

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Washington Crime and Disorder 6th June 2018 – 23rd October 2018

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington covering the 6th June 2018 to 23rd October 2018. For comparison purposes the data provided is for the same period last year.

Overall the number of Anti- Social Behaviour calls has increased by 191 incidents (to 1.010) compared to the same period last year which equates to an increase of 23%. Almost all of this increase falls within non-youth ASB which increased by 190 incidents. Non-ASB is quite wide ranging and is often parking disputes, neighbour issues, noise and corner shops/takeaways. Police will be concentrating their efforts around the Galleries and Concord as there have been spikes there in recent weeks. As promised in the last meeting a lot of attention has been put into Lambton and Usworth over the summer, which has had a drastic reduction in calls from the public. Repeat offenders have been identified and Police teams are working with Gentoo to serve NOSP's on parents after failing to control their child's behaviour.

The priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and Commercial premises alike. 1 x male has been arrested for 4 separate burglaries in one evening in Albany and Oxclose he had only been out of prison for three days and has subsequently been sentenced to 4 years for the same offences that he had just been released from. Burglaries are spread across Washington with a slight concentration on Sulgrave housing complex.

The OTD's (commercial, Sheds and garages) have dropped dramatically which is in contrast to what previous years have predicted. Shed and garage burglaries were expected to increase in the summer months with strimmer's, lawnmowers and garden tools targeted, but that failed to materialise. Whether this was as a result of patrolling or the issuing of the last of our shed alarms is yet to be seen. That said there is currently a spike in shed crime centred on Oxclose and Springwell. The team have been working with Gateshead to try and identify offenders as it is suspected that they are crossing the borders.

The figures now show a focus on Theft from motor vehicles in Washington. There has been an alarming increase with most of the offending happening overnight and ranges from open doors to number plates being removed. We looked at Donwell at the start of the summer but that has quietened off. Sulgrave has remained a hot spot and Usworth is on the rise at this present time. Police have tried to inform as many people as possible about leaving vehicles insecure overnight but don't particularly want to publicise the fact. No type of vehicle is being targeted more than another but work vans are always vulnerable.

There has been several arsons to motor vehicles in Washington (11) in six months with victims telling us that they are not involved in any disputes or criminality. This was highlighted by Mark Witherspoon from TWFB and we are monitoring any future incidents.

As predicted violent crime has risen over the summer which in the main was due to the warm weather and increased in drinking. Working very closely with the members of pubwatch we are pleased to report that their responsible licensing meant that we were very rarely called out during the World Cup.

The team is almost sitting at full staff capacity and have recently freshened up the areas of responsibility for individual NPT officers. We have met with the Local Authority and TWFB to discuss joint-working over the bonfire and Halloween periods and a contact number to report build- ups in combustible materials that we think are situated in dangerous areas.

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ASB Reports	819	1,010	Up 191
Youth ASB	253	253	Same
Burglary Dwelling	93	69	Down 24
Burglary Other than Dwelling	33	28	Down 5
Violence against the Person	786	818	Up 32
Serious Injury	12	8	Down 4
Damage to Motor Vehicle	117	117	Same
Theft from Motor Vehicle	63	125	Up 62
Harassment	268	296	Up 28
Total Crime	2545	2694	Up 149 (6% increase)