

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (29th June 2023 – 30th August 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 30-08-23

Crime numbers have reduced in the last 8 weeks and we sit on a par with crime data from the last 3 years. In my last report I did highlight this downward trend which I am pleased to note has continued. The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are theft, crimes against a person with no injury, and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is Sulgrave, The Galleries and then Concord. which is a slight change on my last report where the Galleries record the most offences.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is generally low for a Town of this size and as a result there are smaller sectors within the area command with greater levels of recorded crime.

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Washington is still performing very well in this crime category. We did see a slightly concerning spike in offences towards the end of June however I am pleased to report this has been addressed and we now sit at similar levels of offending to previous years. I would highlight that this performance means this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Which means Washington is not a hot spot for commercial burglaries. However, I would highlight that we have seen a small number of offences on our industrial sites and there is work on going to address this before it becomes a significant issue.

Vehicle crime

The sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it is a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. I am pleased to report a significant decrease in offending which puts us below 2020 and 2022 data.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 30-08-23

In this 8-week period there have been 225 ASB incidents, a decrease of 40 incidents from my last report. most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in The Galleries followed by Lambton and Oxclose and then Concord.

We are currently tracking below reporting levels in the best 3 years and significantly below 2020 figures. The team are working on our Summer operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The Summer plan focuses on the galleries and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB. I have asked for specific tasking from other departments to assist with the issues in Oxclose and Lambton.

Summer plan update

The summer plan as can be seen from my above update is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

Autumn plans have been prepared for a commencement date in mid-September and I am advised that all members will receive a redacted version of that document to update on activity.

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