

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 4 April 2012 to 28 March 2013

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. Northumbria Police Update

- 3.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc are not included).
- 3.2 The crime and anti-social behaviour figures will not match the overall totals. Police computer systems are not yet adjusted to recognise certain foot beats transferred from the South area when the Ward boundaries changed.
- 3.3 Sunderland West Area figures.

West Area	1.4.2012 - 28.03.2013	1.4.2011 - 31.3.12
Total Crime	2550 (down 20.5%)	3209
Violent Crime	373 (down 28.8%)	524
Vehicle Crime	197 (down 33.7%)	297
Burglary	99 (down 31.9%)	145
Burglary other than dwelling	186 (up 8.9%)	171
Criminal Damage	755 (down 13.3%)	870
Theft and Handling	239 (down 46.1%)	443
Shoplifting	311 (up 10.7%)	281
Youth ASB	1468 (down 10.4%)	1638
Non Youth ASB	2332 (down 5.6%)	2471

3.4

Barnes Ward	
Total Crimes	405
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reductions in burglaries to sheds and garages, as a result of Operation Ensign with pedal cycle patrols by the Neighbourhood Police Teams and Core Response Teams. - Youth anti social behaviour has been a regular problem in Eden Vale and Barnes Park. A number of partnership initiatives have been completed to address this issue. These have included Operation Berry and Operation Freedom. Currently officers are performing Operation Legend. - A feature throughout the year has been an increase in theft from insecure motor vehicles and sheds. There have been several press appeals to remind the public about securing their property, and not to leave valuable items on display. Some of motor vehicle crimes involve thieves removing number plates. These stolen plates are later used to commit drive offs from petrol stations in an attempt to avoid paying for fuel. A press appeal was made to highlight the trend was made via local media. Number plate security kits have been made available to the public at PACT meetings and at Farringdon Police Station. 	

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Pallion Ward	
Total Crimes	445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoplifting offences remain low following the introduction of the Shop Watch scheme on the Pallion Retail Park. This partnership work is supported by officers presence providing a visible deterrent during peak times. - Officers from the neighbourhood Policing Team together with officers from the Anti Social Behaviour Unit, Sunderland Council; have issued 7 Anti Social Behaviour Agreements to Pallion residents to improve their behaviour. 	

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St Annes Ward	
Total Crimes	437
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoplifting offences and motorcycle disorder remains the two main issues in the St Anne's ward. Operation Balance is currently active to target the motorcycle disorder and will continue into the summer months. - Shoplifting offences have reduced due to Asda employing full time security staff and high visibility patrols during shop opening hours. They have been recent issues regarding youth disorder and as a result officers from Neighbourhood Policing Teams have identified the youths responsible and have carried out home visits. This has reduced the number of disorder incidents in the area of Asda. 	

3.7

Sandhill Ward	
Total Crimes	400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No reported crime spikes throughout the year. - There have been a number of minor assaults occasioning bodily harm and common assaults but the vast majority of these offences are of a domestic nature. Offenders have been prosecuted and safeguarding implemented. - Youth disorder has dropped dramatically in the Grindon and Thorney Close following Operation Cathode. Neighbourhood Policing Teams have carried out numerous stop and checks, Gryphon forms have been issued, youths taken home to their parents and issued with notices to stay out of the area. Repeat offenders have received home visits from the Police and Partner Agencies Anti-Social Behaviour Agreements and Notices of Seeking Possession have been served. - Motorcycle disorder in the Thorney Close area has been reduced with a number of riders identified and motorcycles seized. Operation Balance is an ongoing operation leading up to the summer months. 	

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Silksworth Ward	
Total Crimes	414
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main disorder hotspots have been identified as the car park at the rear of Silksworth Ski Slope and the area around McDonalds at Plains Farm. The team are working with management at the premises affected and youth providers to resolve the problem. Extra patrols in the area have resulted in warning notices being issued to people using vehicles and motorbikes in the area. - The newest member of the team PC Steve Gillibrand made his mark by identifying the ring leader causing the disorder near to the ski slope. The youth was arrested and issued with a penalty notice for disorder. A harassment warning has also been issued to stay away from the staff affected by his behaviour. This has had a positive effect and the number of incidents reported has reduced. 	

St Chads Ward	
Total Crimes	282
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been a number of thefts from gardens, motor vehicles and sheds. Crime prevention advice has been given in an effort to prevent further crimes with numerous press releases reminding residents to be vigilant and to ensure vehicles and property are not left insecure. - A reported burglary at Farrington Infant and Primary school led to 2 juvenile arrests thanks to a vigilant neighbour who telephone police while offenders were still on the property. - Youth disorder in the early part of this period was a problem in the park area off Crow Lane. This apparent seasonal problem appears to emerging again. Extra resources are being deployed to the area to bring about a swift resolution before it escalates. - Officers from the Neighbourhood Teams have continued to forge links with local community groups by attending events such as: The No Smoking day at the Jubilee Centre and events at St David's community church, Farrington. 	

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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