RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Introduction

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period of April 2020 to the end of December 2020.

2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (04/01/2021). The data is extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remains the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.

3. Crime details for Darlington, who form part of the Tees Valley area, are not included within this report.

4. This report will not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any significant changes to patterns or trends.

5. A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta is noted within a separate report (This report is a RESTRICTED document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office).

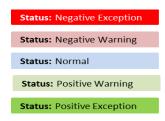**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – APRIL 2020 – DECEMBER 2020**

CRIME
- There have been 11,478 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 1,499 crimes against the previous year, an 11.6% decrease.
- There have been a total of 14,235 crimes in all (publicly reported and police generated crimes combined), a decrease of 856 crimes against the previous year, a 5.7% decrease.
- Violence against the person offences have increased by 449 crimes against the previous year, an 8.5% increase – The majority of this increase being caused by an increase in Stalking and Harassment offences. (+20.1%)
- Sexual offences have decreased by 4 crimes against the previous year, a 0.8% decrease.
- Robbery offences have decreased by 11 crimes against the previous year, an 8.0% decrease.
- Theft offences have decreased by 1,036 crimes against the previous year, a 37.1% decrease.
- Criminal Damage and Arson offences have decreased by 245 crimes against the previous year, an 11.3% decrease.
- There were 2 Homicides recorded between April 2020 – December 2020, there were 2 in the previous year, these were both recorded between April 2020 – May 2020.
- The positive outcome rate for total crime is 13.1% Year to Date, a 1.9% increase against the previous year.
- Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population at 58.2 crimes

ASB
- When factoring in Covid-19 ASB related incidents Stockton-on-Tees has the 2nd lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 44.8 incidents per 1,000 population, Redcar and Cleveland have the lowest rate at 42.0.
- With Covid-19 ASB incidents removed Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 29.6 incidents per 1,000 population
- With Covid-19 incidents included there have been 8,846 Police recorded ASB incidents, an increase of 2,384 incidents against the previous year, a 36.9% increase.
- With Covid-19 incidents removed there have been 5,851 Police recorded ASB incidents, a decrease of 611 incidents against the previous year, a 9.5% decrease.
- There have been 2,295 ASB Service requests recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team (including noise and alcohol issues) a decrease of 117 incidents, a -4.9% decrease.
- Incidences of Begging have decreased by 27.3% against the same period last year.
- Incidences of Rowdy and Nuisance Behaviour have decreased by 21.3% against the same period last year.
- Thirteen Group received 545 reports of ASB an increase of 102 against the previous year, a 23% increase.

CRIME STATISTICS – APRIL 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton April 2020 – December 2020 (as of 04/01/2021)[1]

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Binary Comparisons and Exception Reporting
The figures shown below provide a binary comparison of crime volume i.e. a comparison of two specific points in time. When considered in isolation this 'snapshot' approach can be misleading. The 'status' indicator shown in the right hand column is based on an assessment of variation over a longer period of time. This approach known as 'statistical process control' (SPC) allows for statistically valid warning flags and performance exceptions to be raised. To view the monthly SPC and rolling 12 month trend chart for a specific crime type, click on the respective 'status' indicator box, shown in the right hand column

Crime Type	Year to Date				Status
	2020/21	2019/20	Change	% Change	
Violence against the person	**5738**	**5289**	**449**	**8.5%**	
Homicide	2	2	*0*	**0.0%**	
Death or injury due to driving	3	2	*1*	**50.0%**	
Violence with injury	1135	1293	*-158*	**-12.2%**	
Violence without injury	2156	1958	*198*	**10.1%**	
Stalking and Harassment	2442	2034	*408*	**20.1%**	
Sexual offences	**478**	**482**	**-4**	**-0.8%**	
Rape	159	192	*-33*	**-17.2%**	
Other Sexual offences	319	290	*29*	**10.0%**	
Robbery	**127**	**138**	**-11**	**-8.0%**	
Business Robbery	10	36	*-26*	**-72.2%**	
Personal Robbery	117	102	*15*	**14.7%**	
Theft	**3208**	**4896**	**-1688**	**-34.5%**	
Burglary - Residential	615	761	*-146*	**-19.2%**	
Burglary - Business & Com.	158	219	*-61*	**-27.9%**	
Bicycle Theft	125	149	*-24*	**-16.1%**	
Theft from the person	85	122	*-37*	**-30.3%**	
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	527	880	*-353*	**-40.1%**	
Shoplifting	710	1497	*-787*	**-52.6%**	
Other Theft	988	1268	*-280*	**-22.1%**	
Criminal damage and Arson	**1927**	**2172**	**-245**	**-11.3%**	
Publicly Reported Crime	**11478**	**12977**	**-1499**	**-11.6%**	
Police Generated Crime	**2757**	**2114**	**643**	**30.4%**	
Total Crime	**14235**	**15091**	**-856**	**-5.7%**	

