

25th June 2014**REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST****1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1.4.2014 – 31.5.2014

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. Update – Area Information

3.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc are not included).

3.2 The crime and anti-social behaviour figures will not match the overall totals. Police computer systems are not yet adjusted to recognise certain foot beats transferred from the South area when the Ward boundaries changed.

3.3 Sunderland West Area figures.

West Area	Percentage change is against the Fiscal Year to Date	
	01/04/14 - 31/05/14	01/04/13 – 31/05/13
Total Crime	407 (-3%)	419
Violent Crime	73 (+10%)	66
Vehicle Crime	50 (+47%)	34
Burglary dwelling	8 (-61%)	21
Burglary other than dwelling	33 (+22%)	27
Criminal Damage	101 (-7%)	108
Theft and Handling	45 (-21%)	57
Shoplifting	38 (-13%)	44
Youth ASB	218 (+45%)	150
Non Youth ASB	390 (+28%)	304

Barnes Ward	
Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 6 • Violence without Injury – 4 • Burglary Dwelling – 3 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD)-3 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 15 • Criminal Damage – 19 • Shop theft - 6
- Thefts from Motor vehicles continues to be the main crime committed, albeit, is differing MOs, primarily used to be the	

smash window and grab property, there has been an increase in vehicles being entered without causing damage. Notable arrests have been made recently in relation to this which should have effect on further reports being made. Other thefts from motor vehicles include external parts i.e. wipers, wheel trims, lights and number plates.

- To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform were deployed into the area. The Neighbourhood PCs altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed.
- Several offenders were arrested recently and charged with numerous thefts from motor vehicles. This should have effect on further reports being made. Stolen property was recovered and returned to owners.
- ASB issues have again been highlighted in the area of Eden Vale, Beachville Street, Vale Street etc. NPT are working closely with council and liaising with residents. Op Goodwood has saw the Traffic Department be tasked with attending the area and have issued a high number of Fixed Penalty tickets, VDRS and summons to court for various offences. All officers working the West area have been tasked with attending the area at key times and it is currently a neighbourhood priority. Council ASB team have conducted leaflet drop, environmental services have increased litter patrols and parking enforcement have also been tasked.

Pallion Ward	
Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 4 • Violence without Injury – 4 • Burglary Dwelling – 0 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD)–6 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 4 • Criminal Damage – 17 • Shop Theft – 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoplifting offences have decreased due to ongoing work around Op Soundwave and extra attention to St Lukes Terrace and Pallion Retail Park. Shopwatch scheme is being implemented in conjunction with Pallion Traders Association. - The violence offences which have resulted in injury are mainly domestic assaults where the perpetrator has been known to the victim. - Sunderland West is running a pilot from Farringdon Police Station for a trial of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) due to the high numbers of domestic abuse offenders residing in the area and the high numbers of domestic incidents reported. A report is currently being compiled on the outcomes and is expected that this will be rolled out forcewide. - Criminal Damage offences can mostly be linked to ASB in the area with a high number of offences being groups of young

youths throwing stones/rocks at building sites and passing cars.

St Anne's Ward

Crimes

- Violence with Injury – 8
- Violence without Injury – 2
- Burglary Dwelling – 1
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 3
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 5
- Criminal Damage – 14
- Shop Theft – 13

- A large proportion of the crime in the St Annes Ward can be attributed to criminal damage. This can also be attributed to ASB and drunkenness in the area. Despite these figures offending has continued to fall over the last two years.
- The high number of Shopliftings can nearly all be attributed to ASDA and Iceland at Pennywell. Op Soundwave is on-going with extra attention to area for ASB and thefts. NPT working with schools as main offenders are schoolchildren. Crime Prevention Advice offered to management and security staff at all shops at Pennywell.
- Motorcycle disorder has reared its head again with the better weather, NPT have implemented Op Balance. NPT have already seized 3 bikes and conducted joint visits with social landlords on offenders identified. Covert Cameras are being discussed to be placed in meeting points/ entrance/exit points of main routes.

Sandhill Ward

Crimes

- Violence with Injury – 11
- Violence without Injury – 4
- Burglary Dwelling – 1
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 4
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 5
- Criminal Damage – 22
- Shop Theft – 0

- Violence offences and criminal damage have accounted for 78% of total crimes reported in the Ward. There is no pattern to offending with crimes being reported throughout the week. The majority occur in dwelling houses and can be attributed to Domestic Violence. Half the incidents involve alcohol.
- We had ASB issues in the area of Brockenhurst Drive with youths congregating at Hastings Hill over weekends around half term, NPT conducted operation up there with extra help from Out Reach Detached Youth Workers. A number of vehicles were damaged (wing mirrors kicked off) by large groups of youths. Large number of youths stopped and Op Gryphon

letters/visits conducted. Appears to have stopped and no recent reports.

Silksworth Ward

Crimes

- Violence with Injury – 9
- Violence without Injury – 3
- Burglary Dwelling – 3
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 14
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 6
- Criminal Damage – 17
- Shop Theft – 15

- The majority of shoplifting offences were committed at Sainsbury's and The Cooperative Food on North Moor Road. Work by the Neighbourhood Team in partnership with retailers has seen a reduction in the number of offences being committed as part of Operation Soundwave.
- The other prominent offence has been burglary to other than dwellings. Several offenders have been arrested however offences are still being committed. Residents have been given crime prevention advice with regards to vulnerable premises, securing sheds/out houses and allotments with alarms, NPT had/have a number of shed alarms which have been given to residents. Advised to increase use of flood/PIR lighting etc in specific area to deter thieves.
- ASB issues which had arisen around Blind Lane were dealt with by NPT, councillors and Youth Almighty staff. There have been no recent increases in ASB calls to that particular area as a result.

St Chads Ward

Crimes

- Violence with Injury – 2
- Violence without Injury – 1
- Burglary Dwelling – 0
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 2
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 7
- Criminal Damage – 8
- Shop Theft – 1

- Most of the theft from motor vehicles occurred over one weekend whereby vehicles were entered via unknown means with no damage caused. As per Barnes update, arrests have been made in connection with this MO and persons charged.
- ASB issues around Herrington Park, Crow lane etc have been reported, Again, NPT prioritised this with a number of Gryphon stops resulting in letters and Visits being conducted. Schools were also visited by NPT where they spoke in assemblies to youths involved.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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