

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, compared with the same period in 2020. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

- Washington Central
- Washington North
- Washington East
- Washington South
- Washington West

**2 Background**

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

**3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update**

**3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires**

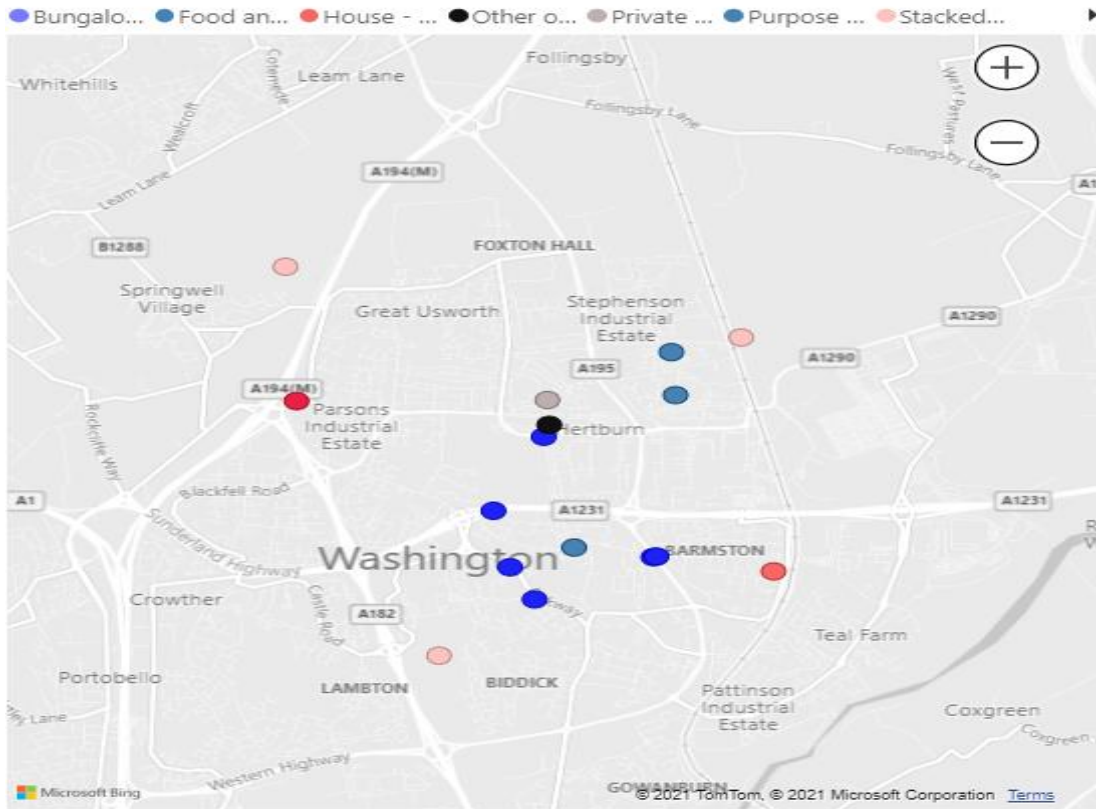
No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

**3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles**

There were 16 deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles) within this reporting period. This compares with 11 incidents for the same period last year.

<i>Washington North</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Washington South</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Washington East</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Washington West</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Washington Central</i>	<i>6</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Fig. 1 - LI 14 (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)

