

26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 06<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

2 Background

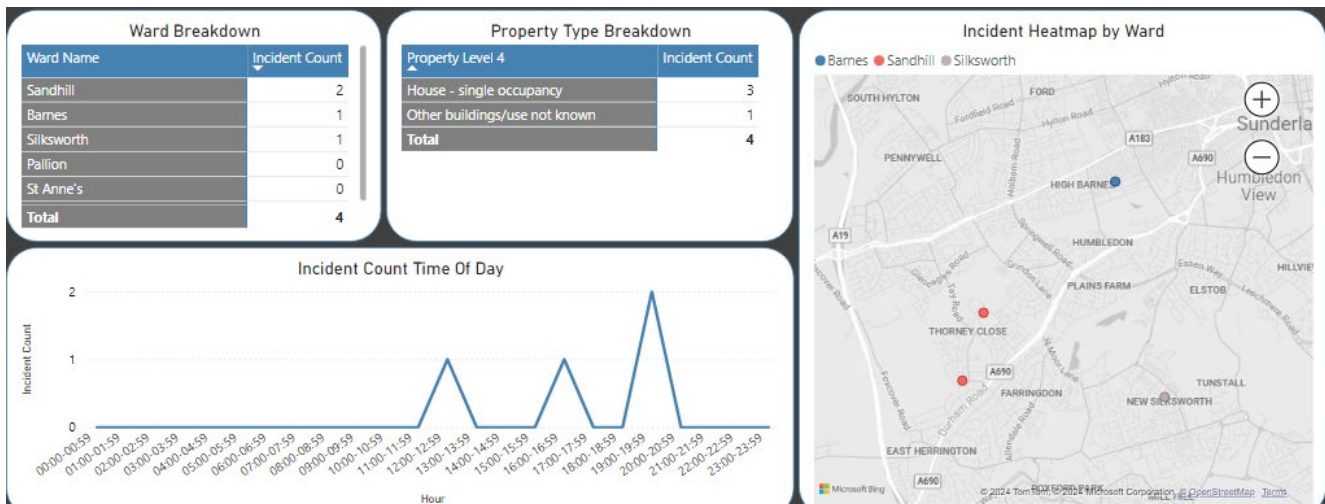
2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

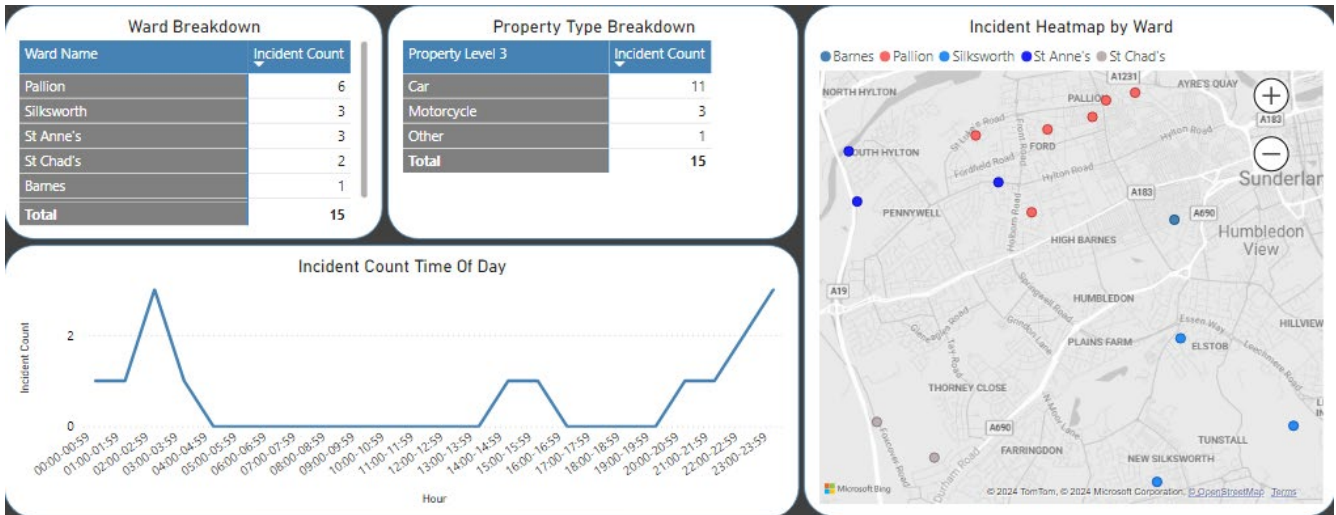
0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles



