

Date: Thursday 28 November 2024 at 4.30 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Church Road,
Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1TU

Cllr Paul Rowling (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy (Vice-Chair)

Cllr John Coulson
Cllr Jason French
Cllr Barbara Inman
Cllr Alan Watson

Cllr Richard Eglington
Cllr Shakeel Hussain
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 October 2024. (Pages 9 - 18)
- 5 Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres**
To consider information from the following organisations in relation to this scrutiny topic: (Pages 19 - 80)
 - Cleveland Fire Brigade
 - Town Councils
- 6 Stockton Home Safety Association - Previous Minutes (March and June 2024)** (Pages 81 - 84)
- 7 Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2024-2025** (Pages 85 - 90)

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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COMMUNITY SAFETY SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of Community Safety Select Committee was held on Thursday 24 October 2024.

Present: Cllr Paul Rowling (Chair), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy (Vice-Chair), Cllr Richard Eglington, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Marcus Vickers (sub for Cllr John Coulson), Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Alan Watson

Officers: Sharon Cooney (A,H&W); Gary Woods (CS)

Also in attendance: Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (SBC Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety); Matt Storey (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland); Andy Evans, John Wrintmore (Cleveland Police)

Apologies: Cllr John Coulson

CSS/23/24 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CSS/24/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

CSS/25/24 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Community Safety Select Committee meeting which was held on 26 September 2024 for approval and signature.

AGREED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26 September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CSS/26/24 Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres

Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy (Billingham) wished it to be recorded for transparency purposes only that she was currently a member of her respective Town Council as well as a Ward Councillor.

The third evidence-gathering session for the Committee's ongoing review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres was scheduled to involve contributions from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland, Cleveland Police, and Cleveland Fire Brigade.

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

Beginning with an appreciation of the importance of the scrutiny function (which included previous involvement in his role as a former Councillor), the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland gave a presentation to the Committee which covered the following:

- Tackling Shoplifting: A Retail Crime Summit was held in October 2023, an event which was followed-up last week and gave similar assurance that Cleveland Police was doing what it could to address this issue (work which was bucking the national trend around shoplifting). Further engagement with the force via its bi-monthly retail crime meetings and through the OPCCs scrutiny work on the topic had also provided assurance on the ongoing approach, with key areas of concern raised around police communication, sentencing (not something the force could influence but an important element which caused significant public alarm), difficulties in passing evidence (e.g. transferring CCTV coverage from older systems), and wider issues such as anti-social behaviour (ASB) and addiction (which require Public Health solutions / support).

The development of a cross-Cleveland retail crime Action Plan had aided the identification of single points of contact within each Local Authority area, as well as the availability of data (via a dashboard) showing shops experiencing six or more offences of shoplifting. Problem-solving plans were in place for the top five shoplifting-affected settings within each Local Authority boundary, with use of Police National Computer (PNC) facial recognition checks also being worked upon.

- Safer Streets Funding (Round 5): With £331,000 funding (over 18 months) received from the Home Office as part of this ongoing national initiative, the focus was on tackling ASB, neighbourhood crime, and violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Stockton Town Centre (Portrack and Tilery area) and Ropner wards. Within the former, tangible developments using this funding included the distribution of target hardening packs (e.g. locks to make homes more secure) to vulnerable residents and repeat victims, the installation of kick rails to prevent anti-social use of motorcycles, the installation of integrated CCTV / lighting columns, and the launch of a 'Power of Women' project focusing on developing skills, confidence and empowerment. Operation Nightfall (a joint venture between Cleveland Police and A Way Out) was the continuing focus within Ropner.

Work undertaken off the back of the Safer Streets Fund was significantly reducing incidents of ASB across the Borough, with residents starting to report positive messages on the difference this was making.

- ASB Hotspots: Funding was made available from the Home Office to pilot an 'ASB Hotspots' programme in Cleveland – this was allocated to the four district Councils in Cleveland after agreeing a delivery model. In Stockton-on-Tees, a total of £135,633 was spent from October 2023 to March 2024 in setting up the scheme and delivering the patrols – an additional £263,000 was allocated for the April 2024 to March 2025 period. Focusing on town centre locations in Billingham, Stockton and Thornaby, patrols provided a uniformed presence in the hotspot areas to act as a deterrent to those who may engage in acts of ASB or crime, and to provide reassurance to the public using these spaces. Funding had been used to employ an additional six Enforcement Officers within Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) for the duration of the project.

To evaluate the programme, the OPCC was collecting information on engagement and other activity carried out within the hotspots. Between August 2023 and June 2024, the three town centre hotspot locations across the Borough had seen over 1,000 patrol hours (involving over 1,000 patrols), 428 resident engagements, and 813 business engagements. Activity included information-sharing with partners,

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) enforcement, and interventions and warning letters issued in relation to ASB.

- Overall Outcomes in the Hotspot and Safer Streets LSOA: The impact of the ASB Hotspots programme had seen a significant decrease in the rate of reported ASB incidents within each of the three hotspot areas during July 2023 to June 2024 when compared to the previous year (July 2022 to June 2023). Publicly available Police.UK datasets showed an 11% (Billingham), 55% (Thornaby) and 11% (Stockton) decrease in recorded ASB incidents – these reductions were set against an overall 3% fall in ASB-related cases that were recorded for the whole of the Borough between these reporting periods.

In related matters, the OPCC had recently finished consulting on the latest Police and Crime Plan for Cleveland. Linked to this was the need to see ASB treated with the same importance as crime, as the impact of ASB on the local population could be just as significant.

- NTE Action Plan: Stockton-on-Tees was awarded over £40,000 in night-time economy (NTE) funding for 2022-2023 which was spent on pubs and clubs within the Borough's town centre spaces – this facilitated the provision of 'Ask for Angela' training, metal detector wands, bleed kits (which the OPCC was encouraging the North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (NEAS) to map in the same way as defibrillators), anti-spiking resources for licensed premises, and an additional CCTV operator for peak NTE times to improve incident detection and management.

In relation to the Serious Violence Duty, Stockton-on-Tees was allocated over £20,000 following the co-production of the NTE Action Plan with partners across Cleveland – this funded the distribution of bleed cabinets across three district areas, the setting-up of Stockton Street Angels (via collaboration with Stockton Business Improvement District (BID) – it was noted that businesses were able to access funding to assist with safety), child sexual exploitation (CSE) training to hotel staff, Scannet (identification technology), and radios for licensed premises.

- Next Steps: Further to the NTE-related developments referenced, the intention was to expand radio systems to increase coverage in Yarm, as well as introduce training in the use of bleed kits / cabinets. A media campaign focused on perpetrator behaviour was also envisaged.
- Areas of Concern: In addition to the reliance on licensed premises maintaining their commitment to the measures which had been put in place / were planned, there was uncertainty around the sustainability of NTE-related resources, and a lack of clarity on the future of violence reduction units and whether the Serious Violence Duty would continue. Other elements to consider were the outcomes of the new Government's forthcoming Budget announcements and the completion of the subsequent comprehensive Spending Review. The PCC for Cleveland had written to the Home Secretary to call for a fairer allocation of funding for Cleveland Police (something the current funding formula prohibited – for example, Wiltshire had received around 20% additional finance since 2010 despite having a much lower need than the Cleveland area), which, in his opinion, was doing excellent work within very challenging circumstances.

- How can the OPCC and partners address negative perceptions of town centre spaces?: The promotion of successes around joint operations, effective use of enforcement tools (e.g. PSPOs), and identification of public perceptions on what made people feel unsafe were highlighted. In terms of retail crime, the delivery of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme for shopping centre personnel could provide additional public confidence and would reduce the existing pressures on the police in having to deal with lower-level incidents.

It was acknowledged that how individuals 'feel' was often the hardest aspect to address (regardless of decreasing crime / ASB data), and that part of the PCCs role was to be visible within communities and provide assurance to the local population.

Thanking the PCC for his submission, the Committee began its response by highlighting the ongoing problem around perceptions of safety despite the encouraging fall in recorded crime / ASB (specifically in Billingham town centre), with comments from residents continuing to be relayed to Members about a lack of police visibility. In response to a query around the focus of activity, the PCC stated that funding to support and improve safety had been targeted across all areas of the Borough, and that the examples within the presentation were by no means an exhaustive list. Regarding police presence, it was acknowledged that an increase in the number of officers was key in promoting a stronger sense of safety within local communities, though Cleveland's share of the anticipated 13,000 national uplift in police personnel was currently unknown.

Continuing with the theme of force visibility, the importance of an effective neighbourhood policing model was emphasised. Rather than be seen to simply walk up and down streets, the PCC stressed the need for officers to work with local people to solve problems specific to each community. However, a current concern was that neighbourhood police personnel were getting dragged out of their patch to deal with 'response' work, thereby further reducing their visibility in the areas they were assigned to – this situation had been taken up with the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police, with the PCC only partially assured that this was being addressed.

Although the Committee's review was focusing on town centres, Members asked if the concentration of funds towards these spaces was pushing issues further afield. The PCC recognised the potential for this to occur, though also noted the prevalence of greater pressures within urban environments which needed to be tackled through preventative (education / diversionary) measures as well as any response tactics.

Heartened to hear that residents were voicing positivity around the Safer Streets Fund-related activity, the Committee questioned if the OPCC and SBC worked closely enough to communicate the successes associated with initiatives to improve safety across the Borough. The PCC drew attention to the effectiveness of local community partnerships, though also expressed his wish for Cleveland Police to highlight more about what it did and ensure the public were more aware of its positive achievements. From a personal point of view, the PCC observed that much of the local population would not be familiar with his role or understand its value – it was therefore important that he himself was publicly visible to demonstrate and promote what was happening to make Cleveland safer.

Turning to incidences of shoplifting, Members relayed claims that some shops told their staff not to challenge individuals who committed such offences. In response to a

query on whether challenge towards shoplifters would be encouraged, the PCC stressed that shop-worker safety was extremely important and that, consequently, he would never advise staff to tackle individuals themselves but instead ensure all incidents were reported (without worrying about potential reprisals). It was noted that if shop staff endured a traumatic experience as a result of an incident, they had to return to the scene of the crime every day in order to carry out their role, something many victims were not required to face.

The Committee pursued the issue of communication and highlighted public complaints over the difficulties in getting through when dialling the '101' phone number (for reporting minor crime / incidents). The PCC commented that Cleveland Police response times for people contacting 101 were good (though felt this could be better still), and stated that the 101 number was one of a number of ways in which concerns could be reported – the Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA) remained available (with investment being considered to make this a multi-language function to better serve diverse communities), as was the anonymous reporting route, *Crimestoppers*. The PCC emphasised the importance of reporting incidents as, even if the police did not subsequently respond, this helped build intelligence for future intervention.

