

### RECORDED CRIME & DISORDER

This report sets out the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2013 to August 2013 compared to the same time period in 2012 for the borough of Stockton.

Statistics utilised for this report, with the exception of crime rate per 1000 population, have been obtained from Cleveland Police Performance Management documents.

**Key Findings:**

- Public reported crime in Stockton has increased by 8.3%, equating to 337 more victims of crime.
- Total crime has also increased by 6.9%, equating to 310 more crimes.
- Although crime has increased, Stockton is still the best performing borough in relation to crime per 1000 population for both publicly reported and total crime.
- Crime categories of note showing significant increases are mainly theft offences, in particular shoplifting (+105 crimes/19.4%), however good reduction in dwelling burglary (-50 crimes/-21.5%) and violence continues to show a reduction (-50 crimes/-6.3%).
- The year to date comparison for Anti-Social Behaviour incidents shows an increase of 13.6% however Stockton still has the lowest rate per 1000 population for ASB.

#### CRIME STATISTICS FOR STOCKTON - APRIL 2013 to AUGUST 2013

**Table 1 –Crime overview**

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	2013/14	2012/13	Change	% Change
<b>Violence against the person</b>	743	793	-50	-6.3%
Violence with injury	434	477	-43	-9.0%
Violence without injury	309	316	-7	-2.2%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	94	90	4	4.4%
Rape	32	29	3	10.3%
Other Sexual offences	62	61	1	1.6%
<b>Theft</b>	2655	2367	288	12.2%
Burglary - Domestic	183	233	-50	-21.5%
Burglary - Non domestic	347	301	46	15.3%
Robbery - personal	33	28	5	17.9%
Robbery - Business	3	3	0	0.0%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	337	314	23	7.3%
Shoplifting	646	541	105	19.4%
Other Theft	1106	947	159	16.8%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	906	811	95	11.7%
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	4398	4061	337	8.3%
<b>Police generated crime</b>	412	391	21	5.4%
<b>Total crime</b>	4812	4502	310	6.9%

Table 1 provides details on crime between April 2013 & August 2013 with comparison to the same time period in 2012, highlighting an increase of 8.3% in public reported crime, equating to 337 more victims of crime. The table also provides details on total crime showing an increase of 6.9% (+310 crimes).

Stockton Borough has also seen the largest increase in public reported crime when looking at comparisons with the three other local authority areas within Cleveland ; Redcar & Cleveland (3.3%/+99 crimes)/Hartlepool (1.2%/+28 crimes) with Middlesbrough crime levels reducing by 0.7%/-31 crimes. However when looking at crime rate per 1000 population, Stockton still remains the best performing area (see page 3).

Assuming the 'monthly average level' is maintained, an annual increase of 4.5% is anticipated for Stockton for end March 2014. This is a similar picture across the Cleveland Force area – Hartlepool (1.6%), Redcar & Cleveland (4.6%), Middlesbrough (1.4%).

In relation to Table 1, reductions can be seen in two key crime areas: - Violence, in particular, Violence with injury (-43 crimes) and Domestic burglary (-50 crimes). The reduction in domestic (dwelling) burglary, equates to a reduction of 10 crimes per month (April to Aug). Reductions in these two crime categories have also occurred in the three other local authority areas with Hartlepool being the only Borough to see an increase in domestic burglary (3.8%/+5 crimes).

Crimes of note showing significant increases are within the Theft categories (Shoplifting +105 crimes/19.4%), Other Theft +159 crimes/+16.8%) and Non domestic burglary (+50 crimes/15.3%). Robbery personal is also showing an increase of five crimes (+17.9%)

These crime categories have been of note for several months and discussed in SSP overview in August, in particular shoplifting and non-domestic burglary (sheds/garages/commercial buildings). Proactive patrols in Stockton High St by Police and SBC ASB/Enforcement Teams are in place, along with targeting of the most prolific offenders and vulnerable stores in order to deter and reduce shoplifting offences.

#### **Domestic related crime**

7.1% of total crime has been recorded as domestic related: 344 crimes, which compares to 376 previous year, giving a reduction of 32 crimes (-8.5%) since April 2013.

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show reductions in DV related crime: Hartlepool (-70 crimes/-21.6%), Redcar&Cleveland (-37 crimes/-14.55) and Middlesbrough (-10 crimes/-2.4%).

In terms of DV rates per 1000 population, the table below shows Stockton is just behind Redcar and Cleveland for the lowest rate.

**Table 2**

<b>Local Authority area</b>	<b>DV crimes</b>	<b>Rate per 1000 population</b>
Redcar	218	1.61
Stockton	344	1.79
Hartlepool	254	2.75
Middlesbrough	415	2.99

Of the 344 offences, 75% were linked to violence (violence with and violence without injury offences), followed by damage (17%) and are similar levels to previous months. DV offences are crimes that have a crime indicator field recorded as being domestic related.

**Hate crime**

Details from Performance Management department in relation to Hate Crime are illustrated in Table 3.

**Table 3**

Crimes only	Year to Date			
	April 2013 - Aug 2013	April 2012 – Aug 2012	Diff	% Diff
QL1 - Racial	82	69	13	18.8%
QL3 - Transgender	4	1	3	300.0%
QL4 - Disability	3	3	0	0.0%
QL20 - Religion/Belief	9	4	5	125.0%
QL36 - Sexual Orientation	13	3	10	333.3%
<b>*Hate Crimes</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38.8%</b>

**\*This figure represents the number of crime or incidents where at least one of the above aggravating factors has been identified.**

So far this year, the number of crimes with a hate qualifier has increased by 38.8% with the Positive outcome rate decreasing to 42%. The increase is shown in green as it is seen as a positive in reporting.

