

13 March 2024

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 the Coalfield Committee area from 28th November 2023 – 25th February 2024. This report also gives the annual Performance figures from 01st April 2023 – 25th February 2024.

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	Property Level 4	Incident Count
Copt Hill	1	House - single occupancy	1
Shiney Row	1	Retail	1
Hetton	0	Total	2
Houghton	0		
Total	2		

2 Deliberate property fires, compared to 3 in the same period last year (33% decrease).

Annually: 8 Deliberate property fires, down from 11 in the same period last year (27% decrease). Copt Hill (3) and Shiney Row (2) have no change in figures. Hetton (2) has had a 33% reduction and Houghton (1) a 66% reduction.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 3	Incident Count
Copt Hill	2	Car	6
Hetton	3	Motorcycle	1
Houghton	2	Multiple Vehicles	1
Shiney Row	1	Total	8
Total	8		

8 Vehicle fires reported during this period which is down from 9 last year (11% decrease). Copt Hill has seen a 33% decrease in vehicle fires, 2 down from 3 last year. The rise identified in the last report has not continued into this quarter. Hetton has had 3 vehicle fires, up from 2 last year, 50% rise with no trend identified. Houghton has had 2, down from 4 last year (50% decrease). Shiney Row has had 1, up from 0 last year. TWFRS continue to work

with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Hot Strikes have been conducted where appropriate to do so.

Annually: 34 Vehicle fires up from 30 in the same period last year (13% increase). Copt Hill (14) has seen a rise of 40% from 10. This can be attributed to the spike that was detailed in the last report, this has now stabilised in Q4. Hetton (8) has seen a 60% rise from 5. Houghton (8) has seen a 27% reduction from 11. Shiney Row (4), remains the same as the last annual figures.

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

Ward Name	Incident Count
Copt Hill	4
Hetton	19
Houghton	12
Shiney Row	4
Total	39

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Wheelie Bin	5
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	24
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	3
Cables	2
	1
Total	39

Copt Hill 25% (4 down from 5), Houghton 7% (12 down from 13) and Shiney Row 75% (4 down from 16) have seen a decrease over last year's figures. Hetton 46% (19 up from 13) has seen an increase in this reporting period.

Annually: 201 Secondary fires, down from 303, a 33% reduction. All 4 wards seeing a reduction. Copt Hill 6% 42, down from 45, Houghton 41% 47, down from 80, Hetton 3% 88, down from 91 and Copt Hill 6% 42, down from 45.

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

Ward Name	Incident Count
Hetton	22
Houghton	14
Copt Hill	7
Shiney Row	6
Total	49

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
49	59	-16.95 %

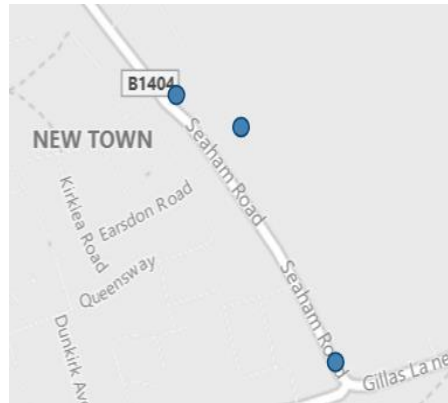
Copt Hill, Houghton and Shiney Row have seen a decrease over last year's figures. Hetton has seen an increase in this reporting period.

Annually: 243 Deliberate fires, down from 344, a 29% reduction. Houghton 40%, 56 down from 94 and Shiney Row 67% 30 down from 93, have seen a huge reduction. Hetton 1% 98 down from 99, and Copt Hill 1% 59 up from 58, have remained similar to last years figures.

Ward Breakdown and hotspot analysis

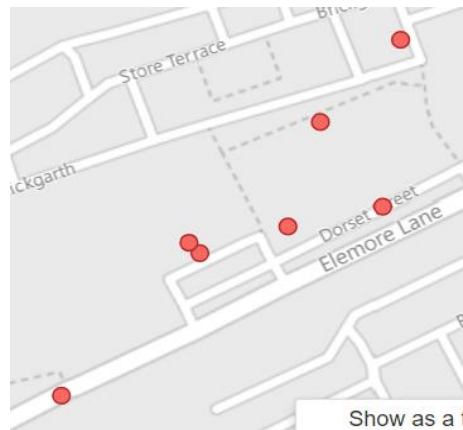
Copt Hill ward 22% decrease. 7 down from 9.

Out of 7 incidents, 3 were loose refuse and 2 were vehicle fires. The main area of ASB is on Seaham Road in this reporting period, seeing 3 incidents. ASB fires around the Elizabeth Street area have reduced extensively, with only 1 incident in the general area in this reporting period.

