

8th October 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 – 20.9.2014

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 Average	
	01.04.14 – 20.09.14	01/04/13 – 20/09/13
Total Crime	1209(-01%)	1210
Violent Crime With Injury	130(+7.8%)	121
Violent Crime Without Injury	85(+19.5%)	71
Burglary dwelling	48(-27.2%)	66
Burglary other than dwelling	66(+1.5%)	65
Criminal Damage	280(-2.8%)	288
Vehicle Crime TFMV	115(+37.9%)	83
Shoplifting	101(-22.6%)	131
Youth ASB	532(+5.1%)	506
Non Youth ASB	1164(+22.6%)	949

Barnes Ward	
Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury - 20 • Violence without Injury - 6 • Burglary Dwelling - 17 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) 9 • Theft from Motor Vehicles - 37 • Criminal Damage - 40 • Shop theft - 10

- Theft from Motor vehicles continues to be the main crime committed. There are two main crime types one being a recent increase in the theft of numbers plates which have then been used to commit theft of petrol from garages across all of Sunderland. The second being MO's primarily used to commit these types of offences is where vehicles have been left insecure or 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. wheels, wheel trims, and ladders.
- 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 PC's altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed.
- A protocol was refreshed and implemented with regards to the theft of petrol "forecourt watch" with immediate updates of the theft of VRM plates to all local garages to help suppress further offending.
- Offenders were arrested and are currently on bail with the expectation that they will be charged with thefts from motor vehicles. This should have effect on further reports being made. Stolen property was recovered and returned to owners.
- Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. 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. "Op Industry" which has resulted in a few arrests and charges.
- Criminal Damage offences can mostly be linked to ASB in the area and domestic related damages.
- ASB issues have again been highlighted in the area of Eden Vale, Beachville Street, Vale Street etc. NPT are working closely with council, youth providers and liaising direct with residents. Op Goodwood has proved successful which 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.
- Site visit carried out in September by council and police with a view to consider double yellow lines or bollards. This is in the early stages and will be progressed.

Pallion Ward	
Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 19 • Violence without Injury – 22 • Burglary Dwelling – 9 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD)10 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 16 • Criminal Damage – 61 • Shop Theft – 16
<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 has been implemented in conjunction with Pallion Traders Association. Monthly meeting are held with regards to Shopwatch. - The violence offences which have resulted in injury are mainly domestic assaults where the perpetrator has been known to the victim. - Sunderland West continues to utilise 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 force wide. - Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. 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. "Op Industry" which has resulted in a few arrests and charges. - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 19 • Violence without Injury – 13 • Burglary Dwelling – 1 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 5 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 8 • Criminal Damage – 37 • Shop Theft – 32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 conducted joint visits with social landlords on offenders identified. Harm reduction plan in place to monitor and record all action taken.

Sandhill Ward

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 30 • Violence without Injury – 19 • Burglary Dwelling – 5 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 11 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 17 • Criminal Damage – 65 • Shop Theft – 5
Crimes	

- Violence offences and criminal damage have accounted for the majority 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.
- Theft from motor vehicle has seen an increase within this ward. 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. Offenders were arrested and are currently on bail with the expectation that they will be charged with thefts from motor vehicles. This should have effect on further reports being made.
- We had ASB issues in the area of Brockenhurst Drive with youths congregating at Hastings Hill over weekends and during the summer term. NPT conducted operation up there with extra help from Out Reach Detached Youth Workers. Large number of youths stopped and Op Gryphon letters/visits conducted. Appears to have stopped and no recent reports.

Silksworth Ward

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 21 • Violence without Injury – 11 • Burglary Dwelling – 6 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 21 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 14 • Criminal Damage – 38 • Shop Theft – 29
Crimes	

- Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. 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. "Op Industry" which has resulted in a few arrests and charges. Residents have been given crime prevention advice with regards to vulnerable premises, securing sheds/out houses and allotments with alarms.

- Criminal damage and violence offences can be accounted for the majority 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.
- 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.
- ASB issues which have risen are in and around Somerset Street which is being dealt with by NPT, councillors and partners. There is a current harm reduction plan in place to monitor and record actions to date. Work is underway to address social housing in particular private landlords as the increase in recorded calls are centred around one particular street and subjects residing there which has resulted in crime and ASB being committed.

St Chads Ward	
Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence with Injury – 6 • Violence without Injury – 9 • Burglary Dwelling – 6 • Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 9 • Theft from Motor Vehicles – 9 • Criminal Damage – 23 • Shop Theft – 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burglary offences are the same as other wards. Please see update with regards to Burglary. - Criminal damage and violence offences can be accounted for the majority 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 including damage to motor vehicles. - 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 prior to the end of the summer term to educate to youths with regards to ASB throughout the summer break. 	

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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