

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Anti-Social Behaviour

Since the last Area Committee ASB in Washington has decreased by 12% when compared to the last reporting period. This increase is a fantastic achievement especially considering the reporting period spans Halloween and Bonfire Night. As part of our seasonal planning the area of Washington continues to see increased and targeted patrols designed to combat localised issues. The ASB hotspots currently are Barmston, Concord and The Galleries.

Motorcycle Disorder

The levels of Motorcycle Disorder have increased slightly since the last Area Committee, which equates to 11 more reported incidents. The current hotspots are Concord, Albany and Usworth. It is acknowledged that up until recently, incidents concerning the illegal use of motorcycles was significantly under reported. Following the last Area Committee reports to the Police have increased resulting in the deployment of additional resources. Furthermore, as part of a wider problem-solving approach, the Washington Neighbourhood Team is continuing to work with partners to reduce the illegal use of motorcycles specifically in Concord and Sulgrave. Thus far the team has been successful in seizing numerous illegal motorcycles and recently executed a search warrant in the Sulgrave area. This followed intelligence shared by the local community around motorcycle disorder taking place in the area and that some offending vehicles were being stored at the address.

Sulgrave Project

The Sulgrave Project is now expanding the work it is doing and is looking to deliver a “mentor scheme” to support children vulnerable to exploitation. This work will be undertaken by volunteers and it is hoped that it will positively impact on the lives of young people within the locality.

Operation Butternut

Operation Butternut is a Road Safety operation in collaboration with Sunderland City Council. The operation officially went live in October 2022 and with several deployments already having taken place around Washington. The operation is designed to tackle and educate the public regarding a wide range of Road Safety issues. Thus far countless persons have received suitable education and advice regarding Road Safety in addition to enforcement action that includes; seizure of uninsured vehicles and prosecution of offenders for a wide range of Road Traffic-related offences.

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