Further discussion around addressing perceptions of safety included the need to boost public confidence in the police. To this end, the OPCC was creating a public scrutiny panel which would be chaired by the PCC and would aim to be a diverse, representative public-facing forum which held Cleveland Police to account. The Committee welcomed this development and encouraged the OPCC to share plans with all Councillors as they may be aware of community leaders who would be interested in getting involved.

Concluding this element of the agenda item, the Chair noted that the Committee would be seeking examples on how other Local Authority areas were trying to make their town centre spaces more welcoming / safer – as such, the PCC was invited to forward details of any initiatives that he was aware of (across the Cleveland footprint) following this meeting.

CLEVELAND POLICE

Led by the Stockton District Commander and supported by the Acting Chief Inspector for Stockton, a report was presented to the Committee in response to the following lines of enquiry:

- Safety-related issues (real or perceived) being highlighted for each of the Borough's six town centres: ASB, off-road bikes and drugs had been identified as the biggest priority areas for the local community following consultation, survey and general feedback to the force. Whilst these issues were more visible, the police often had to tackle less obvious activity (including hidden harm factors that were associated with the three priority areas outlined) – as such, this presented a challenge.

Shop theft remained a focus for town centre retailers, and whilst individuals were arrested and charged, breaking the cycle of offending, often driven by substance addiction, was a challenge for the full criminal justice system (it was noted that although rehabilitation orders were useful, it was hard to remove individuals from their environments). From a night-time economy perspective, related violence and

disorder was a challenge and occurred in periods of wider peak demand (i.e. Friday / Saturday evenings).

- Town centre crime / disorder data relevant to the Borough's six town centre spaces: The following Cleveland Police data indicating changes in recorded crime / disorder for the Borough's town centre spaces over the last 12 months was highlighted (*note: robbery cases were small, so the percentage change was higher*):
 - Billingham Central: Overall crime down 24.4%, with incidences of violence with injury (-29.4%), shoplifting (-4.7%) and robbery (-47.6%) all falling.
 - Ingleby Barwick Town Centre (Ingleby Barwick West): Overall crime down 22.9%, with incidences of violence with injury (10%) increasing, but shoplifting (-9.4%) and robbery (-66.7%) both falling.
 - Norton Central: Overall crime down 34.4%, with incidences of violence with injury (-71.4%) and shoplifting (-71.4%) both falling, but robbery (100%) increasing. The decrease in shoplifting was likely a result of the retail theft initiative – the force was looking to transfer this across to other locations.
 - Stockton Town Centre: Overall crime down 3%, with incidences of violence with injury (-7.5%) falling, but shoplifting (6%) and robbery (11.5%) increasing. The force acknowledged that there was work to do in this location around shoplifting, with measures to be put in place to prevent this happening and strengthen confidence within premises.
 - Thornaby Town Centre (Stainsby Hill): Overall crime down 28.8%, with incidences of violence with injury (7.4%) and shoplifting (2%) increasing, but robbery (-28.6%) falling.
 - Yarm Town Centre: Overall crime down 9.1%, with incidences of violence with injury (2.1%) increasing, but shoplifting (-21.7%) and robbery (-100%) both falling.

It was noted that the crime of 'robbery' was sub-categorised into 'personal' and 'business' – the detection rate for the latter was around 40% which was considered good.

- Safety initiatives implemented by the force and the impact of these: A number of interventions were listed, including Operation Artemis (runs periodically, with the purpose of making strong visible statements to show work undertaken and promote successes), Clear Hold Build (CHB) / Operation Harmony (which had led to significant reductions in crime), Operation Nightfall (supported by SBC and with funding from the PCC), a knife crime initiative (October campaign), night-time economy-related Christmas patrols and problem-solving plans (with specific focus on premises with high levels of shop theft), and Operation Deterrence (serious violence hotspot patrols). There had also been significant investment in the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) which relied on partners to achieve its aims.
- Future initiatives planned by the force to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe: Deployment and targeted proactivity was largely guided by local

tasking and co-ordination groups (TCGs). Cleveland Police could not service each area to the same degree and therefore prioritised areas of greatest harm – Operation Deterrence was an example of this, with targeted visible patrols in key areas at key times based on careful analysis (this included Norton and Stockton town centre as identified hotspot locations).

Stockton town centre often featured in the district TCG and examples of activity within this area was highlighted, including a dedicated PC (in addition to two existing PCSOs), market day patrols alongside SBC, a proactive team supporting retail patrols, response officers assigned to those shops experiencing the highest number of thefts, involvement in Stockton BIDs regular retail crime / operation meetings, and information-sharing around top offenders / risks. The force (a partner in its early concept) also remained committed to supporting the implementation of 'street pastors'.

- How best can Cleveland Police and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces?: Acknowledging both context and reality, whilst crime was falling, public perceptions of crime remained high, and the actual level of crime was still comparatively high. The Borough had a high level of negative socio-economic factors, something which was often a driver for crime.

Continued joint working via the Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) was an important strand in tackling perceptions (efforts around early intervention were noted), as was improved positive messaging through varied channels and partners in a layered and consistent approach (maximising use of social media and other widely accessed communication mediums).

Referencing the earlier views of the PCC around his desire for Cleveland Police to highlight more about what it did, although monthly newsletters (including positive news stories) for all wards within the Borough were produced and shared, further transparency in relation to police activity would indeed help. To this end, Cleveland Police was in the process of buying 'neighbourhood alert' (a community messaging system) to help promote what the force was doing and its impact.

Reflecting on the contents of the presented report, the Committee thanked the officers for their time and input, and expressed specific appreciation for its efforts within the Ropner ward (involving close working between the force and Councillors) which had led to significant reductions in crime / ASB. Emphasising the need for all Councillors to keep encouraging the reporting of incidents, Members did, however, note the expectation that people often had around being informed of any developments after they had flagged a concern – it was subsequently acknowledged that responses were not routinely provided by the force to those who reported the initial problem behaviour.

Discussion ensued on the issue of off-road bikes, with the Committee questioning what the force was doing about the visible rise in electronic devices which were almost silent and therefore posed a danger to pedestrians. Members were reminded about Operation Endurance which targeted off-road bikes, with patrols based on intelligence received from communities (reinforcing the importance of concerns being reported). In addition to this, longer-term measures were being put in place to deter / prevent this activity. In response to a query about whether such bikes were legal, it was confirmed that, subject to restrictions in terms of power output, speed, and the fact a user needed to be 14 years-old or over, they were (should the bike meet requirements, it was subject to the same regulations as a pedal bike). In simple terms, riding a bike

that conformed to restrictions in a reasonable manner was fine, but riding in an anti-social manner that put people at risk would not be.

Noting SBCs positive record around partnership-working, Members asked if there was anything the Council was either not doing or needed to do more of when it came to supporting safety across the Borough. Cleveland Police welcomed the valuable relationship it had with SBC and felt the opportunity was there for sharper focus on priorities and to hold each other to account via existing SSP arrangements – there was a lot of activity going on, but not all of it was connected. It was noted that a Cleveland Police Corporate Communications Officer attended daily meetings with partners about the previous day's work / challenges.

Welcoming its stated impact, the Committee sought further details around the Norton retail crime initiative. Members heard that this was shaped through closer relationships with shops to develop intelligence, with force personnel conducting regular visits to stores to increase police visibility.

The Committee's final question was on the planned activity within Stockton town centre, specifically the use of response officers (bullet point 6) and the current relationship between local shops and the police. Force representatives spoke of the strong partnership between shop personnel and its officers, with the police keen to work with premises to give them confidence around the issue of shoplifting. There was a particular focus on preventative measures (not just merely responding to an incident which had already occurred).

CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE

The Chair informed Members that Cleveland Fire Brigade had been unable to provide the responses requested by the Committee in time for this meeting and had therefore been asked to submit their contribution for consideration at the next meeting in November 2024.

AGREED that the information presented by both the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland and Cleveland Police be noted, and further information be provided as identified.

CSS/27/24 Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) - Previous Minutes (March, May and July 2024)

Consideration was given to the minutes of previous Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) meetings which took place in March 2024, May 2024 and July 2024. Attention was drawn to the following:

- 28 March 2024: Members expressed alarm at the recorded truancy levels within the Borough (170% above the national average) and raised specific concerns around home schooling and how this was being checked / quality controlled.

AGREED that:

- 1) the minutes of Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) meetings which took place in March 2024, May 2024 and July 2024 be noted.

- 2) the Chair of the SSP be contacted regarding the Committee's concerns in relation to truancy levels across the Borough (as referenced within the minutes of the March 2024 meeting).

CSS/28/24 Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2024-2025

CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair had no further updates.

WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Consideration was given to the Committee's current work programme (2024-2025). The next meeting was due to take place on 28 November 2024 where the third evidence-gathering session for the ongoing review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres was scheduled to involve submissions from the Borough's Town Councils and the deferred contribution from Cleveland Fire Brigade.

Looking further ahead, the Chair notified Members of potential plans to move the Committee meeting in December 2024 to early-January 2025 – confirmation of arrangements would be circulated to Members in the coming days.

AGREED that the Chair's Update and Community Safety Select Committee Work Programme 2024-2025 be noted.

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Community Safety Select Committee

28 November 2024

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WELCOMING AND SAFE TOWN CENTRES**Summary**

The fourth evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres will consider submissions in relation to this scrutiny topic from Cleveland Fire Brigade and Town Councils across Stockton-on-Tees.

Detail

1. As an identified contributor to this review, Cleveland Fire Brigade (CFB) was asked to respond to the following lines of enquiry:
 - *Fire incident data relevant to the Borough's six town centre spaces.*
 - *Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).*
 - *Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).*
 - *How best can CFB and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the CFB footprint)?*

A number of documents addressing the above have been submitted for consideration and are included within these meeting papers. The CFB Group Manager / Head of Prevention & Engagement and the CFB Stockton District Manager are scheduled to be in attendance to present this information and address Member comments / questions.

2. The Committee was keen to receive input from the Borough's Town Councils (Billingham, Ingleby Barwick, Thornaby, and Yarm) and therefore asked them to respond to the following:
 - *What are the main issues regarding your town centre's safety and what has the Town Council done to address these (including any impact)?*
 - *What is the Town Council's relationship with SBC like – is this enabling / inhibiting progress on making your town centre more welcoming / safe?*
 - *What feedback is the Town Council receiving from residents / businesses in terms of your town centre environment?*
 - *What should be the future priorities in making your town centre as welcoming and safe as possible?*

Received submissions are included within these meeting papers.

3. In advance of the session, Members are again reminded of the link to the latest Town Centre-related developments which can be accessed via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/regeneration>.
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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**FIRE INCIDENTS
Stockton District**

Scrutiny Review of Welcoming & Safe Town Centres

Report produced 28/10/2024

Risk & Performance

RESTRICTED DOCUMENT

Deliberate fire incidents in the Stockton District

This report summarises deliberate primary fires and deliberate secondary fire incidents in Stockton District Town Centres/High Streets and provides an analysis by sub-type and any temporal patterns for a 5 year period and a financial year to date update, for the period 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024.

