



AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership December 2015

Report of: Inspector Nigel Colston
Title: Crime and Community safety

Officer presenting report: As above

Recommendation:

a) To **note** contents of the report.

1. Performance

Bristol South Oct 2015

Table 1 reflects levels of crime reported to Police across the entire Bristol South Local Policing area for the year to date (April – End of Oct 2015). Burglary offences are fairly stable. There has been a continued increase in the recording of offences as racially or religiously aggravated, partly due to better confidence in reporting issues but also attributable to some concerning cases whereby victims have been targeted on numerous occasions. 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 increase in total crime, which is up 10% (715 more offences). This is almost entirely due to a significant increase in the recording of incidents of violence against the person offences, up almost 46% across the Bristol South area (870 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. 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;

Table 1

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (%pt)
Criminal Damage	1,070	1,053	1.6%	17	13.6%	14.6%	-1.0%
Dwelling Burglary	317	317	0.0%	0	5.7%	13.6%	-7.9%
Fraud & Forgery	21	10	110.0%	11	61.9%	140.0%	-78.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	351	414	-15.2%	-63	4.3%	9.2%	-4.9%
Other Offences	155	85	82.4%	70	42.6%	82.4%	-39.8%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	134	114	17.5%	20	36.6%	41.2%	-4.7%
Robbery	58	70	-17.1%	-12	12.1%	22.9%	-10.8%
Sexual Offences	156	123	26.8%	33	23.7%	43.9%	-20.2%
Shoplifting	816	996	-18.1%	-180	41.5%	47.3%	-5.7%
Theft from the Person	39	36	8.3%	3	5.1%	8.3%	-3.2%
Theft from Vehicle	629	606	3.8%	23	2.4%	6.9%	-4.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	185	145	27.6%	40	7.6%	7.6%	0.0%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	181	161	12.4%	20	1.1%	4.3%	-3.2%
Total Crime	7,744	7,029	10.2%	715	21.7%	28.9%	-7.2%
Violence Against the Person	2,773	1,903	45.7%	870	27.4%	39.6%	-12.2%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	2,683	3,847	-30.3%	-1,164

Partnership Area

Dundry View as a neighbourhood partnership area has “bucked” the South Bristol trend in relation to burglary offences. Burglary of dwellings, and non-dwellings (garages, sheds etc) has shown significant increases (22 and 13 more offences respectively), which equates to roughly 1.5 extra burglary offences every week. As will be shown in the following tables, most of this burglary increase has been on the Bishopsworth ward area (dwelling burglary up by 29 offences).

As a partnership area, Dundry View accounts for 29% of the total increase in violence against the person offences (254 more offences, up 43% on last year). The increases are evenly shared between the Bishopsworth and Hartcliffe wards.

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% p/f)
Criminal Damage	322	310	3.9%	12	13.7%	16.8%	-3.1%
Dwelling Burglary	119	97	22.7%	22	5.0%	11.3%	-6.3%
Fraud & Forgery	3	1	200.0%	2	66.7%		+66.7%
Non Dwelling Burglary	98	85	15.3%	13	3.1%	9.4%	-6.4%
Other Offences	40	19	110.5%	21	47.5%	63.2%	-15.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	23	18	27.8%	5	34.8%	55.6%	-20.8%
Robbery	9	19	-52.6%	-10	11.1%	26.3%	-15.2%
Sexual Offences	47	37	27.0%	10	14.9%	59.5%	-44.6%
Shoplifting	211	337	-37.4%	-126	42.7%	49.9%	-7.2%
Theft from the Person	13	3	333.3%	10			
Theft from Vehicle	120	124	-3.2%	-4	1.7%	8.1%	-6.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	44	38	15.8%	6	13.6%	7.9%	+5.7%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	30	23	30.4%	7		4.3%	-4.3%
Total Crime	2,074	1,904	8.9%	170	24.3%	32.6%	-8.3%
Violence Against the Person	806	562	43.4%	244	30.6%	39.1%	-8.5%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	748	1,038	-27.9%	-290

Bishopsworth / Witherwood

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	131	116	12.9%	15	13.0%	15.5%	-2.5%
Dwelling Burglary	71	42	69.0%	29	1.4%	16.7%	-15.3%
Fraud & Forgery	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%		#####
Non Dwelling Burglary	45	49	-8.2%	-4	2.2%	8.2%	-5.9%
Other Offences	15	7	114.3%	8	46.7%	42.9%	+3.8%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	7	6	16.7%	1	42.9%	33.3%	+9.5%
Robbery	3	13	-76.9%	-10		30.8%	-30.8%
Sexual Offences	19	17	11.8%	2	15.8%	47.1%	-31.3%
Shoplifting	20	44	-54.5%	-24	25.0%	20.5%	+4.5%
Theft from the Person	4	1	300.0%	3			
Theft from Vehicle	50	49	2.0%	1	2.0%	10.2%	-8.2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	18	22.2%	4	18.2%	11.1%	+7.1%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	10	9	11.1%	1			
Total Crime	781	660	18.3%	121	21.6%	28.3%	-6.7%
Violence Against the Person	312	211	47.9%	101	30.4%	40.8%	-10.3%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	232	348	-33.3%	-116

