



**Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership  
14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

**Report of:** Inspector 2302 Nigel Colston  
**Title:** Neighbourhood Partnership Police and Community Safety Update

**Officer presenting report:**

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

**1. Performance**

**Crime & ASB Bristol South Apr 15 – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 16**

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	1,562	1,475	5.9%	87	11.5%	14.6%	-3.1%
Dwelling Burglary	472	487	-3.1%	-15	4.7%	10.7%	-6.0%
Fraud & Forgery	38	14	171.4%	24	42.1%	121.4%	-79.3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	505	624	-19.1%	-119	4.6%	9.6%	-5.1%
Other Offences	209	118	77.1%	91	37.3%	76.3%	-39.0%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	184	174	5.7%	10	29.3%	35.6%	-6.3%
Robbery	87	105	-17.1%	-18	10.3%	20.0%	-9.7%
Sexual Offences	242	180	34.4%	62	17.4%	43.9%	-26.5%
Shoplifting	1,218	1,375	-11.4%	-157	36.4%	48.7%	-12.4%
Theft from the Person	55	53	3.8%	2	3.6%	7.5%	-3.9%
Theft from Vehicle	1,002	820	22.2%	182	2.0%	5.9%	-3.9%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	274	204	34.3%	70	6.9%	9.3%	-2.4%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	236	235	0.4%	1	1.3%	4.7%	-3.4%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>9,928</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>
Violence Against the Person	4,167	2,701	54.3%	1,466	23.0%	39.2%	-16.1%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	3,569	4,895	-27.1%	-1326

The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police across the entire Bristol South Local Policing area for the year to date (April – End of Jan 2016). Burglary offences continue to show a small decrease. 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 continued increase in total crime, which is up 16% (1,620 more offences). As noted before, this is almost entirely due to a significant increase in the recording of incidents of violence against the person offences, up 54% across the Bristol South area (almost 1,500 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;

## Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership area

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	225	175	28.6%	50	16.4%	14.9%	+1.6%
Dwelling Burglary	69	71	-2.8%	-2	7.2%	7.0%	+0.2%
Fraud & Forgery	12	1	#####	11	33.3%	200.0%	-166.7%
Non Dwelling Burglary	80	110	-27.3%	-30	7.5%	9.1%	-1.6%
Other Offences	37	17	117.6%	20	32.4%	47.1%	-14.6%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	24	30	-20.0%	-6	29.2%	46.7%	-17.5%
Robbery	14	11	27.3%	3	14.3%	27.3%	-13.0%
Sexual Offences	29	21	38.1%	8	10.3%	47.6%	-37.3%
Shoplifting	191	224	-14.7%	-33	33.5%	46.4%	-12.9%
Theft from the Person	6	2	200.0%	4			
Theft from Vehicle	234	104	125.0%	130	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	35	39	-10.3%	-4	20.0%	7.7%	+12.3%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	15	24	-37.5%	-9		16.7%	-16.7%
Total Crime	1,804	1,370	31.7%	434	18.6%	26.9%	-8.2%
Violence Against the Person	570	324	75.9%	246	24.7%	39.5%	-14.8%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
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ASB	397	613	-35.2%	-216

Total crime overall has increased almost 35%, with 434 more offences reported (this equates to 1.5 crimes extra each day). It is still important to reflect though that this equates to just 6 crimes on average per day across the entire neighbourhood partnership area. The rise in theft from motor vehicle is a concern (it actually accounts for almost a third of the total rise in crime), and I would look to some help from representatives at the partnership in promoting car security across the area.

## Brislington West

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	110	87	26.4%	23	14.5%	19.5%	-5.0%
Dwelling Burglary	28	32	-12.5%	-4	10.7%	9.4%	+1.3%
Fraud & Forgery	10	1	900.0%	9	40.0%		+40.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	52	51	2.0%	1	9.6%	13.7%	-4.1%
Other Offences	15	10	50.0%	5	33.3%	60.0%	-26.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	16	11	45.5%	5	25.0%	36.4%	-11.4%
Robbery	8	8	0.0%	0	12.5%	25.0%	-12.5%
Sexual Offences	14	10	40.0%	4	7.1%	50.0%	-42.9%
Shoplifting	135	174	-22.4%	-39	40.0%	52.3%	-12.3%
Theft from the Person	4	1	300.0%	3			
Theft from Vehicle	138	55	150.9%	83			
Theft of Motor Vehicle	23	18	27.8%	5	13.0%		+13.0%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	8	13	-38.5%	-5		23.1%	-23.1%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>
Violence Against the Person	307	168	82.7%	139	24.1%	44.6%	-20.5%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	193	270	-28.5%	-77

## Brislington East

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	115	88	30.7%	27	18.3%	10.2%	+8.0%
Dwelling Burglary	41	39	5.1%	2	4.9%	5.1%	-0.3%
Fraud & Forgery	2			2			
Non Dwelling Burglary	28	59	-52.5%	-31	3.6%	5.1%	-1.5%
Other Offences	22	7	214.3%	15	31.8%	28.6%	+3.2%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	8	19	-57.9%	-11	37.5%	52.6%	-15.1%
Robbery	6	3	100.0%	3	16.7%	33.3%	-16.7%
Sexual Offences	15	11	36.4%	4	13.3%	45.5%	-32.1%
Shoplifting	56	50	12.0%	6	17.9%	26.0%	-8.1%
Theft from the Person	2	1	100.0%	1			
Theft from Vehicle	96	49	95.9%	47	2.1%	2.0%	+0.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	12	21	-42.9%	-9	33.3%	14.3%	+19.0%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	7	11	-36.4%	-4		9.1%	-9.1%
Total Crime	747	580	28.8%	167	18.6%	21.2%	-2.6%
Violence Against the Person	263	156	68.6%	107	25.5%	34.0%	-8.5%

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ASB	204	343	-40.5%	-139

## General Update

Pc Gareth Hall has now joined the Brislington team. He previously worked in the role at Bishopsworth, and brings with him considerable experience and enthusiasm.

The sentencing of Pc Duffy and PCSO Passmore has obviously now taken place, and both officers have been dismissed from the constabulary. I shall have to reserve my comment on this because misconduct proceedings are underway and we still await the release of the IPCC report. I would just like to highlight the fact that I have sympathy for all of those involved in any aspect of this tragedy, and I am working hard to understand how to make things better for the future.