The majority of hate crime relates to racial incidents, accounting for 74% (82 crimes) however there has been an increase in number of sexual orientation incidents (4 in August) which relate to incidents where verbal remarks of sexual nature have been made.

**Detection rate**

To date, the detection rate for public reported crimes stands at 28.4%, reduction of 1.8% on last year.

**COMPARISONS WITHIN CLEVELAND AREA – PUBLIC REPORTED CRIME**

Table 4 relates to the number of public reported crimes for each local authority area, along with rates per 1000 population in brackets.

**TABLE 4 – PUBLIC REPORTED**

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar
Violence against the person	743 (3.8)	<b>493(5.3)</b>	<b>981 (7)</b>	<b>409 (3)</b>
Violence with injury	434 (2.2)	277 (3)	566 (4)	251 (1.8)
Violence without injury	309 (1.6)	216 (2.3)	415 (2.9)	158 (1.1)
Sexual offences	94 (0.49)	<b>43 (0.46)</b>	<b>79 (0.57)</b>	<b>47 (0.34)</b>
Rape	32 (0.16)	16 (1.73)	21 (0.15)	15 (0.11)
Other Sexual offences	62 (0.32)	27 (0.29)	58 (0.41)	32 (0.23)
Acquisitive Crime	2655 (13.8)	<b>1319 (14.3)</b>	<b>3122 (22.5)</b>	<b>1803 (13.3)</b>
Burglary - Domestic	183 (0.95)	137 (1.48)	365 (2.6)	117 (0.86)
Burglary - Non domestic	347 (1.8)	144 (1.56)	335 (2.4)	299 (2.2)
Robbery - personal	33 (0.17)	7 (0.07)	41 (0.2)	13 (0.09)
Robbery - Business	3	4	2	3
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	337 (1.7)	144 (1.5)	567 (4.0)	261 (1.93)
Shoplifting	646 (3.3)	378 (4.1)	802 (5.7)	405 (2.99)
Other Acquisitive	1106 (5.7)	505 (5.4)	1010 (7.2)	705 (5.2)
Criminal damage and Arson	906 (4.7)	<b>541 (5.8)</b>	<b>988 (7.1)</b>	<b>856 (6.3)</b>
<b>Publicly reported offences</b>	<b>4398 (22.9)</b>	<b>2396 (26)</b>	<b>5170 (37.3)</b>	<b>3115 (23)</b>

The table shows that Stockton continues to have the lowest crime rate per 1000 population for **public reported crime** with Middlesbrough the worst performing.

Redcar has lowest rates for majority of crime categories with Middlesbrough the worst performing.

Stockton is second best performing in majority of crime types and as table shows, the best performing for Criminal Damage/Arson.

**COMPARISONS WITHIN CLEVELAND AREA FOR BOTH POLICE GENERATED&PUBLIC REPORTED (TOTAL RECORDED CRIME) PER 1000 POPULATION.**

**Table 5**

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar
Public Disorder	116	72	225	112
Drug offences	177	145	244	107
Trafficking of drugs	42	27	35	21
Possession/Use of drugs	135	118	209	86
Crime Prevented / Disrupted	37	26	60	26
Other State based / Non Victim	9	11	14	12
<b>Police Generated offences</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>257</b>
Fraud and Forgery	1	0	4	0
<b>Public reported crime</b>	<b>4398 (22.9)</b>	<b>2396(26)</b>	<b>5170(37.3)</b>	<b>3115 (23)</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>4812 (25)</b>	<b>2145(23.2)</b>	<b>5819(34.0)</b>	<b>3423 (25.3)</b>

The final table relating to crime (Table5) also shows that Stockton is the best performing for both **public reported and total crime** with Middlesbrough worst performing for both.

**ASB STATISTICS FOR END AUGUST 2013**

The year to date comparison for ASB incidents shows an increase of 13.6%. Assuming the current daily average is maintained, an increase of 18.9% is anticipated for end March 2014.

**Table 6**

ASB incident Type	2013/14	2012/13	Diff	%Diff
Personal	1611	1922	-311	-16.2%
Nuisance	4190	3250	940	28.9%
Environment	240	148	92	62.2%
<b>Total ASB</b>	<b>6041</b>	<b>5320</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

Table 6 illustrates the type of ASB incidents that have occurred since April 2013 to August 2013 in Stockton compared to the same time period last year. This shows an increase of 821 calls (13.6%), with largest increase seen in 'Nuisance' calls and equates to an extra 940 calls which equates to an extra 188 calls a month.

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show increases in ASB; Hartlepool (+20.6%), Middlesbrough (+7.3%) and Redcar (+12.1%).

Analysis of ASB incidents show month on month increases since April with July the highest month to date (1300 incidents).

Research of individual ward areas within Stockton Borough show no ward areas with significant increases in levels however there has been slight rise in the number of weather related incidents (youths in river/congregating later on evenings). Proactive patrols continue to be conducted by both police and SBC ASB and Enforcement Officers.

The final table (table 6) shows rates per 1000 population for each local authority area showing that although ASB has increased in Stockton, we still have the lowest rate for ASB.

**Table 6**

<b>Local Authority area</b>	<b>ASB calls April-July 2013</b>
Stockton	6041 (31.4)
Hartlepool	3466 (37.63)
Middlesbrough	4422(40.9)
Redcar	3488(32.6)

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