

## **RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

### **Introduction**

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents and domestic abuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of June 2020 to the end of May 2021.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (29/06/2021). 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. This report will not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any substantial changes to patterns or trends.
4. 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).
5. Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 have been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020, which is the latest version provided by the ONS.<sup>1</sup>

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalescotlandandnorthernireland>

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – JUNE 2020 – MAY 2021**

### **CRIME**

- There have been 15,064 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 1,449 crimes against the same period the previous year, an 8.8% decrease.
- There have been a total of 18,647 crimes in all (publicly reported and police generated crimes combined), a decrease of 870 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 4.5% decrease.
- Stalking and Harassment offences have increased by 565 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 21.1% increase.
- Violence against the person offences have increased by 577 crimes against the same period the previous year, an 8.2% increase – The majority of this increase being caused by the increase in Stalking and Harassment offences.
- Sexual offences have increased by 142 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 25.0% increase.
- Robbery offences have decreased by 25 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 13.3% decrease.
- Theft offences have decreased by 1,842 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 31.2% decrease.
- Criminal Damage and Arson offences have decreased by 301 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 10.7% decrease.
- There were two Homicides recorded between June 2020 – May 2021, there were six in the same period the previous year.
- There were nine Deaths or Injuries due to Dangerous Driving recorded between June 2020 – May 2021, there was one in the same period the previous year.
- The rate per 1,000 population for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees is 76.3 for June 2020 – May 2021

### **ASB**

- When factoring in Covid-19 ASB related incidents Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 43.0 incidents per 1,000 population for June 2020 – May 2021.
- With Covid-19 ASB incidents removed Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 35.5 incidents per 1,000 population for June 2020 – May 2021.
- With Covid-19 incidents included there have been 8,483 Police recorded ASB incidents in Stockton-on-Tees, a decrease of 1,102 incidents against the same period the previous year, an 11.5% decrease.
- With Covid-19 incidents removed there have been 7,015 Police recorded ASB incidents in Stockton-on-Tees, a decrease of 393 incidents against the same period the previous year, a 5.3% decrease.
- There have been 3,419 ASB Service requests recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team (including noise and alcohol issues) an increase of 371 incidents, a 12.2% increase against the same period the previous year.
- Incidences of Begging have decreased by 20% against the same period the previous year.
- Incidences of Rowdy and Nuisance Behaviour have decreased by 2.6% against the same period the previous year.
- Thirteen Group received 687 reports of ASB an increase of 66 against the same period the previous year, a 10.6% increase.

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

- There have been 3,665 domestic abuse related crimes an increase of 196 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 5.7% increase.
- Of the 3,665 domestic abuse related crimes, there have been 2,749 crimes of domestic related violence, an increase of 255 against the same period the previous year, a 10.2% increase.
- Between June 2020 – May 2021 24.3% of all publicly recorded crimes in Stockton-on-Tees related to domestic abuse
- The rate per 1,000 population for domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 18.6 for June 2020 – May 2021

**CRIME – JUNE 2020 – MAY 2021****Table 1 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees June 2020 – May 2021 (as of 29/06/2021)<sup>2</sup>**

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No. and %)	
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>7,632</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	2	6	-4	-66.7%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	9	1	8	800.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1,565	1,636	-71	-4.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2,812	2,733	79	2.9%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3,244	2,679	565	21.1%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	241	203	38	18.7%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	468	364	104	28.6%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>-1,842</b>	<b>-31.2%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	690	1,040	-350	-33.7%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	202	273	-71	-26.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	148	167	-19	-11.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	103	142	-39	-27.5%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	599	977	-378	-38.7%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1,079	1,713	-634	-37.0%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1,237	1,588	-351	-22.1%
<b>Criminal Damage and Arson</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>-301</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>15,064</b>	<b>16,513</b>	<b>-1,449</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>23.2%</b>
<b>Drug Offences</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	194	138	56	40.6%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	515	414	101	24.4%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>18,647</b>	<b>19,517</b>	<b>-870</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>

<sup>2</sup> Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

**Table 2 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees May 2021 vs May 2020 (as of 29/06/2021)<sup>3</sup>**

Crime Type	May-21	May-20	Difference (No. and %)	
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	173	114	59	51.8%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	280	224	56	25.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	327	283	44	15.5%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>78.1%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	15	4	11	275.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	42	28	14	50.0%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	59	86	-27	-31.4%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	14	17	-3	-17.6%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	15	16	-1	-6.3%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	10	7	3	42.9%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	48	65	-17	-26.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	123	53	70	132.1%
<i>Other Theft</i>	107	132	-25	-18.9%
<b>Criminal Damage and Arson</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24.2%</b>
<b>Drug Offences</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-29.2%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	17	25	-8	-32.0%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	29	40	-11	-27.5%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-19.2%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-29.5%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

- The details in Table 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between June 2020 and May 2021. Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the last available month (May 2021).
- This does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month, but it is the date that the crime was reported to Cleveland Police.
- It is also worth noting that during some of this period Stockton-on-Tees was under lockdown measures to combat Covid-19 and therefore it is likely that some increases and decreases in crime patterns will be present due to these measures and actions being in place.
- There have been 15,064 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 1,449 crimes on the same period the previous year, an 8.8% decrease.

