

20th September 2023

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 04th June - to 22th August 2023.

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.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	1
Pallion	1
St Anne's	1
Sandhill	0
Silksworth	0
St Chad's	0
Total	3

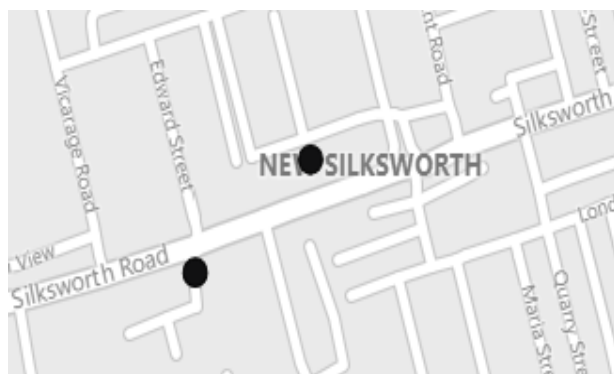
Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
House - single occupancy	2
Public toilets	1
Total	3

3 deliberate property fires, compared to 4 in the same period last year (25% decrease). Hot strikes from operational crews and Safe and Well targeting has been conducted by the TWFRS Prevention and Education department. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	1
Pallion	2
Sandhill	1
Silksworth	2
St Anne's	3
St Chad's	0
Total	9



9 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 16 last year. A decrease of 44%. Out of the 9, 2 occurred in close proximity to each other.

TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified.

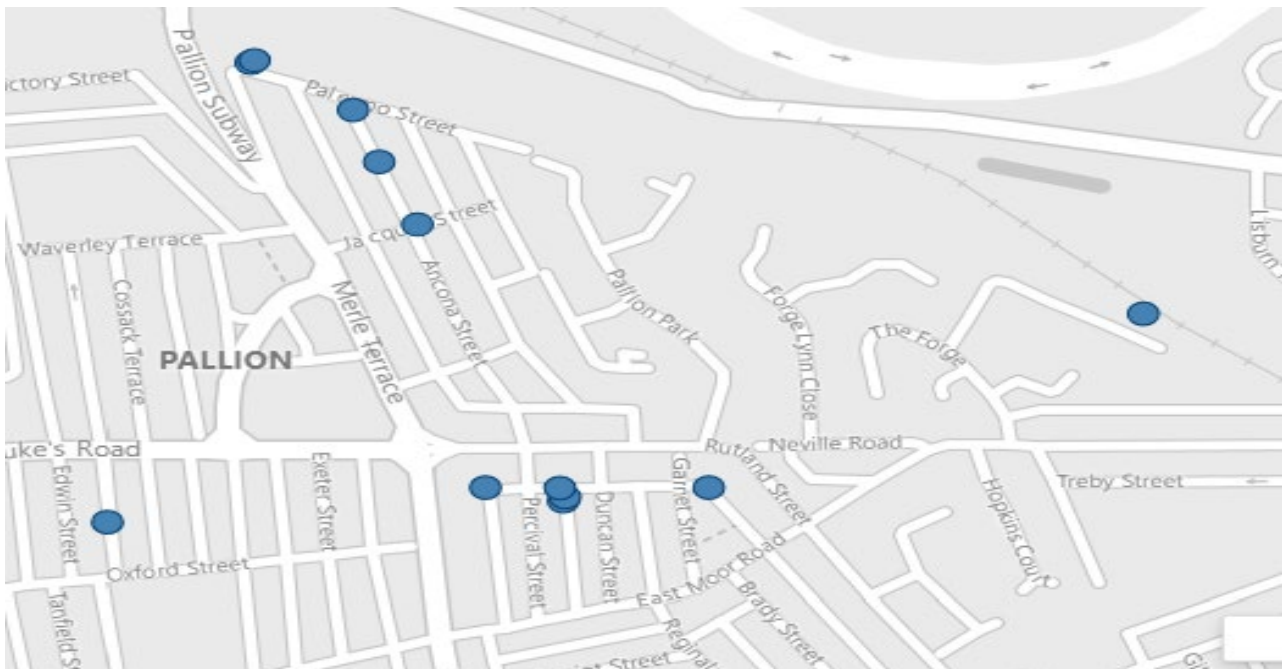
3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	4
Pallion	31
Sandhill	16
Silksworth	25
St Anne's	17
St Chad's	7
Total	100

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	35
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	22
Wheelee Bin	15
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	7
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Public admin, security and safety	3
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
Hedge	2
Roadside vegetation	2
Scrub land	2
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Total	100

There have been 100 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 233 in the same period last year, a decrease of 57%. Large Improvements across all wards seeing a 40 - 80% reduction with the exception of Pallion ward, which has seen an 82% increase, this is due to a spike in wheelie bin fires over this period compared to last year.