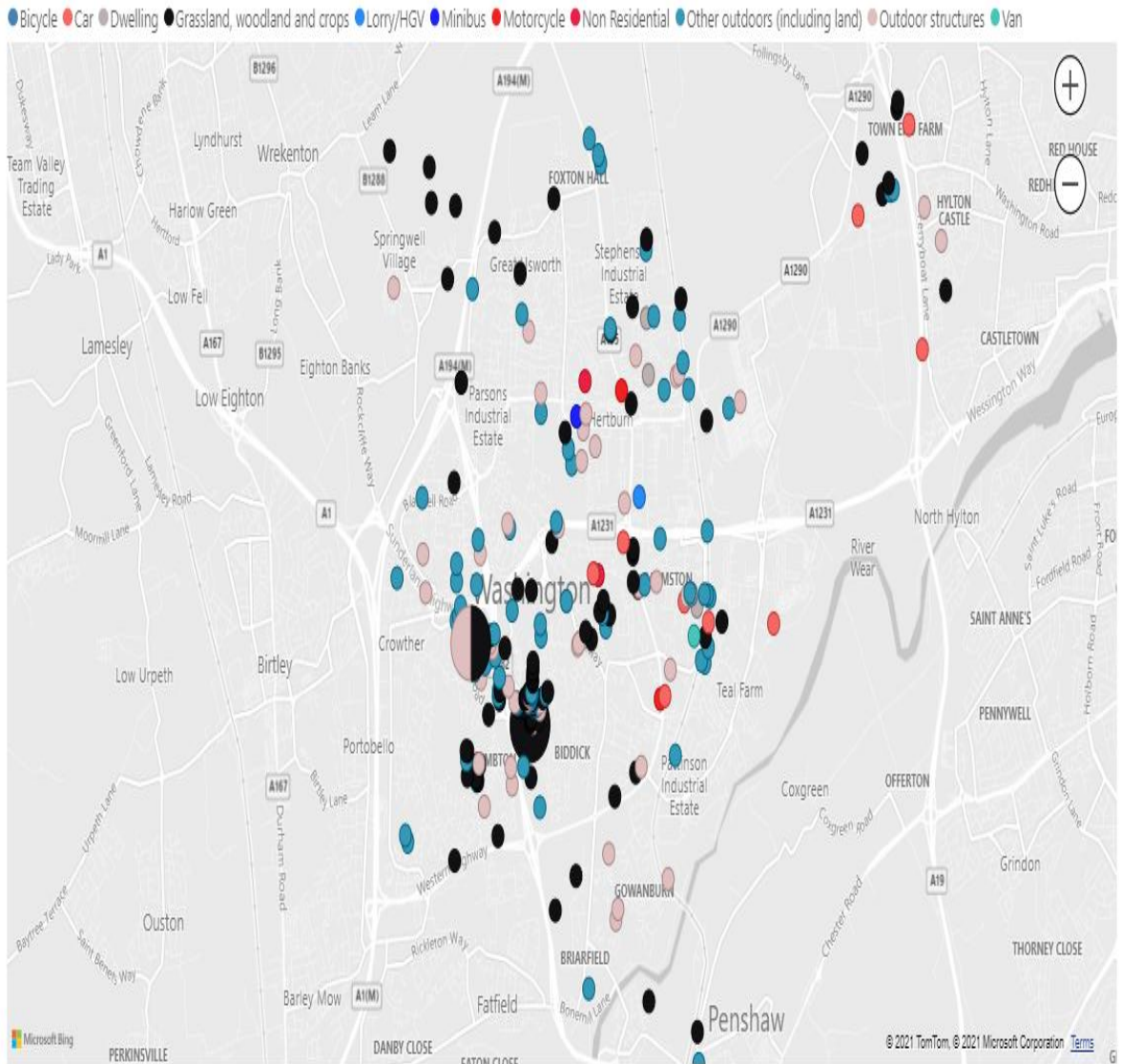


### 3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

**236** deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period. This compares to **176** incidents attended within the same period for the previous year. Type of incident includes;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	76
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	48
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc.	19
Refuse/rubbish tip	17
Road vehicles	15
Wheelie Bin	12
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	10
Other fire types	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>

