

14th December 2023**REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st September 2023 to 25th November 2023, compared with the same period in 2022.

2 Background

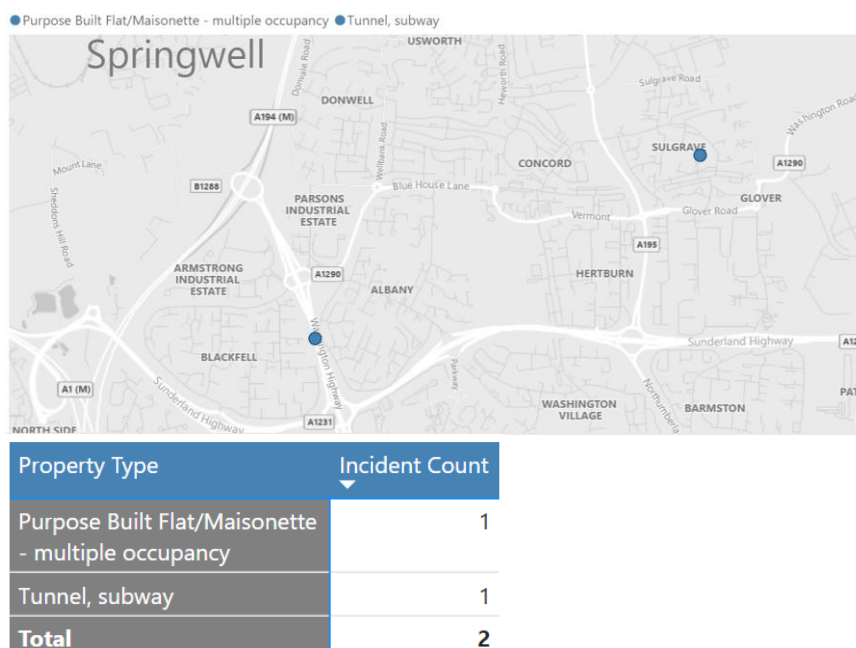
- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update**3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

2 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 3 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.



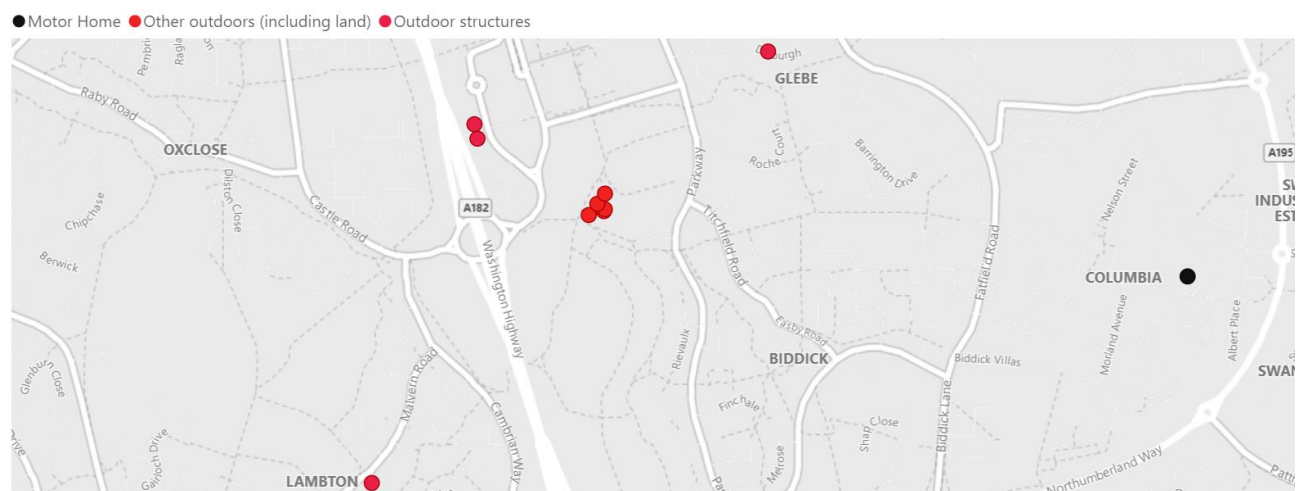
There was 1 incident in Washington North involving a deliberate fire on a flat balcony and 1 in Washington West involving a plastic road warning sign in a subway.

