

RECORDED CRIME & DISORDER

This report sets out the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2013 to December 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 reports.

Key Findings:

- Public reported crime in Stockton has increased by 2.1%, equating to 158 more victims of crime.
- However total crime is showing only a minimal increase of 1.3%, equating to 109 more crimes (FYTD).
- Assuming the monthly average is maintained, an increase of 2.4% (242 crimes) for publicly reported crime is anticipated for the end March 2014.
- Stockton is once again the best performing borough in relation to crime and ASB (based on rate per 1000 population).
- The main crime category of note which continues to show an increase is Theft (6.1%).
- Despite shoplifting still showing an increase of 11%, this is an improvement on last two quarters (April-Sept showed a 25% increase).
- Offences of domestic burglary continue to perform well with offences reducing by 93 crimes when compared to April-Dec 2012. Improvements have also been seen in non-domestic burglary which has resulted in a reduction of one crime when compared to last year. This is the first time since start of financial year that offences of non-domestic burglary have shown a reduction.
- The year to date comparison for Anti-Social Behaviour incidents shows an increase of 12.5% (1153 incidents) along with a projection of 13.3% for end March 2014. Despite this increase, we still have the lowest rate per 1000 population for ASB when compared to our neighbours.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON - APRIL 2013 to DECEMBER 2013

Table 1 – Crime overview¹

Crime Type	Year to Date (end Dec 2013)			
	2013/14	2012/13	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	1342	1446	-104	-7.2%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	797	858	-61	-7.1%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	545	588	-43	-7.3%
Sexual offences	152	148	4	2.7%
<i>Rape</i>	51	39	12	30.8%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	101	109	-8	-7.3%
Theft	4575	4311	264	6.1%
<i>Burglary - Domestic</i>	333	426	-93	-21.8%
<i>Burglary - Non domestic</i>	560	561	-1	-0.2%
<i>Robbery - personal</i>	52	46	6	13%
<i>Robbery - Business</i>	6	7	-1	-14.3%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	640	595	45	7.6%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1147	1033	114	11%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1837	1643	194	11.8%
Criminal damage and Arson	1686	1692	-6	-0.4%
Publicly Reported Crime	7755	7597	158	2.1%
Police Generated Crime	765	727	38	5.2%
Fraud Offences	2	89	-87	-97.8%
Total Crime	8522	8413	109	1.3%

Table 1 provides details on the different crime types for the period of April 2013 to December 2013 with a comparison to the same time period in 2012.

¹ Details taken from Cleveland Police Performance Management database as of 07.01.14 and maybe subject to change.

This shows an increase of 2.1% in public reported crime, equating to 158 more victims of crime along with an increase in total crime by 1.3% (+109 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. When looking back to the last report that was produced for the SSP meeting in December 2013 this showed that for the end of October 2013 publicly reported crime was showing an increase of 5.9% (now 2.1%) and total crime by 4.5% (now 1.3%).

Assuming the 'monthly average' level of publicly recorded crime is maintained, an annual increase of 2.4% (+242 crimes) is anticipated for Stockton for the end of March 2014. Annual increases are also anticipated in Redcar & Cleveland (6.6%/+473 crimes) however a slight decrease in crime in Middlesbrough (-0.6%/-77 crimes) and Hartlepool (-1.1%/-64 crimes).

Although public reported crime is showing an overall increase, reductions continue to be seen in two key crime areas: - Violence (-7.2%/-104 crimes) and Domestic burglary (-21.8%/-93 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 (4.5%/+10 crimes). Stockton also has the biggest reduction in dwelling burglary when compared to Middlesbrough (-15.1%) and Redcar (-16.4%).

Also to note is that since the last report was produced (April-Oct 2013 crime data), offences of criminal damage and arson have reduced during the most recent two month period, resulting in a financial year to date decrease of six crimes (-0.4%) along with non-domestic burglary now reducing (-0.2%/-1 crime).

Crimes of note showing increases remain within Theft (6.1%/264 crimes) however there have been some significant improvements within shoplifting. This category of theft was showing a 25% increase between April-Sept however reductions in October and November have resulted in the increase in crime reducing down to 11% (+114 crimes). As this report was finalised (13.01.14) shoplifting offences were also showing a projection of 90 crimes for the end of January 2014, which would be a decrease of 58 offences on January last year. This also compares to increases in shoplifting anticipated in both Middlesbrough and Redcar boroughs for end January.

As reported in the document prepared for SSP meeting on the 5th November, an exclusion zone was implemented in September into five areas in Stockton town centre in relation to deterring know shoplifters. This appears to be aiding with reducing offending (-29 crimes in October/-34 crimes in November, however slight increase in December +15 crimes).

Rape offences continue to show an increase (+12crimes) however there continues to be no concerns with regard to stranger rapes.

The increase in vehicle crime is mainly due to a rise in Theft from motor-vehicle (TFMV) during October/November (in particularly November 70 crimes/44 in October). However offences during December have once again reduced. This issue has been noted within the acquisitive crime report that is produced by Cleveland police intelligence analysts which drives the police led acquisitive crime meeting. An increase in vehicle crime has also been evident in Hartlepool (15.2%/+43 crimes).

Domestic related crime

596 crimes have been recorded as being domestic related (6.9% of Total crime 8522 crimes) which compares to 784 previous year, giving a reduction of 188 crimes since April 2013 (-24%).