**Fig. 2 - LI 33 – Washington Area Committee (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**



3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

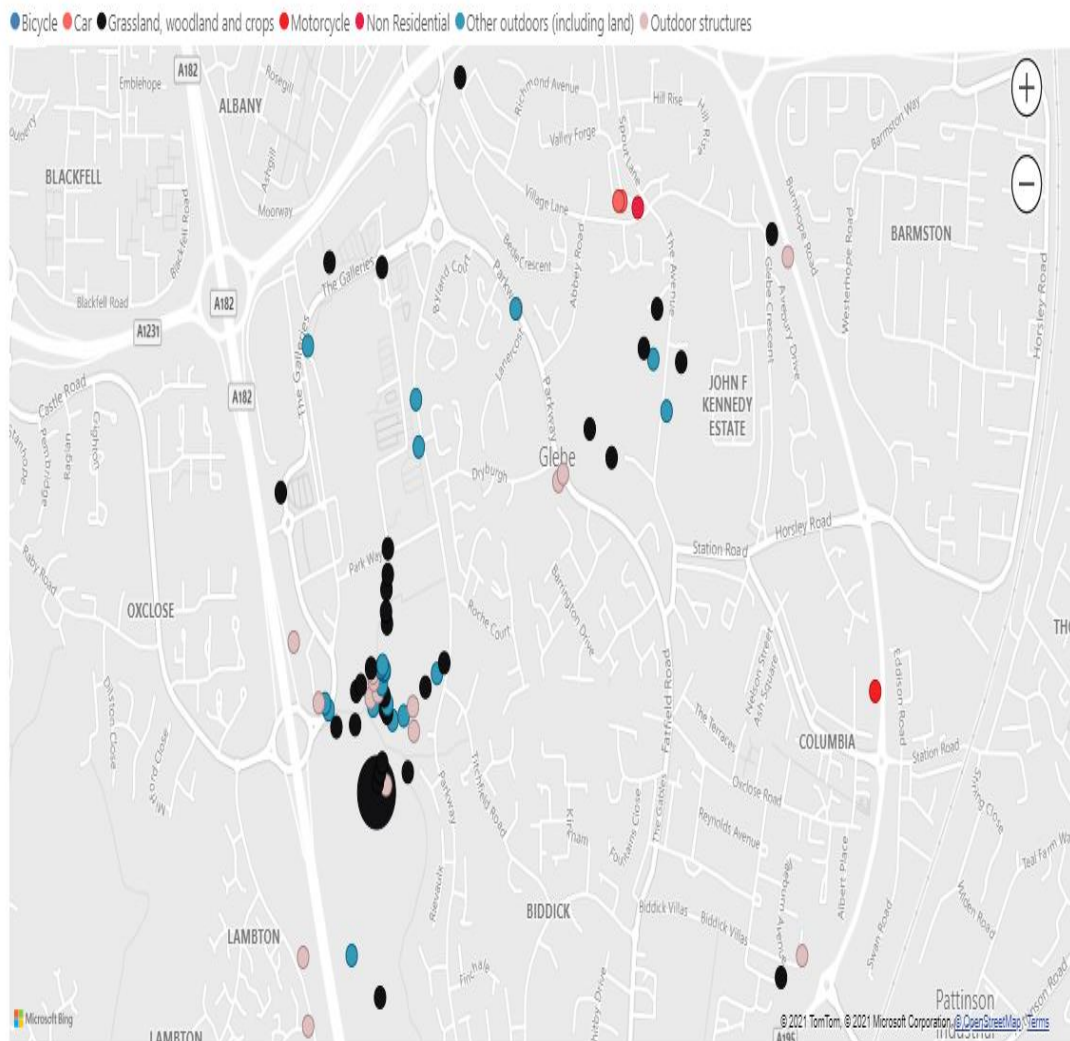
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 27 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 78 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	23
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	19
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc.	9
Road vehicles	4
Other fire types	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington Central Ward.

**Fig. 3 - LI 33 – Washington Central Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**



3.3.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

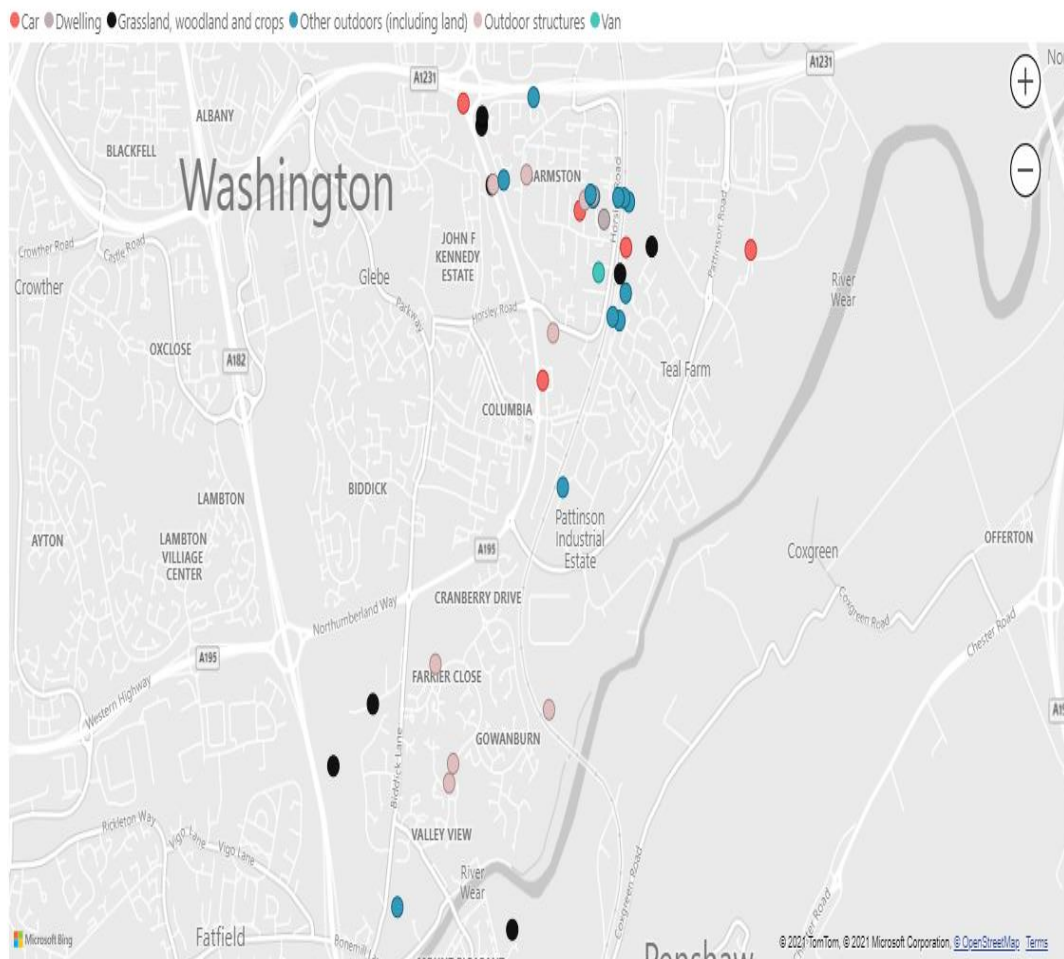
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 20 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 37 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	13
Refuse/rubbish tip	7
Road vehicles	4
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Other fire types	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington East Ward.