3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

70 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 45 incidents in the previous year.

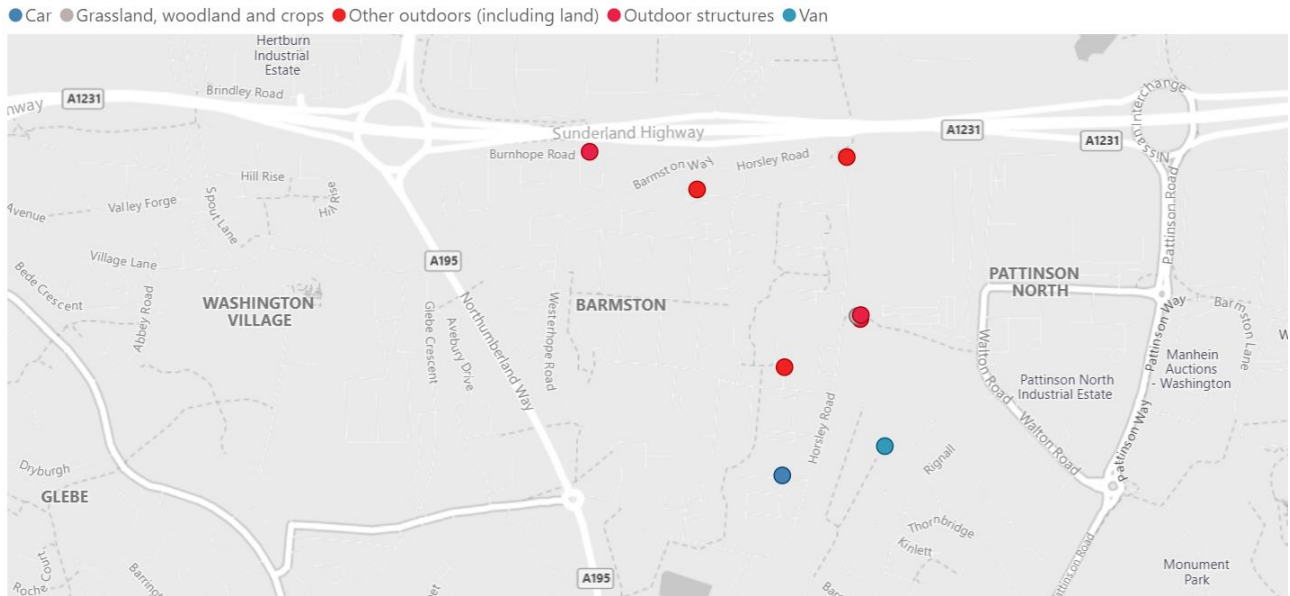
LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)								
	2022				2023			
Ward	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Washington Central Ward	3	1	2	6	4	5	1	10
Washington East Ward	5	4	7	16	3	2	4	9
Washington North Ward	3	5	8	16	8	11	6	25
Washington South Ward	1	5	0	6	9	9	1	19
Washington West Ward	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	7
Total	12	15	18	45	24	29	17	70

3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 the previous year to 10 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