*NB: Secondary incidents on our systems are addressed on a **street level mapping basis** and therefore, although particular points are marked on the map, this may not necessarily be where the actual fire occurred. The maps contained within this report gives a general overview of incidents within the given area.*

Billingham Town Centre

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	0	0	0	1	1	0.4	1
Deliberate Secondary	2	1	4	15	4	5.2	4
Total	2	1	4	16	5	5.6	5

Billingham Town Centre – 5 years and financial year to date updated for 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024



Incidents in Billingham Town Centre

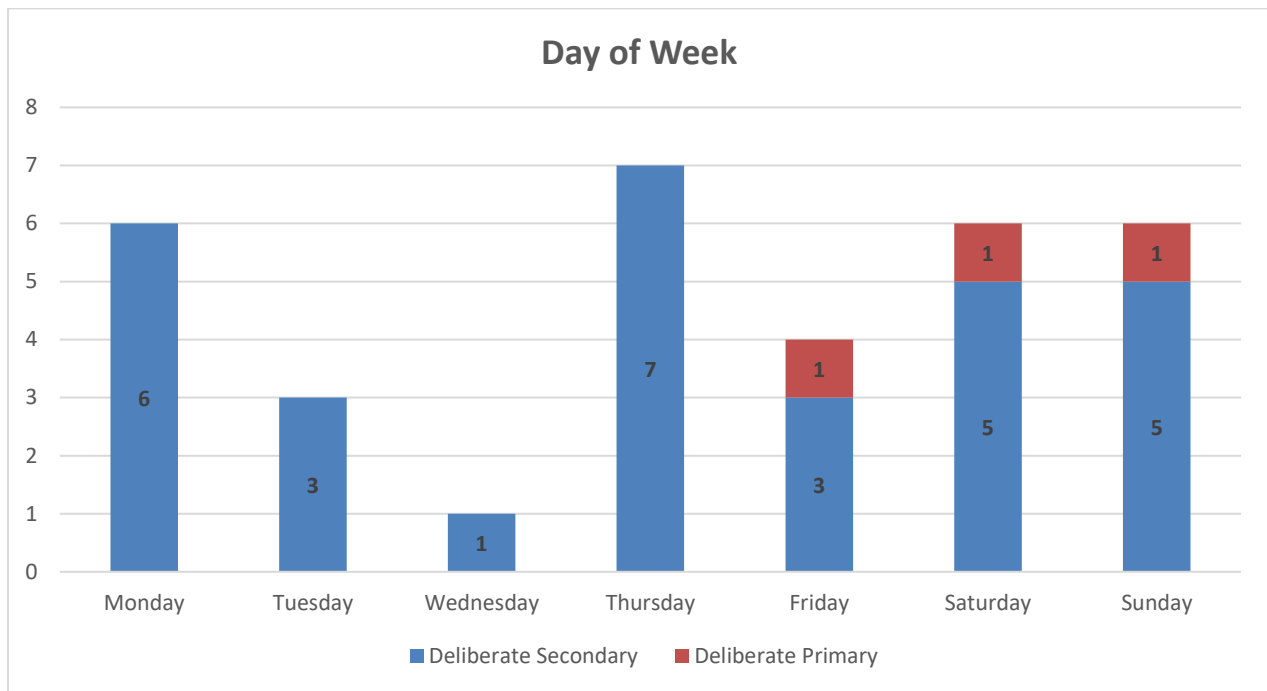
Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 3 deliberate primary fires and 30 deliberate secondary fires of which 19 refuse, 4 litter bin, 3 hedge, 2 wheelie bin, 1 vehicle, 1 bonfire, 1 multi storey car park, 1 fence and 1 miscellaneous.

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F19121627	29/06/2019 21:10	Saturday	TOWN CENTRE.CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F20129959	06/02/2020 19:57	Thursday	ICELAND TOWN CENTRE.CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20138952	22/10/2020 16:43	Thursday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21152379	08/09/2021 16:15	Wednesday	KINGSWAY MEDICAL CENTRE.KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21153021	20/09/2021 17:51	Monday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21155108	06/11/2021 19:43	Saturday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E07 - Bonfire
F22159677	04/03/2022 20:00	Friday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	B05 - Hedge
F22163437	14/05/2022 23:57	Saturday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F22163984	27/05/2022 22:19	Friday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22165408	25/06/2022 20:18	Saturday	DAWSON HOUSE.THE CAUSWAY BILLINGHAM TS23 2PA	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22166051	07/07/2022 17:33	Thursday	ALDI BILLINGHAM MORELAND AVENUE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	B05 - Hedge
F22167262	21/07/2022 20:35	Thursday	ALDI BILLINGHAM MORELAND AVENUE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	B05 - Hedge
F22167811	01/08/2022 00:33	Monday	KINGSWAY CAR PARK KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM TS23 2LS	00EFNH - Billingham Central	D09 - Fence
F22168693	12/08/2022 19:16	Friday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

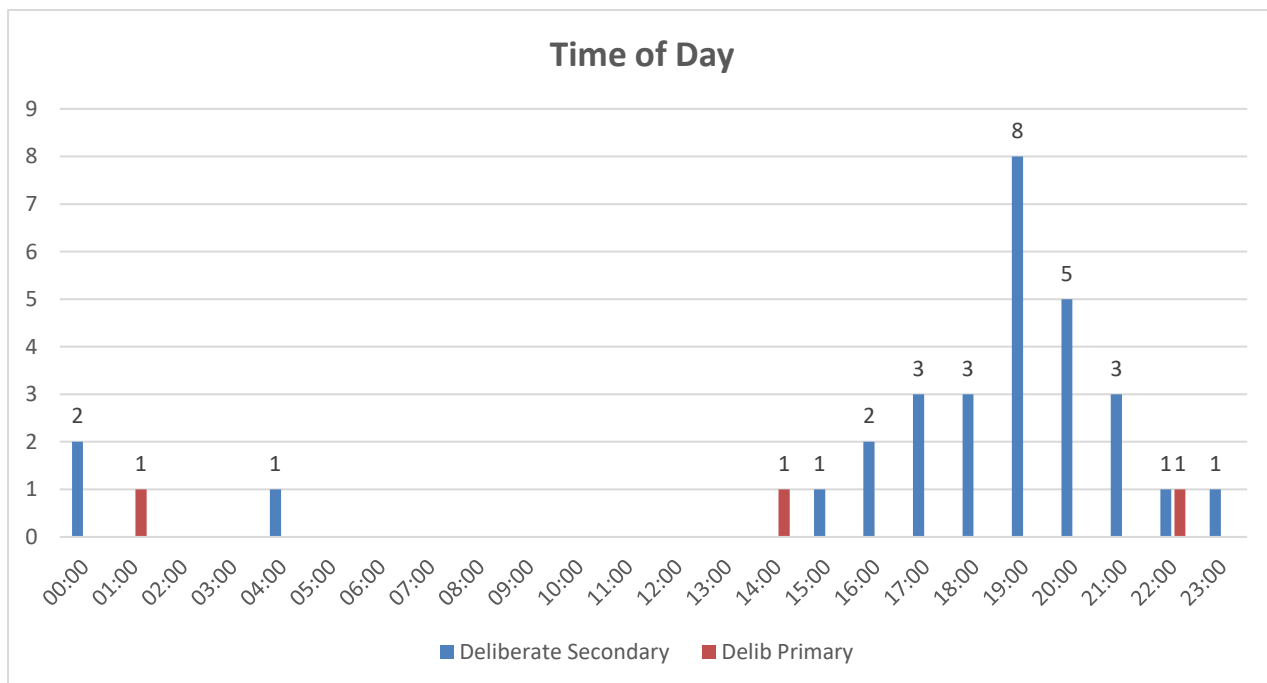
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F22170225	04/09/2022 01:58	Sunday	DAWSON HOUSE.THE CAUSWAY BILLINGHAM TS23 2PA	00EFNH - Billingham Central	191 - Multi Storey Car Park/Underground
F22170532	12/09/2022 18:24	Monday	TOWN CENTRE.CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173159	13/11/2022 00:38	Sunday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173469	21/11/2022 18:37	Monday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173893	04/12/2022 15:27	Sunday	KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173900	04/12/2022 19:07	Sunday	TOWN SQUARE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173931	05/12/2022 18:34	Monday	TOWN SQUARE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23175982	02/02/2023 21:47	Thursday	QUEENSWAY DENTAL SURGERY.164/170 QUEENSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E13 - Litter Bin
F23176242	09/02/2023 19:43	Thursday	JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK.CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E13 - Litter Bin
F23179504	30/04/2023 20:30	Sunday	ROTHBURY STREET BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E13 - Litter Bin
F23180032	15/05/2023 19:57	Monday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23180058	16/05/2023 20:12	Tuesday	THE CAUSEWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23181611	16/06/2023 22:19	Friday	ARGOS.EAST PRECINCT.KINGSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	131 - Miscellaneous
F23183462	25/07/2023 04:20	Tuesday	QUEENSWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24193766	25/04/2024 19:17	Thursday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24195796	08/06/2024 17:09	Saturday	TOWN CENTRE.CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F24196684	29/06/2024 16:07	Saturday	BILLINGHAM YOUTH & COMMUNITY.THE CAUSEWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	187 - Vehicle - Motor Bike
F24197906	28/07/2024 21:11	Sunday	CAUSEWAY THE BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E13 - Litter Bin
F24199172	20/08/2024 19:49	Tuesday	THE CAUSEWAY BILLINGHAM	00EFNH - Billingham Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Billingham Town Centre



During the reporting period incidents were the highest on Thursdays with 7 incidents, closely followed by Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays with 6 incidents each. Incidents were the lowest on Wednesdays with 1 incidents. 36% of incidents occurred on weekends (12).



All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 1400 and 0459. Secondary fire incidents occurred between 1500 and 0459. 43% of incidents occurred between 1900 and 2059 (13). Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 1400 and 0159.

