

05<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Committee area from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – 05<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**2 Background**

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

**3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**

**3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires**

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

**3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles**

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 4	Incident Count
Washington North	3	House - single occupancy	3
Washington South	3	Education	1
Washington East	1	Private garage	1
Washington Central	0	Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	Tunnel, subway	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

7 Deliberate property fires, compared to 5 in the same period last year (40% increase).

**3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately**

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 3	Incident Count
Washington North	2	Car	3
Washington East	1	Van	1
Washington South	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
Washington Central	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		

4 Vehicle fires reported during this period which is up from 2 last year (100% increase). Washington North has seen an increase from 1 to 2 vehicle fires TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Hot Strikes have been conducted where appropriate to do so.

### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Washington North	20
Washington South	10
Washington Central	4
Washington East	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	8
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	8
Wheelie Bin	8
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	4
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Scrub land	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

38 Secondary fires when compared to 45 last year (15% reduction) Washington North 186% (20 up from 7), Washington South 43% rise (10 up from 7), Washington Central 64% reduction (4 down from 11) and Washington East has seen a substantial reduction of 80% (4 down from 20).

### 3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

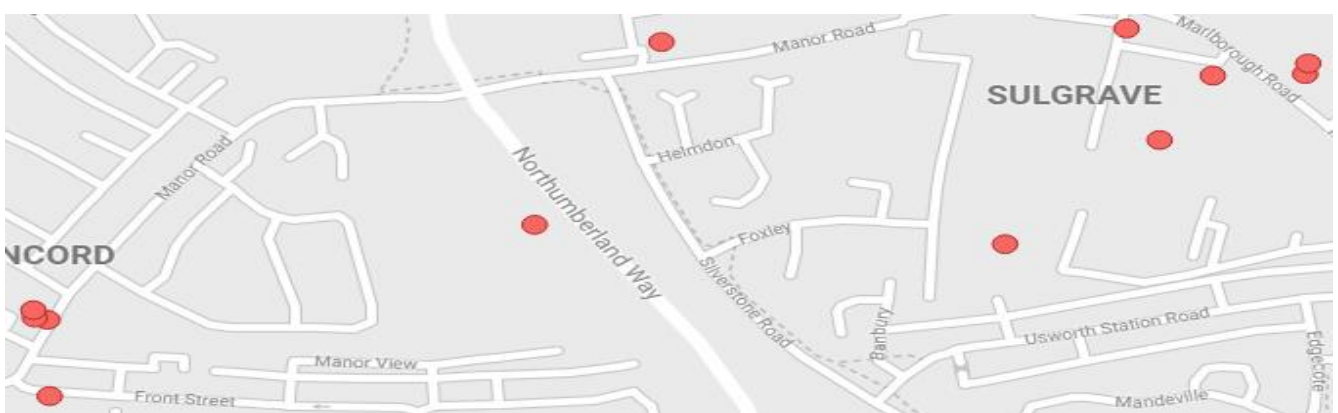
Ward Name	Incident Count
Washington North	25
Washington South	14
Washington East	6
Washington Central	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
49	52	-5.77 %

### Ward Breakdown and hotspot analysis

Washington North 212% increase. 25 up from 8.



Out of 25 incidents, 5 were loose tree scrub, 5 were wheelie bins and 2 were vehicle fires. The main area of ASB activity in this reporting period is around Marlborough Road, seeing 5 incidents, these incidents vary from a fire in a playground, a vehicle and a bin. ASB activity on Manor Road has led to 4 incidents, 2 of which were wheelie bins.