Hartcliffe

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	150	153	-2.0%	-3	14.7%	15.7%	-1.0%
Dwelling Burglary	34	52	-34.6%	-18	11.8%	7.7%	+4.1%
Fraud & Forgery	2			2	50.0%		+50.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	36	26	38.5%	10	5.6%	7.7%	-2.1%
Other Offences	23	12	91.7%	11	39.1%	75.0%	-35.9%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	15	11	36.4%	4	33.3%	63.6%	-30.3%
Robbery	5	4	25.0%	1	20.0%	25.0%	-5.0%
Sexual Offences	22	18	22.2%	4	13.6%	66.7%	-53.0%
Shoplifting	148	231	-35.9%	-83	48.0%	56.7%	-8.7%
Theft from the Person	8	2	300.0%	6			
Theft from Vehicle	35	53	-34.0%	-18	2.9%	5.7%	-2.8%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	13	18	-27.8%	-5	15.4%	5.6%	+9.8%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	16	9	77.8%	7		11.1%	-11.1%
Total Crime	993	975	1.8%	18	28.2%	35.9%	-7.7%
Violence Against the Person	402	274	46.7%	128	32.1%	38.3%	-6.2%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	459	566	-18.9%	-107

Whitchurch Park

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	41	41	0.0%	0	12.2%	24.4%	-12.2%
Dwelling Burglary	14	3	366.7%	11	7.1%		+7.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	17	10	70.0%	7		20.0%	-20.0%
Other Offences	2			2	150.0%		#####
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	1	1	0.0%	0		100.0%	-100.0%
Robbery	1	2	-50.0%	-1			
Sexual Offences	6	2	200.0%	4	16.7%	100.0%	-83.3%
Shoplifting	43	62	-30.6%	-19	32.6%	45.2%	-12.6%
Theft from the Person	1			1			
Theft from Vehicle	35	22	59.1%	13		9.1%	-9.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	2	350.0%	7			
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	4	5	-20.0%	-1			
Total Crime	300	269	11.5%	31	18.3%	30.9%	-12.5%
Violence Against the Person	92	77	19.5%	15	25.0%	37.7%	-12.7%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	57	124	-54.0%	-67

General update

One of the most significant ASB issues affecting South Bristol was the recent “arson series” focussed around the Symes Avenue / Spacemakers Park locality. We had a range of issues, from bin fires to vehicle fires, along with corresponding reports of young people causing ASB. As a response

- Fire service commenced routine patrols of arson routes during the day, looking for vulnerable sites re potential arson

- Youth service providers focussed their outreach work at key locations. There was a two-way flow of information between Police and Youth services
- Young people identified as having any involvement, even just as witnesses, were directed to sign acceptable behaviour contracts (ABC).
- A positive condition was put on the ABC that the young person (YP) also had to engage with the Fire Service “firesetters” course.
- We then linked attendance on the Firesetters course with a restorative justice element provided by our RJ team.
- We secured funding for a £1,000 reward from Crimestoppers. Leaflets were designed with both the Police and Fire Service logo.
- Leaflets were delivered by the local Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership, freeing up valuable PCSO time to focus on patrols.
- Significant levels of police time were spent on dedicated patrols in the area.

I have requested some analysis, but I have worked every Halloween / fireworks night for the past 10 years and these were by far the quietest I have ever known in South Bristol (despite the reasonable weather). There isn't anything “new” in the approach or anything particularly scientific or complicated. Chief Insp Rowlands has written letters of thanks to all partners, and we see this as the model for our future plans around the strategic areas of high demand in Filwood / Hartcliffe.

These plans are being developed to change the structure of the neighbourhood team in light of anticipated changes to ward boundaries. Hartcliffe is currently a strategic area of high demand for the constabulary, and the ward changes are only likely to see an increase in such demand. It is therefore only right that we seek to ensure an appropriate number of staff remain dedicated to the Hartcliffe ward,

whilst retaining proportionate resources for the other two wards in Dundry View. I shall talk more about these changes at the partnership meeting. The recently announced securing of police funding until 2020 does at least mean that we can be relatively confident as to levels of police resources for the next few years.