

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the North Sunderland Area.

2.0 Key Updates

Total Crime

Up 8.5% - increase of 220 crimes.

From research a key area that has increased is now the area of A5O9 which is the area of St Peters with an increase of 66 crimes. Also A5Q1 which is Redhouse with an increase of 72 crimes. The main crime area relates to Shoplifting in both of these locations. Four key Offenders have been identified in relation to these Offences.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Increase of 8.5% which equates to - 114 incidents.

ASB in Sunderland North is low in comparison to the other parts of Sunderland; once again the area of concern is focussed around Roker retail park and also the Metro station for Stadium of Light A5O8. A5O5 is also being highlighted which is the area for Seaburn and the fields behind Morrisson's; this also includes the increased number of incidents with Electric bikes.

An area also identified is Witherwack where we have increased youth disorder aimed at Stagecoach Buses and the Police.

In addition, I have had support from ASB Officers from local authority and also Outreach workers from Violence reduction unit assisting in patrols on the transport network.

Two young named offenders are being progressed by both Sunderland North NPT and city centre NPT.

Burglary Dwelling

Residential Burglary is down by 6.9% year to date, this equates to a reduction of 6 burglaries.

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4-weekly meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There has been a number of key Offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year. The main area is upper Southwick.

Commercial Burglaries

Up by 78.6% year to date, this equates to an increase of 39 crimes.

This has been a high increase in numbers but we have a number of Offenders arrested and remanded namely Kenneth Roberts and John Campbell; these two arrests have made an impact in the Offending but there are still a number of active burglars attacking Commercial premises across the whole of Sunderland North.

I have created an Operation for this with nightshift patrols and a revisit by NPT for any additional opportunities.

Due to a good number of arrests as the trend is slowing in relation to the Crimes reported.

Vehicle crime

An increase of 16.6 % which is an increase of 26 incidents; this includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles. The main area is Seaburn and Fulwell.

Neighbourhood teams with the increased resourcing levels are focussing on this area of Criminality .

Violent Crime

The key area is around Roker area.

There is an increase of 5.4 % which equates to 54 incidents. This relates to the main area of violence without injury which includes crime such as harassment. A KCSV meeting takes place every 4 weeks where we discuss all incidents and measures to prevent and detect the offences. This has achieved the area of Monkwearmouth having additional support with GRIP funding which has additional patrols in the area with target areas and individuals.

Other incidents of note

The football disorder that occurred last year where large scale disorder occurred outside of the Wheatsheaf Public House, an in depth investigation inclusive of Licencing, CID, NPT, the Local Authority and SAFC resulted in a number of arrests. Eight youths were charged with Affray and seven have recently appeared at Court pleading guilty, one youth is pleading not guilty. Banning Orders have been successful in preventing the offenders from attending football matches.

Motorcycle Disorder

PCSO Josie Mcknight collating ASB around motorcycle disorder from a resident in North side. There is an increase in electric bikes on seafront and research ongoing to identify and progress.

Crime stoppers have offered substantial amount of money to identify offending riders and a media release will be going out soon to identify where the bikes are being stored.

Further funding bids have been submitted from Southern Area Command to upgrade a previous Operation that will span across the Force, this is via the PCC Office that is targeting Criminality on motorbikes and also ASB.

Police have purchased a small number of Drones and training pilots and are just awaiting the agreed deployment plans and dates.

Good arrests

Kevin Sandilands was arrested for serious assault and numerous shopliftings charged and remanded.

David Trott was also charged remanded for same offence.

John Campbell was arrested, charged and remanded for an offence in Durham (burglary).

Kenneth Roberts was charged with a number of Burglaries and is remanded now on Conditional Bail.

Zoe Smith was charged with Burglary Commercial and pleaded guilty at court and was given a conditional discharge.

Shaun Ellwood was charged with Burglary Commercial and remanded for court and given unconditional bail.

Michael Foster was arrested and charged with Theft from Motor vehicle in Roker area and sentenced to 4 months in prison.

SARA team

An internal review of the SARA team has taken place with the possibility of an additional PCSO being appointed in near future.

The calls for service and crime reporting in the area is still high and key targets are being prioritised. The team, with support from partners, will maintain our key community function but increase our proactivity; especially around repeat offenders who are responsible for a disproportionate amount of Crime in the area.

The overlap with my other Neighbourhood teams and increased resourcing enables all teams to be more proactive.

Darker Nights

My Autumn plan has been submitted and the Seasonal trend will be a focus around the build up to Bonfire Night, meetings are now scheduled for both the City wide plans and also the Force plans.

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