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Washington Report: Northumbria Police

Burglary Residential: The Washington Area performs very well in relation to Residential Burglaries and has the lowest recorded number of burglaries in the Sunderland City region. During the latest reporting period we have seen an additional 2 residential burglaries taking our overall total to 12. However, some of these burglaries appear to be spurious, but without evidence to the contrary remain in our crime statics.

Burglary Commercial: The Washington Area performs extremely well in relation to Commercial Burglaries and saw a slight reduction in the latest review period with only 4 recorded. It has been noted an emerging pattern whereby business premises on industrial estates have been targeted. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a plan of action and analytical work in currently underway to assist in identifying possible offenders.

Vehicle Crime: Overall Vehicle Crime is very low across the Washington Area with only 23 incidents being reported during the latest reporting period. The majority of these incidents occurring in close proximity to The Galleries. As with Commercial Burglaries, it has been noted an emerging pattern whereby business premises on industrial estates have been targeted. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a plan of action and analytical work in currently underway to assist in identifying possible offenders.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Incidents of ASB continue to fall in the Washington Area and are down 21% in the latest review period and are down 37% when compared to last year. However, last year's figure was inflated due to COVID incidents, but when compared to 2019 it would appear that incidents are almost back to normal levels. Incidents of anti-social behaviour appear to be spread across the area with the highest concentration of incidents occurring in Oxclose, The Galleries, Sulgrave and Concord. Over the summer Neighbourhood Team have worked alongside the Local Authority and Together for Children to provide extra youth provision and engagement opportunities. This was in addition to some enforcement action against key protagonists resulting in subsequent referrals to the Youth Offending Service.

Motorcycle Disorder: Due to the change in our IT systems the recording of motorcycle disorder is no longer accurate. This issue has been raised and it is hoped that a remedy will be found as soon as possible. Anecdotal reports from local officers state that incidents appear to have subsided, but have not certainly gone away. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a new strategy to combat the illegal use of motorcycles and are seeking to work in collaboration with both the Local Authority and Fire Service.

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