

**27 September 2023****REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfield area between the following 8-week period (26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023)

**2.0 Key Updates****Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 30-08-23

Crime numbers are tracking below data for the last 3 years which is a positive position and is an improvement on my last report where I indicated a slight rise on the last two years. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfield in this period are violence against the person with no injury, criminal damage, and then theft. The area with the most crimes recorded is Shiney Row followed by Easington Lane and then Hetton. Which is a slight change on my last report in that Houghton Town Centre does not feature which is pleasing to highlight after the work the team did with partners in this area.

**Burglary Dwelling.**

Burglary Dwelling has proved a challenge in this sector however it is good to report that the sector continues to track below the last 3 years in relation to offences and as such the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. However, it is important that we are continuing to focus efforts in this area and all my teams are fully aware of target locations and offenders.

**Burglary Commercial**

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors and as such I would highlight the sector is not a hot spot for these types of offences. The teams do however continue to target and disrupt our offenders.

**Vehicle crime**

Vehicle crime continues the good news in that we are tracking below the last three years (this bucks the force trend) Despite those figures this is still is a key focus area for me and the teams since these offences can impact on anti-social behaviour performance therefore the team with partners have several operations underway. The teams have also made several excellent arrests in the reporting period which have resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB: 8-week period to 30-08-23

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. In this 8-week period there have been 178 ASB incidents a reduction of 30 reports on the last period. The most prevalent reports of disorder are around motorcycle disorder, nuisance and

then under 18 youth related disorder. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Shiney Row followed by Easington Lane and Houghton Town centre.

Within this period, we have had the National ASB week of action. Our efforts were concentrated within the above three foot beats. All 3 had the benefit of multi-agency days and we saw some good results. Most notably the recovery of several stolen bikes and arrests in relation to significant offences and excellent partnership work with Gentoo and the local authority ASB team.

The team are continuing to work on our Summer operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The Summer plan focuses on Houghton, Shiney Row and Easington Lane and concentrate on motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

### **Autumn plan update**

The Summer plan campaign is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

We will continue to build on that with our autumn plan which will commence in mid-September. I am advised that members will be provided with a redacted version of the plan for information.

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