



**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership**  
**27 June 2016**

**Report of:** Inspector 2302 Nigel Colston  
**Title:** Community safety update

Recommendation:

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**1. Performance**

**Crime & ASB Bristol South June 1st 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	2,045	1,772	15.4%	273	11.6%	13.4%	-1.8%
Dwelling Burglary	680	570	19.3%	110	5.9%	10.4%	-4.5%
Fraud & Forgery	46	23	100.0%	23	50.0%	52.2%	-2.2%
Non Dwelling Burglary	627	763	-17.8%	-136	4.8%	7.9%	-3.1%
Other Offences	277	170	62.9%	107	35.0%	61.8%	-26.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	221	242	-8.7%	-21	27.1%	33.1%	-5.9%
Robbery	132	110	20.0%	22	11.4%	25.5%	-14.1%
Sexual Offences	319	241	32.4%	78	16.6%	29.0%	-12.4%
Shoplifting	1,637	1,692	-3.3%	-55	33.5%	48.9%	-15.4%
Theft from the Person	78	69	13.0%	9	3.8%	5.8%	-2.0%
Theft from Vehicle	1,220	929	31.3%	291	1.7%	4.8%	-3.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	382	249	53.4%	133	7.1%	9.6%	-2.6%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	306	288	6.3%	18	1.6%	4.2%	-2.5%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>16,861</b>	<b>12,206</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
Violence Against the Person	5,975	3,505	70.5%	2,470	22.1%	35.1%	-13.0%

Call Type	Recorded Calls			
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	4,340	5,365	-19.1%	-1025

The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police across the entire Bristol South Local Policing area for the rolling year. Burglary and vehicle crime offences have shown a fairly significant increase on the previous rolling 12 months. There has been a small fall in the recording of offences as racially or religiously aggravated. It is important to note that these figures only relate to racial or religiously aggravated offences; there is no specific criminal offence for homophobic or disablist hate crime, and even with racial or religious hate crimes the evidence often does not support the higher “aggravated” charge. The true level of crime with a hate element is therefore significantly higher.

Of concern is the continued increase in total crime, which is now up 28.2% (3,446 more offences). As previously noted, significant increases in the recording of incidents of violence against the person offences accounts for almost 60% of this rise (up 70% across the Bristol South area, some 2,470 more offences). As I have stressed before, changes in recording practices mean that we are now (properly) recording offences which we previously didn’t, and it is very difficult to draw any meaningful conclusions at this time.

The second table details the number of “incidents” recorded by Police as “ASB”. It is important to bear in mind that several people might report the same incident, but each report would be counted in the above list. However, as a comparison year on year, it does now seem to show a continued reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the whole of South Bristol. As before, I would caution against reading too much into this though, because it might simply be down to better recording of incidents as crimes (particularly violence against the person) rather than ASB.

Individual figures for the neighbourhood partnership area, and per ward are shown on the pages that follow;

## Partnership Area

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	278	350	-20.6%	-72	12.6%	11.1%	+1.4%
Dwelling Burglary	90	80	12.5%	10	5.6%	11.3%	-5.7%
Fraud & Forgery	10	4	150.0%	6	80.0%	25.0%	+55.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	157	197	-20.3%	-40	2.5%	4.6%	-2.0%
Other Offences	40	37	8.1%	3	32.5%	62.2%	-29.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	43	54	-20.4%	-11	46.5%	27.8%	+18.7%
Robbery	29	33	-12.1%	-4	6.9%	21.2%	-14.3%
Sexual Offences	45	36	25.0%	9	15.6%	22.2%	-6.7%
Shoplifting	473	591	-20.0%	-118	35.7%	48.1%	-12.3%
Theft from the Person	23	27	-14.8%	-4	4.3%	3.7%	+0.6%
Theft from Vehicle	205	213	-3.8%	-8	4.4%	2.3%	+2.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	70	48	45.8%	22	7.1%	10.4%	-3.3%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	134	131	2.3%	3	2.2%	1.5%	+0.7%
Total Crime	2,921	2,852	2.4%	69	18.5%	25.6%	-7.1%
Violence Against the Person	935	653	43.2%	282	23.0%	34.3%	-11.3%

Call Type	Recorded Calls			
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	737	1,089	-32.3%	-352

Figures for the partnership area show a much smaller rise in total crime (2.4% compared to 28.2%). The only real “stand-out” figure from my perspective is a 43% increase in the recording of Violence against the person offences. I would issue the usual warning though, in that this may be down to better recording rather than a huge increase in offences involving violence.

## **Bedminster**

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	114	182	-37.4%	-68	13.2%	13.7%	-0.6%
Dwelling Burglary	41	28	46.4%	13	9.8%	14.3%	-4.5%
Fraud & Forgery	5	1	400.0%	4	60.0%		+60.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	52	85	-38.8%	-33	3.8%	7.1%	-3.2%
Other Offences	11	10	10.0%	1	27.3%	50.0%	-22.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	15	25	-40.0%	-10	73.3%	24.0%	+49.3%
Robbery	9	9	0.0%	0	11.1%	11.1%	+0.0%
Sexual Offences	15	14	7.1%	1	33.3%	28.6%	+4.8%
Shoplifting	32	54	-40.7%	-22	37.5%	50.0%	-12.5%
Theft from the Person	3	6	-50.0%	-3			
Theft from Vehicle	73	91	-19.8%	-18	5.5%	4.4%	+1.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	28	-21.4%	-6	9.1%	14.3%	-5.2%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	49	37	32.4%	12	2.0%	2.7%	-0.7%
Total Crime	922	986	-6.5%	-64	17.5%	21.5%	-4.0%
Violence Against the Person	345	254	35.8%	91	24.9%	32.3%	-7.4%

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Call Type	Recorded Calls			
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	237	353	-32.9%	-116

## Southville

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	164	168	-2.4%	-4	12.2%	8.3%	+3.9%
Dwelling Burglary	49	52	-5.8%	-3	2.0%	9.6%	-7.6%
Fraud & Forgery	5	3	66.7%	2	100.0%	33.3%	+66.7%
Non Dwelling Burglary	105	112	-6.3%	-7	1.9%	2.7%	-0.8%
Other Offences	29	27	7.4%	2	34.5%	66.7%	-32.2%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	28	29	-3.4%	-1	32.1%	31.0%	+1.1%
Robbery	20	24	-16.7%	-4	5.0%	25.0%	-20.0%
Sexual Offences	30	22	36.4%	8	6.7%	18.2%	-11.5%
Shoplifting	441	537	-17.9%	-96	35.6%	47.9%	-12.3%
Theft from the Person	20	21	-4.8%	-1	5.0%	4.8%	+0.2%
Theft from Vehicle	132	122	8.2%	10	3.8%	0.8%	+3.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	48	20	140.0%	28	6.3%	5.0%	+1.3%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	85	94	-9.6%	-9	2.4%	1.1%	+1.3%
Total Crime	1,999	1,866	7.1%	133	19.0%	27.8%	-8.9%
Violence Against the Person	590	399	47.9%	191	21.9%	35.6%	-13.7%

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Call Type	Recorded Calls			
	Current Year	Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	500	736	-32.1%	-236

## Team Update

Sgt Caroline Crane has replaced Paul Honeychurch as your neighbourhood sergeant. She comes to us with a wealth of experience, having spent many years in both response and CID roles. I know that she is looking forward to the new challenges presented by neighbourhood policing.