

## **EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

**19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **REPORT OF NORTUMBRIA POLICE**

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

The following provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the East area in the period June to August 2023.

#### **2.0 Key Updates**

##### **Sunderland Central: City Centre, Millfield, Ashbrooke**

##### **Total Crime**

Up 9%, an increase of 24 incidents.

From research the key areas that have shown an increase is the Bridges and Park Lane.

The main crime reported in these areas is Shoplifting. The team have had some excellent recent results dealing with some prolific retail offenders that were responsible for several shoplifting offences.

##### **ASB**

Adult ASB – Street drinking. This is down 61%, a reduction of 25 incidents.

ASB in the City Centre is currently low with reports being spread across the City Centre. The SAIL and City Centre team continue to provide focus to Mowbray Park, Sunnyside, Park lane, High St West and Market Square.

We have been supported by the wider SAIL team including the neighbourhood wardens, ASB officer and the dedicated SAIL (VRU) staff focusing on youth serious violence.

Youth ASB – This is showing an 9% increase which is 10 incidents. The increase coincides with the school holidays and increased footfall in the City Centre. Some outreach work has been undertaken in the City Centre over the Summer period by the Youth consortium which has been beneficial. We have had a group of youths attending the City Centre that mainly reside in the Sunderland North area. They have been involved in criminality and ASB, leading to the ringleaders being identified and dealt with for a variety of offences. They now have bail conditions to try and reduce their offending which we are monitoring compliance with.

##### **Burglary**

Burglary is down by 40% this period. This equates to a reduction of 35 Burglaries .

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

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The main area is the City Centre where a few of the commercial premises have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

### **Vehicle crime**

Increase of 34 % which is an increase of 25 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Millfield, Ashbrooke and the City Centre. A number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

### **Violent Crime**

Violent crime with injury is down by 15% which equates to 30 fewer offences. The key area is around the night time economy (NTE) in the City Centre where we have a dedicated night time operation with neighbourhood staff working closely with street pastors, taxi marshalls and the XL health team. We also have Operation Cloak which sees officers deployed in plain clothes within the NTE to support vulnerable people and identify predatory offenders.

### **Sunderland East: Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope**

#### **Total Crime**

Up 9%, an increase of 13 incidents.

From research, the rise is mainly down to a recent rise in reports of criminal damage which increased by 18 incidents with no obvious pattern to the offending. The key areas that have shown an increase is the Long Streets and Lewis Crescent. These locations features within the Autumn plan and the neighbourhood teams will be providing focus to these locations whilst working closely with the Local Authority and the housing providers which include Gentoo and thirteen housing group.

#### **ASB**

ASB is down 61%, a reduction of 75 incidents.

The locations that currently have the highest levels of reports are Middle Hendon and the Long Streets. The neighbourhood teams continue to target the key offenders whilst linking with local youth providers to try and divert offenders.

Youth ASB – This is showing a 79% decrease which is 53 fewer incidents. This is very pleasing as the decrease coincides with the school holidays.

#### **Burglary**

Burglary is down by 16% this period. This equates to a reduction of 5 Burglaries .

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

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The offences have been spread across the East area and includes a small number of incidents involving commercial premises that have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

### **Vehicle crime**

Increase of 30 % which is an increase of 8 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Ryhope, Grangetown and Hendon. Similar to the Central area, a number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

### **Violent Crime**

Violent crime with injury is down by 14% which equates to 12 fewer offences. Some of the offences are linked to domestic abuse and we continue to provide focus to key offenders and victims through Operation Aegis. This sees dedicated officers exploring various avenues to support the victims and to try and prevent offending.

### **Drone**

The local authority have now purchased a Drone and trained a member of staff as a pilot, two further pilots are now being trained so there will be a lot more coverage over varying times of day and night.

The Drone has been well utilised by ourselves in the Central/East area with recent usage focusing on tackling ASB, serious violence and motorbike ASB. The drone assisted in recovering a motorbike and prosecuting the rider .

The excellent work of the SAIL team has been recognised within the Force with them being shortlisted for the Force pride in policing awards.

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