

Basford and Bestwood Area Committee – 25 February 2015

Police update: Quarter 3 – October to December 2014

Basford Ward

During the third quarter Basford Ward has seen an increase in crime compared to the second quarter in overall crime.

During this reporting period dwelling house burglary and burglary other (shed burglaries) have increased compared to last year, with the Whitemoor and Stockhill beat areas having the largest increases. During this period we have undertaken specific operations utilising various police resources and tactics. As a result we are now seeing a significant decrease in these types of crimes, and positive feedback from the community. We have made several positive arrests with persons charged with offences and persons being recalled back to prison.

During this period we have seen a slight increase in theft from motor vehicles, particularly overnight from vans, with power tools being stolen.

Violence related crime continues to be the highest volume crime type for the area. Positive work is now being undertaken jointly with local schools in the future with the Family Community Teams to try and prevent and assist victims of this type of crime.

Robbery and criminal damage offences saw slight increases, whilst theft related offences overall decreased.

Anti-Social Behaviour during this period, compared to last year has increased. During this period the local Neighbourhood Police Teams and Community Protection Teams have provided a locality based response to ASB. From January onwards we will be reverting back to a local Area 2 response to ASB demands provided by local officers.

During this period the NPT have undertaken some excellent work in response to local intelligence and executed several Misuse of Drugs Act warrants in the area. The local NPT have also remanded in custody a male for abusing the 999 telephone system.

The Community Priority of ASB at Millennium Court and Oakleigh Estate has seen increased police presence and work with the local housing provider to reduce the issues. Several local young persons have been warned reference their behaviour.

Bestwood Ward

During this period overall crime has increased, this is predominantly due to an increase in criminal damage, theft and violence related offences.

Overall, Serious Acquisitive Crime – burglary, robbery and vehicle crime, reduced during this period compared to both the previous quarter and the same period last year.

Shop theft at Co-op, Arnold Road, increased significantly during this period; this was as a result of two individuals who had moved to the area targeting the shop. These persons have now been identified and charged with the majority of the offences, subsequently the shop theft has decreased.

Late November, early December, we had a significant increase in ‘mindless’ criminal damage offences in the Arnold Road, Arnside Road and Torbay Crescent area. In response we have increased patrols and gained local confidence to identify potential suspects who will be spoken with in due course by the police and partner agencies.

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During this period the Community Priority changed to Kyle View and surrounding areas for ASB and drug related offences. We have further executed a number of search warrants and undertaken a day of positive action in the area. We continue to work with partner agencies to maximise both preventative and enforcement opportunities and this is seeing a visible decrease in ASB in the area.