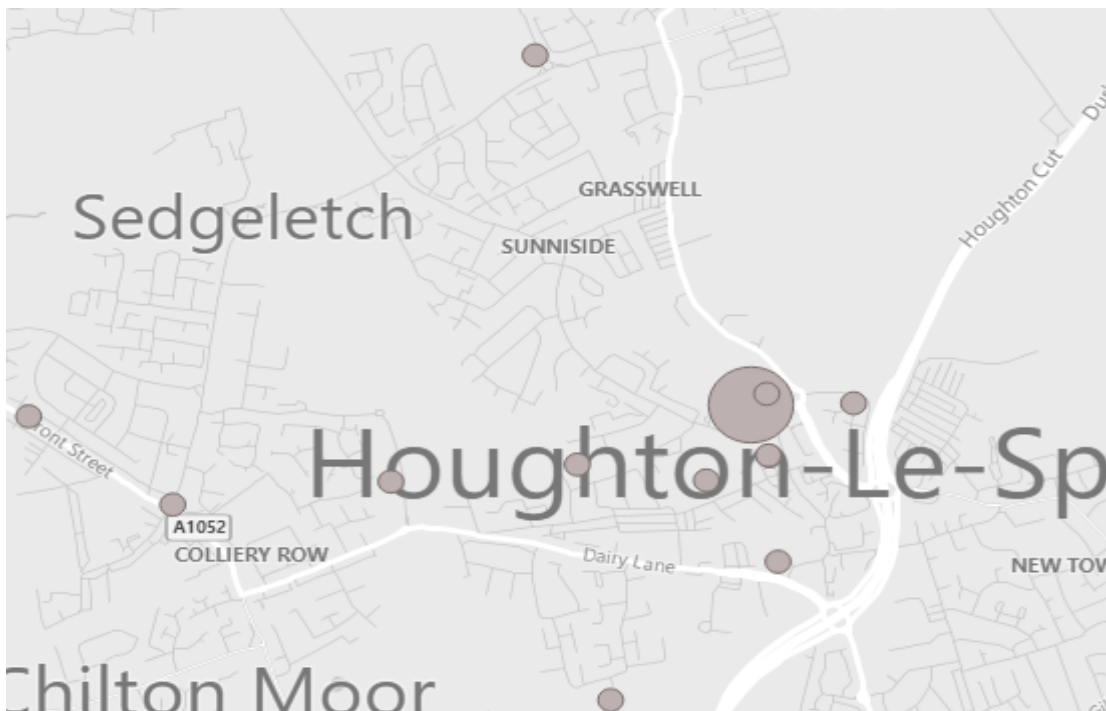


Hetton ward 46% increase. 22 Up from 15.

Out of 22 incidents, 12 were loose refuse. The main hotspot area over this reporting period is in the Playground, Dorset Street, Elemore Lane. This data is shared with the Halo team monthly, so they can plan their initiatives and engagements at these locations. The area around Nidderdale Avenue has decreased to 0 incidents in this reporting period from 6 in Q3.



Houghton ward 22% reduction. 14 down from 18.



Out of the 14 incidents, 6 were loose refuse. There were no patterns on property types. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area.

Shiney Row ward 69% reduction. 11 down from 36.

Out of 6 incidents, 3 were loose refuse. There were no hotspot areas over the reporting period. The ASB fire increase in Q3 at South Burn Terrace has reduced down to 2 incidents in this Quarter. This area has been targeted with a S&W initiative in Q2 and a Fire Stoppers leaflet drop.



3.6 Community Involvement

Throughout the reporting period, operational crews have attended 4 events in the local area. This has included community engagements and supporting the Halo team with their initiatives such as the bush craft session and the Christmas party in December.

TWFRS continue to support partners involved in the HALO project and prioritise these diary commitments where possible. We also continue to support the Clear Hold Build Project in Easington Lane. We have recently provided the public with fire safety information in the form of a leaflet, this covered the safe use of lithium Ion batteries and the safe storage and charging. This was rolled out through Louise Butler using the Halo / Sail and Sara projects. Locally this was also pushed by Clear Hold Build.

The Diversionary Activities team have conducted a range of activities in this reporting period, Diversionary Activities Manager John Anderson will update you on these activities during the Area Committee meeting, as he will be attending the meeting on my behalf to deliver this report.

Rainton Bridge crews have completed 101 Safe and Wells visits in the reporting period under the new targeting system. 590 S&W's have been completed by crews since 01.04.24 and the 600 annual target will be achieved before 31.03.24. Hot strikes continue following domestic premises fires and further support the delivery of fire safety in the home.

TWFRS Recruitment is still open.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents 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.

Over this reporting period there were 0 attacks on crews in the Coalfield area and 3 across the wider Sunderland area in this reporting period. Annually, there have been 18 attacks on crews in the Sunderland area, this is up from 13 in the year before.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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Note: Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.

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Shiney Row Ward - Watch Manager - Required
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