

RECORDED CRIME & DISORDER

This report sets out the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2013 to October 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 5.9%, equating to 348 more victims of crime.
- Total crime has also increased by 4.5%, equating to 291 more crimes (FYTD).
- Assuming the monthly average is maintained, an increase of 5.4% is anticipated.
- Stockton is once again the best performing borough in relation to crime rate per 1000 population for both publicly reported and total crime.
- Crime categories of note showing significant increases continue to be theft offences, however shoplifting has shown excellent reductions compared to previous month (-45%) and October last year (-24.6%).
- The year to date comparison for Anti-Social Behaviour incidents shows an increase of 12.5% however Stockton still has the lowest rate per 1000 population for ASB.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR STOCKTON - APRIL 2013 to OCTOBER 2013

Table 1 –Crime overview¹

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	2013/14	2012/13	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	1055	1121	-66	-5.9%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	620	678	-58	-8.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	435	443	-8	-1.8%
Sexual offences	127	126	1	0.8%
<i>Rape</i>	47	36	11	30.6%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	80	90	-10	-11.1%
Theft	3743	3368	375	11.1%
<i>Burglary - Domestic</i>	266	320	-54	-16.9%
<i>Burglary - Non domestic</i>	466	457	9	2%
<i>Robbery - personal</i>	43	39	4	10.3%
<i>Robbery - Business</i>	6	4	2	50%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	508	451	57	12.6%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	898	765	133	17.4%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1556	1332	224	16.8%
Criminal damage and Arson	1283	1245	38	3.1%
Publicly Reported Crime	6208	5860	348	5.9%
Police Generated Crime	584	572	12	2.1%
Fraud Offences	2	71	-69	-97.2%
Total Crime	6794	6503	291	4.5%

¹ Details taken from Cleveland Police Performance Management database as of 18.11.13 and maybe subject to change.

Table 1 on previous page provides details on the different crime types between April 2013 & October 2013 with comparison to the same time period in 2012. This shows an increase of 5.9% in public reported crime, equating to 348 more victims of crime along with an increase in total crime by 4.5% (+291 crimes). Total crime relates to publicly reported crime, police generated crime and fraud offences. Although crime is still showing a financial year to date increase, it is reducing month on month.

The reduction in the projection is due to a 10.5% decrease in October compared to last year (849 offences compared to 949 in October 2012). Categories with significant improvements during October are Shoplifting (-29 offences)/Criminal Damage&Arson (-62 crimes) and overall theft has reduced by 15 crimes. This is good news bearing in mind that month of October generally sees higher than average levels for criminal damage due to the lead up to Halloween. Full details of crime levels for October 2013 are displayed within the appendix section (table 8).

Assuming the 'monthly average' is maintained, an annual increase of 5.4% is anticipated for Stockton for end March 2014. Annual increases are also anticipated in Redcar & Cleveland (5.6%) and Middlesbrough (0.6%) however slight reduction in Hartlepool (-1.4%).

In relation to Table 1, even though public reported crime is showing an overall increase, reductions continue to be seen in two key crime areas: - Violence (-5.9%), in particular, Violence with injury (-58 crimes) and Domestic burglary (-54 crimes). Reductions in these two crime categories have also occurred in the three other local authority areas with the exception of Hartlepool seeing an increase in domestic burglary (7.5%/+13 crimes).

Crimes of note showing increases remain within the Theft categories (Shoplifting +133 crimes/17.4%), Other Theft +224 crimes/+16.8%) and Non domestic burglary (+9 crimes/2%). Although non-domestic burglary is showing an increase, the month of October saw excellent reducing in comparison to 2012 (-31 crimes) which has seen the comparison to FYTD reduced to only 2% increase.

As reported on in SSP meeting on 05.11.13, an exclusion zone has now been implemented into five areas in Stockton town centre in relation to deterring know shoplifters. This appears to already have had an impact on reducing offending (89 crimes in October compared to 163 in September 2013).

Domestic related crime

462 crimes have been recorded as being domestic related (6.8% of Total crime (6794 crimes) which compares to 600 previous year, giving a reduction of 138 crimes since April 2013 (-23%).

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show reductions in DV related crime: Hartlepool (-140 crimes/-29.6%), Redcar&Cleveland (-90 crimes/-23.1%) and Middlesbrough (-113 crimes/-16.6%).

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

Local Authority area	DV crimes	Rate per 1000 population
Stockton	462	2.4
Redcar	299	2.2
Hartlepool	333	3.6
Middlesbrough	567	4

Of the 462 offences, 75% were linked to violence (violence with and violence without injury offences), followed by damage (16%) 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 Cleveland Police Performance Management department in relation to Hate **Crimes and incidents** are illustrated in Table 3.

Table 3

All incidents and Crimes	Year to Date			
	April 2013 - Aug 2013	April 2012 – Aug 2012	Diff	% Diff
QL1 - Racial	105	102	3	2.9%
QL3 - Transgender	4	1	3	300%
QL4 - Disability	4	4	0	0%
QL20 - Religion/Belief	14	5	9	180%
QL36 - Sexual Orientation	15	5	10	200%
*Hate Crimes	142	117	25	21.4%

***This figure represents the number of crime or incidents where at least one of the above aggravating factors has been identified. Increases are shown in green as it is seen as a positive in reporting.**

Of the above, 62 have been recorded as a crime which compares to 53 last year, with the Positive outcome rate (detection rate) increasing to 51.6%. The majority of 'Hate' Crime&Incidents relate to racial incidents, accounting for 83% (52).

