

21st June 2018**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****Washington Crime and Disorder 2nd March 2018 – 6th June 2018**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington covering the 2nd of March to the 6th June 2018. For comparison purposes the data for the same period last year is also provided.

As stated previously, the 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.

The number of Anti- Social Behaviour calls has reduced significantly down 42 incidents compared to the same period last year which equates to a 12% reduction. Much of this reduction falls within youth ASB. We have concentrated efforts around the Galleries and Concord. Spikes in Lambton and Usworth have occurred which is where efforts will be concentrated in the summer months. There has been a slight increase in neighbourhood disputes which in the main centre around parking in Springwell and noise issues in Albany Park. Much of the issues with Washington Village have subsided with several Gryphon forms being submitted for action with parents and partners.

The priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and commercial premises alike. We have arrested persons for burglary recently to premises in Oxclose and they are awaiting sentence. Of the figures shown, the main hotspots for burglaries are in either Concord or Sulgrave. What is worth noting is that many of our burglaries are late evening or daytime at weekends where entry is gained via an unlocked door with the occupants very often enjoying the warmer weather in the garden. A press release will go out warning people to lock their doors whether they are in the house or not.

The OTD's (commercial, sheds and garages) have dropped dramatically which is in contrast to what previous years have predicted. We often find an increase in thefts of garden tools and furniture which is not the case at this present time. We do have some crime prevention tools in shed alarms which I will be giving away to vulnerable residents.

Theft from motor vehicle crimes have risen significantly in this period and in the main are centred around Sulgrave, Usworth and Springwell. By far and away the worst affected area is Sulgrave which is being targeted overnight - the MO is to try car doors to check on the ones that have been left unlocked. On the plus side since we arrested and charged the offender from Sunderland all transit van crime has pretty much disappeared although there has been an increase in spare wheels being stolen from these vehicles.

As you may note stalking has been added to the figures. This is at present a force wide focus and a crime that is becoming more prevalent between ex-partners. It goes hand-in-hand with our campaign to positively deal with domestic violence and an area that initially manifests itself on social media.

All forms of assault are on the increase and this trend may continue over the summer months. More stringent controls of our pubs which have historically presented with issues and problems will be implemented and we have already got the ball rolling on our 'Offwatch Schemes' which should also have a positive knock on effect on ASB.

Crime / Disorder	2nd March – 6th June 2017	2nd March – 6th June 2018	+ / -
ASB Reports	346	304	Down 42
Burglary Dwelling	39	24	Down 15
Burglary OTD	36	25	Down 11
Rape	5	6	Up 1
Assaults (including serious)	222	279	Up 57
Damage to Motor Vehicle	47	49	Up 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8	52	Up 44
Stalking/Harassment	93	96	Up 3
Total Crime	590	738	Up 148 (25% increase)