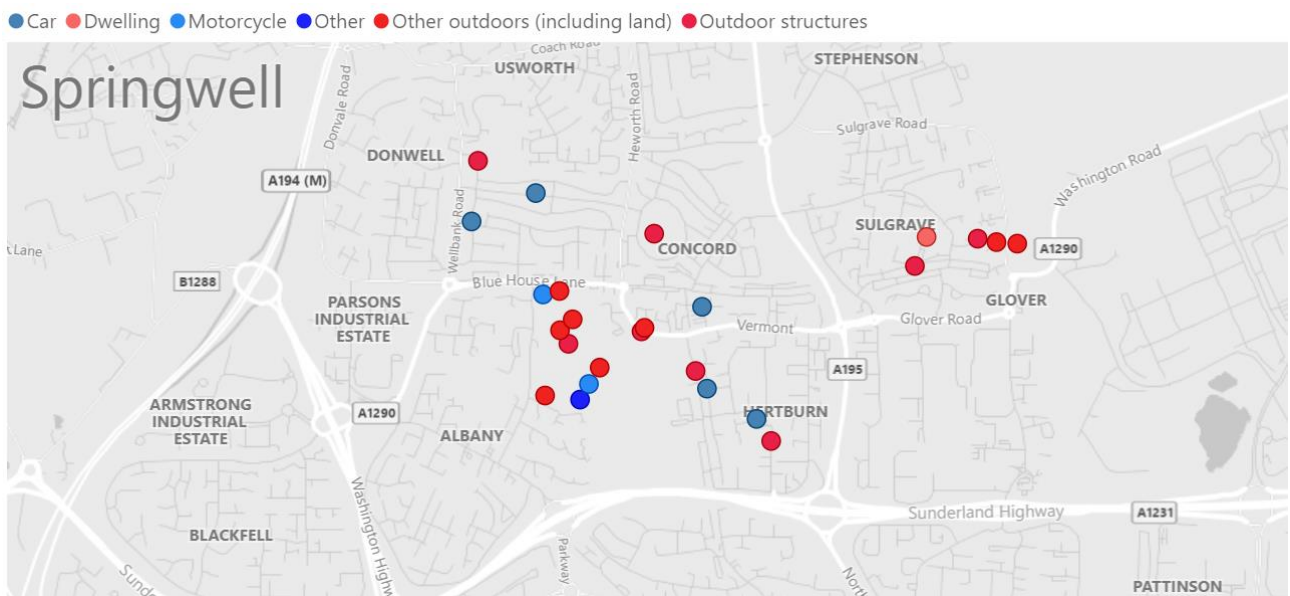


The main issues were in October in the Washington Skate Park / Leisure Centre area with 5 incidents in this location

3.3.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 16 the previous year to 9 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