Detection rate

To date, the detection rate for all public reported crime stands at 28.9%, reduction of 1.2% on last year and above Redcar (26.2%) and Middlesbrough (28.2%) with Hartlepool having a detection rate of 34.9%.

COMPARISONS WITHIN CLEVELAND AREA – PUBLICLY REPORTED CRIME

Table 4 relates to the number of publicly reported crimes for each local authority area, along with rates per 1000² population in brackets.

TABLE 4 – PUBLICLY REPORTED CRIME

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar
Violence against the person	1055 (5.4)	674(7.3)	1365(9.8)	588(4.3)
Violence with injury	620 (3.2)	387(4.2)	778(5.6)	361(2.6)
Violence without injury	435(2.2)	287(3.1)	587(4.2)	227(1.6)
Sexual offences	127(0.6)	51(0.5)	103(0.7)	69(0.5)
Rape	47(0.2)	21(0.2)	28(0.2)	26(0.1)
Other Sexual offences	80(0.4)	30(0.3)	75(0.5)	43(0.3)
Acquisitive Crime	3743(19.5)	1787(19.4)	4296(31)	2571(19)
Burglary - Domestic	266(1.3)	186(2)	493(3.5)	181(1.3)
Burglary - Non domestic	466(2.4)	198(2.1)	468(3.3)	423(3.1)
Robbery - personal	43(0.2)	11(0.1)	60(0.4)	19(0.1)
Robbery - Business	6(0.03)	4(0.04)	3(0.02)	5(0.03)
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	508(2.6)	206(2.2)	784(5.6)	362(2.6)
Shoplifting	898(4.6)	498(5.4)	1134(8.1)	594(4.3)
Other Acquisitive	1556(8.1)	684(7.4)	1354(9.7)	987(7.3)
Criminal damage and Arson	1283(6.6)	745(8)	1421(10.2)	1171(8.6)
Publicly reported offences	6208(32.3)	3257(35.3)	7185(51.9)	4399(32.5)

The table shows that Stockton once again has the lowest crime rate per 1000 population for **publicly reported crime** with Middlesbrough continuing to be the worst performing (last month Stockton was just behind Redcar&Cleveland).

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 the table shows, continues to be the best performing for Criminal Damage/Arson offences.

² Population – Ston (191,820), HPool (92,090), Redcar (135,170) and Middlesbrough (138,370)

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

Table 5

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar
Public Disorder	204	126	366	180
Drug offences	292	252	410	169
Trafficking of drugs	57	45	52	32
Possession/Use of drugs	235	207	358	137
Crime Prevented / Disrupted	70	51	105	52
Other State based / Non Victim	18	15	26	20
Police Generated offences	584	444	907	421
Fraud and Forgery	2	0	7	0
Public reported crime	6208(32.3)	3257(35.3)	7185(51.9)	4399(32.5)
Total Crime	6794(35.4)	3701(40)	8099(58.5)	4820(35.6)

The final table relating to crime (Table 5) shows that Stockton is also the best performing for both **public reported and total crime** based on per 1000 population rates with Middlesbrough worst performing for both.

ASB STATISTICS FOR END OCTOBER 2013

The year to date comparison for ASB incidents shows an increase of 12.5%. 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	2122	2596	-474	-18.3%
Nuisance	6025	4711	1314	27.9%
Environment	302	201	101	50.2%
Total ASB	8449	7508	941	12.5%

Table 6 illustrates the type of ASB incidents that have occurred since April 2013 to October 2013 in Stockton compared to the same time period last year. This shows an increase of 941 calls (12.5%), with largest increase seen in 'Nuisance' category (+1314), and equates to an extra 187 calls a month.

ASB for the month of October also increased by 6.5% compared to October last year (+78 calls). On a positive note, Personal ASB incidents have reduced by 474 calls. These are ASB incidents linked to an individual rather than a neighbourhood.

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show FYTD increases in ASB; Hartlepool (+17.1%), Middlesbrough (+5.6%) and Redcar (+12%).

The final table (table 7) on the following page shows rates per 1000 population for each local authority area showing that although ASB has increased in Stockton, we still continue to have the lowest rate per 1000 population for ASB.

Table 7

Local Authority area	ASB calls April-Sept 2013
Stockton	8449 (44)
Hartlepool	4676(50.7)
Middlesbrough	7772(56.1)
Redcar	6032(44.6)

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APPENDIX

Table 8 – October crime

Crime Type	October		Change	% Change
	2013/14	2012/13		
Violence against the person	161	172	-11	-6.4%
Violence with injury	95	105	-10	-9.5%
Violence without injury	66	67	-1	-1.5%
Sexual offences	13	25	-12	-48.0%
Rape	5	5	0	0.0%
Other Sexual offences	8	20	-12	-60.0%
Theft	477	492	-15	-3.0%
Burglary - Domestic	37	34	3	8.8%
Burglary - Non domestic	49	80	-31	-38.8%
Robbery - personal	2	5	-3	-60.0%
Robbery - Business	1	1	0	0.0%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	89	70	19	27.1%
Shoplifting	89	118	-29	-24.6%
Other Theft	210	184	26	14.1%
Criminal damage and Arson	198	260	-62	-23.8%
Publicly Reported Crime	849	949	-100	-10.5%