

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2018****REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****Houghton Crime and Disorder 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Houghton covering 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2018. For comparison purposes I have also provided the data for the same period last year.

As stated previously, our National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) compliance rate has drastically improved and we have now introduced a new method of recording crime in order to further capture the required data.

There is a noted decrease in Anti- Social Behaviour. This may be as a result of the ongoing work of the police and partners in Houghton and Hetton to address the issue of youth disorder in the Towns at night. Youth disorder is down to 196 reported incidents from 289 which is the third successive period. That said I have noticed an increase in calls in Easington Lane/Moorsley and we are addressing it with our CSO's and an additional officer in the shape of Derek Perry who has previous knowledge of this area. This is also linked into the motorcycle disorder in and around Hetton Park which reduced significantly over the summer months and the launch of our new DNA spray which in part was funded by the Local Authority and LMAPS.

Our priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and Commercial premises alike. Although the figures show a slight rise in house burglaries we have had success in arresting and charging known burglars and they are currently remanded in custody. Much of our work was centred on the Racecourse estate which has improved but we have had recent spikes in Fencehouses, Shiney Row and Hetton. In the main vacant premises are being targeted for their boilers and scrap. We have been working on Operation Granite which involves visiting scrap yards and working with letting agents to secure properties. In direct contrast to previous year's trends our burglaries to sheds and garages were minimal during the summer but have risen sharply in the last month in Hetton and Easington Lane where garden tools and pedal cycles have been stolen.

My priority in the upcoming period will remain burglaries as the nights get darker, historically we will have an increase in 'sneak-ins' via unlocked front/back doors and patios. Please remain vigilant over Christmas. We will be having a festive campaign to identify hot spots and offenders to try and reduce these crimes. January this year was particularly bad for daytime burglaries in the Houghton area but I hope with the sentencing of the persons we believe are responsible this will be much reduced.

Violent crime is down over the summer and I hope I can attribute some of this to the work we did with pubs and off licenses reminding them of their responsibilities during the World Cup. Overall violent crime remained a constant over these nervy times. I also believe that this campaign helped us to reduce youth disorder in the Coalfields.

We have had a recent upturn in theft of motor vehicles and vehicles that have been set on fire without obvious reason. Although this is more common in Sunderland and Washington we are looking into whether this is a new trend amongst local youths as very rarely are they being used in crime. This is happening in the West of the sector.

Much of the harassment and stalking figures are made up of instances of domestic violence, neighbourly disputes and social media. This continues to be a force objective.

Many thanks to those that took part in the recent Houghton feast which was another success, there was only one public order arrest made in that period and plenty of engagement opportunities with the Community.

We have also recruited another two police officers to the Neighbourhood Team who are both familiar to the area and will be introducing themselves to the Community over the coming weeks.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 2nd November 2017</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 2nd November 2018</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>ASB Reports</b>	956	849	Down 107
<b>Youth ASB</b>	289	196	Down 93
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	174	178	Up 4
<b>Burglary Other than Dwelling</b>	47	76	Up 29
<b>Violence against the Person</b>	795	780	Down 15
<b>Serious Injury</b>	14	15	Up 1
<b>Damage to Motor Vehicle</b>	144	174	Up 30
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	110	122	Up 12
<b>Harassment</b>	293	303	Up 10
<b>Total Crime</b>	2670	2769	Up 99 (4% increase)

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