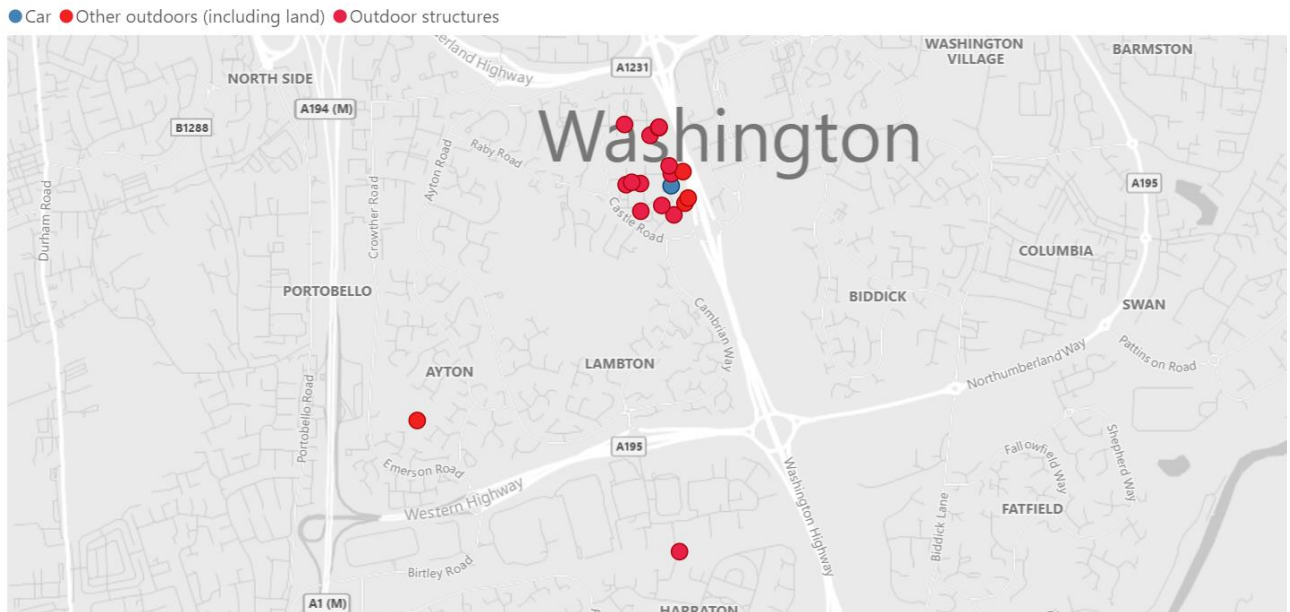


3.3.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 16 the previous year to 25 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



The main issues were in the Albany Park area with 11 incidents in this location. TWFRS targeted the streets around Albany Park carrying out Safe and Well visits and delivering FireStoppers leaflets. There has been only 1 incident in November.

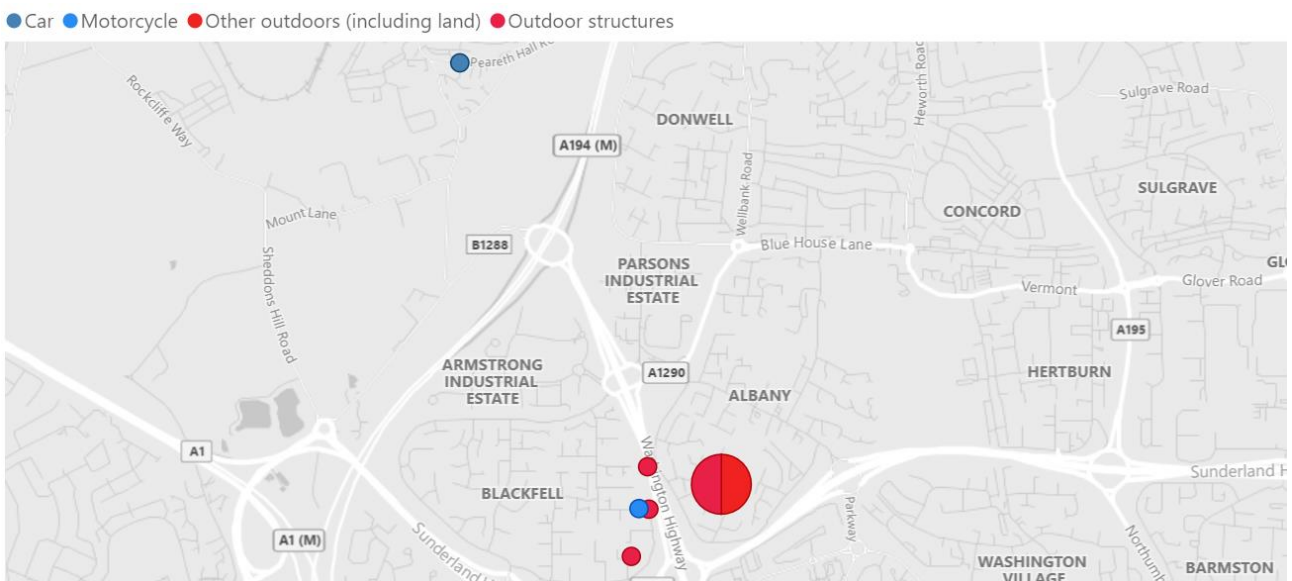
3.3.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 the previous year to 19 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



The area around Lumley Close, Dunstanburgh Close, Warkworth Close and the footpath running alongside A182 has seen 17 incidents for this reporting period. 9 of these incidents occurred on the same dates with some only minutes apart – 3 x 12/09/23, 3 x 14/09/23 & 3 x 14/10/23.

TWFRS targeted this area and with collaboration with partners we have seen a drop in the number of incidents again with only 1 incident in November.

3.3.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 1 the previous year to 7 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



The large red icon is due to 2 incidents of rubbish on fire at the same location at the junction of Boystones Court and Rosegill.

4 **Fire Stoppers Hotline**

- 4.1 It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 **Summary**

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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