

15th December 2016**REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 19th October 2016 – 4th December 2016.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Events and Updates

- 3.1 Despite Bonfire night being on a Saturday night emergency services coped well with the demand. There were no major issues across the Ward areas and those bonfires that were lit were in open areas away from housing. Wheelie bin theft and the subsequent arson of the bins continue to be an issue across the City.

- 3.2 During October and November overall crime levelled off in the South with a similar number of crimes being reported compared with the same two months last year.

In the West crime continues to rise overall mainly because there are a greater number of public order type incidents occurring which would have previously been closed as anti-social behaviour.

- 3.3 Burglary dwelling shows an overall rise in the South but the number of offences is low (average of 1 burglary a week over the course of the year). In the West, for the third month running we have recorded fewer burglaries which is good news and overall we should be on course for a decent reduction.

- 3.4 Burglary to sheds, garages and commercial premises is an issue with no particular pattern across both the South and West. We have had an average rise of 8 offences a month since the start of the financial year. The arrest and imprisonment of commercial burglars in the Pallion area has stopped the issues we were having around St Luke's Terrace.

- 3.5 Vehicle crime has at last begun to slow down across the South and West. There were 33 offences recorded in October but only 15 in November and we aim to keep this reduction going by targeting the Barnes and Eden Vale areas.

- 3.6 Historic sexual abuse is currently featuring prominently in the media with professional football being highlighted. This is one area where a rise in the number of offences being reported is actually welcomed. It shows that victims are more confident that the judicial system will actually take action against the perpetrators.

- 3.7 Anti-Social Behaviour remains a priority. King George playing fields was our main ASB hotspot during October and November. The Police, Fire brigade and partners have put a considerable amount of work into stopping the fire related incidents. This culminated with a presentation at Farrington community fire station which was attended by some of the children involved who were accompanied by their parents. They were shown

video evidence of youths setting fire to wheelie bins and were also given a presentation by the Fire brigade concerning the danger and cost involved.

This story made the front page of the Echo early in the month. Incidents have fallen by 75 % over the last 3 weeks.

3.8 Forward Planning

24/7 and Neighbourhood teams are busy with Christmas crime prevention campaigns at present. There are operations running to prevent robberies, burglaries, domestic violence and identifying vulnerable females over the party season that may be at risk of sexual assault.

4. Update – Area Information

4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc. are not included).

4.2 Figures are from the 1st April 2016 as the computer programme would not allow comparisons spanning different financial years.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill
St Anne's
Pallion
Barnes

South Area	Crime figures comparison since 2015	% increase or decrease since 2015
Total crime	+159	+32%
Violence with injury	+4	+7.8%
Violence without	+46	+62%
Burglary dwelling	+ 11	+59%
Burglary OTD	+ 30	+ 89%
Criminal damage	-2	-1.9%
TFMV	+13	+ 81%
Shoplifting	+12	+36.8%
Youth ASB	- 29	- 15%
Non youth ASB	- 48	-15%
Drug crime	- 2	- 8%

West Area	Crime figures comparison since 2015	% increase or decrease since 2015
Total crime	+289	+24%

Violence with injury	+21	+14.6%
Violence without injury	+132	+ 81%
Burglary dwelling	- 7	- 10%
Burglary OTD	+ 26	+46%
Criminal damage	+10	+3.5%
TFMV	- 2	-1%
Shoplifting	- 42	-26%
Youth ASB	- 27	-13%
Non youth ASB	- 29	- 5%
Drug crime	-1	-4%

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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