

Area 2 Committee – 25 May 2016

Police update: Quarter 4 – January to March 2016

Basford Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2015 we have a reduction in dwelling burglary with 25 fewer offences a reduction of nearly 43%. All crime is down by nearly 3%. There are also reductions in vehicle crime (down 5 offences, 20%) and violence offences (down 7 offences, 8%).

There have been increases in criminal damage with 17 more offences, bicycle thefts up 5 offences and 6 more sexual offences. There were also 6 more reports of anti-social behaviour.

At the end of the financial year our year-to-date comparative figures show an all crime reduction of 69 crimes (5% reduction).

Highlights of NPT activity during this period include:

- Local offender arrested and charged for a commercial burglary.
- Robbery offender arrested and returned to prison for offences and David Lane.
- A number of successful drugs warrants executed across the ward.

The Community Priority throughout Q4 is dog fouling, litter and parking issues on the Basford United Football Club field and Vernon Park. Community Protection staff have lead on this and conducted a number of operations.

Bestwood Ward

Compared to the same time frame in 2015 we have a reduction in all but three crime categories! All crime is down 53 offences – just under 19% reduction!

There were 31 fewer violent crimes, 7 fewer burglaries of homes and 2 fewer cars stolen.

There are also reductions in burglary other (sheds garages etc), drug offences and possession of weapon offences.

Reports of Anti-social behaviour were also down by 9% (18 offences).

There was an increase in reports of criminal damage (10 offences), robbery (4 offences) and sexual offences (3 offences).

At the end of the financial year our year-to-date comparative figures show an all crime reduction of 161 crimes (12.7% reduction).

Our main focus during this reporting period has been on robbery and knife crime. One of our beat managers was seconded for the 3 month period to a dedicated knife crime team which operated over the whole City and through targeted proactive work made a number of arrests and removed many knives from the streets.

Together with CP we have continued to tackle youth ASB issues in and around the ward particularly in 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.