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REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Coalfields Crime and Disorder Report

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Coalfields comparing fiscal year to date figures with the previous year.

There is a slight increase in youth Anti- Social Behaviour. We had seen almost twelve months of reductions in youth ASB across the sector but we have noted an increase in reports in recent weeks with Shiney row and Houghton bearing the brunt of the calls as well as more latterly Herrington Country Park and the better weather. I intend to continue with the revamped Op Avalanche 2 and will be focusing on these areas as well as Hetton and Easington Lane. We have noticed a slight increase in calls since the easing of restrictions and groups of youths in much larger numbers than before. We have seen this particularly around the shops in Shiney Row and the Burnside areas of Houghton. It is a trying time as we usually work closer with the schools to address this but since the schools only went back this week it is something that we are going to have to tread carefully around as the focus will be catching up on missed work.

Adult ASB recording has gone through the roof in this period largely since every breach of Covid 19 regulations has been classified in this way and it will take until next year before we can make any sense of the data as it has been such an unprecedented period. The Local neighbourhood Team have worked tirelessly to attend as many of these reported breaches as possible and dozens of tickets have been issued as well as Community Protection Warnings for persistent offenders.

Our priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and commercial premises alike. The figures show a decrease in dwelling house burglaries for the year. More recently this has centred on the streets in and around Gravel Walks Estate and business premises in Newbottle Street. We have worked hard to apprehend offenders and made several arrests which resulted in one receiving imprisonment. Rather than just traditional house burglaries we are finding that sheds and stand-alone garages have been targeted very often where entry has been gained overnight to as they were unlocked.

In more positive news you will see that theft in general is significantly down which is largely due to the disappearance of lead thefts and fewer scrap vehicles operating on the roads.

It is worth noting that the Neighbourhood Team have spent a lot of time in East Rainton in the last few months and in particular premises in School Road. We have had almost a constant presence in the area. This has included utilising our Operations department (traffic, dogs and Firearms) tasked to the area due to several issues of crime and disorder. There is also currently a multi-agency tasking group solely focusing on this area which also has a large environmental clean-up plan.

Crime / Disorder	Previous fiscal year to date 2020	Current fiscal year to date 2021	+ / -
Youth ASB	417	447	Up 30
Burglary Dwelling	310	289	Down 21
Commercial Burglary	85	89	Up 4
Violence against the Person	386	366	Down 20
Theft from Motor Vehicle	164	144	Down 20
Theft and handling	613	353	Down 260
Total Crime	4520	4157	Down 363

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