

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 April 2021 to 31st August 2021, compared with the same period in 2020. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

- Washington Central
- Washington North
- Washington East
- Washington South
- Washington West

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

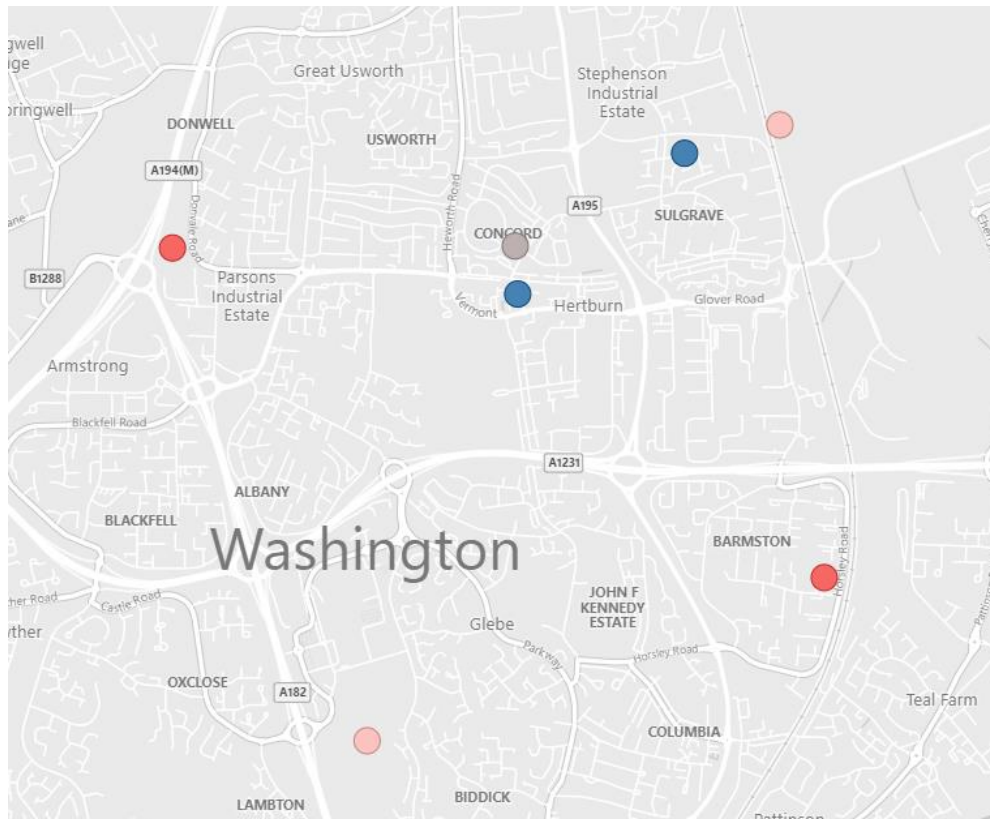
No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

There were 7 deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles) within this reporting period. This compares with 10 incidents for the same period last year.

<i>Washington North</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Washington South</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington East</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington West</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington Central</i>	<i>0</i>

Fig. 1 - LI 14 (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



- 3.3 **LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires**
 8 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 4 incidents in the previous year.

Ward	2020					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	TOTAL
<i>Washington Central</i>	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>Washington East</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington North</i>	1	-	-	-	1	2
<i>Washington West</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Washington South</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Grand Total	1	1	0	1	1	4

Ward	2021					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	TOTAL
<i>Washington Central</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington East</i>	1	2	-	1	-	4
<i>Washington North</i>	1	-	1	1	1	4
<i>Washington West</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington South</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Grand Total	1	2	1	2	1	8

