

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (14th April 2024 – Sunday 9th June 2024)

2.0 Key Updates**Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to Sunday 9th June

Overall we are sat in line with the data from the last 2 years with just a couple of areas where there has been an increase. The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are violence against the person and theft offences. Which is identical to the last period. The area with the most crimes recorded is The Galleries and then Sulgrave.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is generally low for a Town of this size and as a result there are smaller sectors within the area command with greater levels of recorded crime.

Burglary Dwelling

We have seen a reduction in these offences compared to the last period. There are still several plans in place and additional resources to assist. This has already started to bear fruit with a significant decrease in offending over the last month which should return us to our usual lower level of crime recording.

Burglary Commercial

This remains low compared to other sectors. However, we have noted some burglaries to commercial premises and as such I have asked that our designing out crime officers visit to provide advice and guidance to local businesses. This will remain a continuous plan due to the extent of industrial premises within the area.

Vehicle crime

This is the main area we have seen an increase in. An operational order is in place and a number of arrests have been made – correspondence has been sent out from Sergeant Liam Duffy regarding this with further media releases having been sent out this week. Enquiries are ongoing however following the activity and the action taken by Police we have already seen a huge decrease in offences over the last fortnight. Work is still ongoing, and rest assured that we will continue to tackle this.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to Sunday 9th June

In this 8-week period there have been 216 ASB incidents, a small increase from my last report. Most of the disorder is around neighbour disputes and motor cycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in Oxclose and Rickleton with several key addresses identified. Work is ongoing with these addresses to resolve the issues and deal with the offending parties. The teams work closely with both Gentoo and Sunderland Council ASB and housing teams to tackle these issues.

In relation to Motorcycle ASB, we have a dedicated team set up to combat this who continuously return good results. They are tasked across the Area Command so not solely for Washington however my teams work closely with them to ensure the issues in Washington are addressed.

We are currently tracking at levels in line with previous years. The team are working on our summer tasking and will be focusing on our hotspots. The summer plan focuses on the galleries and the parks/open areas. We have made several arrests for acquisitive crime offences including burglary, vehicle crime and shop theft. Sergeant Liam Duffy meets regularly with The Galleries management to discuss plans and talk through roles and responsibilities. It is worth noting that we have seen huge decrease in ASB incidents at The Galleries when at the start of the year this was our highest area for ASB and it is now third lowest.

Summer Plan Update

We have now moved into the summer/lighter nights tasking. This historically sees ASB reduce in housing estates and retail premises e.g The Galleries but sees an increase in parks and open spaces. The neighbourhood teams are fully aware and briefed regarding conducting tasking in the parks and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues from TWFS to ensure they are supported when dealing with fires, youth ASB.

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