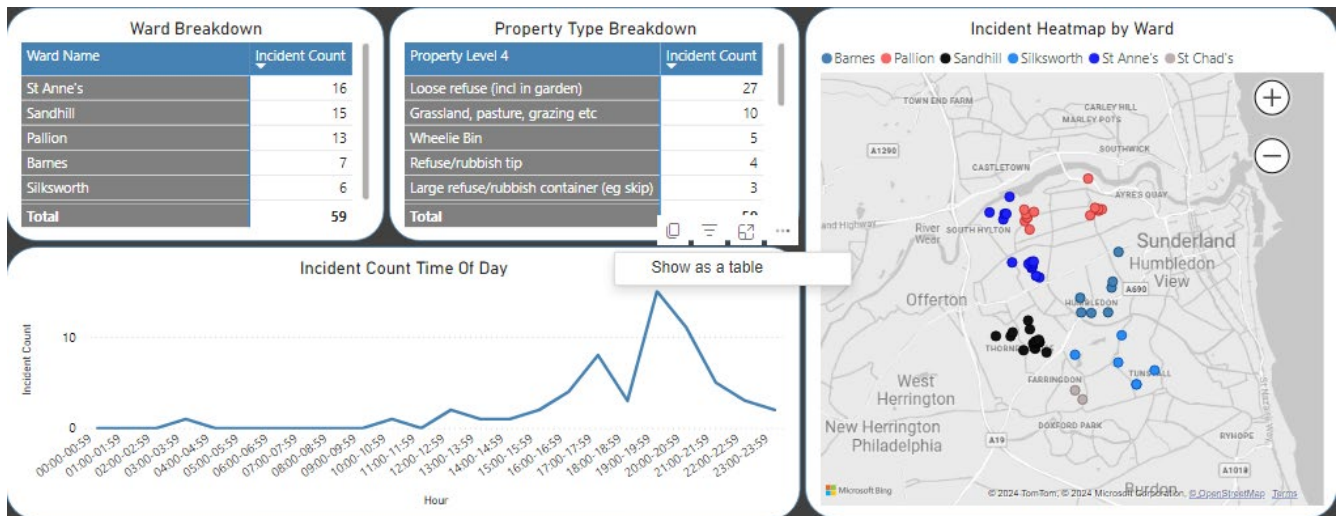
4 deliberate property fires, compared to 8 in the same period last year, a decrease of 50%. Hot strikes and targeted Safe and Well are ongoing in the area. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

### 3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately



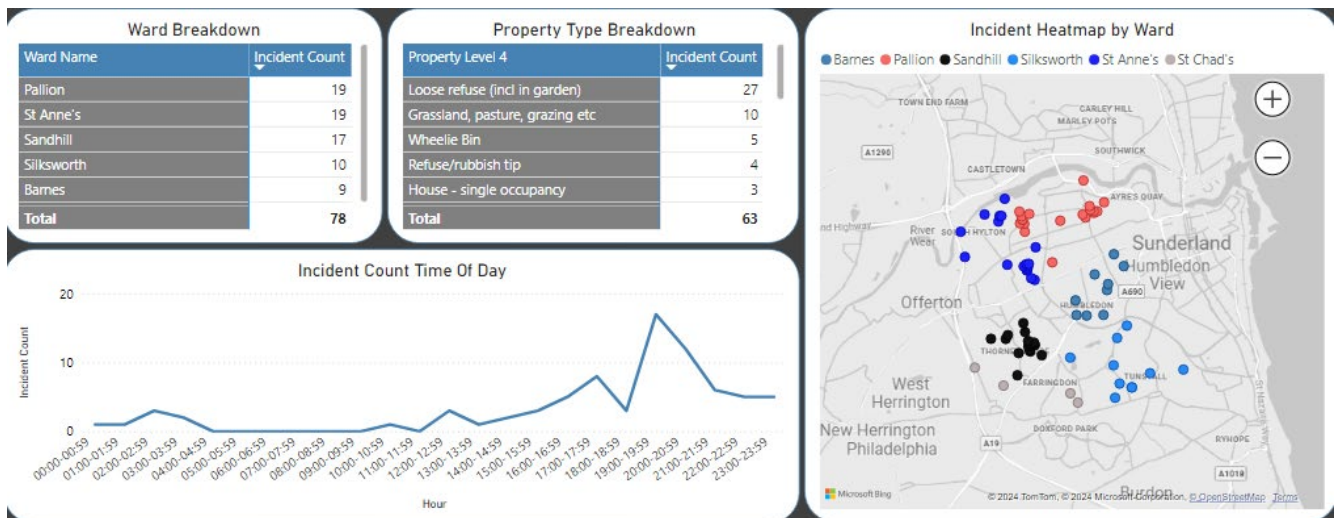
15 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 15 last year. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Pallion seeing a 200% rise having 6 up from 2 vehicle fires in the same period last year. Sandhill 100% decrease from 8 down to 0 vehicle fires.

### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately



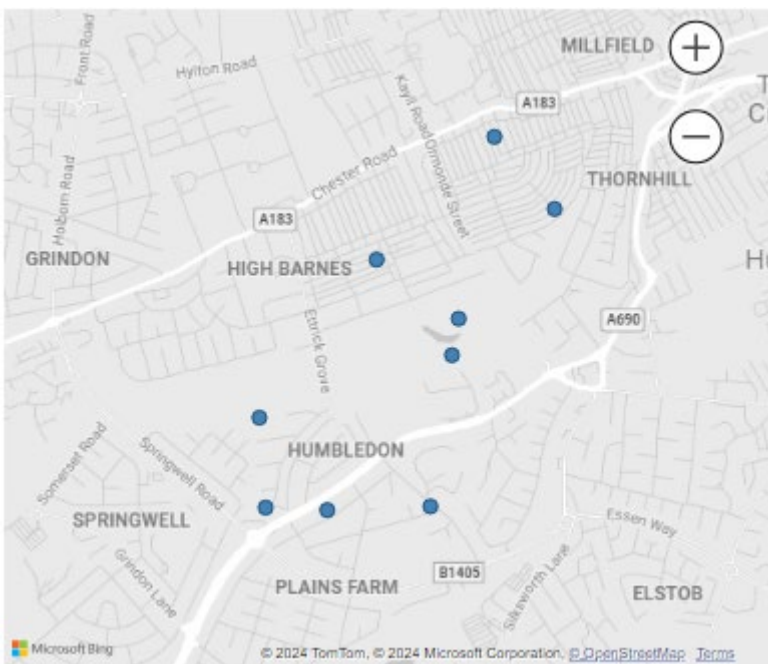
There have been 59 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 97 in the same period last year, a decrease of 39%. All wards apart from Sandhill have seen a 30 – 71% improvement against the same reporting period in 2023. Sandhill has seen a 15% rise in secondary fires (15 up from 13). The area around Thorndale Road remains the ASB activity area in this reporting period.

### 3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

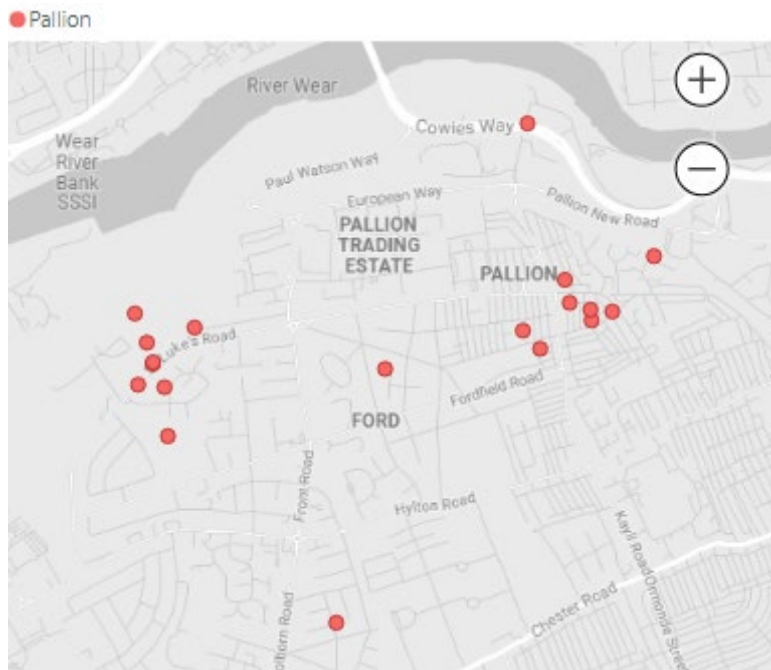


There were a total of **78** deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from 120 last year, a decrease of **35%**. **5** fires involved wheelie bins compared to 13, a reduction of **62%** for the same period last year.

