

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the North Sunderland Area.

2.0 Key Updates**Total Crime**

Up 8.6% increase of 344 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 and Burglaries to commercial Premises.

There has been numerous repeat victims inclusive of the Palm Public house where Lee Forbister has been arrested and Charged with Burglary to the Palm.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Increase of 17.6% which equates to - 166 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)

Wetherwack has also remained quite high with ASB numbers with a lot of this being linked to Bonfire weekend, there has been in excess of 30 arrests made with the majority being Juveniles who have progressed through the court process and Criminal Behaviour Orders and Evictions are being prepared in respect of some Offenders.

Burglary Dwelling

Residential Burglary is down by 5.9% year to date, this equates to a reduction of 8 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.

Commercial Burglaries

Up by 72.4% year to date, this equates to an increase of 55 crimes.

This has been a high increase in numbers but we have a number of Offenders arrested and Remanded. John Campbell was released from Prison and further arrested for another Burglary to Easy Bathrooms currently on bail conditions awaiting a further court date. Arrests of Kenny Roberts, Shaun Ellwood, John Campbell and Lee Forbister have dramatically reduced the numbers of Burglaries being committed,

Vehicle crime

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.

Violent Crime

The key area is around Roker area.

Increase of 4.8 % which equates to 73 incidents.

This relates to main area of Violence without injury which includes crime of harassment, Roker retail park and also the area of Hylton Castle have recorded the highest increases and the research show the majority are incidents without violence.

Other incidents of note

Operation Sceptre ran for 7 days in November, this is a National Operation aimed at knife crime, prevention, education, deterrence and enforcement actions were carried out over this period with some excellent results from both Police and partners involved in the Operation.

Bonfire Weekend.

This was once again a very challenging period, the Friday and Saturday nights were very quiet with an increase in incidents on the 5th November, a lot of planning went into this Operation (Vulcan) and also city wide plans were prepared for around 8 weeks leading up to the night.

Police recorded 48 incidents in both South Tyneside and Sunderland from mid day on the 5th until 10pm, a number of further incidents occurred after this time period that were dealt with by response Officers after the Operation was stood down, Police and Fire Services worked very well together coordinating attendances at Fires.

Unfortunately two vehicles were burnt out in area of Southwick an investigation is being progressed.

Motorcycle Disorder

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 in roads 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.

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