

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**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 21.9.2014 – 17.11.2014

**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. Update – Area Information**

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                    | Percentage change is against the Fiscal Year to Date Average |                     |
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|                              | 01.04.14 – 20.09.14  | 01/04/13 – 20/09/13 |
| Total Crime                  | 1685(+7.4%)  | 1569                |
| Violent Crime With Injury    | 175(+11.9%)  | 156                 |
| Violent Crime Without Injury | 120(+30.1%)  | 92                  |
| Burglary dwelling            | 70(-18.2%)   | 86                  |
| Burglary other than dwelling | 126(+49.4%)  | 84                  |
| Criminal Damage              | 390(+4.5%)   | 373                 |
| Vehicle Crime TFMV           | 150(+38.7%)  | 108                 |
| Shoplifting                  | 139(-18.9%)  | 169                 |
| Youth ASB                    | 638(-2.8%)   | 656                 |
| Non Youth ASB                | 1454(+18.2%)   | 1230                |

| Barnes Ward   |  |
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| <b>Crimes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence with Injury - 24</li> <li>• Violence without Injury - 6</li> <li>• Burglary Dwelling – 25</li> <li>• Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) 19</li> <li>• Theft from Motor Vehicles - 50</li> <li>• Criminal Damage - 46</li> <li>• Shop theft - 13</li> </ul> |

- Theft from Motor vehicles continues to be the main crime committed. The main crime type is MO's primarily used to commit these types of offences is where vehicles have been left insecure or vehicles being entered without causing damage. Notable arrests have been made recently in relation to this which should have effect on further reports being made. On going work is continuing to reduce this crime type with crime prevention advice being given via newsletter drops and press releases.
- To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform were deployed into the area. The Neighbourhood PC's altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed.
- Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. "Op Industry" which has resulted in some excellent arrests and charges.
- ASB issues have again been highlighted in the area of Eden Vale, Beachville Street, Vale Street etc. NPT are working closely with council, youth providers and liaising direct with residents. All officers working the West area have been tasked with attending the area at key times and it is currently a neighbourhood priority. Council ASB team have conducted leaflet drops, environmental services have increased litter patrols and parking enforcement have also been tasked.

| <b>Pallion Ward</b>   |  |
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| <b>Crimes</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence with Injury – 24</li> <li>• Violence without Injury – 16</li> <li>• Burglary Dwelling – 14</li> <li>• Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD)25</li> <li>• Theft from Motor Vehicles – 18</li> <li>• Criminal Damage – 69</li> <li>• Shop Theft – 32</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shoplifting offences have increased within this period. There is ongoing work around Op Soundwave and extra attention to St Lukes Terrace and Pallion Retail Park. Shopwatch scheme has been implemented in conjunction with Pallion Traders Association. There is a current dark night's campaign which is focused on reducing this crime type with extra officers deployed in the area.</li> <li>- The violence offences which have resulted in injury are mainly domestic assaults where the perpetrator has been known to the victim. There are monthly meetings held with regards to this to ensure victim care and bringing offenders to justice.</li> <li>- Sunderland West continues to utilise Body Worn Cameras</li> </ul> |  |

(BWC) due to the high numbers of domestic abuse offenders residing in the area and the high numbers of domestic incidents reported.

- Burglary offences have shown an increase with OTD's which is garages and sheds. Burglary dwelling offences are showing as a reduction by 7%. MO's primarily force lock. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform were deployed into the area. The Neighbourhood PCs altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed. "Op Industry" which has resulted in a few arrests and charges.
- Criminal Damage offences can mostly be linked to ASB in the area with a high number of offences being groups of young youths throwing stones/rocks at building sites and passing cars.

### St Anne's Ward

**Crimes**

- Violence with Injury – 28
- Violence without Injury – 14
- Burglary Dwelling – 3
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 7
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 9
- Criminal Damage – 52
- Shop Theft – 42

- A large proportion of the crime in the St Annes Ward can be attributed to criminal damage. There are different categories of damage which include damage to vehicles, dwellings and other than dwellings. This can also be attributed to ASB and drunkenness in the area. Damage to dwelling is showing as a reduction by 3%.
- The high number of Shopliftings can be attributed to ASDA and Iceland at Pennywell. Op Soundwave is on-going with extra attention to area for ASB and thefts. NPT working with schools as main offenders are schoolchildren. There have been some recent good arrests of repeat offenders who have successfully been charged and excluded from the premises.
- The violence offences which have resulted in injury are mainly domestic assaults where the perpetrator has been known to the victim. There are monthly meetings held with regards to this to ensure victim care and bringing offenders to justice.
- Sunderland West continues to utilise Body Worn Cameras (BWC) due to the high numbers of domestic abuse offenders residing in the area and the high numbers of domestic incidents reported.  
Burglary dwelling offences are showing as a reduction by 7%.