**Fig. 4 - LI 33 – Washington East Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**



3.3.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents.

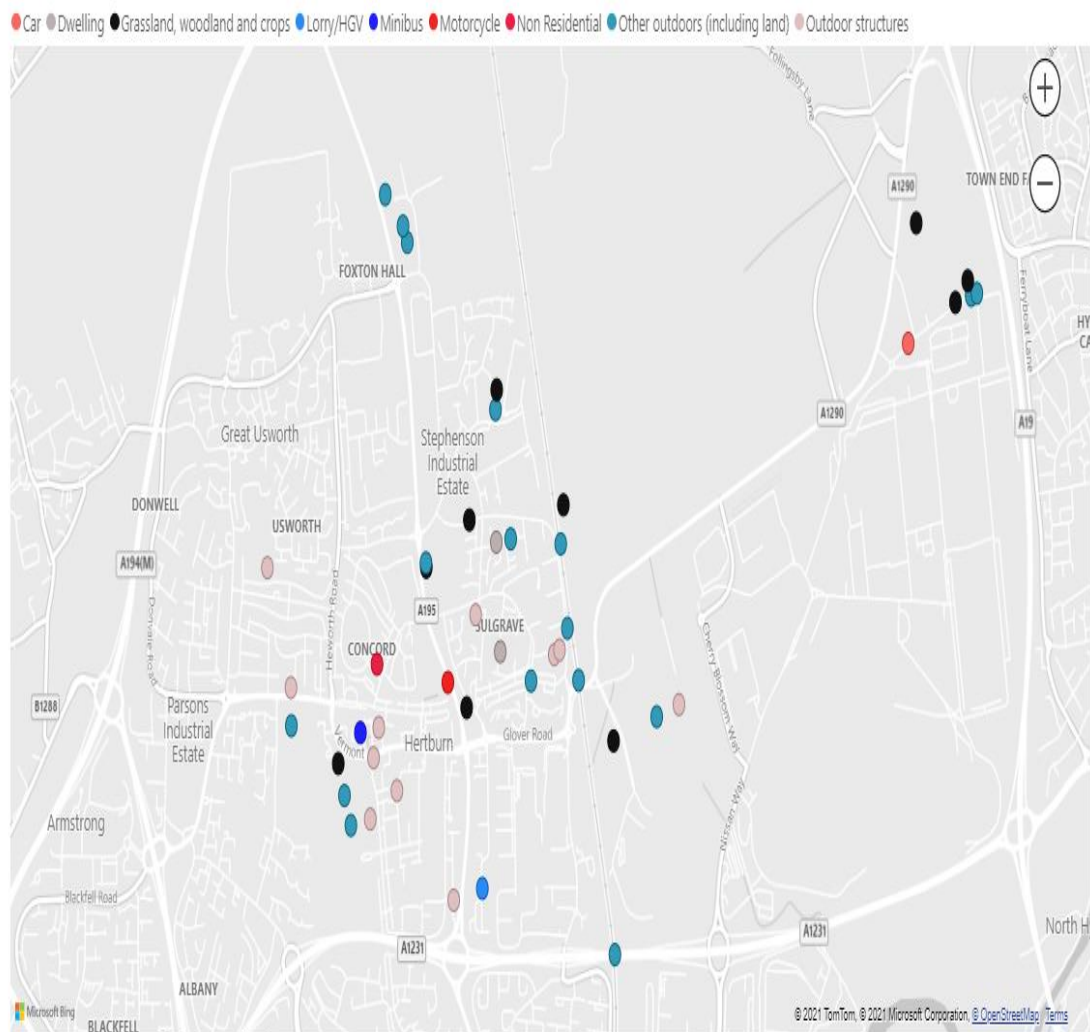
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 79 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 45 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	15
Refuse/rubbish tip	7
Road vehicles	4
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Other fire types	16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45</b>