Ingleby Barwick Town Centre

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	0	0	0	1	1	0.4	0
Deliberate Secondary	0	6	8	5	8	5.4	0
Total	0	6	8	5	9	5.6	0

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Incidents in Ingleby Barwick Town Centre

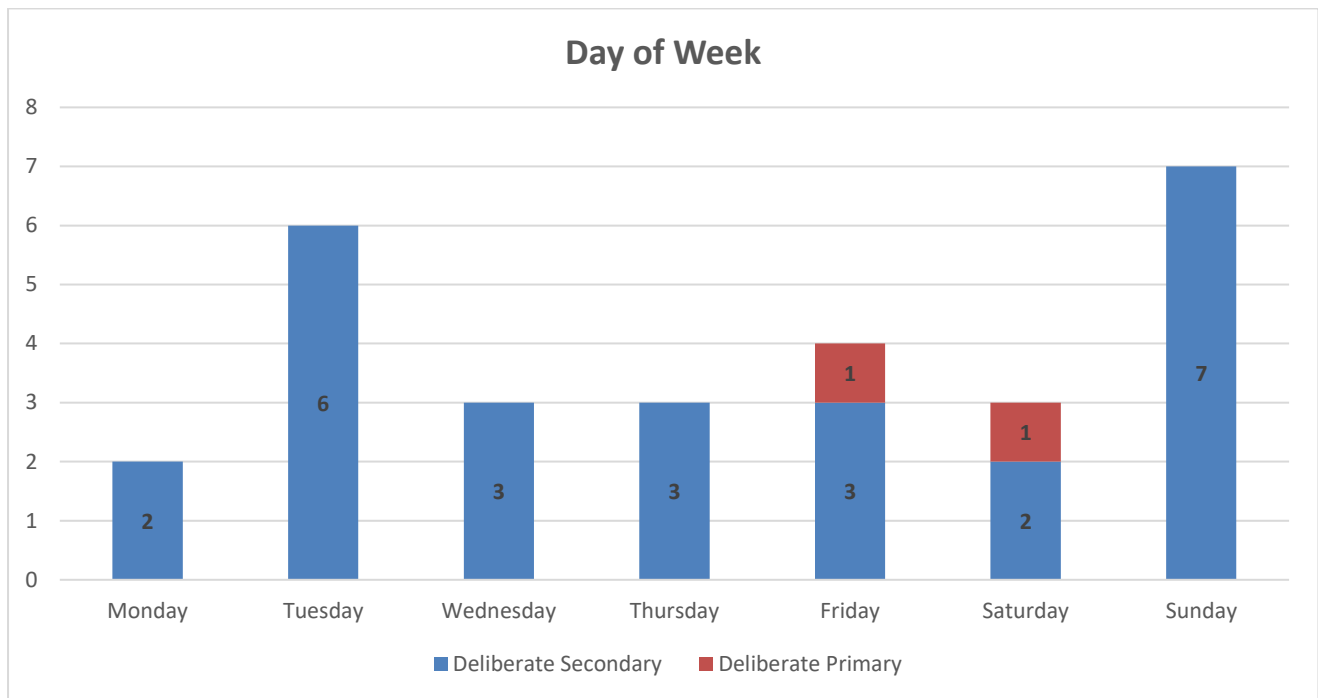
Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 2 deliberate primary fires and 26 deliberate secondary fires of which 20 refuse, 3 hedge, 2 wheelie bin, 2 recycling container and 1 litter bin.

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F20137322	08/09/2020 19:15	Tuesday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20137528	13/09/2020 20:26	Sunday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20138810	18/10/2020 16:57	Sunday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20138900	20/10/2020 21:27	Tuesday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21143665	26/02/2021 19:55	Friday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21144477	18/03/2021 19:28	Thursday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21145290	01/04/2021 18:35	Thursday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21146025	11/04/2021 19:37	Sunday	TESCO GARAGE INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21151843	27/08/2021 15:31	Friday	COOP INGLEBY BARWICK BANCROFT DRIVE INGLEBY BARWICK STOCKTON	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

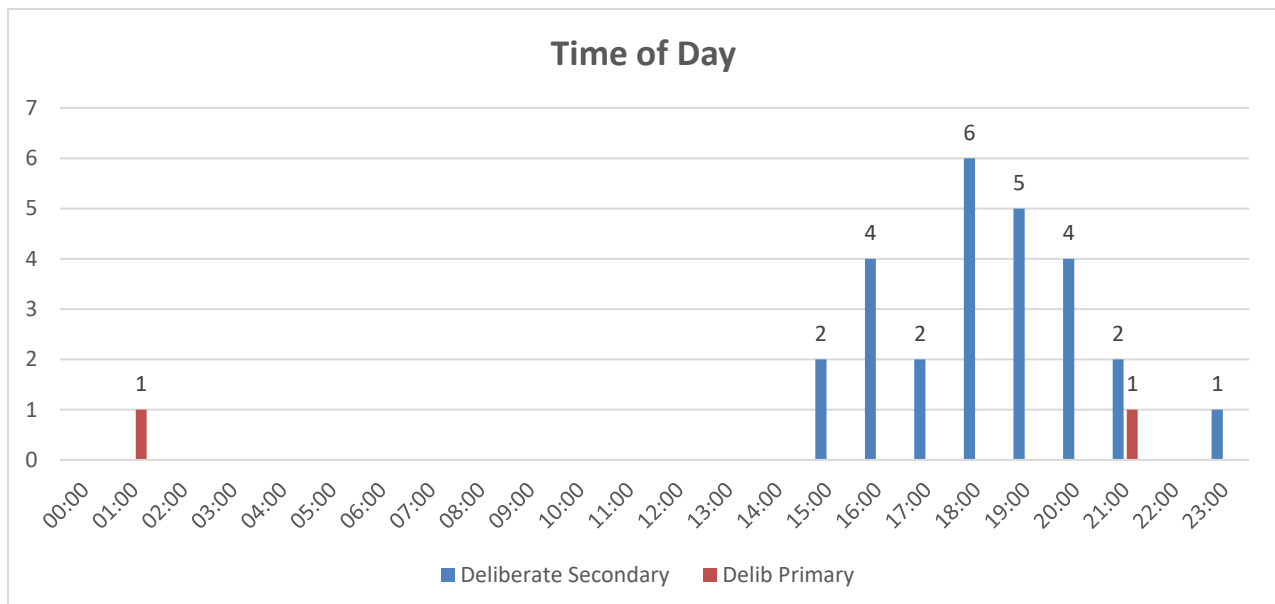
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F21152808	16/09/2021 20:31	Thursday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21153987	12/10/2021 18:04	Tuesday	COOP INGLEBY BARWICK BANCROFT DRIVE INGLEBY BARWICK STOCKTON	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22159449	26/02/2022 15:15	Saturday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	B05 - Hedge
F22160533	20/03/2022 18:34	Sunday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F22160684	22/03/2022 18:20	Tuesday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	B05 - Hedge
F22162705	29/04/2022 21:37	Friday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	152 - Re-cycling container
F22171885	16/10/2022 17:54	Sunday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E13 - Litter Bin
F22173436	20/11/2022 16:30	Sunday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22173622	26/11/2022 16:19	Saturday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23176414	13/02/2023 17:22	Monday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23178898	16/04/2023 20:27	Sunday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F23180772	30/05/2023 23:02	Tuesday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23181491	14/06/2023 16:36	Wednesday	TESCO INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	B05 - Hedge
F23187629	30/10/2023 20:49	Monday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F23187732	01/11/2023 18:58	Wednesday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24189928	05/01/2024 19:37	Friday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24191669	27/02/2024 21:18	Tuesday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24192132	13/03/2024 18:50	Wednesday	MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24192200	16/03/2024 01:51	Saturday	TESCO GARAGE INGLEBY BARWICK.MYTON ROAD INGLEBY BARWICK THORNABY	00EFPP - Ingleby Barwick South	152 - Re-cycling container

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Ingleby Barwick Town Centre



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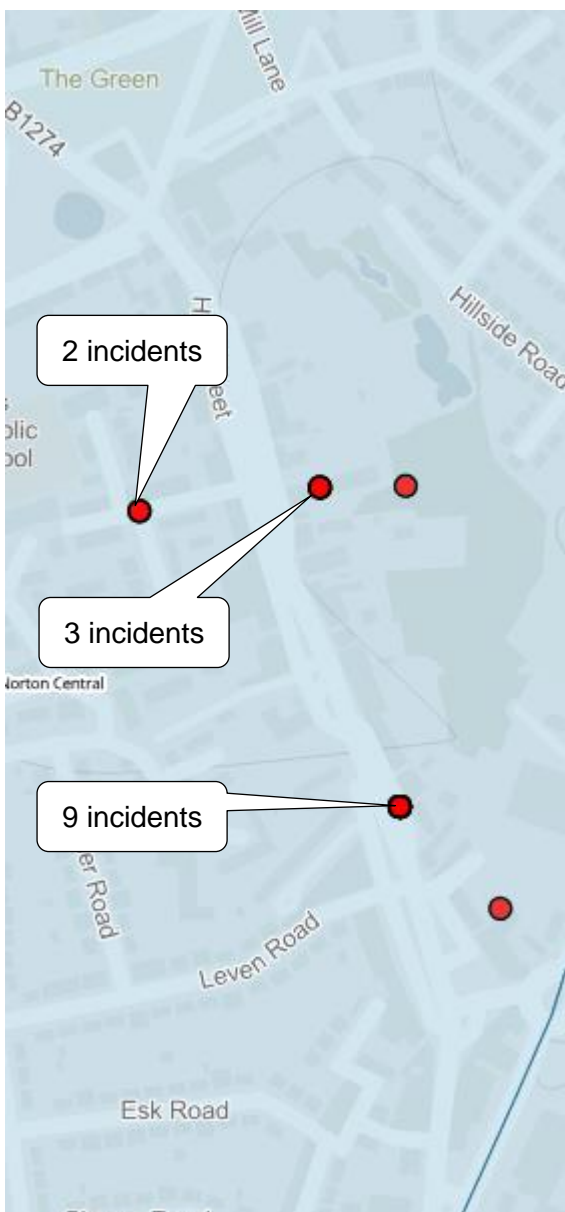
All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 1500 and 0159. Secondary fire incidents occurred between 1500 and 2359. 42% of incidents occurred between 1800 and 1959 (11). Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 2100 and 0159.

