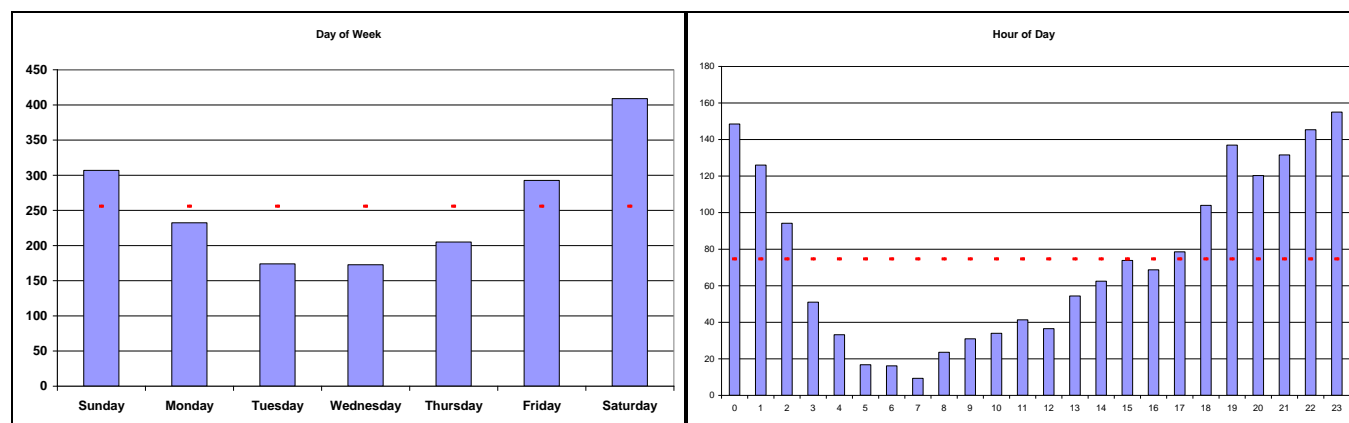


Violence in Stockton April to October 2008
Report to inform in depth discussion on Violence Safer Stockton Partnership 16 December 2008

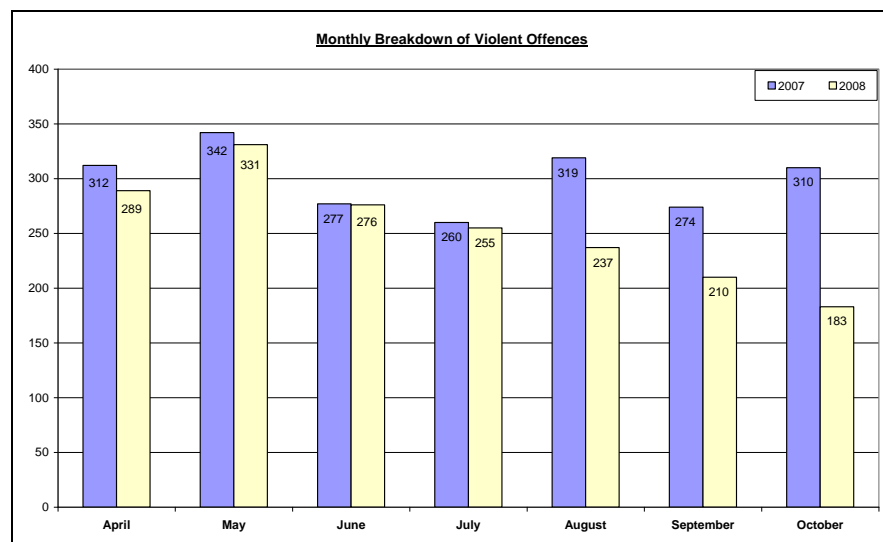
The following report details all violence against the person offences which have occurred in the Borough between 01/04/08 to 31/10/08. In total there have been 1,781 offences within this time period, which is a reduction of 15% on the 2,094 offences recorded over the same time period last year. Three offences make up 83% of all recorded violence against the person and there were 50 offences classified as Most Serious Violence as per National Indicator 15 (1 x Murder, 1 x Attempted Murder, 25 x Wounding with intent to do GBH and 23 x Inflicting grievous bodily harm, without intent). The table below shows the three main offence categories and the change over the two years.

Offence	2007	% of 2007 total	2008	% of 2008 total	Grand Total	% Change 2007 to 2008
008/06 - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	801	38.3	772	43.3	1573	-3.6%
105/01 - Common assault and battery	552	26.4	533	29.9	1085	-3.4%
125/12 - Harassment, alarm or distress	401	19.1	172	9.7	573	-57.1%
Total	1754	83.8	1477	82.9	3231	-15.8%

Of the 1,781 offences that have occurred between April and October 2008, 1,263 (71%) of these were committed between the hours of 6pm and 6am, which relates to the night time economy. In fact, 22% of all violence occurred on a Friday or Saturday night between the hours of 10pm and 3am (12% on Friday night and 10% on Saturday night), and a quarter of all MSV crimes occurred between these times. Only 518 (29%) were committed between the hours of 6am to 6 pm in the daytime. The graphs below show the hour of the day and day of the week that offences occurred.