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington North Ward.

**Fig. 5 - LI 33 – Washington North Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**



3.3.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

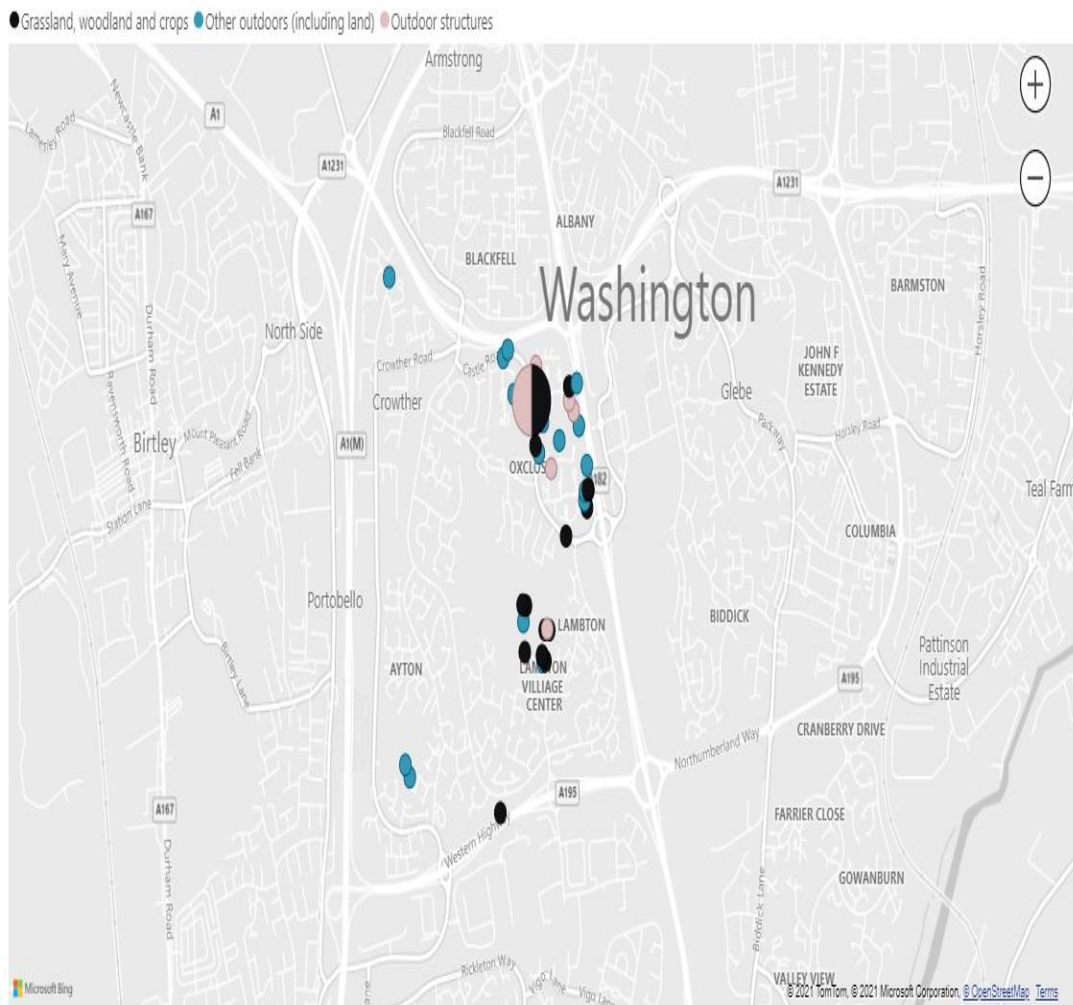
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 23 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 39 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	16
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	12
Wheelie bin	3
Wheelie bin	3
Other fire types	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39</b>

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington South Ward.

