

**14 June 2017**

**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

**Houghton Crime and Disorder 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Houghton covering 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. For comparison purposes I have also provided the data for the same period last year.

As a Force we have been very honest about our change in crime recording practices over the last year that has resulted in us being more transparent and open in terms of recording crime. After previous concerns nationally around the way crime was recorded we now record all crime as soon as a victim makes an allegation that THEY feel they are a victim of crime. In addition to that we have made great advances in terms of our Domestic Violence policies and Sexual Assaults Investigation that mean we have gained trust and confidence with the public and other agencies due to how we now approach and investigate those very important crimes and in turn victims feel more able to approach us and report those types of crime.

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.

This method is known as 'Front End Crime Recording'. At the first point of contact with our Call Centre; if it appears that a crime has occurred the Call Taker records that crime, prior to Officer attendance. On arrival at the scene, the Officer then establishes whether a crime has in fact occurred and updates accordingly.

From an analysis perspective, this is causing an issue when trying to determine exactly where we are at with actual crimes as there are potentially a number of 'recorded crimes' awaiting update and finalisation as 'no crime'.

There is a noted increase in Anti- Social Behaviour. As has been previously reported this is linked to Youth Disorder in Hetton and Motorcycle Disorder in Houghton.

A potential factor for the increase in reports could be linked to the arrival of the new NPT Sergeant in February. He has attended a number of meetings and is currently running some 'Disorder Disruption Days' which have been advertised on Social Media and SUN FM. He has been vocal in requesting information from Local Residents.

There has definitely been an increase in reports and information regarding Motorcycle Disorder and in recent weeks 6 warning notices have been served on Motorcycle riders and two bikes were seized last week.

The issues around Tesco in Hetton appear to have moved to Hetton Lyons Country Park. The NPT are fully aware and continue to tackle this.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>1st March 2017 – 5th June 2017</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>ASB Reports</b>	430	474	Up 44
<b>Burglary OTD</b>	40	28	Down 12
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	19	42	Up 23
<b>Rape</b>	3	12 * not stranger incidents. Improved trust and confidence	Up 9
<b>Serious Sex Assaults</b>	7	10	Up 3
<b>Damage to Motor Vehicle</b>	62	72	Up 10
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	29	30	Up 1
<b>Arson to MV</b>	9	12	Up 3
<b>Total Crime</b>	1029	1158	Up 12.5% (129 crimes)

Force fairly static in same period (49 crimes less)