

8th June 2016**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 2016 – 20th May 2016.

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 The Neighbourhood team is now well embedded into the Fire Station and the partnership between the two services is working well with the staff at the Fire station being very welcoming.
- 3.2 The new Crime year started on the 1st April 2016. Our Policing priorities will continue to be around crimes that have the most impact on the victim, such as Burglary, Domestic/Sexual violence and Anti- Social behaviour.

As part of those priorities we will continue to target the perpetrators of these offences and also to identify the most vulnerable victims. The quality of service we provide to the public is also a priority therefore we have objectives around “Putting the victim first”, Preventing crime and Community confidence.

- 3.3 The way crime is recorded will continue to have an impact on raw data for the next few months and it will probably be 2017 before we start getting accurate year on year comparisons. Already since 1st April 2016, however we are showing a fall in the number of incidents reported to the police. There have been 325 fewer calls compared to the same period last year.
- 3.4 Violent crime continues to show a rise in reporting with incidents which would previously have been classed as Anti-Social Behaviour being recorded as crimes. As previously mentioned it is therefore important that the Neighbourhood Police team identifies vulnerable and repeat victims early in order that we can prevent further offences. This is where much of our work around domestic violence victims is concentrated.
- 3.5 Social media is continuing to have a big impact on policing. The Neighbourhood Police teams have therefore been giving presentations in local schools about using the internet safely. Educating both children and adults in order to prevent offences in the first place is undoubtedly the way forward. Unfortunately in order to solve computer crime a police officer needs to be behind a computer. Recently an officer from the neighbourhood team had to contact the FBI regarding an incident reported at a local school. This would have been unheard of 5 years ago, and the amount of work involved has a negative impact on visible policing.

- 3.6 Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle acquisitive crime focusing mainly on Burglary dwelling. We have seen a rise in offences around the Pallion, Lower Ford area and as a result "Operation Impact" is being run in the area with extra resources being dedicated. Frustratingly all the offences involve people not taking basic crime prevention measures such as ensuring their front doors are locked. We continue to pass this message out in the area through both letter drops and Social media. There was a brief problem on Hylton Lane Estate early in April however this was resolved quickly following some good arrests. The offenders are now remanded in custody.
- 3.7 Anti-Social Behaviour continues to remain a priority. There have been no clear hotspots however with the weather improving we anticipate an increase in youth ASB.
- 3.8 Forward Planning

We have BBC's Crime Watch Road Show visiting the Station and there will be a 'live' broadcast on Friday 24th June 2016. This involves the theft of Bikes and Go Karts belonging to the Autism Society from Silksworth Ski slopes in March. We are hoping to generate some media interest and hopefully get the offenders named.

We also have The Fair at North Moor coming-up shortly, Ramadan in June and the 'Road to Rio' event in July.

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 April 2016 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	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South	
	01.04.16 – 20.05.16	
Total Crime	193	+18.7%
Violent Crime With Injury	20	+11.2%
Violent Crime Without Injury	31	+36.6%
Burglary dwelling	6	+59.6%

Burglary other than dwelling	12	+78.8%	
Criminal Damage	31	-22.0%	
Vehicle Crime TFMV	11	+ 82.1%	
Shoplifting	12	-1.8%	
Youth ASB	36	-8.5%	
Non Youth ASB	56	- 31.3%	
Drug crime	6	+ 100%	
	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of West		
West Area	01.04.16 – 20.05.16		
Total Crime	397	+14.8%	
Violent Crime With Injury	42	+21%	
Violent Crime Without Injury	72	+71.4%	
Burglary dwelling	16	+16.8%	
Burglary other than dwelling	16	+40.2%	
Criminal Damage	78	-0.5%	
Vehicle Crime TFMV	15	- 27%	
Shoplifting	21	- 34.5%	
Youth ASB	73	+ 6%	
Non Youth ASB	140	-2.8%	
Drug crime	10	- 17%	

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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