Norton High Street

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	0	0	1	0	0	0.2	0
Deliberate Secondary	5	4	3	3	0	3	0
Total	5	4	4	3	0	3.2	0

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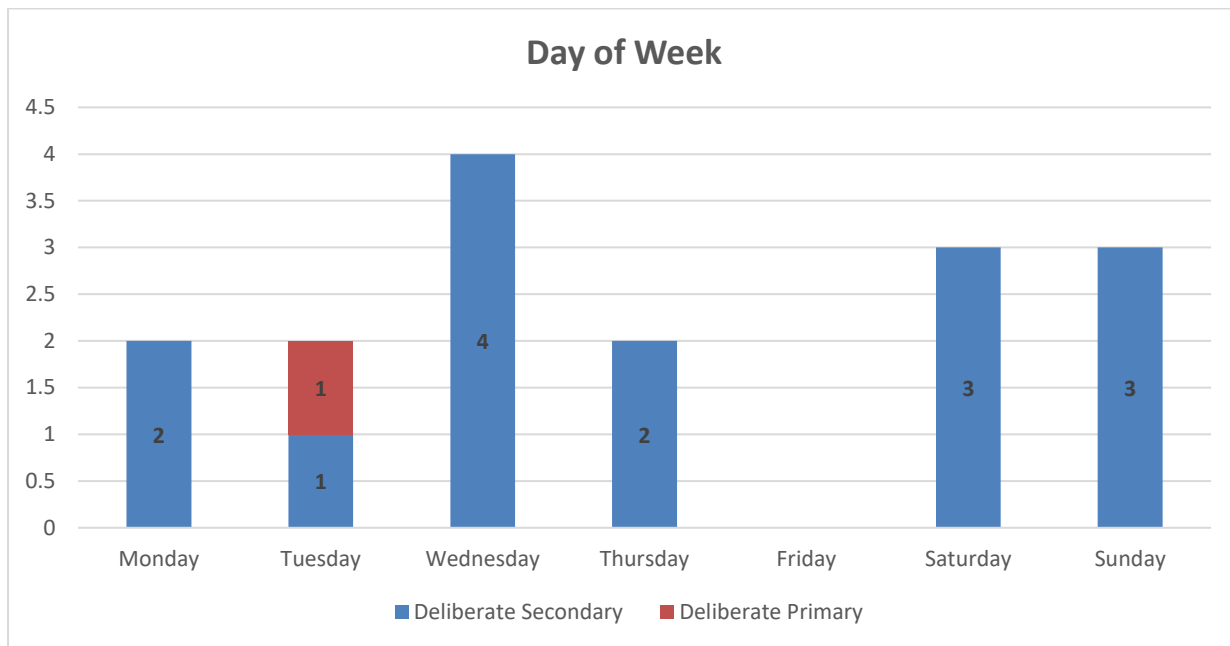
Norton High Street

Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 1 deliberate primary fire and 15 deliberate secondary fires of which 9 refuse, 2 hedge, 2 wheelie bin, 1 single derelict building, 1 vehicle and 1 single tree.

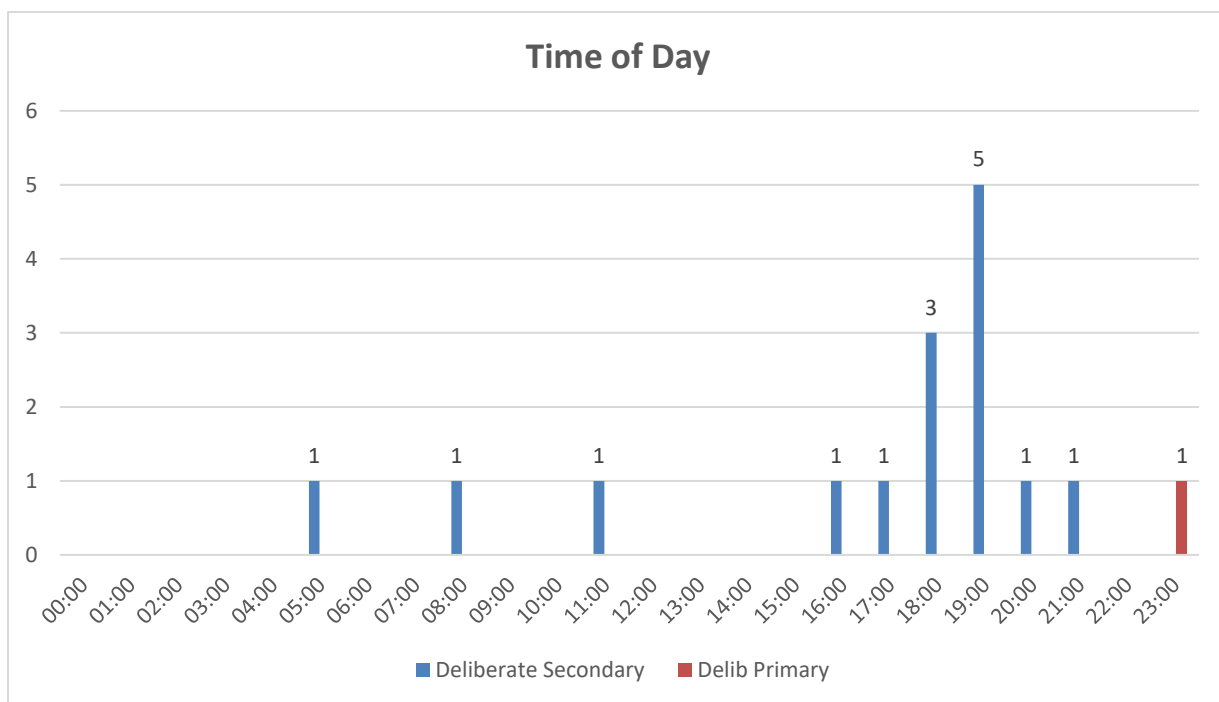
Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F19118803	22/04/2019 19:58	Monday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	B09 - Single Tree
F19125811	07/10/2019 20:11	Monday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19125982	12/10/2019 19:14	Saturday	MILL STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19126630	30/10/2019 21:47	Wednesday	MILL STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F20130440	20/02/2020 18:22	Thursday	MILLBECK HOUSE RES CARE HOME.HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20134516	17/06/2020 19:59	Wednesday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20135646	21/07/2020 16:03	Tuesday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F20137406	10/09/2020 17:57	Thursday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	B05 - Hedge
F20137637	16/09/2020 05:40	Wednesday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21146467	18/04/2021 18:02	Sunday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	B05 - Hedge
F21147757	15/05/2021 08:21	Saturday	MILLBECK HOUSE RES CARE HOME.HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22159080	15/02/2022 23:31	Tuesday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	148 - Vehicle

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F22161057	27/03/2022 18:28	Sunday	MILLBECK HOUSE RES CARE HOME.HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F22162194	20/04/2022 11:09	Wednesday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23175777	28/01/2023 19:56	Saturday	HIGH STREET NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23176384	12/02/2023 19:31	Sunday	MAYBRAY KING WALK NORTON STOCKTON	00EFPC - Norton Central	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Norton High Street



During the reporting period incidents were the highest on Wednesdays with 4 incidents, closely followed by Saturdays and Sundays with 3 incidents each. No incidents occurred on Fridays. 36% of incidents occurred on weekends (10).



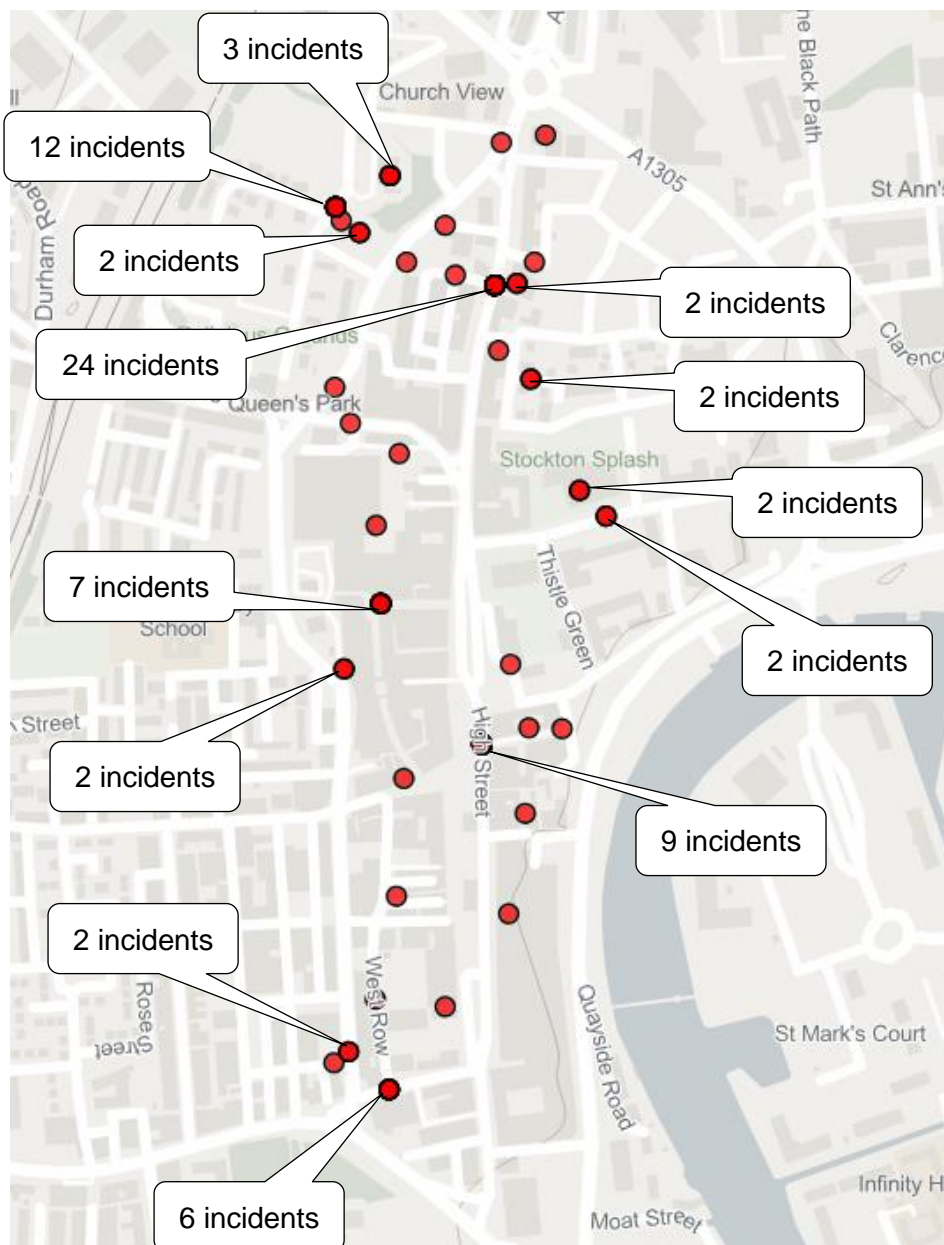
All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 0500 and 2359. Secondary fire incidents occurred between 0500 and 2159. 53% of incidents occurred between 1800 and 1959 (8). Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 2300 and 2359.

Stockton Town Centre

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	3	2	2	2	6	3	1
Deliberate Secondary	19	15	25	8	8	15	6
Total	22	17	27	10	14	18	7

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Stockton Town Centre

Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 16 deliberate primary fires and 81 deliberate secondary fires of which 45 refuse, 9 hedge, 8 wheelie bin, 7 vehicles, 6 litter bin, 4 shop, 4 grassland, 2 caravan, 2 cable, 2 single tree, 2 scrub, 1 road furniture, 1 flat, 1 highways, 1 single derelict building, 1 refuse container commercial and 1 house.

