

## **EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

**11 DECEMBER 2023**

### **REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

The figures are based on the last 3 months.

#### **Sunderland Central: City Centre, Millfield, Ashbrooke**

##### **Total Crime**

This is showing a decrease of 27 incidents.

From research priority areas for the City Centre are the Bridges shopping centre and Park Lane. Millfield priority areas are Sunderland Royal Hospital and Aldi on St marks Road. The main crime reported in these areas is Shoplifting. The team have had some excellent recent results dealing with some prolific retail offenders that were responsible for several shoplifting offences.

##### **ASB**

Adult ASB – Street drinking. This is down 9%, a reduction of 9 incidents.

ASB in the City Centre is currently low with reports being spread across the City Centre. The SAIL and City Centre team continue to provide focus to Mowbray Park, Sunnyside, Park lane, High St West and Market Square.

We have been supported by the wider SAIL team including the neighbourhood wardens, ASB officer and the dedicated SAIL (VRU) staff focusing on youth serious violence.

Youth ASB – This is showing a 3% decrease. Some outreach work has been undertaken in the City Centre over the Summer period by the Youth consortium which has been beneficial. We have had a group of youths attending the City Centre that mainly reside in the Sunderland North area. They have been involved in criminality and ASB, leading to the ringleaders being identified and dealt with for a variety of offences which including one of them being convicted for an assault and a criminal damage at Court earlier this week.

##### **Burglary**

Burglary is down by 26% this period. This equates to a reduction of 24 Burglaries . Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The main area is the City Centre where a few of the commercial premises have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

##### **Vehicle crime**

Decrease of 13 % which is a decrease of 11 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Millfield, Ashbrooke and the City Centre. A number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread

crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

## **Violent Crime**

Violent crime with injury is down by 1% which equates to 1 fewer offence. The key area is around the night time economy (NTE) in the City Centre where we have a dedicated night time operation with neighbourhood staff working closely with street pastors, taxi marshalls and the XL health team. We also have Operation Cloak which sees officers deployed in plain clothes within the NTE to support vulnerable people and identify predatory offenders.

## **Sunderland East: Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope**

### **Total Crime**

This is showing an increase of 133 incidents.

From research, the rise is mainly down to a recent rise in reports of criminal damage which increased by 30 incidents with no obvious pattern to the offending. The key areas that have shown an increase is the Long Streets and Lewis Crescent. These locations feature within the Dark nights plan and the neighbourhood teams will be providing focus to these locations whilst working closely with the Local Authority and the housing providers which include Gentoo and thirteen housing group.

### **ASB**

ASB is showing an increase of 24 incidents.

The locations that currently have the highest levels of reports are Middle Hendon and the Long Streets. The neighbourhood teams continue to target the key offenders whilst linking with local youth providers to try and divert offenders.

Youth ASB – This is showing a 27% decrease.

### **Burglary**

Burglary is showing an increase of 7 offences.

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The offences have been spread across the East area and includes a small number of incidents involving commercial premises that have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Decrease of 23 % which is a decrease of 9 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Ryhope, Grangetown and Hendon. Similar to the Central area, a number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered

doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

## **Violent Crime**

Violent crime with injury is showing an increase of 32 offences. Some of the offences are linked to domestic abuse and we continue to provide focus to key offenders and victims through Operation Aegis. This sees dedicated officers exploring various avenues to support the victims and to try and prevent offending.

## **Drone**

The local authority have now purchased a Drone and trained a member of staff as a pilot, two further pilots are now being trained so there will be a lot more coverage over varying times of day and night.

The Drone has been well utilised by ourselves in the Central/East area with recent usage focusing on tackling ASB, serious violence and motorbike ASB. The drone assisted in recovering a motorbike and prosecuting the rider .

The excellent work of the SAIL team has been recognised within the Force with them finishing runners up in the recent Force Pride in Policing awards.

## **Sunderland West – Encompassing Doxford Ward**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Anti-Social Behaviour across Doxford Ward has decreased by 13%.

### **Motorcycle Disorder**

Motorcycle Disorder across Doxford Ward has decreased by 13%.

### **Crime**

Overall crime has fallen by 7%, with notable reductions in the following crime types; Burglary (-32%), Vehicle Crime (-32%) and Criminal Damage (-14%).

### **Seasonal Planning**

The Autumn Seasonal Plan focussed on Motorcycle Disorder and the area of Pennywell. The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team have worked in collaboration with a range of partners including Sunderland City Council, Gentoo, Together For Children and BTP to deliver a variety of multi-agency operations.

The Winter Seasonal Plan will focus on Anti-Social Behaviour, Shoplifting and Drug Dealing within the community thus aligning the Seasonal Plan with our local neighbourhood priorities.

The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team will adopt a proactive and intelligence-based approach, targeting high harm and/or high volume offenders which is in line with Northumbria Police's new Neighbourhood Policing Model.

### **Northumbria Connected**

Northumbria Connected is our new tool to ensure that we are delivering on the issues that affect all our communities across the North East. We want to understand the issues that

most impact you so that we can shape our Neighbourhood Policing to tackle them where you live. On sign up you can decide on the updates you will receive in either text or email. We can then send you a short survey to better understand what is impacting you and your community. We believe no one knows their community better than the people who live and work there so we want to hear from you. Subscribe at [www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk](http://www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk) and start to help shape policing in your area.