

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfields area between the following 8-week period (29th December 2023 – 23rd February 2024)

2.0 Key Updates**Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 23-02-24

Crime numbers are tracking below data for two of the last 3years which is a positive position. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in this period are violence against the person with no injury, criminal damage, and theft and handling. The area with the most crimes recorded is Houghton Town centre, Easington Lane and then Shiney Row.

Burglary Dwelling.

Burglary Dwelling offences continue to track below the last 2 years as such the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. However, it is important that we are continuing to focus efforts in this area and all my teams are fully aware of target locations and offenders. As a result, I have again obtained tasking in the area to ensure that we stay on top of this crime type. The neighbourhood teams have also commenced a bespoke operation to proactively target offenders.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors and as such I would highlight the sector is not a hot spot for these types of offences. The teams do however continue to target and disrupt our offenders. We have however recorded a couple of recent commercial offences which the teams are looking at.

Vehicle crime

Although we experienced a significant spike at the beginning of this period taking us above previous years offence data some good work by the team (including HALO) has seen a sharp reduction in offences taking us below previous 2023 reporting and on a par with 2022 and 2021. Despite those figures this is still a key focus area for me and the teams since these offences can impact on anti-social behaviour performance therefore the team with partners have several operations underway. The teams have also made several excellent arrests in the reporting period which have resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 23-02-24

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. In this 8-week period there have been 127 ASB incidents a reduction of 35 reports on the last period. The most prevalent reports of disorder are around motorcycle disorder, neighbour disputes, and nuisance. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Houghton Town centre easington Lane followed by Shiney Row.

The HALO team continue to go from strength to strength with some excellent diversionary activities which we have excellent support from partners in the sector.

The team are continuing to work on our winter 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.

Our focus will remain ASB along with acquisitive crime.

Winter plan update

The Winter plan as can be seen from my above update is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gento which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

The spring/summer plan will soon be on the horizon, and I will update you in activity in relation to that.

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