Pallion ward - Wheelie bin fires



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

Ward Name	Incident Count
Pallion	34
Silksworth	27
St Anne's	21
Sandhill	17
St Chad's	7
Barnes	6
Total	112

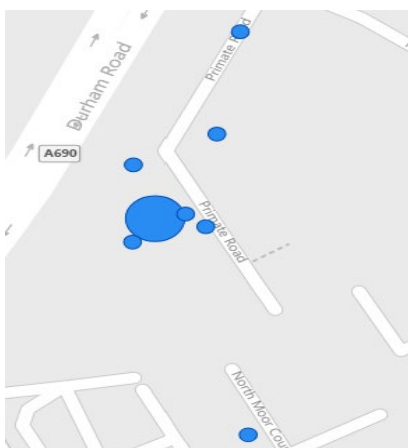
There were a total of **112** deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from **253** last year, a decrease of **56%**. The weather this year has been a contributing factor in the reduced number of incidents, the extended periods of rainfall over the summer has assisted with reducing the numbers. All wards with the exception of Pallion ward have seen a decrease of over **50%**. 35 fires involved loose refuse and 22 fires involved grassland.

Pallion ward **55%** increase



A fire Stoppers leaflet drop and a Safe and Well Check initiative has been complete by WM Errington's G/W around Palermo Street and adjoining streets. Youth engagement has been attempted whilst conducting ASB patrols and rubbish uplifts but youth were not willing to engage. There has been a rise in wheelie bin fires across the Pallion ward.

Silksworth ward **71%** reduction



There has been an increase in incidents at the former Farrington police station. **13** incidents have occurred within the reporting period. Otis security have revisited the site with the police on the 23/08/2023 to board up access into the building as this had been damaged following ASB. Nathan Stonehouse (TWFRS Arson Liaison Officer) is on standby to work with Sunderland Council to apply further pressure to the site owners, should the security measures fail. Fire crews continue to monitor this site when travelling to and from Farrington Station and continue to report uplifts within their allocated wards using the Report-It tool.

St Annes ward 52% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report.

Sandhill ward 51% reduction



A mixture of 5 grassland and wheelie bin fires to the west of Tay Road. WM Davison's R/W have been conducting Fire Stoppers leaflet drops in this area and Safe and Well Visits.

St Chads ward 63% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns.

Barnes ward 85% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns.

3.6 Community Involvement

Throughout the summer period, crews have attended several events put on by local community groups. Barnes Park Community fun day had fire service representation for the duration of the 3 days. Community education and fire safety information was delivered alongside our chip pan demonstration unit. TWFRS representatives educated hundreds of children over the course of this event and an operational appliance also attended on the Saturday to conduct youth engagement at all ages.

The TWFRS Diversionary Activities Manager, John Anderson still has intentions of collaborating with youth provision groups, Youth almighty and together for children, during the summer months he has been operating at full capacity delivering sessions aligned with the TWFRS targeting strategy. Operational crews will attend and support all activities providing the resources are available at the time of the engagement.

Our Safe and Well targeting system has recently been updated and improved, ensuring we target our most vulnerable members of the community. Operational crews from Farrington continue to provide this service and will aim to deliver 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2024. Hot strikes continue to proactively reduce fires and support the delivery of fire safety in the home across the Sunderland West area.

Early planning has started for our darker nights campaign 2023 and TWFRS are in the process of identifying specific schools.

The next cohort of the Prince's Trust based at Farrington Community Fire station is due to start on the 18th September.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open and positive action events have been running throughout the summer at the TWFRS headquarters to recruit underrepresented groups from the community.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents such as the derelict Farrington Police station 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.

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services.

Over this reporting period there were 0 attacks on crews in the West area.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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