

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 (18th April 2023 – 13th June 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 13-06-23

Crime numbers are slightly above figures from the last 3 years and evaluation shows that we are experiencing a spike which we see also see reflected in the data from the last 3 years. Some good news in the last week we have seen a decrease in reported crime throughout the sector and I am hopeful that will continue to bring us back in line with previous years, The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are crimes against a person with no injury, theft, and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is the Galleries which I would expect, Concord and then Sulgrave which is identical to my last report.

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.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Washington is still performing very well in this crime category. We remain below reported offences for 2020 and 2022 offences but slightly above 2021 figures. I would highlight that this performance means this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

There is a continuing issue in relation to garage burglaries throughout the area command the target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. Please be reassured that there is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects. This is often the source of some of our vehicle crime addressed below.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Which means Washington is not a hot spot for commercial burglaries.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. Again, the sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow. The areas that have seen the most offences with 4 each are Harraton and Rickleton and the area around Crowther Road, Emmerson Road,

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 13-06-23

In this 8-week period there have been 263 ASB incidents, most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in, Lambton and Oxclose followed by Fatfield and then Usworth.

We are currently tracking below reporting levels in the best 3 years and significantly below 2020 figures. The team are working on our Summer operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The Summer plan will focus on the galleries and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB. I have asked for specific tasking from other departments to assist with the issues in Oxclose and Lambton.

Spring plan update

The spring campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

Summer plans have been prepared and I am advised that all members have received a redacted version of that document to advise on activity.

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