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F19117701	04/04/2019 17:06	Thursday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19117742	05/04/2019 21:53	Friday	QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19117834	07/04/2019 22:27	Sunday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19117952	10/04/2019 18:19	Wednesday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19118720	21/04/2019 21:09	Sunday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F19119891	18/05/2019 02:11	Saturday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F19119997	20/05/2019 19:56	Monday	QUEENS PARK MEDICAL CENTRE.FARRER STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19120794	07/06/2019 03:45	Friday	BISHOPTON LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F19122644	22/07/2019 02:53	Monday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	144 - Shop
F19123628	18/08/2019 16:34	Sunday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B09 - Single Tree
F19124302	02/09/2019 00:43	Monday	GARBUTT STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19124303	02/09/2019 01:49	Monday	WASPS NEST YARD.FINKLE STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19125987	12/10/2019 21:31	Saturday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19125988	12/10/2019 22:43	Saturday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F19126147	18/10/2019 10:35	Friday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B09 - Single Tree
F19126279	22/10/2019 23:38	Tuesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	125 - House

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F19126359	24/10/2019 20:44	Thursday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F19127226	14/11/2019 16:37	Thursday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	144 - Shop
F19128316	17/12/2019 17:17	Tuesday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F20128827	03/01/2020 16:33	Friday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20130779	03/03/2020 20:26	Tuesday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20130805	04/03/2020 20:02	Wednesday	HUME HOUSE.FREDRICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20131847	01/04/2020 15:46	Wednesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	187 - Vehicle - Motor Bike
F20132668	24/04/2020 14:54	Friday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20135398	15/07/2020 06:39	Wednesday	SILVER STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F20136979	30/08/2020 03:08	Sunday	WEST ROW STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F20136980	30/08/2020 03:27	Sunday	LITTLE BROWN STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E02 - Refuse Container - Commercial
F20137435	11/09/2020 18:37	Friday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F20137843	21/09/2020 19:38	Monday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F20138231	01/10/2020 20:51	Thursday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20139057	25/10/2020 18:49	Sunday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F20139945	19/11/2020 18:28	Thursday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20139981	20/11/2020 16:29	Friday	ST MARYS RC CHURCH.MAJOR STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20141725	15/12/2020 17:31	Tuesday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F21143812	01/03/2021 18:02	Monday	SILVER STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

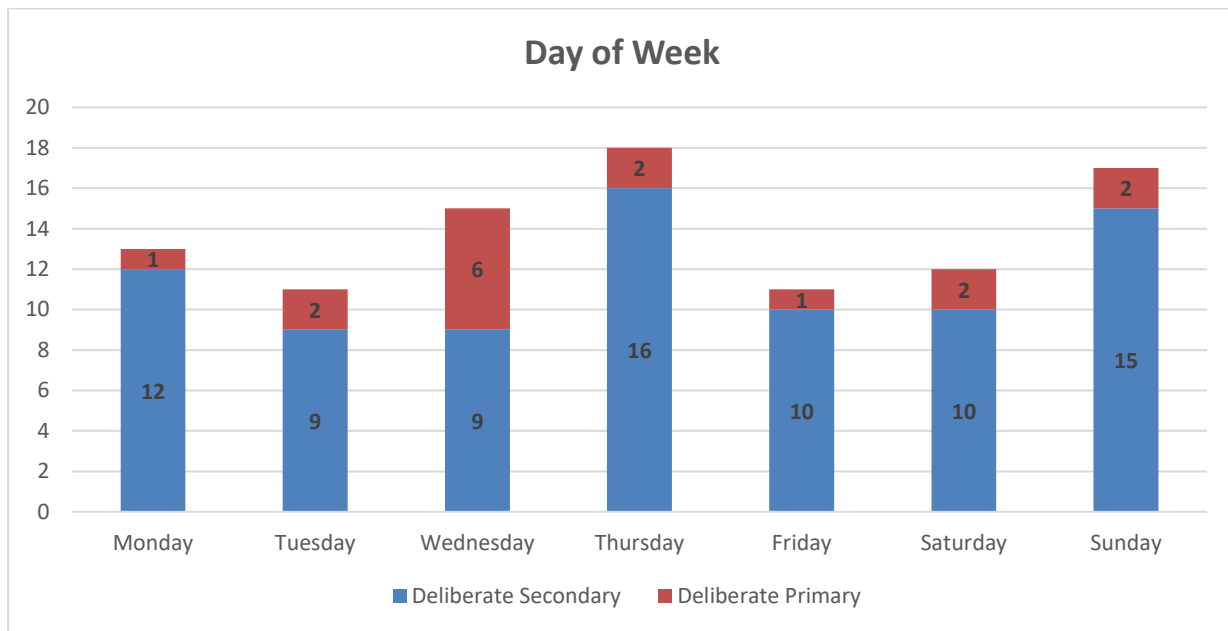
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F21144080	07/03/2021 18:08	Sunday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21144135	09/03/2021 20:44	Tuesday	ALLISON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	154 - Highways
F21144635	21/03/2021 23:57	Sunday	WEST ROW STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21145522	04/04/2021 02:18	Sunday	CHURCH ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21147146	28/04/2021 23:05	Wednesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	184 - Flat - Self Contained (Entrance/Exit to open air via internal corridors)
F21147221	30/04/2021 23:15	Friday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21148170	27/05/2021 18:38	Thursday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21148184	27/05/2021 22:27	Thursday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21148185	27/05/2021 22:40	Thursday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21149336	22/06/2021 18:29	Tuesday	WELLINGTON SQUARE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F21149559	28/06/2021 16:47	Monday	HUME HOUSE.FREDRICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E15 - Cable
F21149639	30/06/2021 18:16	Wednesday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21150180	14/07/2021 18:34	Wednesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21150434	22/07/2021 00:56	Thursday	SPLASH THE.CHURCH ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F21151005	05/08/2021 14:24	Thursday	NELSON TERRACE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21151933	30/08/2021 00:05	Monday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B04 - Scrub
F21152016	31/08/2021 19:21	Tuesday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21152205	04/09/2021 23:36	Saturday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F21152371	08/09/2021 14:42	Wednesday	KNOWLES STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21152753	15/09/2021 20:34	Wednesday	CHURCH ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F21153483	30/09/2021 10:32	Thursday	PRINCE REGENT STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21155124	06/11/2021 23:44	Saturday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21155140	07/11/2021 12:49	Sunday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B04 - Scrub
F21155221	08/11/2021 17:30	Monday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F21155597	17/11/2021 08:00	Wednesday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22158240	27/01/2022 15:18	Thursday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22158356	29/01/2022 17:34	Saturday	HUME STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B01 - Grassland
F22159076	15/02/2022 18:34	Tuesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B01 - Grassland
F22159564	01/03/2022 14:46	Tuesday	BISHOPTON LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	D02 - Road Furniture
F22160003	11/03/2022 17:36	Friday	NELSON TERRACE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22162203	20/04/2022 14:32	Wednesday	SPLASH THE.CHURCH ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E11 - Wheelie Bin in Street
F22162456	25/04/2022 13:08	Monday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B01 - Grassland
F22164972	19/06/2022 12:43	Sunday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22165203	23/06/2022 06:17	Thursday	PRINCE REGENT STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	104 - Caravan (Non-residential)
F22166025	07/07/2022 05:14	Thursday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F22167581	27/07/2022 16:05	Wednesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B01 - Grassland
F22168421	09/08/2022 23:26	Tuesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

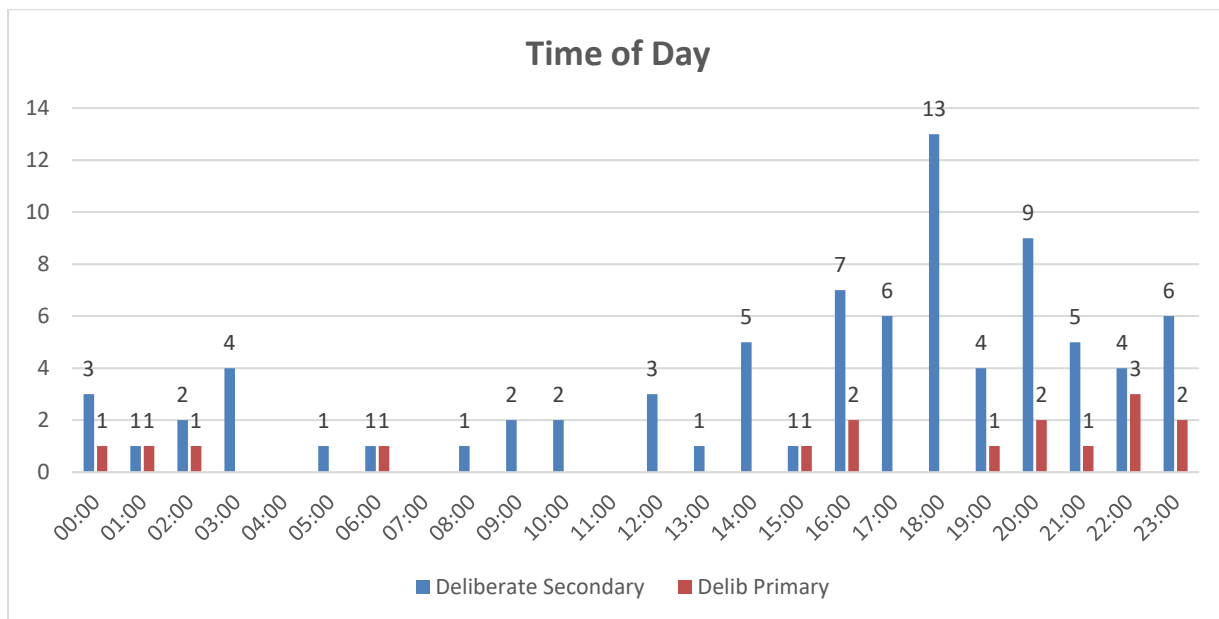
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F22171316	01/10/2022 18:44	Saturday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22171349	02/10/2022 16:03	Sunday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23176503	15/02/2023 01:25	Wednesday	EDENWOOD CLOSE VICTORIA STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F23178854	15/04/2023 21:35	Saturday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E15 - Cable
F23179046	19/04/2023 22:47	Wednesday	EDENWOOD CLOSE VICTORIA STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F23180490	25/05/2023 12:37	Thursday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23180519	26/05/2023 00:18	Friday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F23180615	27/05/2023 21:29	Saturday	HARDWICK ROAD HARDWICK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	144 - Shop
F23181342	11/06/2023 20:14	Sunday	WELLINGTON SQUARE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E13 - Litter Bin
F23182323	01/07/2023 19:26	Saturday	BUFFS SOCIAL CLUB.NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F23185515	10/09/2023 22:14	Sunday	BONE STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	148 - Vehicle
F23185740	16/09/2023 09:17	Saturday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23186810	12/10/2023 20:02	Thursday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23186897	14/10/2023 19:33	Saturday	WELLINGTON STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23187942	05/11/2023 20:00	Sunday	QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	B05 - Hedge
F24192031	10/03/2024 09:01	Sunday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24192383	20/03/2024 16:27	Wednesday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	104 - Caravan (Non-residential)
F24196004	13/06/2024 18:19	Thursday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24197473	19/07/2024 23:21	Friday	NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F24197577	22/07/2024 03:09	Monday	BUFFS SOCIAL CLUB.NORTON ROAD STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24198291	05/08/2024 16:20	Monday	HUME HOUSE.FREDRICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON TS18 2BJ	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24198303	05/08/2024 20:03	Monday	FREDERICK STREET QUEENS PARK STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24200918	22/09/2024 22:36	Sunday	YARM LANE STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	144 - Shop
F24201004	24/09/2024 21:08	Tuesday	HIGH STREET STOCKTON	00EFPG - Stockton Town Centre	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Stockton Town Centre



During the reporting period incidents were the highest on Thursdays with 18 incidents, closely followed by Sundays with 17 incidents. 30% of incidents occurred on weekends (29).