There was a peak of offences in May 08 which related to the two bank holidays. There were 50 offences just for Sunday 25th and Monday 26th of May 2008, which was the second bank holiday weekend of the month. The graph below shows a breakdown of violence by month, and demonstrates that reductions in violence on the previous year have been getting better as the year progresses.



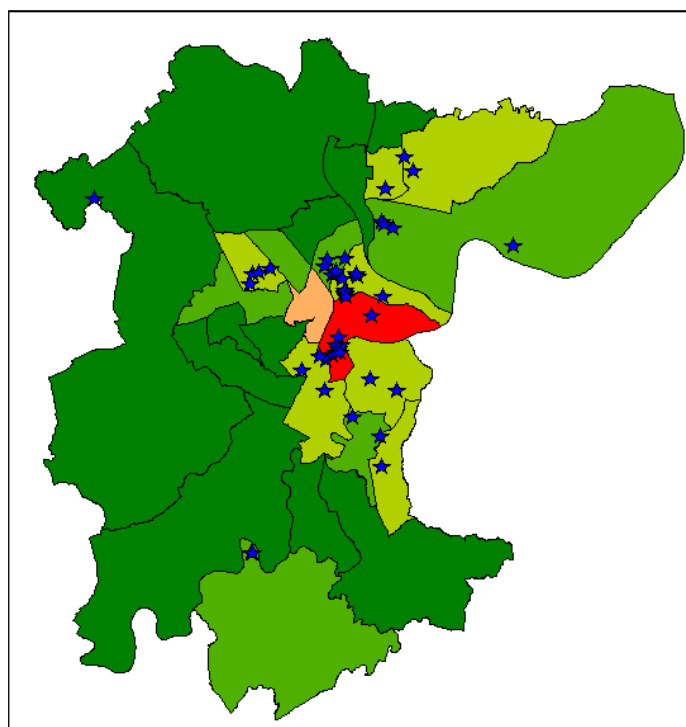
A total of 492 of offences (28%) were Domestic Violence (467 of these were flagged as Domestic in the crime data and the remaining 25 were identified as Domestic through further analysis). The domestic offences also occurred more frequently at night time (348, 72% off all domestic violence) as opposed to the day time hours (144, 28% off all domestic violence) and 71% occurred at a dwelling. The most common form of domestic violence was assault occasioning actual bodily harm (222, 45%) followed by common assault and battery (218, 44%). Overall 93% (455) of domestic offences involved actual violence with only 37 offences of threats and harassment, although only 4 offences were classed as Most Serious Violence.

There were 163 offences (9% overall) which were committed at a licensed premise (148 flagged in the crime data, with an additional 15 identified by further analysis). 152 of these offences occurred during night time hours, which is 12% of all night time violence. 12 of the 50 (24%) MSV crimes were committed at licensed premises.

There were 465 offences (26% overall) where the 'committed under the influence' flag was positively attributed, although a further 516 (29%) were flagged as unknown. Of those which were committed under the influence 406 (87%) occurred at night time, which is 32% of all night time violence. 15 of the 50 (30%) MSV crimes were committed under the influence.

Not surprisingly the majority of offences have occurred in Stockton Town Centre ward and around the High Street and Yarm Lane area in particular. The map and chart below give a full breakdown by ward. The wards have been colour coded to show variance from the Borough average. Red is more than twice the Borough average, amber is between half above and twice above the Borough average, and darkest green is less than half the Borough average and mid green somewhere close to the average. The blue stars show the locations where offences classed as Most Serious Violent crimes (MSV) have occurred.

NAME	Grand Total	%	rate
Stockton Town Centre	464	26.1%	70.0
Newtown	121	6.8%	16.3
Mandale and Victoria	109	6.1%	10.9
Parkfield and Oxbridge	94	5.3%	13.0
Billingham Central	88	5.0%	12.7
Billingham East	87	4.9%	12.2
Hardwick	86	4.8%	12.4
Stainsby Hill	85	4.8%	12.7
Norton South	85	4.8%	10.8
Billingham South	83	4.7%	12.2
Norton North	80	4.5%	11.8
Roseworth	61	3.4%	8.4
Yarm	54	3.0%	5.5
Village	43	2.4%	6.7
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	34	1.9%	5.1
Eaglescliffe	31	1.7%	2.9
Ingleby Barwick West	29	1.6%	2.7
Billingham North	27	1.5%	2.8
Grangefield	23	1.3%	3.4
Ingleby Barwick East	21	1.2%	2.2
Billingham West	19	1.1%	3.2
Fairfield	14	0.8%	2.3
Western Parishes	12	0.7%	3.9
Hartburn	12	0.7%	1.7
Norton West	9	0.5%	1.4
Northern Parishes	6	0.3%	1.8
Grand Total	1777	100.0%	9.4



The following table provides a full breakdown of both day time and night time violence by ward and looks at the differences between the position of each ward when ranked from most violence to least violence. Most notably Parkfield and Oxbridge and Billingham North are ranked much higher for night time violence than day time, and Billingham East and Bishopsgarth and Elmtree ranked higher for daytime violence than they do for night time violence.