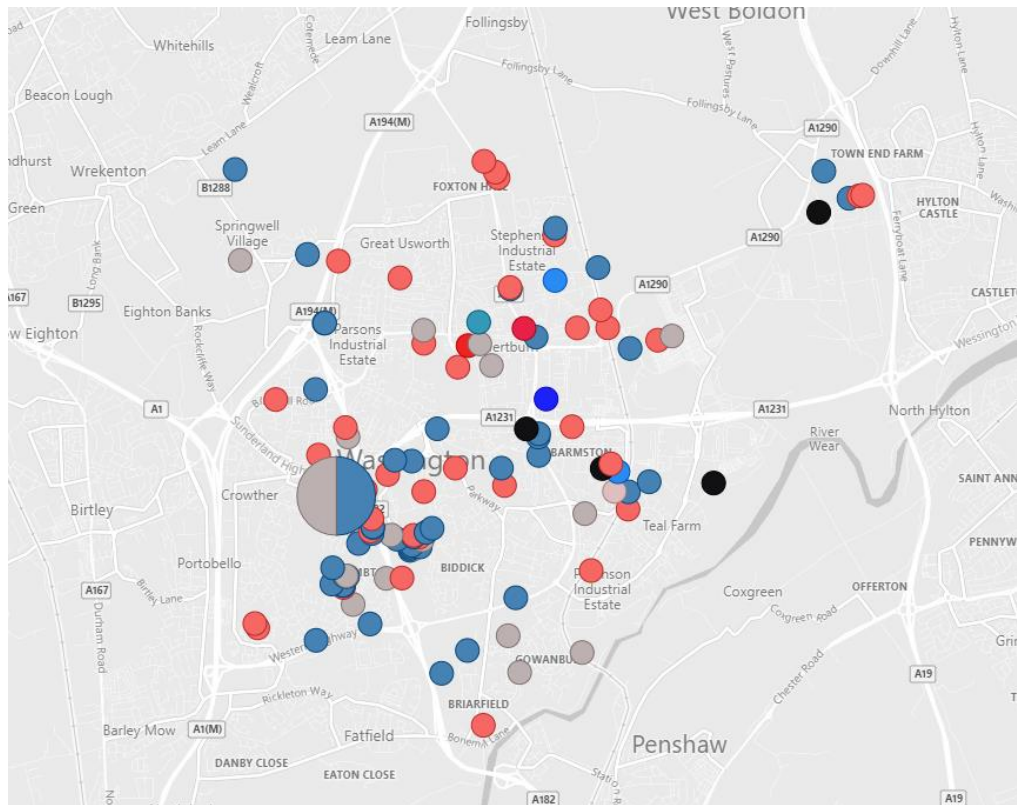
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.

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

120 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period. This compares to 94 incidents attended within the same period for the previous year. Type of incident includes;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	38
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	27
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	9
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	8
Wheelie Bin	5
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	5
Car	4
Refuse/rubbish tip	4
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	2
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	2
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	2
Purpose Built Flat - Up to 3 storeys	1
Minibus	1
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood	1
House - single occupancy	1
Van	1
Wasteland	1
Heathland or moorland	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
HGV	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Motorcycle	1
Other outdoor structures	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Hedge	1
Private Garden Shed	1
Grand Total	120

Fig. 2 - LI 33 – Washington Area Committee (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



