

RECORDED CRIME & DISORDER

This report sets out the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2013-March 2014 compared to the same time period in 2012/13.

KEY FINDINGS

- Stockton has once again seen a further reduction in total crime, with 207 fewer crimes recorded a 1.8% decrease.
- Alongside this, those which are victim based (public reported) have also reduced by 94 crimes (-0.9%).
- Comparisons with our peers also shows that once again Stockton is the safest place to live in the Tees Valley area based upon crime rates per 1000 population for both publicly and total crime.
- Reductions have been seen in all but four crime categories – Rape, robbery business, shoplifting and Other Theft.
- Despite shoplifting showing an increase this period, this is comparative to the first six months of the financial year when shoplifting was showing a 17.4% increase. This was also similar for Other Theft (16.8% increase first six months of the year).
- Offences of burglary domestic have reduced by 96 crimes, averaging 1.18 offences a day. This compares to 5.6 offences ten years ago.
- Violence has also continued to reduce by a further 89 crimes, with majority of the decrease linked to violence with injury (-60 offences).
- However incidents of anti-social behaviour have increased this 12 month period by 1149 incidents (9.5%) which is a similar picture across the Tees Valley area.

Crime Statistics for Stockton April 2013 – March 2014

The table below shows that for the end of the financial year, publicly recorded crime has reduced by 0.9%, equating to 94 fewer victims of crime. Alongside this total crime has reduced by 207 crimes, a decrease of 1.8%.

Figure 1

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	2013/14	2012/13	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	1,740	1,829	-89	-4.9%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	<i>1018</i>	<i>1078</i>	<i>-60</i>	<i>-5.6%</i>
<i>Violence without injury</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>751</i>	<i>-29</i>	<i>-3.9%</i>
Sexual offences	200	214	-14	-6.5%
<i>Rape</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>19.0%</i>
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>-25</i>	<i>-16.0%</i>
Theft	5,826	5,810	16	0.3%
<i>Burglary - Domestic</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>529</i>	<i>-96</i>	<i>-18.1%</i>
<i>Burglary - Non domestic</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>-23</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>
<i>Robbery - personal</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>-9.5%</i>
<i>Robbery - Business</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11.1%</i>
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	<i>805</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-0.1%</i>
<i>Shoplifting</i>	<i>1,482</i>	<i>1,439</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>3.0%</i>
<i>Other Theft</i>	<i>2,317</i>	<i>2,219</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>4.4%</i>
Criminal damage and Arson	2,238	2,245	-7	-0.3%
Publicly Reported Crime	10,004	10,098	-94	-0.9%
Total crime	11,007	11,214	-207	-1.8%

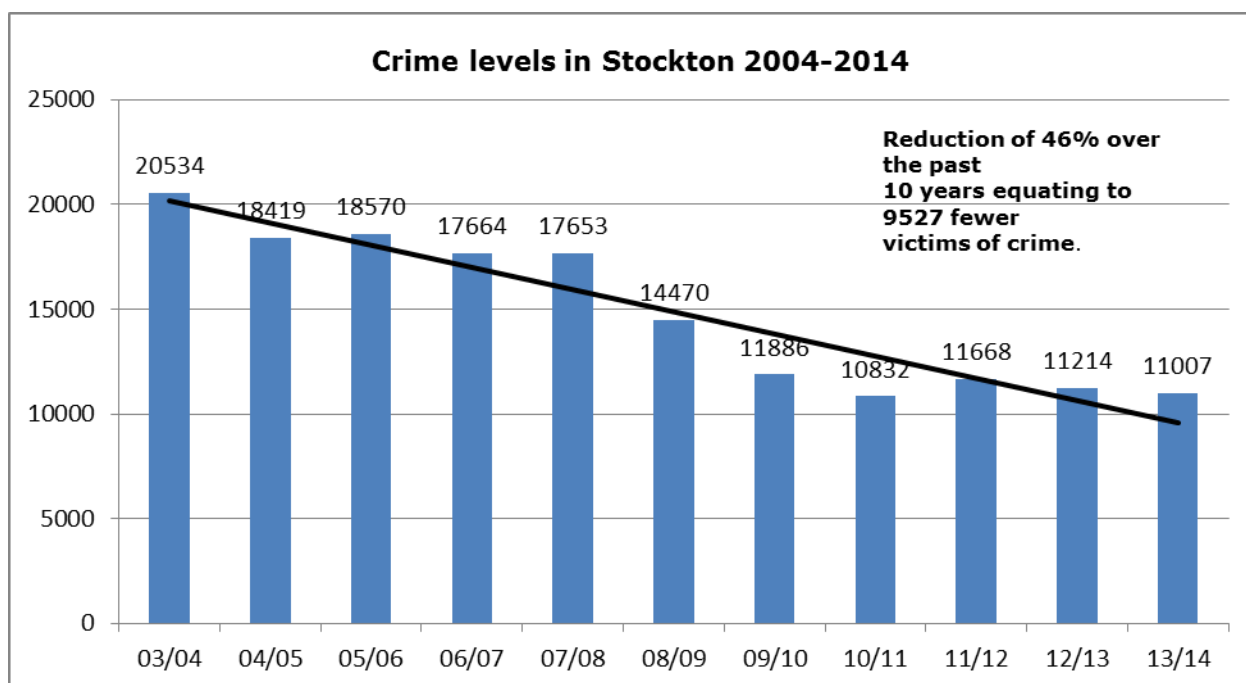
Details in figure 1 demonstrate some excellent reductions in the majority of crime types in particular violence, both with and without injury, burglary offences and criminal damage.