Ward	Day time	% of Day time	Day rank	Night Time	% of Night time	Night rank	Rank difference
Stockton Town Centre	104	20.1%	1	360	28.6%	1	0
Mandale and Victoria	36	7.0%	3	73	5.8%	2	1
Newtown	51	9.9%	2	70	5.6%	3	-1
Parkfield and Oxbridge	24	4.6%	11	70	5.6%	4	7
Billingham Central	29	5.6%	5	59	4.7%	5	0
Norton South	26	5.0%	8	59	4.7%	6	2
Stainsby Hill	26	5.0%	9	59	4.7%	7	2
Hardwick	29	5.6%	6	57	4.5%	8	-2
Billingham South	26	5.0%	7	57	4.5%	9	-2
Billingham East	31	6.0%	4	56	4.4%	10	-6
Norton North	25	4.8%	10	55	4.4%	11	-1
Yarm	12	2.3%	15	42	3.3%	12	3
Roseworth	20	3.9%	12	41	3.3%	13	-1
Village	17	3.3%	13	26	2.1%	14	-1
Billingham North	3	0.6%	21	24	1.9%	15	6
Eaglescliffe	8	1.5%	16	23	1.8%	16	0
Ingleby Barwick West	7	1.4%	18	22	1.7%	17	1
Grangefield	4	0.8%	19	19	1.5%	18	1
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	16	3.1%	14	18	1.4%	19	-5
Billingham West	3	0.6%	22	16	1.3%	20	2
Ingleby Barwick East	8	1.5%	17	13	1.0%	21	-4
Fairfield	3	0.6%	23	11	0.9%	22	1
Hartburn	1	0.2%	25	11	0.9%	23	2
Western Parishes	4	0.8%	20	8	0.6%	24	-4
Norton West	3	0.6%	24	6	0.5%	25	-1
Northern Parishes	1	0.2%	26	5	0.4%	26	0
Grand Total	517	100.0%		1260	100.0%		

There were a number of repeat locations as summarised below.

Location	Description	Ward	Total	Details
Zanzibar Nightclub	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	54	Only 29 occurred inside the premise and 28 were committed under influence. 2 incidents were classified as MSV. An action plan is up and running at this establishment.
Stockton Police Station	Police Station	Stockton Town Centre	15	All relate to assault of Constable / Police Staff
Finkle Street/High Street	Street	Stockton Town Centre	12	
John Whitehead Park	Park	Billingham Central	11	8 incidents involved groups of Youths
Reindeer PH	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	9	Only 5 incidents occurred inside premise, 1 MSV crime
Westlands School	School	Stainsby Hill	9	6 incidents relate to attack on Teaching staff
The Garrick	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	8	Only 5 incidents occurred inside premise
Santonia Fish Shop	Takeaway	Village	7	5 reports of Racially aggravated harassment
Hartington Road/Yarm Lane (A135)	Street	Stockton Town Centre	7	

Courtyard Hotel	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	6	All occurred inside premise
Ginos	Takeaway	Stockton Town Centre	6	2 attacks to staff, remaining 4 incidents occurred outside premise
H M PRISON	Prison	Norton South	6	2 x MSV crimes
Jockers	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	6	Only 2 incidents inside premise
University Hospital of North Tees	Hospital	Hardwick	6	
Princess Ave Children's Home	Children's Home	Stockton Town Centre	6	
ASDA stores Thornaby	Supermarket	Stainsby Hill	6	
Trader Jacks Billingham	Licensed Premise	Billingham South	6	Only 3 incidents inside premise and 3 incidents were classified as MSV. An action plan is up and running at this establishment.
Appleton Road/Hawthorne Road	Street		6	
Billingham Arms Hotel	Licensed Premise	Billingham Central	5	Only 2 incidents inside premise
Black Bull	Licensed Premise	Yarm	5	Only 3 incidents inside premise, 2 x MSV crimes
Che Bar	Licensed Premise	Stockton Town Centre	5	All occurred inside premise
New Cross Keys	Licensed Premise	Yarm	5	All occurred inside premise and one was classed as MSV
Preston Park	Park		5	All victims and offenders were Youths
Tall Trees Hotel	Licensed Premise		5	All occurred inside premise
The Brown Jug	Licensed Premise		5	4 incidents occurred inside premise, and one was MSV
Silver Street/High Street (A67)	Street	Stockton Town Centre	5	
Central Street/High Street (A67)	Street	Stockton Town Centre	5	
Prince Regent Street (A1305)/Yarm Lane (A1305)	Street	Stockton Town Centre	5	
Marsh House Avenue/High Grange Avenue	Street		5	

During the reporting period there have been 62 crimes that contained the word 'knife', of which 36 were possession offences. Only eight of these offences resulted in injury to the victim and most others were used to make threats.