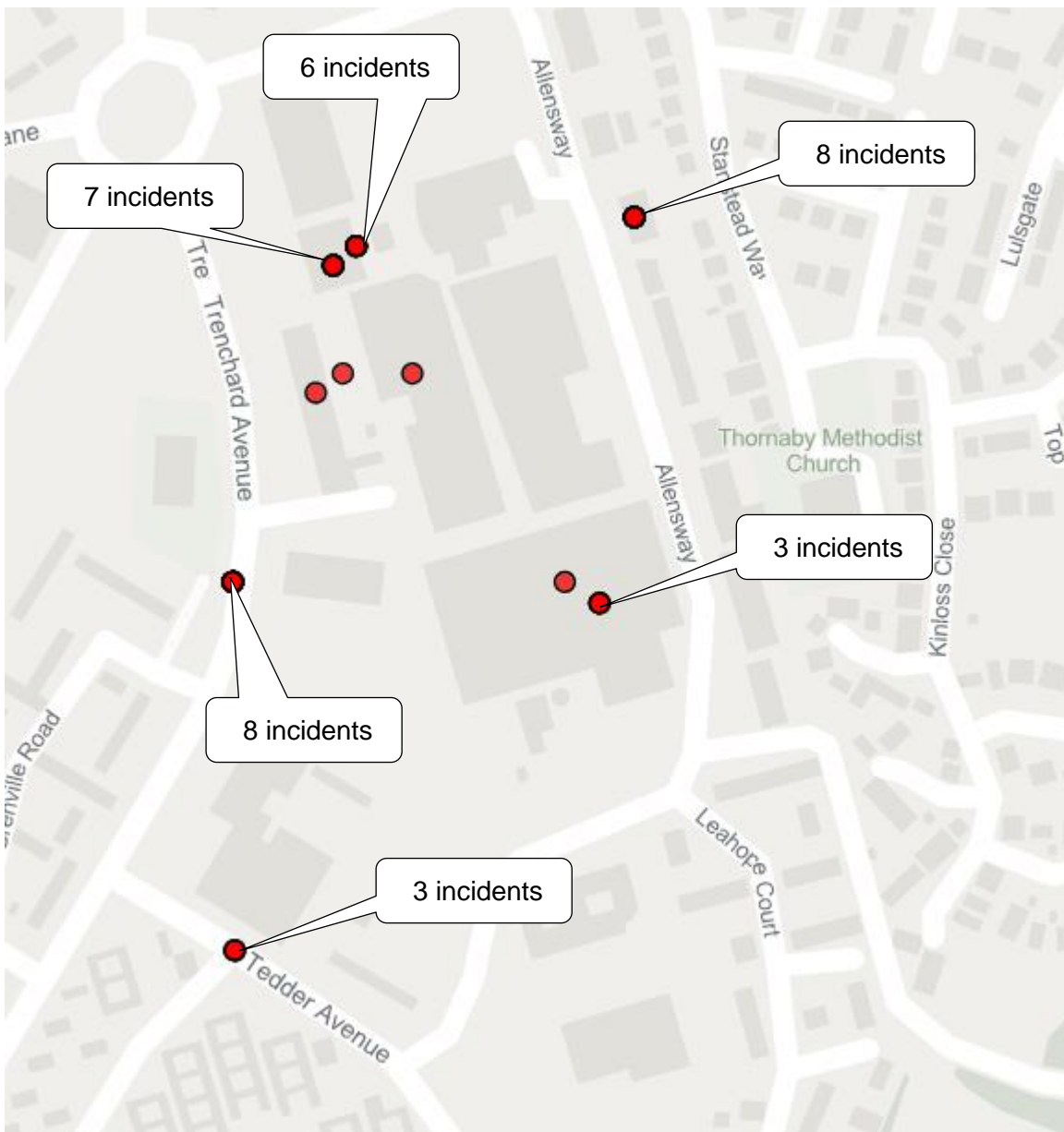
All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 0000 and 2359. Secondary fire incidents occurred between 0000 and 2359. Incidents increased from 1600. 32% of incidents occurred between 1800 and 2059 (26). Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 0000 and 2359. 50% of incidents occurred between 2200 and 0259 (8).

Thornaby Town Centre

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	0	1	0	2	3	3	0
Deliberate Secondary	2	0	8	12	11	8.25	3
Total	2	1	8	14	14	7.8	3

Thornaby Town Centre – 5 years data and financial year to date updated for 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024



Thornaby Town Centre

Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 6 deliberate primary fires and 36 deliberate secondary fires of which 21 refuse, 6 single derelict building, 3 vehicle, 3 litter bin, 2 wheelie bin, 2 recycling container, 2 grassland, 1 hotel, 1 single tree and 1 hedge.

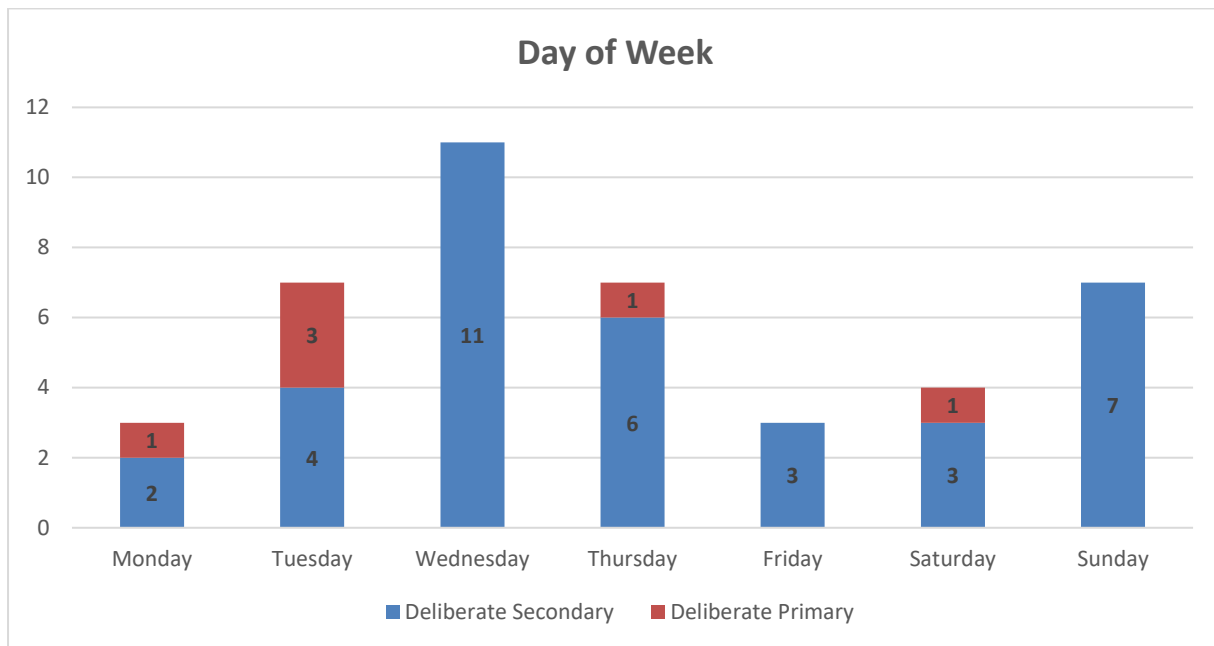
Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F20129004	08/01/2020 17:01	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	B01 - Grassland
F20130881	06/03/2020 16:12	Friday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20140467	07/12/2020 19:19	Monday	ASDA CAR PARK THORNABY STAINSBY HILL ALLENSWAY THORNABY TS179EN	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	148 - Vehicle
F21146649	21/04/2021 19:10	Wednesday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21152941	19/09/2021 14:58	Sunday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21153853	09/10/2021 17:47	Saturday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E13 - Litter Bin
F21154203	17/10/2021 17:06	Sunday	TOWN CENTRE.MITCHELL AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E13 - Litter Bin
F21154603	27/10/2021 17:56	Wednesday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21156543	09/12/2021 20:23	Thursday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F21156761	15/12/2021 20:03	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F22159041	15/02/2022 01:18	Tuesday	ASDA THORNABY.ALLEN SWAY THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22161482	06/04/2022 20:10	Wednesday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22167251	21/07/2022 19:50	Thursday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	B05 - Hedge
F22168056	04/08/2022 20:38	Thursday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22169036	16/08/2022 19:58	Tuesday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22169854	28/08/2022 22:20	Sunday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22170611	14/09/2022 20:20	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22170817	19/09/2022 11:19	Monday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F22171203	28/09/2022 14:49	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F22174457	20/12/2022 01:56	Tuesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	148 - Vehicle
F22174495	20/12/2022 19:59	Tuesday	PAVILION THE.ALLENSWAY THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	152 - Re-cycling container
F23175461	18/01/2023 17:00	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