Burglary domestic has seen a reduction of 96 fewer victims of crime (-18.1%) which equates to eight less crimes a month. Alongside this, offences have reduced from (-79%) in the last 10 years.

Despite shoplifting showing an increase this period, this is comparative to the first six months of the financial year when shoplifting was showing a 17.4% increase. This was also similar for Other Theft (16.8% increase first six months of the year).

Rape offences have increased by further 11 offences however there are no concerns with stranger rapes or links in offending or locations.

Figure 2



The above figure for 2014 financial year includes both public reported and police generated to ensure comparison with previous years.

Crime levels in Stockton have reduced by 46% over the past 10 years equating to 9527 fewer victims of crime.

Detection rate

To date, the detection rate for all public reported crime stands at 30.2 %, a reduction of 0.7% on last year however above Redcar & Cleveland (25.7%) and Middlesbrough (29.1%) with Hartlepool having a higher detection rate of 35.5%.

Composition of crime

Figure 3

Crime Type	April 2013 to March 2014				
	2013/14	% of crime	2012/13	% of crime	% Change
Violence with and without Rape	1,740	17.4	1,829	18.1	-0.7
Other Sexual offences	69	0.7	58	0.6	0.1
Burglary - Domestic	131	1.3	156	1.5	-0.2
Burglary - Non domestic	433	4.3	529	5.2	-0.9
Robbery - personal	722	7.2	745	7.4	-0.2
Robbery - Business	57	0.6	63	0.6	no change
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	10	0.1	9	0.1	no change
Shoplifting	805	8.0	806	8.0	no change
Other Theft	1,482	14.8	1,439	14.3	0.5
Criminal damage and Arson	2,317	23.2	2,219	22.0	1.2
Publicly Reported Crime	2,238	22.4	2,245	22.2	0.2
	10,004	100.0	10,098	100.0	

Figure 3 shows that the composition of crime has changed for the majority of crime categories over the 12 month period. This relates to the type of crime against publicly reported crime total.

Violence has reduced along with sexual offences, and burglary however increases seen in shoplifting, other theft and criminal damage although only minimal. Both shoplifting and other theft also saw slight increase in crime (as per figure 1).

Domestic related crime

During the 12 month period, there were 761 crimes recorded as being domestic related (6.9% of Total crime 11,007 crimes) which compares to 1,025 previous year, giving a reduction of 264 crimes (-25.8%). Domestic related crime also accounted for 9.1% of total crime this time last year.

Comparisons with the three other local authority areas also show reductions in DV related crime: Hartlepool (-33.9%/-260 crimes), Redcar & Cleveland (-20.4%/-125 crimes) and Middlesbrough (-15.8%/-173 crimes).

Figure 3 – DV rates per 1000 population¹

Local Authority area	Domestic related crime	Rate per 1000 population
Stockton	761	3.9
Redcar	488	3.6
Hartlepool	507	5.4
Middlesbrough	920	6.6

Figure 3 shows the rates per 1000 population in relation to Domestic related crime showing that Stockton is just behind Redcar & Cleveland for the best rate.

Of the 761 offences, the majority continue to be linked to violence followed by criminal damage and similar levels to previous months.

Hate crime

¹ Tees Valley mid 2012 population

Details from Cleveland Police Performance Management department in relation to Hate Crimes and incidents are illustrated in Table 3.

Figure 4 – HATE Incidents and crimes

HATE Incidents and crimes	April 2013 – March 2014	April 2012 – March 2013	Diff	% Diff
QL1 - Racial	171	183	-12	-6.6%
QL3 - Transgender	4	2	2	100%
QL4 - Disability	7	6	1	16.7%
QL20 - Religion/Belief	20	10	10	100%
QL36 - Sexual Orientation	18	8	10	125%
*Hate Crimes	220	209	11	5.3%

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

Hate incidents and crimes have increased by 5.3% over the 12 month period with racially motivated incidents continue to account for the majority (77%) however increases continue to be seen in sexual orientation and religion/belief. As noted in previous reports six of the sexual incidents have resulted in a crime being recorded and relate to an incident of assault along with rest mainly verbal abuse and threats which refer to the victim’s sexual orientation. The other incidents have mainly been verbal abuse.

Of the above, 115 were officially recorded as a crime which compares to 100 previous year (15/15%).