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show reductions in DV related crime: Hartlepool (-31.8%/192 crimes), Redcar & Cleveland (-22.51%/109 crimes) and Middlesbrough (-18.1%/156 crimes).

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 – DV rates per 1000 population

Local Authority area	DV crimes	Rate per 1000 population
Stockton	596	3
Redcar	375	2.7
Hartlepool	412	4.4
Middlesbrough	704	5

Of the 596 offences, the majority were linked to violence (73%) followed by criminal damage (16%) and 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 Crime are illustrated in Table 3.

Table 3 – HATE crime

HATE crime types	April 2013 - Dec 2013	April 2012 – Dec 2012	Diff	% Diff
QL1 - Racial	64	69	-5	-7.2%
QL3 - Transgender	1	1	0	0%
QL4 - Disability	0	1	-1	-100%
QL20 - Religion/Belief	9	4	5	125%
QL36 - Sexual Orientation	5	0	5	-
*Hate Crimes	79	75	4	5.3%

***This figure represents the number of crimes where at least one of the above aggravating factors has been identified.**

Racially motivated crimes continue to account for the majority of Hate crime (81%). Comparisons with other boroughs shows that Stockton is just behind Redcar & Cleveland for the lowest rate per 1000 population – Hartlepool (53 crimes/rate 0.58), Redcar & Cleveland (27 crimes/rate 0.2), Middlesbrough (137/rate 0.98) with Stockton having the second best rate at 0.41 just behind Redcar.

Detection rate

To date, the detection rate for all public reported crime stands at 29.3%, a reduction of 1.1% on last year and above Redcar & Cleveland (26.3%) and Middlesbrough (28.5%) with Hartlepool having a detection rate of 35.1%.

COMPARISONS WITHIN THE 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	1342(6.9)	853(9.2)	1712(12.3)	755(5.5)
Violence with injury	797(4.1)	505(5.4)	984(7.1)	475(3.5)
Violence without injury	545(2.8)	348(3.7)	728(5.2)	280(2)
Sexual offences	152(0.79)	67(0.7)	132(0.9)	99(0.73)
Rape	51(0.2)	25(0.2)	39(0.2)	36(0.2)
Other Sexual offences	101(0.5)	42(0.4)	93(0.6)	63(0.4)
Acquisitive Crime	4575(23.7)	2325(25.2)	5466(39.4)	3335(24.6)
Burglary - Domestic	333(1.7)	230(2.4)	633(4.5)	244(1.8)
Burglary - Non domestic	560(2.9)	258(2.8)	581(4.1)	544(4)
Robbery - personal	52(0.2)	17(0.1)	88(0.6)	26(0.1)
Robbery - Business	6	5	4	7
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	640(3.3)	326(3.5)	981(7)	458(3.3)
Shoplifting	1147(5.9)	626(6.8)	1461(10.5)	808(5.9)
Other Acquisitive	1837(9.5)	863(9.3)	1718(12.4)	1248(9.2)
Criminal damage and Arson	1686(8.7)	952(10.3)	1813(13)	1524(11.2)
Publicly reported offences	7755(40.3)	4197(45.5)	9123(65.7)	5713(42.3)

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.

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. Alongside this, Stockton has once again seen an improvement in crime levels resulting in the borough having the best rate for acquisitive crime, domestic burglary and jointly with Redcar & Cleveland borough for vehicle crime and shoplifting.

² TVU Mid 2012 Population

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

Table 5

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar
Public Disorder	262	152	445	219
Drug offences	387	315	543	205
Trafficking of drugs	68	58	66	38
Possession/Use of drugs	319	257	477	167
Crime Prevented / Disrupted	88	66	144	68
Other State based / Non Victim	28	22	32	30
Police Generated offences	765	555	1164	522
Fraud and Forgery	2	0	8	2
Public reported crime	7755(40.3)	4197(45.5)	9123(65.7)	5713(42.3)
Total Crime	8522(44.2)	4752(51.5)	10295(74.2)	6237(46.2)

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 DECEMBER 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 13.3% is anticipated for end March 2014.

Table 6 – ASB levels

ASB incident Type	2013/14	2012/13	Diff	%Diff
Personal	2643	3124	-481	-15.4%
Nuisance	7351	5832	1519	26%
Environment	356	241	115	47.7%
Total ASB	10350	9197	1153	12.5%

Table 6 illustrates the type of ASB incidents that have occurred since April 2013 to December 2013 in Stockton compared to the same time period last year. This shows that the biggest increase of 1519 calls (26%), is within 'Nuisance' category, and equates to an extra 168 calls a month.

On a positive note, Personal ASB incidents have reduced by 481 calls. These are ASB incidents linked to an individual rather than a neighbourhood. Alongside this, incidents have reduced in the last few months when levels for end October were projecting an increase of 18.9% for end March 2014 (now projecting 13.3% increase).

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show FYTD increases in ASB; Hartlepool (+13.7%), Middlesbrough (+7.1%) and Redcar (+11.4%).

The final table (table 7) 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 – ASB rate per 1000 population

Local Authority area	ASB calls April-Dec 2013
Stockton	10350 (53.7)
Hartlepool	5802(62.9)
Middlesbrough	9559(68.9)
Redcar	7430(55)