| <b>Sandhill Ward</b>   |   |
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| <b>Crimes</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence with Injury – 34</li> <li>• Violence without Injury – 13</li> <li>• Burglary Dwelling – 8</li> <li>• Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 23</li> <li>• Theft from Motor Vehicles – 24</li> <li>• Criminal Damage – 72</li> <li>• Shop Theft – 7</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Violence offences and criminal damage have accounted for the majority of total crimes reported in the Ward. There is no pattern to offending with crimes being reported throughout the week. The majority occur in dwelling houses and can be attributed to Domestic Violence. There are monthly meetings held with regards to this to ensure victim care and bringing offenders to justice.</li> <li>- Theft from motor vehicle has seen an increase within this ward. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. The Neighbourhood PCs altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed. Offenders were arrested and have been charged with thefts from motor vehicles. This should have effect on further reports being made.</li> <li>- Youth related ASB has been reduced by 6%. NPT conducted a summer operation at key areas highlighted for previous reported incidents of ASB this included extra help from Out Reach Detached Youth Workers. Op Gryphon letters/visits conducted. There has been no recent reports within a previously ASB hotspot around Brockenhurst Drive and the surrounding area.</li> </ul> |   |

| <b>Silksworth Ward</b>  |   |
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| <b>Crimes</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence with Injury – 29</li> <li>• Violence without Injury – 9</li> <li>• Burglary Dwelling – 8</li> <li>• Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 29</li> <li>• Theft from Motor Vehicles – 19</li> <li>• Criminal Damage – 52</li> <li>• Shop Theft – 36</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. "Week of action" which was a success and widely publicised. Within the dedicated area there was no reported ASB with only one offence recorded. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform were deployed into the area including the use of police cadets. The Neighbourhood PCs altered their shift and additional resources from response teams were deployed at times when crimes were being committed. "Op Industry" continues which has resulted in a few arrests and charges. Residents have been given crime</li> </ul> |   |

prevention advice newsletters with regards to vulnerable premises, securing sheds/out houses and allotments with alarms.

- Criminal damage and violence offences can be accounted for the majority of total crimes reported in the Ward. There is no pattern to offending with crimes being reported throughout the week. The majority occur in dwelling houses and can be attributed to Domestic Violence. There are monthly meetings held with regards to this to ensure victim care and bringing offenders to justice.
- Work by the Neighbourhood Team in partnership with retailers has seen a reduction in the number of offences being committed as part of Operation Soundwave. It is currently showing a reduction by 39%.
- ASB issues which have risen are in and around Somerset Street which is being dealt with by NPT, councillors and partners. Work is underway to address social housing in particular private landlords as the increase in recorded calls are centred around one particular street and subjects residing there which has resulted in crime and ASB being committed. Youth related ASB is showing a reduction of 21% and Non Youth ASB is showing a reduction of 2%.

### St Chads Ward

#### Crimes

- Violence with Injury – 6
- Violence without Injury – 7
- Burglary Dwelling – 8
- Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD) – 20
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – 12
- Criminal Damage – 34
- Shop Theft – 3

- Burglary offences have shown a recent crime spike with OTD's which is garages and sheds. MO's primarily force lock. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation "Op Industry" which has resulted in some excellent arrests and charges.
- Criminal damage and violence offences can be accounted for the majority of total crimes reported in the Ward. There is no pattern to offending with crimes being reported throughout the week. The majority occur in dwelling houses and can be attributed to Domestic Violence including damage to motor vehicles.
- ASB issues around Herrington Park, Crow lane have reduced showing reductions. Youth related ASB is showing a reduction of 21% and Non Youth ASB is showing a reduction of 2%.
- On going to continue to reduce ASB where NPT prioritise this with a number of Gryphon stops resulting in letters and Visits being conducted. Schools are also visited by NPT where they spoke in assemblies prior to the end of the summer term to educate to youths with regards to ASB throughout the summer break.

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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