

December 2021

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Washington Crime and Disorder Report

Please find below data in respect of reported incidents, crime and disorder in Washington. There is comparison data with the previous 28 day, 8 week and 12 month periods.

Year on year there is a 7% fall in overall crime, particularly in vehicle crime and acquisitive offences. This is better than in Northumbria as a whole. There are notable rises in drug, violent and sexual offending, but these generally fall in line with a return to pre-lockdown levels.

More recently general downward trends have continued in some of the most serious offending, such as burglary and violence. There is a continuing upward trend in reporting of sexual offences. This again is an overall upward trend with victims more willing to report offences and enhanced safeguarding and reporting around the vulnerable by partner agencies.

Reopening of the night-time economy has been well supervised by licensing in conjunction with local officers. The relatively few incidents reported are generally minor in nature and there have been no unexpected concerns.

Theft from motor vehicles continues to be a concern despite significant reduction. Offences continue without identifiable pattern across the Washington area. However, the main driver for the 28 day increase is a series of damage offences related to youth disorder.

Efforts over the summer to tackle off-road motorcycle disorder have proven effective, with a year-on-year reduction of 40% (112 incidents as compared to 187 incidents). As expected there are very few reports as we move into the winter months.

Year on year there are large decreases in volume of reported crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) related incidents. Recent months saw a significant increase in youth ASB primarily around Concord and The Galleries. A coordinated response saw Washington Neighbourhood Policing Teams work with the community and partner agencies to identify those involved. This resulted in 34 home visits to the perpetrators by police, several arrests, and a significant number of prosecutions. Working alongside Sunderland Local Authority and Gentoo Housing numerous perpetrators were also issued with Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and enforcement steps taken parents and landlords. Together with funding for additional evening patrols the early impact of this action can be seen with the reduction in the 28 day comparison; within the past two weeks this has been even more dramatic.

In coming weeks work will continue with partners to complete enforcement actions against several persistent perpetrators of ASB.

Crime

Crime – 28 day comparison

Current Period: 3 Nov 2021 to 30 Nov 2021

Previous Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 2 Nov 2021

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	354	348	+6	+2%
Burglary	11	19	-8	-42%
Criminal damage	70	61	+9	+15%
Drug crime	5	5	+0	+0%
Other	12	5	+7	+140%
Public disorder	36	44	-8	-18%
Sexual offences	16	9	+7	+78%
Theft and handling	65	48	+17	+35%
Vehicle crime	25	14	+11	+79%
Violence - Other	1	0	+1	-
Violence against the person - With injury	35	33	+2	+6%
Violence against the person - Without injury	78	110	-32	-29%

Crime – 8 week comparison

Current Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 30 Nov 2021

Previous Period: 11 Aug 2021 to 5 Oct 2021

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	702	623	+79	+13%
Burglary	30	29	+1	+3%
Criminal damage	131	108	+23	+21%
Drug crime	10	12	-2	-17%
Other	17	6	+11	+183%
Public disorder	80	74	+6	+8%
Sexual offences	25	19	+6	+32%
Theft and handling	113	95	+18	+19%
Vehicle crime	39	36	+3	+8%
Violence - Other	1	2	-1	-50%
Violence against the person - With injury	68	79	-11	-14%
Violence against the person - Without injury	188	163	+25	+15%

Crime – yearly comparison

Current Period: 1 Dec 2020 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 1 Dec 2019 to 30 Nov 2020

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	4,025	4,343	-318	-7%
Burglary	156	168	-12	-7%
Criminal damage	624	666	-42	-6%
Drug crime	77	61	+16	+26%
Other	99	83	+16	+19%
Public disorder	535	547	-12	-2%
Sexual offences	157	126	+31	+25%
Theft and handling	621	866	-245	-28%
Vehicle crime	197	308	-111	-36%
Violence - Other	14	17	-3	-18%
Violence against the person - With injury	456	393	+63	+16%
Violence against the person - Without injury	1,089	1,108	-19	-2%

Incidents

Incidents - 28 day comparison

Current Period: 3 Nov 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 2 Nov 2021

Incidents (closing code)

Incident Type Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	925	894	+31	+3%
ASB	97	108	-11	-10%
Crime	301	304	-3	-1%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	399	368	+31	+8%
Transport	120	114	+6	+5%

Incidents - 8 week comparison

Current Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 11 Aug 2021 to 5 Oct 2021

Incidents (closing code)


Incident Type Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	1,819	1,738	+81	+5%
ASB	205	180	+25	+14%
Crime	605	570	+35	+6%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	767	777	-10	-1%
Transport	234	211	+23	+11%

Incidents - yearly comparison

Current Period: 1 Dec 2020 to 30 Nov 2021

Previous Period: 1 Dec 2019 to 30 Nov 2020

Incidents (closing code)

Incident Type Group 	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	11,654	12,284	-630	-5%
ASB	1,594	2,084	-490	-24%
Crime	3,591	4,036	-445	-11%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	5,033	5,007	+26	+1%
Transport	1,428	1,157	+271	+23%