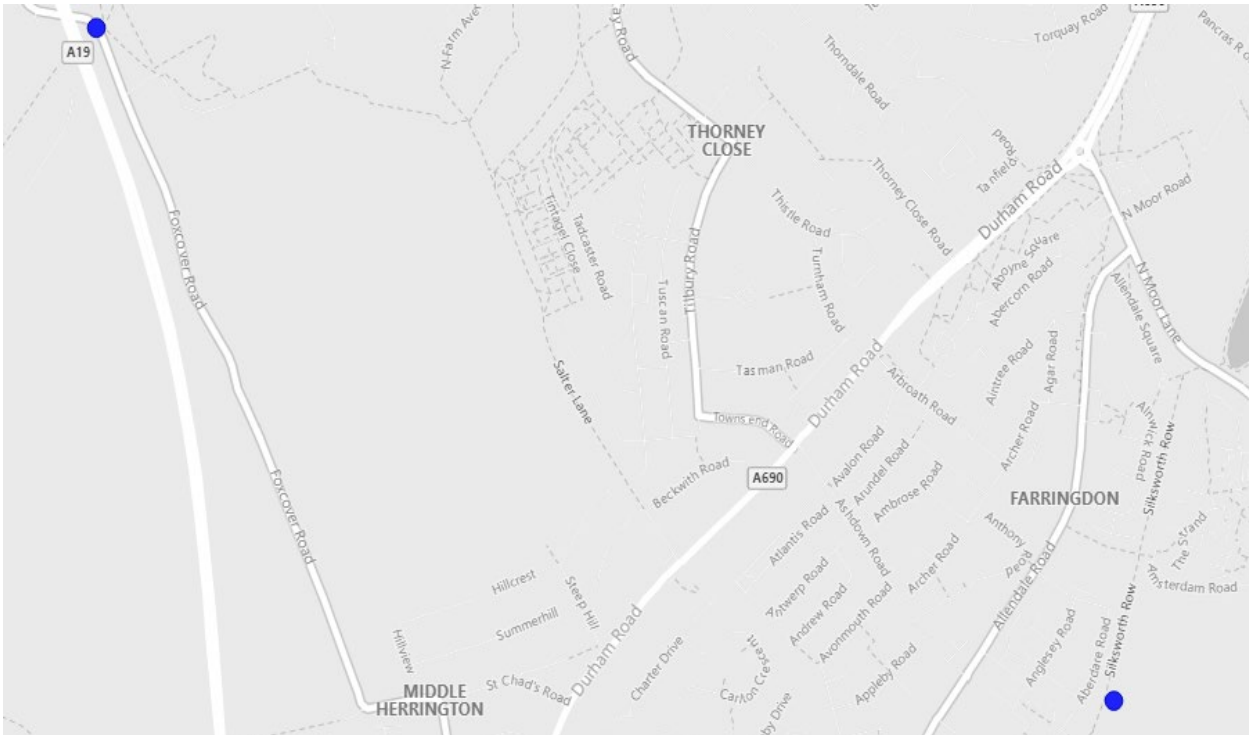
There has been a large decrease in ASB fires around the King George Playing fields in this reporting period. This area has seen multiple initiatives (S&Ws, Fire stoppers, youth engagement). Generally, a huge reduction in ASB fires and no identified hotspot area in this reporting period.

**Sandhill ward 7% reduction (14 down from 15)**



The wasteland around Tay Rd /Barnes burn continues to be the only hotspot area Sandhill ward.

## St Chads ward 90% reduction (2 down from 19)



No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns. 2 incidents spread across the ward area and a large reduction from the same period last year.

### 3.6 Community Involvement

Operational crews from Farringdon have completed 1112 since 01<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and have completed 223 in this reporting period continue and will aim to deliver 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2024. Hot strikes continue following all primary fires to maximize the delivery of domestic Fire Safety information to the community.

Crews have attended Herrington Scouts and Christs College amongst other community engagements in this reporting period. Watches have supported the Wear Here 4 You bus and have a number of further engagements arranged at King Georges Park.

The Prince's Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire station currently has a cohort of 6 students, they are currently conducting their work placements and are currently on week 6 of the course. The course concludes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 with the certificate presentation.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open for those community members who are interested in becoming a Firefighter.



### 3.7 On-going Issues

There have been 0 reports of violence at work in this period and 3 across the wider Sunderland area. Annually there have been 3 attacks in the West and 18 in the wider Sunderland area.

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's will continue to target problematic sites as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

Any questions please feel free to contact me or my team using the details below.

## 4. Recommendations

### 4.1 Note the content of this report.

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