**Fig. 6 - LI 33 – Washington South Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**



3.3.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

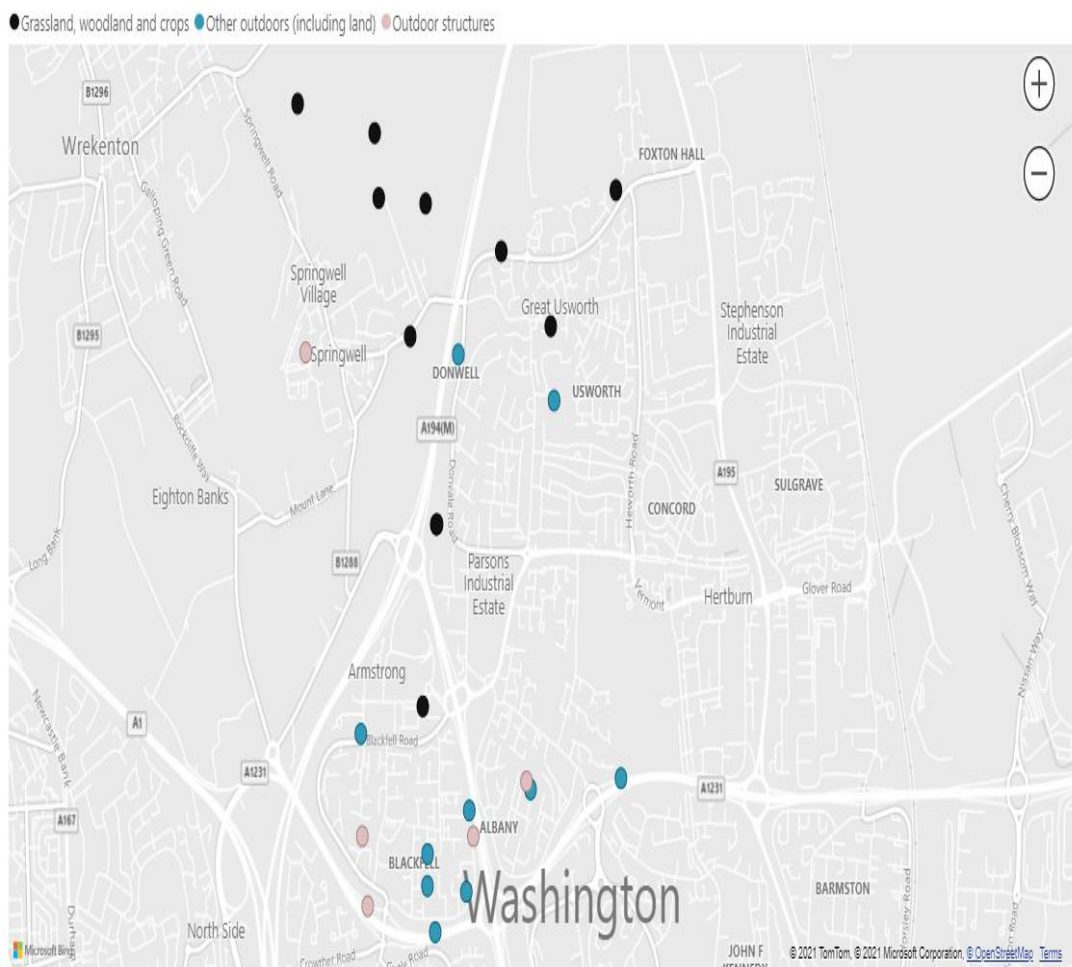
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 15 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 26 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	4
Wheelie bin	3
Other fire types	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington West Ward.

**Fig. 7 - LI 33 – Washington West Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)**





## 4 Lighter / Darker Nights

- 4.1 Darker nights are now upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558.



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As covid restrictions lift we will increase our engagement with local groups and schools to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.
- 4.3 Following a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents in the vicinity of the Galleries leisure centre, an initiative was launched to target the area using a combination of fire stoppers leaflet drops, social media campaigns and engagement with local businesses. Appliance CCTV footage was shared with the Police however this did not provide a positive identification of the individuals responsible. Crews also carried out multiple uplift patrols identifying likely sources of flammable materials and arranging and engaged with local businesses, raising awareness of the issues being experienced. Since undertaking this activity we have experienced no further attacks in this area but we will continue to monitor this going forward.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

## 5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

## 6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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