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- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 579 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,583 offences, up 19.3% on the same period the previous year.
- There has been a total of 18,647 crimes in all, a decrease of 870 crimes which represents a decrease of 4.5% against the same period the previous year.
- The rate per 1,000 population for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees is 76.3 for June 2020 – May 2021.

### **Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime) – June 2020 – May 2021 vs June 2019 – May 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, offence types in bold are combined offence types, whilst all others are individual offences.

**Table 3 – All Cleveland Police recorded offences which reduced against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees– June 2020 – May 2021**

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Homicide	-4	-66.70%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	-378	-38.70%
Shoplifting	-634	-37.00%
Burglary - Residential	-350	-33.70%
<b>Theft</b>	-1,842	-31.20%
Theft from the person	-39	-27.50%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-71	-26.00%
Other Theft	-351	-22.10%
<b>Robbery</b>	-25	-13.30%
Bicycle Theft	-19	-11.40%
<b>Criminal Damage and Arson</b>	-301	-10.70%
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	-1,449	-8.80%
Possession of Weapons	-14	-7.00%
<b>Total Crime</b>	-870	-4.50%
Violence with injury	-71	-4.30%

### **Areas for Improvement**

#### **Violence against the person (+577 crimes/+8.2%)**

Violence against the person offences account for 50.6% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by 8.2% when compared to June 2019 – May 2020

This rise is mostly due to the increase in **Stalking and Harassment** offences. (+565/+21.1% against June 2019 – May 2020). There was also an increase in crimes of **Violence without Injury** (+79/+2.9% against June 2019 – May 2020). Furthermore, there were nine recorded **Death or Injury due to Driving** offences in the period of June 2020 – May 2021 against one in the same period the previous year (+800%).

#### **Sexual Offences (+142 crimes/+25.0%)**

Sexual offences have increased by +25.0%, crimes of **Rape** have increased by 18.7% (+38 crimes). Crimes of **Other Sexual Offences** have also increased when compared with June 2019 – May 2020 (+104/+28.6%).

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – JUNE 2020 – MAY 2021**

There were 8,483 reported incidents of ASB recorded by Cleveland Police between June 2020 – May 2021. The volume of ASB incidents has decreased compared against June 2019 – May 2020, decreasing by over a tenth, (-11.5%/-1,102 incidents). Some of this has been due to the increased restrictions and measures in place to combat Covid-19.

With Covid-19 flags removed there were 7,015 reported incidents of ASB recorded by Cleveland Police between June 2020 – May 2021. The volume of ASB incidents has also decreased compared against June 2019 – May 2020, decreasing by over a fifth (-5.3%/-393 incidents).

The tables below show the number of ASB incidents across the whole force for both ASB totals with and without a Covid-19 flag. In either case with or without the Covid-19 flags removed the whole force has seen a decrease in ASB incidents with Stockton-on-Tees demonstrating the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population.<sup>4</sup>

Stockton-on-Tees accounts for 30.1% of all Cleveland Police Forcewide ASB Incidents with Covid flags included and 30.0% with Covid flags excluded, however it is worth noting that differing population sizes should be considered when looking at these proportions.

**Table 4 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough– June 2020 – May 2021**

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	8,483	-1102	--11.5%	43.0
Hartlepool	4,610	-376	-7.5%	49.1
Redcar & Cleveland	6,195	-411	-6.2%	45.1
Middlesbrough	8,729	-968	-10.0%	61.8
Force Wide <sup>5</sup>	28,125	-2,855	-9.2%	49.4

**Table 5 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough (excluding those with a Covid-19 flag) – June 2020 – May 2021**

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	7,015	-393	-5.3%	35.5
Hartlepool	3,919	-114	-2.8%	41.8
Redcar & Cleveland	5,313	-140	-2.6%	38.7
Middlesbrough	7,372	-594	-7.5%	52.2
Force Wide <sup>6</sup>	23,411	-778	-3.2%	41.1

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Forcewide figures are slightly different to the combined figures of the four authorities as this may include areas outside of the four authorities