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[1] Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Figure 2 –Crime statistics for Stockton December 2020 vs December 2019 (as of 04/01/2021)[2]

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	Aug 2020	**Aug 2019**	**Change**	**% Change**
Violence against the person	**670**	**555**	**115**	**20.7%**
Homicide	0	1	*-1*	**-100.0%**
Death or injury due to driving	1	0	*1*	**-**
Violence with injury	124	145	*-21*	**-14.5%**
Violence without injury	258	228	*30*	**13.2%**
Stalking and Harassment	287	181	*106*	**58.6%**
Sexual offences	**60**	**59**	**1**	**1.7%**
Rape	18	27	*-9*	**-33.3%**
Other Sexual offences	42	32	*10*	**31.3%**
Robbery	**10**	**12**	**-2**	**-16.7%**
Business Robbery	0	2	*-2*	**-100.0%**
Personal Robbery	10	10	*0*	**0.0%**
Theft	**359**	**459**	**-100**	**-21.8%**
Burglary - Residential	72	97	*-25*	**-25.8%**
Burglary - Business & Com.	13	25	*-12*	**-48.0%**
Bicycle Theft	9	16	*-7*	**-43.8%**
Theft from the person	7	10	*-3*	**-30.0%**
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	59	58	*1*	**1.7%**
Shoplifting	101	122	*-21*	**-17.2%**
Other Theft	98	131	*-33*	**-25.2%**
Criminal damage and Arson	**192**	**218**	**-26**	**-11.9%**
Publicly Reported Crime	**1291**	**1303**	**-12**	**-0.9%**
Police Generated Crime	**286**	**217**	**69**	**31.8%**
Total Crime	**1577**	**1520**	**57**	**3.8%**

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[2] Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Figure 3 – Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees 12 months ending December 2020 vs 12 months ending December 2019 (as of 04/01/2021)[3]

Crime Type	12 Months Ending			
	Aug 2020	Aug 2019	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	**7457**	**7059**	**398**	**5.6%**
Homicide	4	2	*2*	**100.0%**
Death or injury due to driving	3	4	*-1*	**-25.0%**
Violence with injury	1531	1677	*-146*	**-8.7%**
Violence without injury	2837	2587	*250*	**9.7%**
Stalking and Harassment	3082	2789	*293*	**10.5%**
Sexual offences	**590**	**647**	**-57**	**-8.8%**
Rape	196	229	*-33*	**-14.4%**
Other Sexual offences	394	418	*-24*	**-5.7%**
Robbery	**179**	**180**	**-1**	**-0.6%**
Business Robbery	17	37	*-20*	**-54.1%**
Personal Robbery	162	143	*19*	**13.3%**
Theft	**4602**	**6654**	**-2052**	**-30.8%**
Burglary - Residential	890	991	*-101*	**-10.2%**
Burglary - Business & Com.	233	311	*-78*	**-25.1%**
Bicycle Theft	151	230	*-79*	**-34.3%**
Theft from the person	105	148	*-43*	**-29.1%**
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	692	1181	*-489*	**-41.4%**
Shoplifting	1114	2088	*-974*	**-46.6%**
Other Theft	1417	1705	*-288*	**-16.9%**
Criminal damage and Arson	**2614**	**2796**	**-182**	**-6.5%**
Publicly Reported Crime	**15442**	**17336**	**-1894**	**-10.9%**
Police Generated Crime	**3477**	**2687**	**790**	**29.4%**
Total Crime	**18919**	**20023**	**-1104**	**-5.5%**

- The details in Figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2020 and December 2020.

- This does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month, but it is the date that the crime was reported to the police.

- So far there have been 11,478 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 1,499 crimes on the same time period last year, an -11.6% decrease.

- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 643 crimes, giving a combined total crime figure of 14,235 offences, down 5.7% on last year (-856 crimes).

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[3] Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

There has been a decrease in publicly reported crime across the whole force wide area with Stockton seeing the 2nd largest decrease numerically, 3rd largest by percentage and lowest crime rate by 1,000-person population as shown in the table below

Borough	No. of Crimes	Difference Against Previous Year	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population[4]
Stockton-on-Tees	11,478	-1,499	-11.6%	58.2
Hartlepool	6,815	-1,271	-15.7%	72.8
Redcar & Cleveland	8,150	-727	-8.2%	59.4
Middlesbrough	12,612	-2,596	-17.1%	89.5
Force Wide	39,055	-6,093	-13.5%	68.6

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 13.1% Year to Date and similar across the Cleveland Force area, with Stockton being the average in the group. This is a 1.9% increase against the previous year

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime) – April 2020 – December 2020 vs April 2019 – December 2020
The table below highlights all areas where crime has reduced and has been ranked by the percentage reduction against the previous year, numeric reductions have also been provided for additional context.