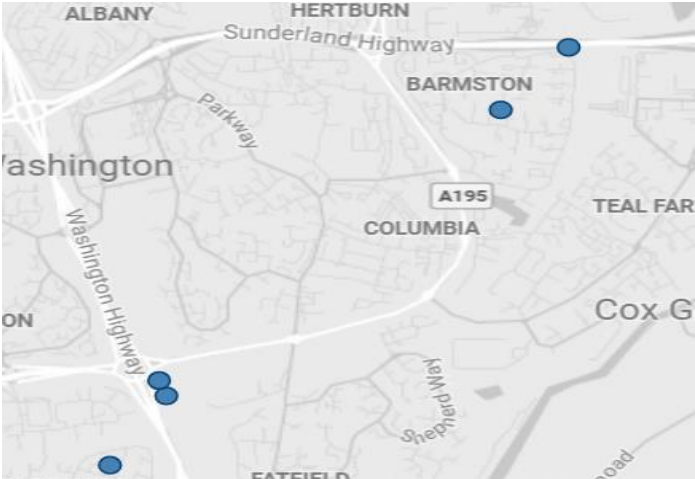
**Washington South 100% increase. 14 Up from 7.**

Out of 14 incidents, 4 were loose refuse and 3 were wheelie bins. The ASB hotspot area over this reporting period is in Oxclose, between Castle Road and Washington Highway. FRS volunteers have been in this area putting stickers on bins and engaging with the public around this issue. FRS appliances have increased visibility in this area and rubbish uplift patrols. Violence at work has occurred to our crews once in this reporting period. (missiles / abuse).



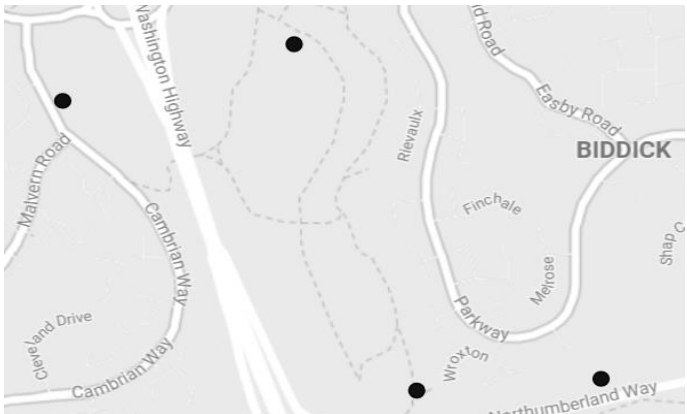
**Washington East 22% reduction. 6 down from 24.**

Out of the 6 incidents, 4 were loose refuse / rubbish tip. There are no patterns on property types. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area and no hotspot areas of concern in the reporting period.



**Washington Central 69% reduction. 4 down from 13.**

4 Tree scrub and grassland fires. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area and no hotspot areas of concern in the reporting period.



### 3.6 Community Involvement

Date	Watch	Location
04/03/2024	Green	Wessington Primary School
06/03/2024	Blue	Wessington Primary School
11/03/2024	Red	Fatfield Primary School
21/03/2024	Green	Prince's Trust @ Sierra - Prince's Trust Training Activity
27/03/2024	Red	Columbia Grange Primary School
10/05/2024	Green	New Penshaw Academy
13/05/2024	White	St Joseph's Primary
20/05/2024	White	St John Boste Primary
23/05/2024	Green	Columbia Grange Primary School

Throughout the reporting period, operational crews have attended 9 events in the local area. Into June and July, operational crews will support 5 sessions with Together for Children and the Wear bus amongst other engagements.

The Prince's Trust currently has an attendance of 7 and has grown from an average of 4 attendees following successful links with the Job Centre and HMRC. If partners have any links with individuals 16-25 Not in Employment Education Training (NEETS). These would be welcomed, contact: John.Anderson@txfire.gov.uk.

The Diversionary Activities team have delivered the first phase of the Phoenix Project in Washington school in March, the second phase of this is 17th -19th June. St Roberts School will also be booked in before the end of July. Work is ongoing to get into the schools within close proximity to the hotspot area. Establishing communication and gaining dates with schools has been difficult due to exam periods. Any assistance in this area would be appreciated.

Washington crews have completed 170 Safe and Wells visits in the reporting period under the new system that targets those at higher risk and who are most vulnerable.

### 3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews.

Over this reporting period there was 1 attack on crews in Washington South in the Oxclose area (missiles).

## 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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**Note:** Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.



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