

7th June 2017

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1st March 2017 – 24th May 2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Events and Updates

- 3.1 During this reporting period a new “Policing Year” has commenced. Northumbria Police’s priorities for 2017/18 are:

Vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour.
Child sexual abuse and exploitation
Counter terrorism and Domestic extremism
Organised Crime
Burglary dwelling

- 3.2 During the last reporting period overall crime in the South and West has risen. The reason for the rise is predominantly linked to minor public order offences and social media/internet based offences. There are no particular patterns, although we have seen an increase in the number of incidents being reported. This combined with more stringent crime recording methods has resulted in this rise.

- 3.3 Burglary dwelling has shown a slight increase however a review of the crimes shows no particular patterns or concerns that there is an active determined burglar in the area. The offences are opportunistic, linked to domestic incidents or related to disputes between known criminals.

- 3.4 Burglary to sheds, garages and commercial premises has fallen significantly during this reporting period. Two of the main suspects are currently in custody which has obviously had a major impact. This type of offence does increase as the weather improves with garden equipment such as lawnmowers and strimmers been popular with thieves. We are therefore highlighting the importance of keeping sheds locked in the crime prevention messages we distribute through Social media and letter drops.

- 3.5 Vehicle crime, or more accurately Ford transit van crime has been a major issue over the last few weeks. The offences have been mainly happening in and around Barnes and Eden vale where there are a high number of residents involved in the building trade. Fifteen Ford transits were broken into over a three week period with no sign of forced entry. On the 10th May the Neighbourhood team stopped a male on Cleveland Road and found a skeleton key for entering Ford transits in his pocket. A large amount of tools was found at his home address and he has been charged with a number of offences. We have had no issues since.

- 3.6 Anti-social behaviour remains a priority with Motor cycle disorder being problematic. We have had some success with motor bikes being seized and warning notices being issued. We continue to encourage the community to report people who are living nearby who are causing this type of disorder as it is the most effective way to deal with the issue positively.
- 3.7 Sergeant Ash Hopper has been promoted to Inspector and I expect to have a replacement shortly. PCSO Jill Cummings has also left the team to work in the Communications Department. Jill was one of the longest serving PCSO's in the Force and both Ash and Jill will be a miss from the area.

Southern Area Command is also looking at ways we can deal with the ever increasing demand on services and I expect to be able to provide a further update on this at the meeting.

3.8 Forward Planning:

The Neighbourhood Team will be supporting the West Area Committee's Science, Engineering and Environment event on the 1st July 2017.

4. Update – Area Information

- 4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc. are not included).
- 4.2 Figures are from the 1st March 2017 as the computer programme would not allow comparisons spanning different financial years.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's

Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill

St Anne's

Pallion

Barnes

South Area	Crime figures comparison since 2015	% increase or decrease since 2015
Total crime	+ 62	+ 31%
Violence with injury	- 11	- 52%
Violence without	+ 24	+ 75%
Burglary dwelling	Level	0%
Burglary OTD	- 10	- 77%
Criminal damage	+ 4	+ 17%
TFMV	+ 1	+ 4%
Shoplifting	+ 13	+ 75%
Youth ASB	- 5	- 12%
Non youth ASB	+17	+ 26%
Drug crime	- 6	- 100%

West Area	Crime figures comparison since 2015	% increase or decrease since 2015
Total crime	+ 131	+ 35%
Violence with injury	+ 10	+ 14%
Violence without injury	+ 65	+ 82%
Burglary dwelling	+ 5	+ 27%
Burglary OTD	- 10	+ 31%
Criminal damage	+ 102	- 59%
TFMV	+ 21	+ 92%
Shoplifting	+ 18	+ 77%
Youth ASB	- 38	- 46%
Non youth ASB	- 26	- 19%
Drug crime	- 8	- 67%

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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