

Basford and Bestwood Area Committee – 24 February 2016

Police update: quarter 3 - October - December 2015

Basford Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2014, we have a reduction in dwelling burglary with 13 fewer offences, a reduction of nearly 28%. All crime is down by over 13%.

There are also reductions in robbery (down 66%) and ASB offences (down 23%). There have been increases in criminal damage, with 10 more offences, theft up 11 offences and 1 extra sexual offence.

Highlights of NPT activity during this period include:

- Local persistent offender found guilty at Nottm Youth Court, for theft of pedal cycle, and sentenced to youth referral order of 9 months, with 10 days activities.
- Robbery offender charged for offence at the bus stop outside the library on Vernon Road.
- Drugs warrant executed on Rempton Drive.
- Community Protection Warning Notices issued by CP Officers on Naworth Close and Acton Avenue for environmental issues.

The Community Priority throughout Q3 continues to be off road bikes, which are causing nuisance around the whole ward.

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.

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: 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, 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.

Bestwood Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2014, we have a reduction in all but two crime categories! All crime is down 81 offences – nearly 25%.

There were 21 fewer burglaries of homes, 3 fewer robberies and 3 fewer cars broken into or stolen. There are also reductions in burglary other (sheds garages etc), criminal damage and drug offences. There have also been overall decreases in violence, with 11 fewer offences in total, although there was a small increase (2 more) in 'violence without injury' offences. There was an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour with 17 more matters being noted.

Our main focus during this period has been on ASB. Together with CP we have tackled youth ASB issues in and around the Elmbridge area and the Ridgeway, as well as a number of noisy neighbour complaints. We continue to use CPN warning notices and to make Noise Pollution referrals for these matters.

During this period we have continued our street to street initiative as well as executing a number of drugs warrants – acting on intelligence supplied by the community to tackle issues that cause them concern helps to increase reporting, trust and confidence.

The ward priority for this period was in relation to the environmental issues in the Belconnen Road and Wyton Close areas.