

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following 8-week period (July 2022 – 3rd September 2022)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall Crime:

When comparing this with other areas in Southern, Sunderland West is not too concerning. There were 931 crimes in the last 8 weeks, which is almost level with Sunderland Central (918) and less than other areas such as Riverside and West Shields.

The hotspot areas are Pennywell, Ford Estate and Grindon. In fact, Silksworth and Gilley Law areas alone are the second lowest in the area command so these hotspot areas do impact and drive our performance.

The top three types of crime were violence with no injury (262), criminal damage (195) and theft (129). Other crimes consist of vehicle, public order and violence with injury. The numbers of sexual/drug and other crimes are very low.

Burglary dwelling and commercial:

In the last 8 weeks there have been 22 burglary residential and 9 burglary commercial. This is less than Sunderland North, Houghton, Sunderland central, Washington and River and West Shields.

This is a very good performance, especially considering we had our share of hotspots with a spate of shed/garage burglaries at the start of the year and throughout summer. In fact there have only been 3 residential burglaries on the Silksworth and Gilley Law foot beats which is a reduction on previous crime trends.

Vehicle crime:

53 vehicle crimes in the last 8 weeks in Sunderland West which is the lowest in any other part of the city other than Sunderland East and Houghton.

The crimes are broken down into theft from m/v (25), take without owners consent (20) and inference (8). This is an important area as this can fuel other areas of crime as well as ASB (Op Canarywood for example).

Anti-Social Behaviour:

In total there were 280 ASB incidents in the last 8 weeks. The majority of these were youths and rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour (128). The rest are a mixture of neighbour disputes, motorcycle disorder and fireworks among others with small numbers. This is a reduction, with hotspot areas being North Moor Lane, Springwell Road and Pennywell.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 which is where I would expect us to be. The team are focussing on our hotspots and there are a number of current investigations ongoing across the sectors, to tackle various issues. There are

also several city-wide initiatives ongoing which we are heavily involved in, working alongside several partners and departments.

Darker nights campaign is working well and has demonstrated some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire, environmental services, Local Authority, Gentoo and Nexus, alongside our harm reduction department and Op Sceptre tasking.

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