

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

**Washington Crime and Disorder Report**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington comparing Year to date figures with the preceding year. For comparison purposes data for the same period last year has been provided.

Crime statistics in Washington have decreased significantly since this same period last year. A lot of hard work has been completed over the last year, but these figures are affected by the previous and current lockdown period which had a significant effect on offending.

For a second period in a row, every section of core crime evidences a reduction and looking at other figures the only increases are on-line harassment and adult ASB. This is to be expected with many within the community staying at home and accessing social media. Adult ASB figures have increased tenfold as reports of breaches of Covid regulations are included in that category as well as neighbourly disputes.

Although there has been a decrease in motor vehicle crime we are aware of the spikes in Rickleton and Harraton although on a lesser scale. We have been working during the night using covert patrols and made an arrest of a prolific offender from Chester Le Street - offending has now tailed off significantly.

Motorcycle disorder will be the focus in the coming months looking at hotspots such as Albany Park, Fatfield and Mount Pleasant. Sgt Parish is leading the purchase of the long lens camera to detect off road motorcycle use and we will get that in use as soon as the final piece arrives.

A closure notice has been granted by the courts for an address in Lumley Close in Oxclose which will allow us to prevent anyone from entering other than the female occupant. The visitors have caused a multitude of issues on the estate making other residents lives difficult. This is testimony to the good work that Sgt Patrick Scott has done with his team and Michael Dodds from the Local Authority ASB unit.

A community protection notice was also granted for another female resident of Beech Square in Columbia. She has also caused a large number of issues for her neighbours and created vast demand for all of the emergency services.

Much of our time is spent managing domestic and public space Covid reports and potential breaches, issuing summons and fixed penalty notices for those that do not comply. Where businesses have been implicated we have also referred these to these Local Authority licensing department.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>Current period 24<sup>th</sup> Nov to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Previous period 24<sup>th</sup> Nov to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>Youth ASB</b>	318	385	Down 67
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	92	120	Down 28
<b>Commercial Burglary</b>	41	52	Down 11
<b>Violence against the Person</b>	338	428	Down 90
<b>Serious crime</b>	87	94	Down 7
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	128	202	Down 74
<b>Theft and handling</b>	280	445	Down 165
<b>Total Crime</b>	3686	4444	Down 758