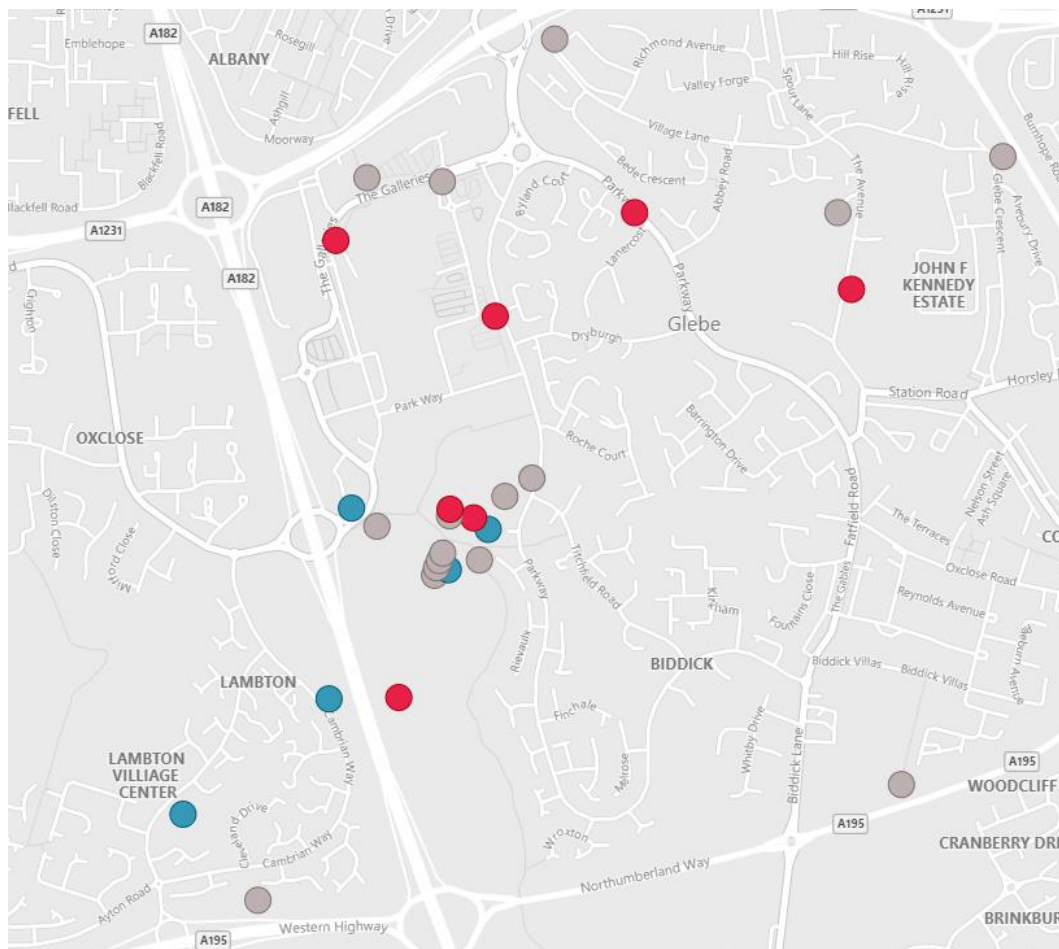
- 3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 15 incidents
 - 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 28 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	10
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	7
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	4
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	3
Hedge	1
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Grand Total	28

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington Central Ward.

Fig. 3 - LI 33 – Washington Central Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

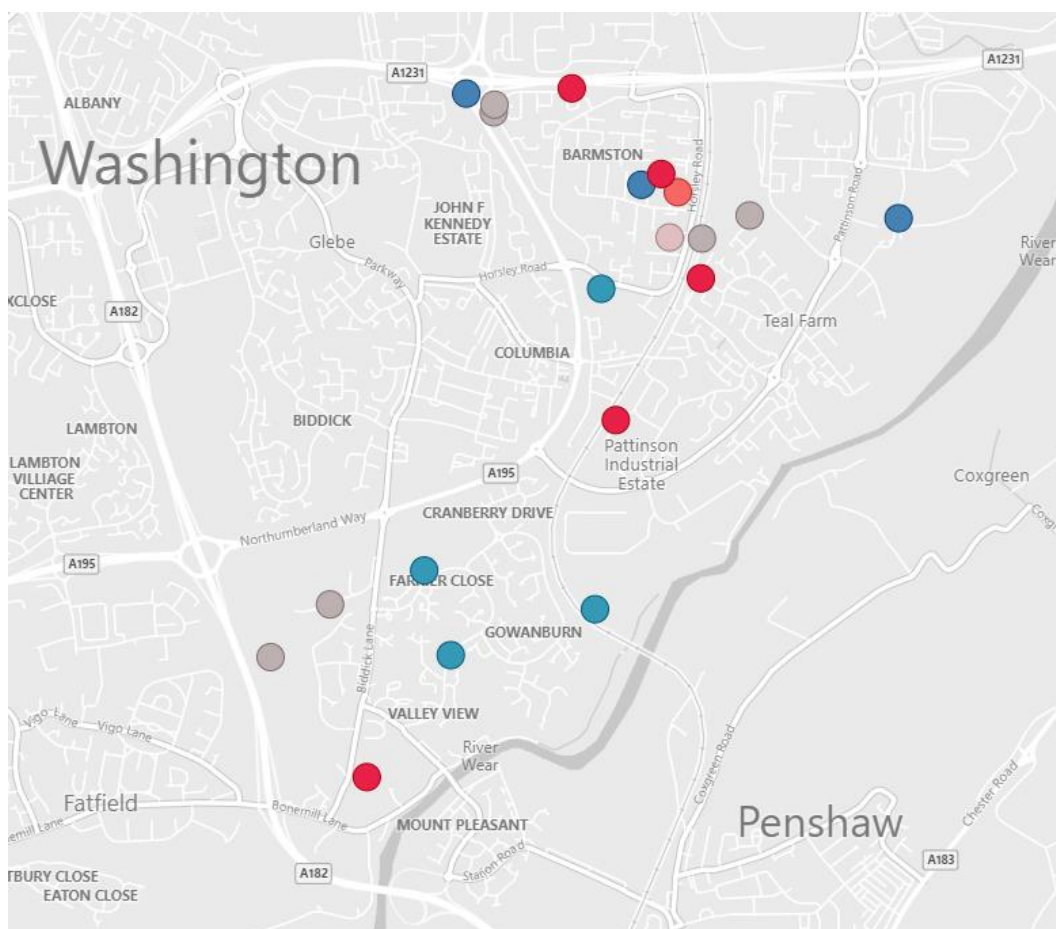
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 15 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 20 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	5
Car	3
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Scrub land	1
Van	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
House - single occupancy	1
Grand Total	20