#### Barnes ward **18%** decrease (**9** down from 11)

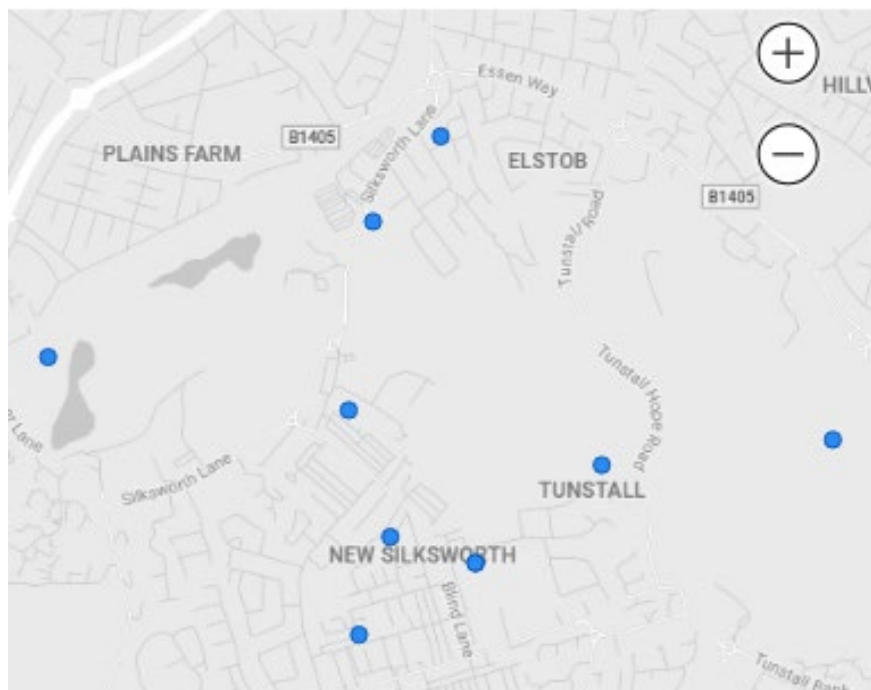


**Pallion ward 24% decrease (19 down from 25)**



St Luke's Rd is an ongoing hotspot area and makes up 7 of the 19 incidents in this period. This was 1 vehicle fire and predominately loose refuse. FRS crews have targeted this area with Fire stoppers leaflets and S&W's. ASB patrols have also been increased in this area.

**Silksworth ward 23% decrease (10 down from 13)**



Fires spread across the ward area, with no identified hotspots present. There has been a huge decrease in ASB activity around the Former Farringdon Police station and surrounding wasteland.

**St Annes ward 54% reduction (19 down from 41)**



There has been a large decrease in ASB fires around the King George Playing fields in this reporting period although it remains the identified hot spot. This area has seen multiple initiatives (S&Ws, Fire stoppers and youth engagement).

**Sandhill ward 27% reduction (17 down from 23)**



Thorndale Road has become the hotspot area Sandhill ward. We have seen 9 fires in the last 12 weeks. I raise this at the next LMAPs for partner support. Crews have increased visibility in the area between 17:30 and 22:00hrs when these fires are occurring.

## St Chads ward **43%** reduction (**4** down from 7)



No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns. 4 incidents spread across the ward area.

### 3.6 Community Involvement

Operational crews from Farringdon have completed **413** Safe and Well visits in this reporting period and will deliver a minimum of 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2025. Hot strikes are undertaking following all primary fires to maximize the delivery of domestic Fire Safety information to the community.

Crews have attended Herrington Scouts, St Leonard's School, King Georges Park working with partners amongst other community engagements in this reporting period.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open for those community members who are interested in becoming a Firefighter.

### 3.7 On-going Issues

There have been **2** reports of violence at work in this period.

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's will continue to target problematic sites as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Shaun Makin, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

Any questions please feel free to contact me or my team using the details below.

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## 4. Recommendations

### 4.1 Note the content of this report.

#### Information:

Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.