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REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Houghton Crime and Disorder 30th November 2017 to 2nd March 2018

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Houghton covering 30th November 2017 to the 2nd of March 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 72 reported incidents as a whole which is again down on this time last year when it was at 98. That said I have noticed an increase in calls in Easington Lane and we are addressing it with Operation Candy on an evening. This is also linked into the motorcycle disorder in and around Hetton Park.

We have handed out over 2000 leaflets to addresses in the affected areas requesting information on where the bikes are being stored but to date have had nothing back from the Community.

Our priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and Commercial premises alike. I can guarantee that thieves will be targeting sheds and garages for gardening tools and bikes over the summer. I have managed to secure some funds from the LA for some bike locks and shed alarms and will be handing them to the more vulnerable in the Community. Much of the crime in this period has been to new building sites and 'plant' left overnight that have had their diesel syphoned off.

Burglaries have risen slightly on this time last year but this is after a particularly bad February with 38 in that month alone. The issue has moved from the racecourse estate to empty properties in Easington Lane and times vary from early evening to overnight.

My priority in the upcoming period is the TFMV we have been experiencing in the last ten days with a total of 45 which is a significant increase. Many of these have been in the Shiney Row and Penshaw areas with particular focus on parkland where owners are leaving vehicles in secluded car parks to go for walks. We have identified the offender and he is currently wanted for these. There has also been a spate of spare wheels and parts being removed from vehicles overnight.

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.

All forms of assault are on the decrease and I would expect this to get worse before during the summer months increasing drinking and the inevitable disappointments of the World Cup. I am insisting on more stringent controls of our 'problem pubs' and we have already got the ball rolling on

licensing controls with our 'Offwatch Schemes' this should also have a positive knock on effect on ASB.

Crime / Disorder	2nd March – 6th June 2017	2nd March – 6th June 2018	+ / -
ASB Reports	369	259	Down 110
Burglary OTD	11	24	Up 13
Burglary Dwelling	39	44	Up 5
Rape	13	11	Down 2
Serious Sex Assaults	6	13	Up 7
Damage to Motor Vehicle	57	47	Down 10
Theft from Motor Vehicle	21	45	Up 24
Harassmt/Stalking	83	115	Up 32
Total Crime	845	848	Down 3%