

Basford & Bestwood Area Committee – 25 November 2015

Police update: Quarter 2 – July to September 2015

Basford Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2014 we have a reduction in dwelling burglary with 8 fewer offences a reduction of nearly 20%. There are also reductions in robbery (down 12.5%) and ASB offences (down 8.8%).

There have been increases in violence, with 13 more offences, vehicle crime, up 12 offences, criminal damage, up 13 offences and theft offences, up 13 offences.

Highlights of NPT activity during this period include:

- August - discovered large cannabis grow at an address along Vernon Road valued at £30,000. CPS has confirmed a charge for production / intent to supply and the suspect will be attending court soon.
- Sept – prolific autocrime offender arrested and charged for a theft from a car in Basford, he was identified by leaving blood at the scene.
- Sept - Speed Op conducted around 20 mph zones on Bagnall Road, Bar Lane, Heathfield Road and Vernon Avenue. Only one person advised which shows people are taking notice of the speed limits as this is a vast improvement since the last operation.
- CPN notice issued for noise by CPO at an address on Basford.

The Community Priority continues to be off road bikes causing nuisance around the whole ward, one bike was seized by police. Rider ran off and could not be identified.

Bestwood Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2014 we have a reduction in dwelling burglary with 14 fewer offences a reduction of 48%. There are also reductions in burglary other (sheds garages etc), criminal damage and drug offences.

There have been increases in violence, with 6 more offences. It is worth noting that 62% of violence offences are DV related. In addition, we have seen a number of dog bite injuries attracting assault numbers and 3 Police Officers have been assaulted.

Recorded sexual offences have also seen an increase, but it is worth noting that 7 are historical reports from the 70s and 80s.

Our main focus during this period has been on ASB. In July we saw successful use of dispersal powers and a 3G CCTV camera around Kyle View. However, we saw a move in the problem, firstly to the Elmbridge area then to the Chediston Vale Park area and the Ridgeway. A dispersal authority was successfully used around Elmbridge, with numerous breaches pursued through to summons, and the youths involved were also all visited at home, followed by warning letters. The youth service devised a program to deliver to a number of them and assisted. NCH have also assisted in home visits and warning letters. A number have now gone through the court and YOT are working with some.

Also contributing to an increase in ASB figures are a few persistent noisy neighbour complaints, which in some cases generated daily calls. These have been passed to CP to lead on and the use of CPN warning notices have been utilised along with noise referrals.

During this period we have continued our 'street to street' initiative around Elmbridge and Chediston Vale and completed 64 surveys and promoting Neighbourhood Alert. This has deliberately been focussed around the areas affected by ASB with a view to increasing reporting and trust and confidence.

Recorded sexual offences have also seen an increase of 8, but it is worth noting that we are routinely seeing historic reports from the 70s and 80s.