Crime Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Business Robbery	-26	-72.2%
Shoplifting	-787	-52.6%
Vehicle Crime	-353	-40.1%
All Theft	-1,688	-34.5%
Theft from the Person	-37	-30.3%
Burglary – Commercial	-61	-27.9%
Other Theft	-280	-22.1%
Burglary – Residential	-146	-19.2%
Rape	-33	-17.2%
Bicycle Theft	-24	-16.1%
Violence with Injury	-158	-12.2%
All Publicly Reported Crime	-1,499	-11.6%
Criminal Damage and Arson	-245	-11.3%
Robbery	-11	-8.0%
Total Crime	-856	-5.7%
Sexual Offences	-4	-0.8%

It is worth noting that there has been a decrease in all sub-categories of **Theft** and a decrease in all **Theft** offences by over one third.

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[4] Populations based on ONS UK Mid-year 2019/20 Estimates -
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationes timatesforukenglandandwalesscotlandandnorthernireland

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+449 crimes/+8.5%)
Offences of violence account for just under half of all publicly reported crime (49.9%) and have increased by 8.5% when compared to last year.

This rise is due to the increase in **Stalking and Harassment** offences, (+408/+20.1% against last year) and **Violence without Injury offences**, (+198/+10.1% against last year). All Boroughs within the Forcewide area have seen an increase in both types of crimes. There has also been an increase in **Death or injury due to driving** (+1,+50% against last year) and recorded **Homicides** remain the same as the previous year.

It is not all crimes within the **Violence against the person** category that have increased, the offences of **Violence with injury** have reduced -158 crimes/-12.2%) and are demonstrating a continued pattern of reduction.

Sexual Offences (-4 crimes/-0.8%)

During this period **Sexual Offences** have decreased by 4 crimes/-0.8%, this was due to a reduction in **Rape** offences by 33 crimes/-17.2%. Despite this, **Other Sexual Offences** have increased this period by 29 crimes/+10.0%. There were 319 crimes between April 2020 – December 2020. However, it is worth noting that this does not mean that the crime took place in this time frame, and a sizeable proportion of these offences will relate to historic reporting and past victims choosing to now report these crimes.

Robbery (-11 crimes/-8.0%)

Between April 2020 – December 2020 there were 127 reported crimes of **Robbery** which was a decrease of 11 (-8.0%), this decrease is due to the decrease in **Business Robbery** by -26 crimes/-17.2%. However there has still been an increase in **Personal Robbery.** There has been an increase of +15 crimes/+14.7%.

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – APRIL 2020 – DECEMBER 2020

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There were 8,846 reported incidents of ASB recorded by the police between April 2020 and December 2020. The volume of ASB incidents has been on the rise against the previous year, increasing by over a third (+36.9%/+2,384 incidents). However, this has in large been due to the increased restrictions and measures in place to combat Covid-19.
The tables below show the number of ASB incidents across the whole force for both ASB totals with and without a Covid-19 flag. With the Covid-19 flags removed the whole force has seen a decrease in ASB incidents with Stockton demonstrating the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population.[5]

All ASB Incidents:

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against Previous Year	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	8,846	+2,384	+36.9%	44.8
Hartlepool	4,322	+978	+29.2%	46.1
Redcar & Cleveland	5,756	+1,098	+23.6%	42.0
Middlesbrough	8,372	+1,324	+18.8%	59.4
Force Wide	27,387	+5,799	+26.9%	48.1

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[5] Please note that if an incident containing a Covid-19 flag did not have a valid address then it was not possible to be added as a Covid-19 flag so the number of Covid-19 flags may possibly be higher and this information should be used as an indication only.

ASB Incidents excluding those with a Covid-19 flag:

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against Previous Year	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	5,851	-611	-9.5%	29.6
Hartlepool	2,924	-420	-12.6%	31.2
Redcar & Cleveland	4,130	-528	-11.3%	30.1
Middlesbrough	5,840	-1,208	-17.1%	41.4
Force Wide	17,524	-4,064	-18.8%	30.8

SBC ASB Incidents – April 2020 – December 2020

2,295 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues) and these have decreased by 117 incidents (-4.9%). Incidences of Begging have decreased by 27.3% against the same period last year. Rowdy and nuisance behaviour has decreased by 21.3%.

There are currently 3 Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) and 2 Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) with 0 ASB Injunctions in place in Stockton.

Thirteen ASB Incidents – April 2020 – December 2020

Thirteen recorded 545 incidents of ASB between April 2020 – December 2020 which was a difference of 102 incidents, a 23% increase against the same period the previous year. Below is a table and graph of Police, SBC and Thirteen reported incidents of ASB over the last rolling 12-month period.

Source	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Police	424	495	468	572	1,691	1,503	890	725	760	878	1,074	731	594
SBC	242	339	283	236	151	141	216	339	334	354	332	189	239
Thirteen	39	52	39	66	63	53	65	60	71	68	57	50	58

Rolling 12 Month ASB Figures and Forecasts