

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 (21st September 2023 – 25th November 2023)

2.0 Key Updates**Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 25-11-23

Crime numbers have reduced in the last 8 weeks, and we sit on a par with crime data from the last 2 years although above 2020. In my last report I did highlight this downward trend which I am pleased to note has continued into this report (albeit with a slight spike in late August early September). The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are violence against the person, theft, and then criminal damage. Which is a change on the last period when theft was top. The area with the most crimes recorded is Sulgrave, The Galleries and then Usworth.

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. However, having arrested a spike in offending earlier in the year we are starting to see a slight rise which is putting us above figures for the last few years. Be assured there are several plans in place and additional resources to assist.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. However, we have noted some burglaries to commercial premises and as such I have asked that our designing out crime officers visit to provide advice and guidance to local businesses.

Vehicle crime

This is another area we are noting a spike and as such as with burglary offences we have acquired force resources to try and combat the levels of reporting. It should be noted however that as with Burglary offences we are not anywhere near the levels of reporting of other sectors in the command.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 25-11-23

In this 8-week period there have been 191 ASB incidents, a decrease of 34 incidents from my last report. most of the disorder is around nuisance, bonfire, and fireworks (clearly seasonal) and then neighbour disputes, The most ASB occurred in The Galleries followed by Sulgrave and then Concord.

We are currently tracking at reporting levels in the best 2 years and significantly below 2020 figures. The team are working on our Autumn 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 autumn plan focuses on the galleries and the surrounding area, and we have made several arrests for acquisitive crime offences including burglary, vehicle crime and shop theft.

Autumn plan update

The Autumn 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.

Winter plans have been prepared and I am advised that all members will receive a redacted version of that document to update on activity.

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