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington East Ward.

Fig. 4 - LI 33 – Washington East Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents.

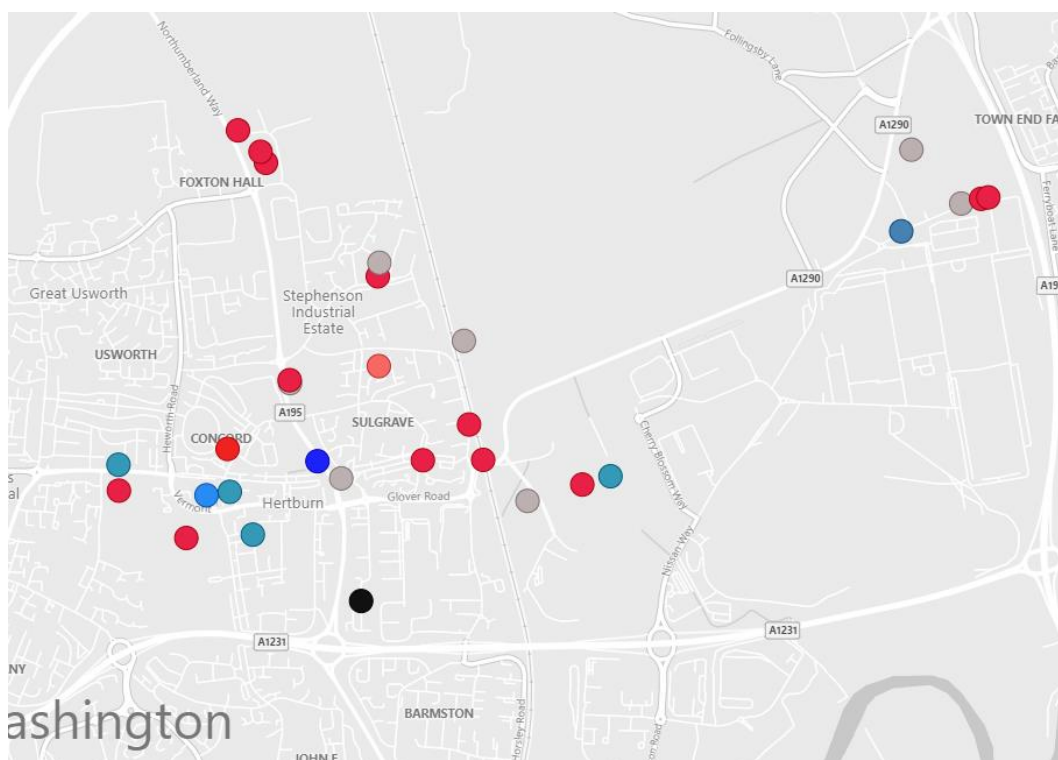
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 44 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 30 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	11
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	2
Refuse/rubbish tip	2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	2
Heathland or moorland	1
Wasteland	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1
Other outdoor structures	1
Car	1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
HGV	1
Private Garden Shed	1
Minibus	1
Motorcycle	1
Purpose Built Flat - multiple occupancy/Up to 3 storeys	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Grand Total	30

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington North Ward.

