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Northumbria Police Report

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Anti-Social Behaviour

Since the last Area Committee ASB across Coalfields has only increased by 15% when compared to the last reporting period. An increase was expected considering the period spanned the Summer months. However, the increase is far less than anticipated. However, ASB is down by 7% when compared to last Summer. Over the Summer months ASB in Coalfields formed part of our Summer Planning which saw increased and targeted patrols designed to suppress the anticipated increase in demand. The ASB hotspots currently are Easington Lane, Houghton and Shiney Row.

Motorcycle Disorder

Since the last Area Committee motorcycle disorder across Coalfields has increased by 22% when compared to the last reporting period. An increase was expected considering the period spanned the Summer months. However, the increase is far less than anticipated. However, ASB is down by 14% when compared to last Summer. The Houghton Neighbourhood Team has implemented bespoke operations to combat motorcycle disorder which have resulted in the seizure of numerous motorcycles and the prosecution of several offenders.

Burglary

Since the last Area Committee overall burglary rates across the Coalfields area have decreased by 20%. This equates to a drop in residential burglaries by 18% and a drop in commercial burglaries by 28%. This is largely due to the positive impact of Operation Cherry and Operation Tiama both of which have been designed to combat this issue.

HALO

The HALO Team continues to go from strength to strength and engagement with the project is better than ever. HALO has recently secured Safer Street Funding in excess of £250,000 that includes £50,000 for a new CCTV network. Furthermore, HALO have been nominated for a Pride in Policing Award for the Problem-Solving work as part of Operation Tiama.

Operation Ebony

Over the Summer, Operation Ebony was launched in the area of Easington Lane. This operation has taken inspiration from HALO and the Sulgrave Project and aims to provide a holistic approach to tackling the issues in the locality. The operation is in its infancy, but engagement from partners has been positive.

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