

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (1st January 2023 – 5th March 2023)

2.0 Key Updates**Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 05-03-23

Crime numbers are on a par with 2020 and 2022 figures which is a fair position to be in as Covid-19 had a big impact on crime reporting especially in 2021. Some good news in the last week we have seen a significant decrease in reported crime throughout the sector, The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are crimes against a person with no injury, theft, and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is the Galleries which I would expect, Concord and then Sulgrave.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is generally low for a Town of this size and as a result there are smaller sectors within the area command with greater levels of recorded crime.

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Washington is still performing very well in this crime category. As with other crime categories we are on a par with 2022 offences but significantly below both 2020 and 2021 figures and as such this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

There is a continuing issue in relation to garage burglaries throughout the area command the target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. Please be reassured that there is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Most of the reports are within the Concord area but as discussed, the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. Again, the sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it is a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 05-03-23

In this 8-week period there have been 187 ASB incidents, most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in, Barmston followed by the galleries and then Oxclose.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 and are below 2020 figures which is where I would expect us to be. The team are working on our Spring 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 Spring plan will focus on the galleries and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

Darker nights plan update

The darker Nights campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reductions throughout the target areas.

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