Comparisons with three other boroughs also shows that HATE crimes/incidents have also increased in Hartlepool (2 crimes) and Redcar & Cleveland (2 crimes) however a reduction of 56 in Middlesbrough (245 from 301).

The increase in levels of HATE crime can be seen a positive in that members of the public are now having the confidence to come forward and report incidents of this nature.

COMPARISONS WITHIN THE TEES VALLEY AREA – PUBLICLY REPORTED CRIME

Crime within the Cleveland Policing area reduced by 0.3% for publicly reported crime and 1.4% for Total crime.

Figure 5 shows end of year crime levels for the five local authority areas in the Tees Valley showing Stockton has the best rate per 1000 population for both publicly and total crime.

Figure 5

Local Authority area	Publicly reported	Change	per 1000 population	Total crime	Change	per 1000 population
Stockton	10,004	-0.9%	51.9	11,007	-1.80%	57.2
Hartlepool	5440	-3.9%	58.9	6193	-4.60%	67.1
Redcar&Cleveland	7610	6.5%	56.3	8282	4.80%	61.3
Middlesbrough	11,995	-2%	86.4	13,501	-3%	86.4
Darlington	6,917	10%	68.4	7620	8%	75.4

Figure 6 relates to the number of publicly reported crimes for each local authority area in, along with rates per 1000² population in brackets. Of note robbery offences for Darlington were shown as one category and therefore not included.

Figure 6– Publicly reported crime

² TVU Mid 2012 Population

Crime Type	Stockton	Hartlepool	Middlesbrough	Redcar	Darlington ³
Violence against the person	1,740(9)	1,081(11.7)	2,270(16.3)	1,001(7.4)	962 (9.5)
Violence with injury	1,018(5.2)	627(6.7)	1,314(9.4)	6,38(4.7)	5,04(5)
Violence without injury	722(3.7)	454(4.9)	956(6.8)	363(2.6)	4,56(4.5)
Sexual offences	200(1)	82(0.8)	179(1.2)	119(0.8)	112(1.1)
Rape	69(0.3)	32(0.3)	57(0.4)	46(0.3)	36(0.4)
Other Sexual offences	131(0.6)	50(0.5)	122(0.8)	73(0.5)	76(0.8)
Acquisitive Crime	5,826(30.2)	3,027(32.8)	7,186(51.7)	4,462(33)	4,500(44.5)
Burglary - Domestic	433(2.2)	266(2.8)	842(6)	359(2.6)	343(7.6)
Burglary - Non domestic	722(3.7)	341(3.6)	810(5.8)	774(5.7)	828(8.2)
Robbery - personal	57(0.2)	24(0.2)	109(0.7)	38(0.2)	
Robbery - Business	10	10	10	10	
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	805(4.1)	447(4.8)	1,245(8.9)	656(4.8)	881(8.7)
Shoplifting	1,482(7.7)	844(9.1)	1,971(14.2)	1,068(7.9)	1,057(10.5)
Other Acquisitive	2,317(12)	1,095(11.8)	2,199(15.8)	1,557(11.5)	1,063(10.5)
Criminal damage and Arson	2,238(11.6)	1,250(13.5)	2,360(17)	2,028(15)	1,307(12.9)
Publicly reported offences	10,004(51.9)	5,440(58.9)	11,995(86.4)	7,610(56.3)	6,917(68.4)
Total crime	11,007(57.2)	6,193(67.1)	13,501(97.3)	8,282(61.3)	7,620(75.4)

The table shows that Stockton once again has the lowest crime rate per 1000 population for both **publicly reported and total crime** with Middlesbrough continuing to be the worst performing.

Alongside this it has been the best performing area for acquisitive crime offences, burglary domestic, vehicle crime, shoplifting and criminal damage and arson.

ASB STATISTICS FOR APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014

Figure 6

ASB Type	2012/13	2011/12	Change	%change
AS21 Personal	3,403	4,017	-614	-15.3%
AS22 Nuisance	9,440	7,776	1,664	21.4%
AS23 Environmental	428	329	99	30.1%
Total	13,271	12,122	1,149	9.5%

Figure 7 shows that ASB has increase by 9.5% this year mainly due to increases seen in Nuisance calls. However those were the incident is directly linked towards a person or persons (AS21 Personal) have seen calls reduced by 614 this year (-15.3%).

Increases in ASB have also occurred in our neighbouring local authority areas.

The final table shows the rates per 1000 population for each local authority area for both crime and ASB showing that Stockton has the lowest rate for both ASB and public reported crime (no details of ASB for Darlington).

Middlesbrough continues to be the worst for both crime and ASB per 1000 population, in particular for crime.

Figure 7

³ Crime figures provided by Durham Police Performance Team

Levels (Rate per 1000 population)		
District	ASB (2012/13)	Public recorded Crime 2012/13
Stockton	13,271(68.9)	10,004(51.9)
Hartlepool	7,482(81.1)	5,440(58.9)
Middlesbrough	12,495(90)	11,995(86.4)
Redcar	9,532(70.6)	7,610(56.3)

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