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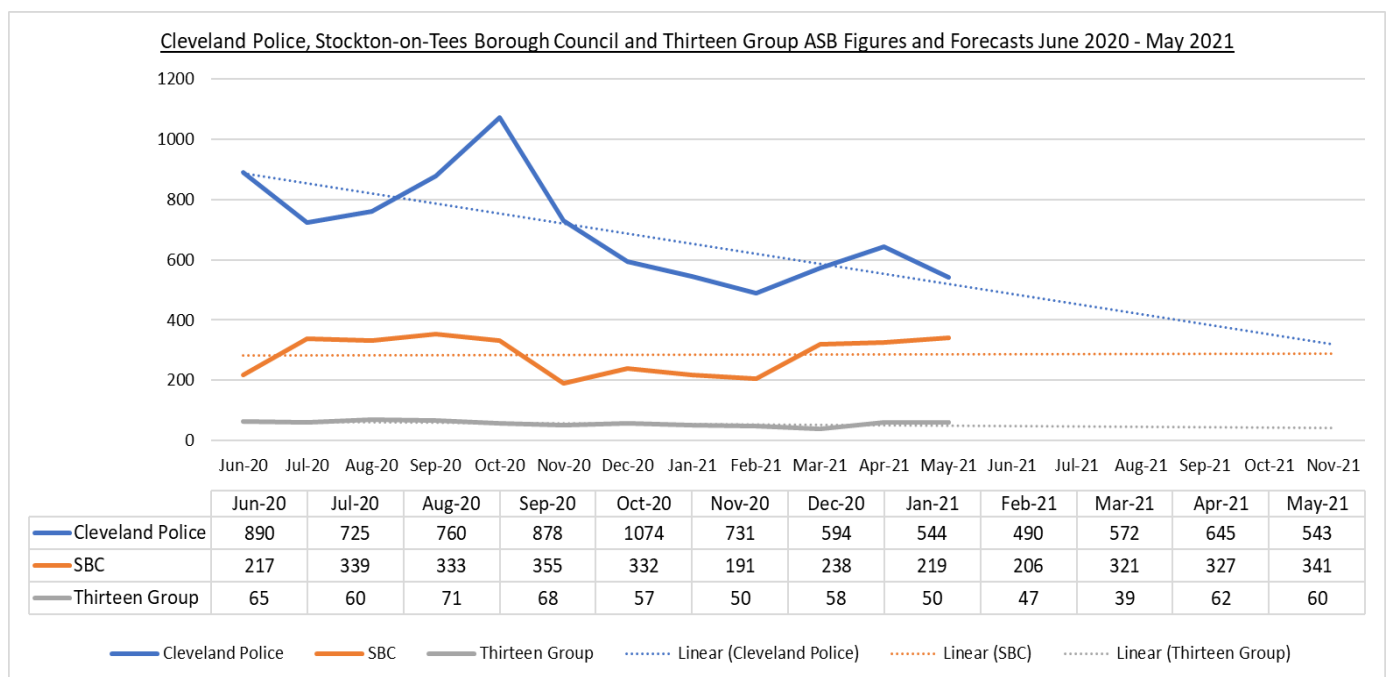
**SBC ASB Incidents – June 2020 – May 2021**

3,419 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues) and these have increased by 371 incidents (+12.2%). Incidences of Begging have decreased by 20% against the same period the previous year. However, it is worth noting that with shops closed and reduced footfall there would have been fewer people around to report begging and fewer locations for those begging to frequent. Rowdy and nuisance behaviour has decreased by 2.6%.

When we compare the data between Cleveland Police and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, we can see that Cleveland Police had seen a decrease in reported ASB during this period both with or without including Covid flags whilst Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council had seen an increase.

**Thirteen ASB Incidents – June 2020 – May 2021**

**Chart 1 – ASB Incidents by Enforcement Sector and Month – June 2020 – May 2021**



Thirteen Group recorded 687 incidents of ASB between April 2020 – May 2021, which was a difference of 66 incidents, a 10.6% increase against the same period the previous year. Above is a chart of Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Thirteen Group reported incidents of ASB over the last rolling 12-month period along with a trend forecast for each enforcement sector.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE – JUNE 2020 – MAY 2021**

There were 3,665 domestic abuse crimes reported between June 2020 – May 2021 in Stockton-on-Tees which was an increase of 5.7% against the same time the previous year (3,469 crimes, +196 crimes). The table below shows a breakdown of the number of domestic abuse crimes reported by crime type. The majority of domestic abuse crimes are Violence against the person, and these have increased by 10.2%. The rate per 1,000 population for domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 18.6 for June 2020 – May 2021.

**Table 6 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes by Crime Type – June 2020 – May 2021**

<b>Domestic Crime Type</b>	<b>June 2020 - May 2021</b>	<b>June 2019 - May 2020</b>	<b>Difference (No. and %)</b>	
Violence against the person	2,749	2,494	255	<b>10.2%</b>
Criminal Damage & Arson	287	345	-58	<b>-16.8%</b>
Theft Offences	160	168	-8	<b>-4.8%</b>
Sexual Offences	109	99	10	<b>10.1%</b>
Robbery	11	5	6	<b>120.0%</b>
Public Order Offences	222	232	-10	<b>-4.3%</b>
Misc. Crimes Against Society	109	104	5	<b>4.8%</b>
Drug Offences	15	15	0	<b>0.0%</b>
Possession of Weapons	3	7	-4	<b>-57.1%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

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