

21st March 2024**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The report provides an update from Northumbria Police

2. Total Crime

2.1 Up 2.3% increase of 129 crimes. From research a key area that has increased is now the area of A5q1 which is the area of Timber Beach road where retail premises have experienced increase in Shopliftings at premises on the retail park. The shopliftings has resulted in the Force taking positive action and key repeat offenders have been identified with 5 key offenders targeted in Sunderland North who are responsible for a disproportionate number of Offences. Three of these offenders are now in Custody.

3. ASB

3.1 Increase of 6.6% which equates to - 88 incidents. ASB in Sunderland North is low in comparison to the other parts of Sunderland, once again the area of concern is focussed around Roker retail park and also the Metro station for Stadium of Light A5O8. There is a POP plan in place for the retail park and also additional security staff are now aligned with the stores in the retail park, in addition we are working alongside Leoni Kameli from VRU who supports us with staff on the transport hubs inclusive of the metro station (Stadium of Light). This was also the case on the previous Area Committee report and the incidents are reducing but still shows over the year as high in recording. Witherwack again is second to Roker retail park but is starting to reduce in numbers after a lot of intervention by Police and partners. A key offender aged 16 years has been arrested and sentenced to 8 months imprisonment for numerous Offences, this has seen incidents of ASB and Crime reduce with further work still ongoing to tackle other individuals.

4. Burglary Dwelling

4.1 Residential Burglary is down by 6.9% year to date, this equates to a reduction of 13 Burglaries. Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries. There has been a number of key Offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year. There are no specific patterns or themes to the Burglaries and are spread over the area and this has shown a continuous fall over a number of months.

5. Commercial Burglaries

5.1 Up by 37% year to date, this equates to an increase of 40 crimes. This has been a high increase in numbers but we have a number of Offenders arrested and Remanded. The numbers are settling down with a number of key offenders in prison or on bail conditions awaiting sentencing. The Crime Prevention Officer has attended numerous locations where repeat offending has occurred offering additional security advice and tasking over 24hr periods have been implemented securing arrests, a number of Public Houses were targeted but the arrest and custodial sentence of Kenneth Roberts dramatically reduced the offences.

6. Vehicle Crime

- 6.1 Increase of 15.3% with an increase of 37 incidents, this includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles. The main area is Red House with a number of vehicles being attacked in Hotel car parks, crime prevention work ongoing.

7. Violent Crime

- 7.1 The key area is around Roker area. Increase of 2.8% which equates to 61 incidents. This relates to main area of Violence without injury which includes crime so Harassment, Roker retail park and also the area of Southwick have recorded the highest increases and the research show the majority are incidents without violence.

8. Other Incidents of Note

- 8.1 Hylton Castle has been the subject of a number of crimes 2 Burglaries where a youth has been arrested and released at this time pending a decision, also a number of violent offences in the grounds as well as motorcycle disorder have been reported.

9. Motorcycle Disorder

- 9.1 Sgt Chris McClennan and a team of 8 Officers now make up a motorcycle disorder team, their shift pattern is a Neighbourhood pattern working days and lates, the team have been in place for a week now and made some good inroads into the location and seizure of bikes. The team is being utilised across all of Southern and dedicated to Motorcycle disorder both petrol and electric Inspector Prested overseeing the Motorcycle team which is proving very effective and any information to assist the targeting of the offenders is very welcome.

10. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report