Fig. 5 - LI 33 – Washington North Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

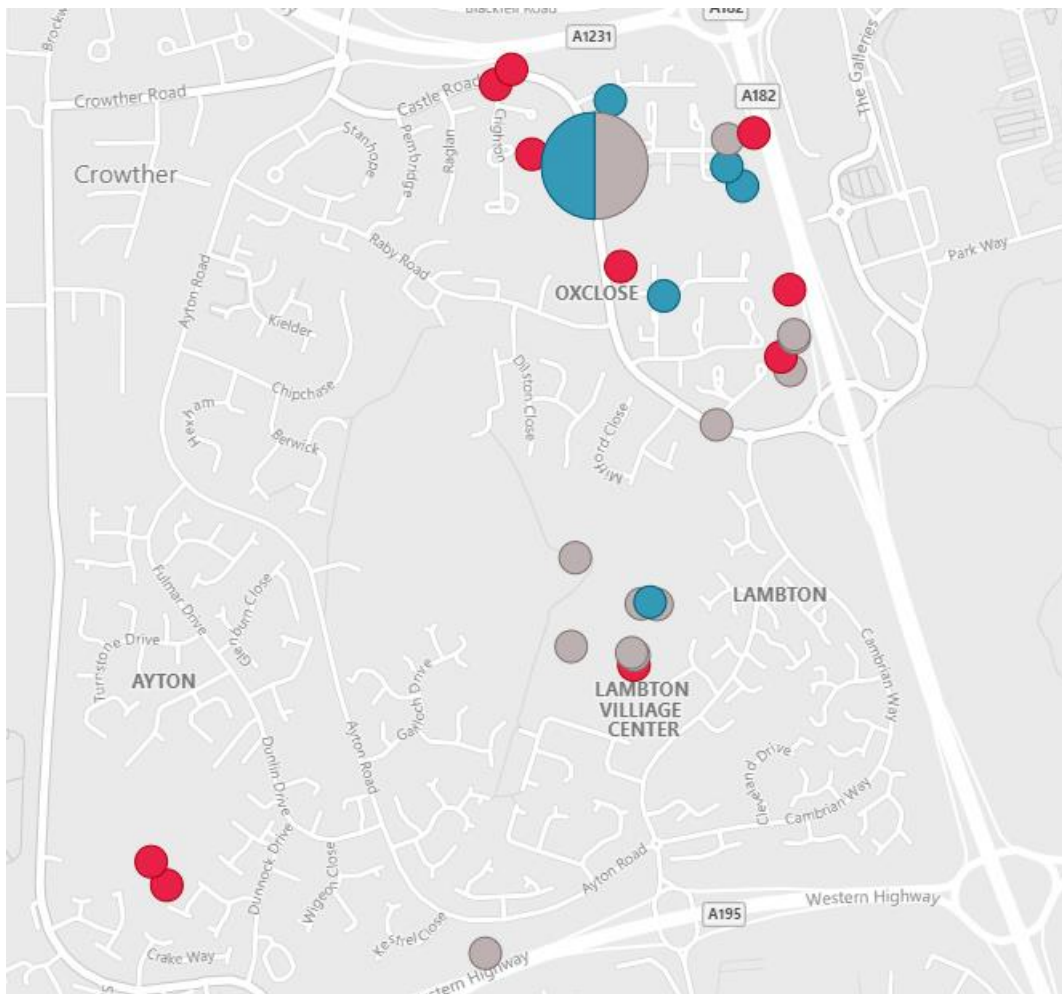
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 12 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 29 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	11
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	9
Wheelie Bin	3
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Grand Total	29

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington South Ward.

Fig. 6 - LI 33 – Washington South Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

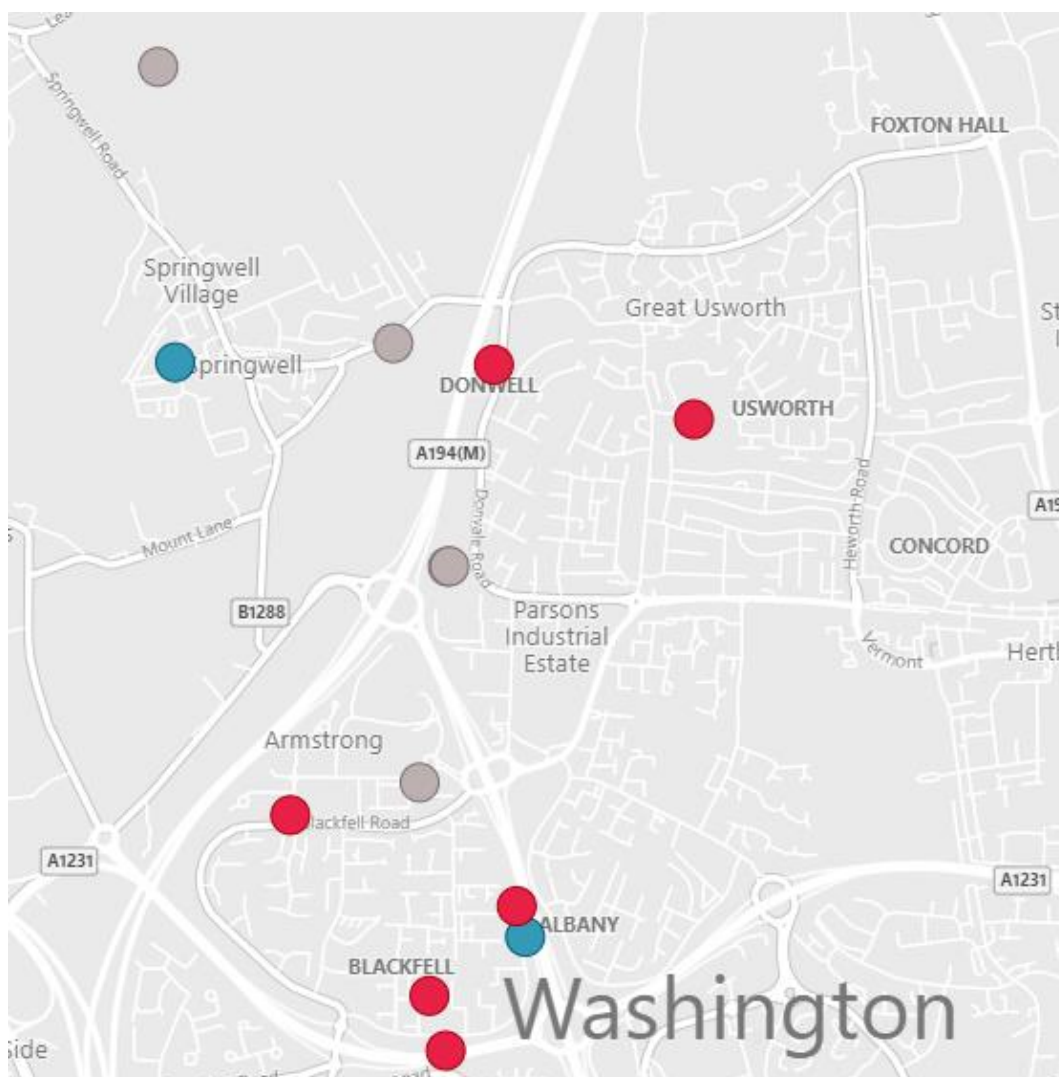
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 8 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 13 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood	1
Grand Total	13

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington West Ward.

Fig. 7 - LI 33 – Washington West Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



4 **Lighter / Darker Nights**

- 4.1 Darker nights will soon be upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558.



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As part of a local initiative, crews have carried out regular tours of the Washington area, to identify and report discarded items and fly tipping which have potential to be ignited in acts of anti-social behaviour. 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. Following the procurement and use of body worn cameras there has been a significant reduction in both verbal and physical attacks on fire crews.

6 **Recommendations**

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

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