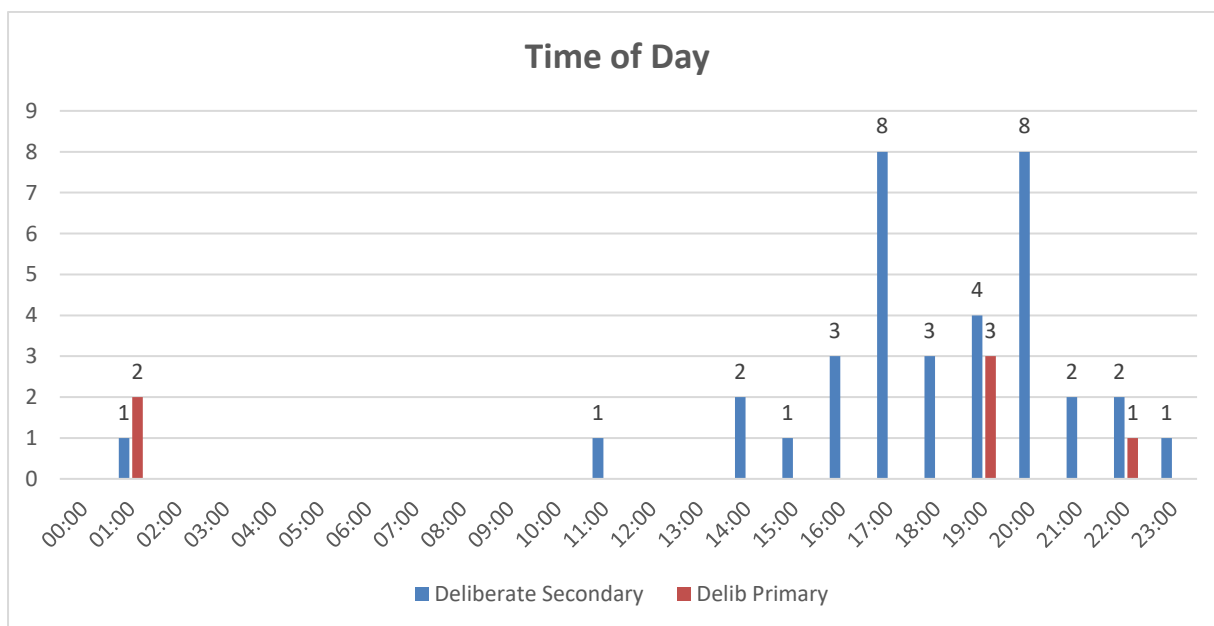
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F23175703	25/01/2023 21:34	Wednesday	HAVILLAND ROAD THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23175895	31/01/2023 18:27	Tuesday	ASDA CAR PARK THORNABY STAINSBY HILL ALLENSWAY THORNABY TS179EN	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23177512	12/03/2023 17:18	Sunday	ELECTRICITY BOARD.TRENCHA RD AVENUE STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F23178484	06/04/2023 01:49	Thursday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	148 - Vehicle
F23181343	11/06/2023 20:32	Sunday	HAVILLAND ROAD THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E13 - Litter Bin
F23181566	15/06/2023 23:11	Thursday	HAVILLAND ROAD THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23181862	21/06/2023 22:58	Wednesday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23182141	27/06/2023 20:49	Tuesday	ASDA CAR PARK THORNABY STAINSBY HILL ALLENSWAY THORNABY TS179EN	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23182331	01/07/2023 22:15	Saturday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	152 - Re-cycling container
F23183233	18/07/2023 19:01	Tuesday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	124 - Hotel
F23183739	31/07/2023 21:46	Monday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F23184090	09/08/2023 18:29	Wednesday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	B09 - Single Tree

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F23186930	15/10/2023 16:21	Sunday	ALLENSWAY STAINSBY HILL THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	B01 - Grassland
F23187543	28/10/2023 17:32	Saturday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F23188967	03/12/2023 20:00	Sunday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F23189084	07/12/2023 16:43	Thursday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F24189926	05/01/2024 17:49	Friday	TRENCHARD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPH - Village	E03 - Wheelie Bin Adj to House
F24194481	09/05/2024 15:59	Thursday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	A01 - Single Derelict Bldg includes Bldg Under Demolition
F24194843	17/05/2024 18:13	Friday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F24196978	06/07/2024 19:35	Saturday	GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL.TRENCHA RD AVENUE THORNABY NEW TOWN THORNABY	00EFPF - Stainsby Hill	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Thornaby Town Centre



During the reporting period incidents were the highest on Wednesdays with 11 incidents. Incidents were the lowest on Mondays and Fridays with 3 incidents each. 26% of incidents occurred on weekends (11).



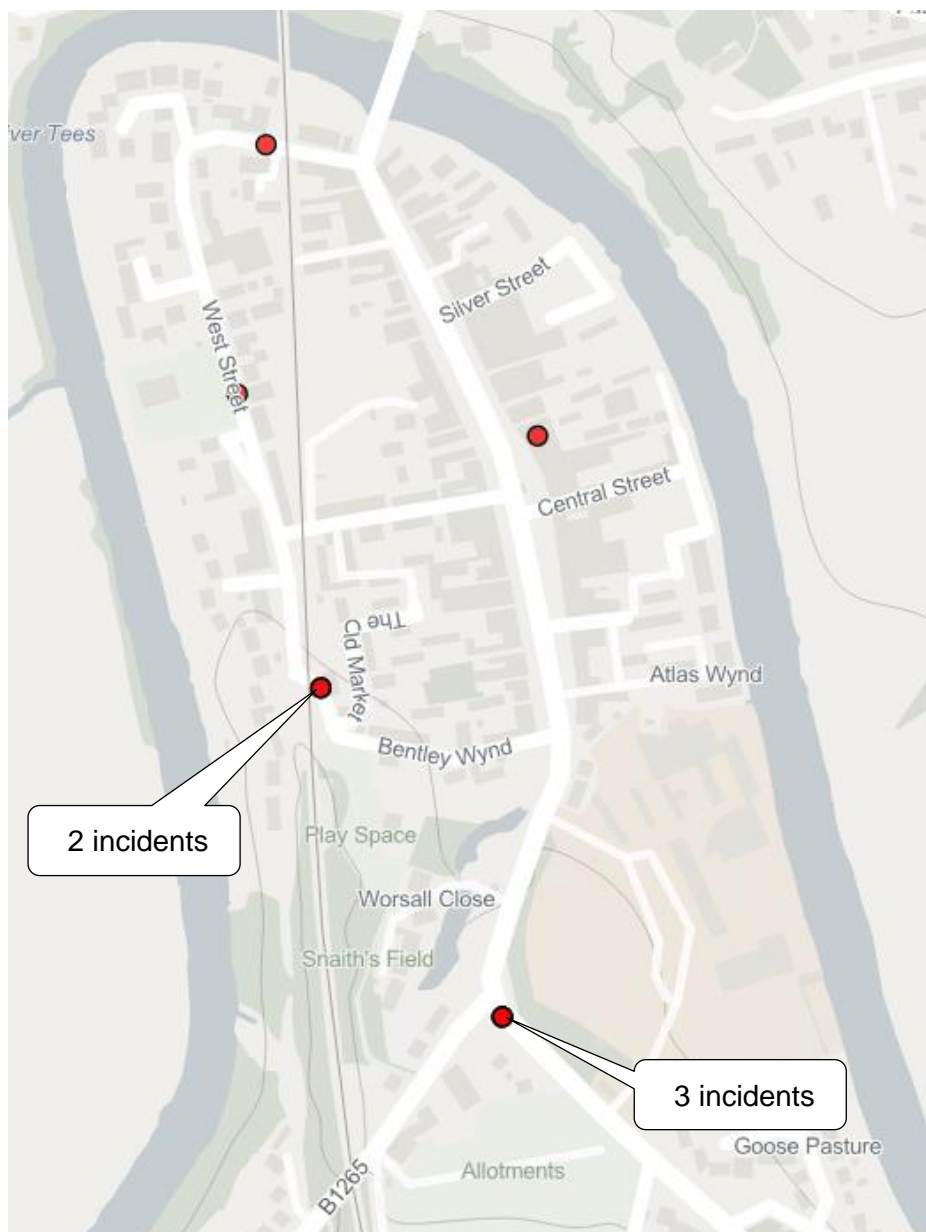
All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 1100 and 0159. Secondary fire incidents occurred between 1100 and 0159. Incidents increased from 1700. 33% of incidents occurred between 1900 and 2059 (12). Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 1900 and 0159. 50% of incidents occurred between 1900 and 1959 (3).

Yarm High Street

Number of Incidents

Incident Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 Year Average	2024-25 YTD
Deliberate Primary	1	0	0	0	1	0.4	0
Deliberate Secondary	1	2	1	1	1	1.2	0
Total	2	2	1	1	0	1.6	0

Yarm High Street – 5 years data and financial year to date updated for 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024

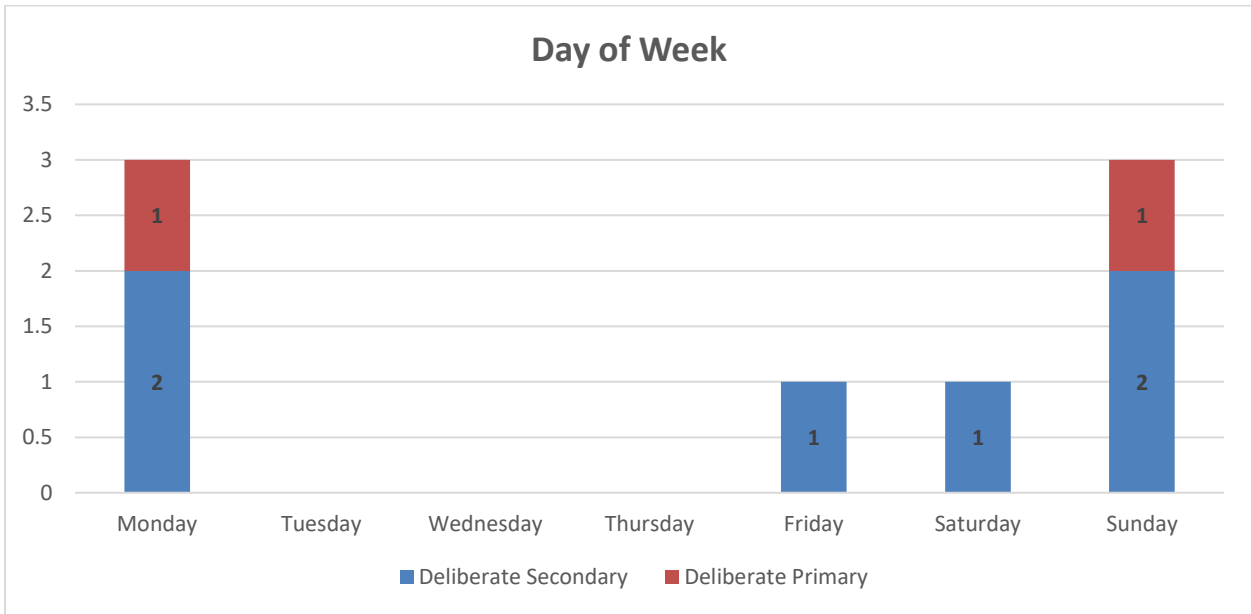


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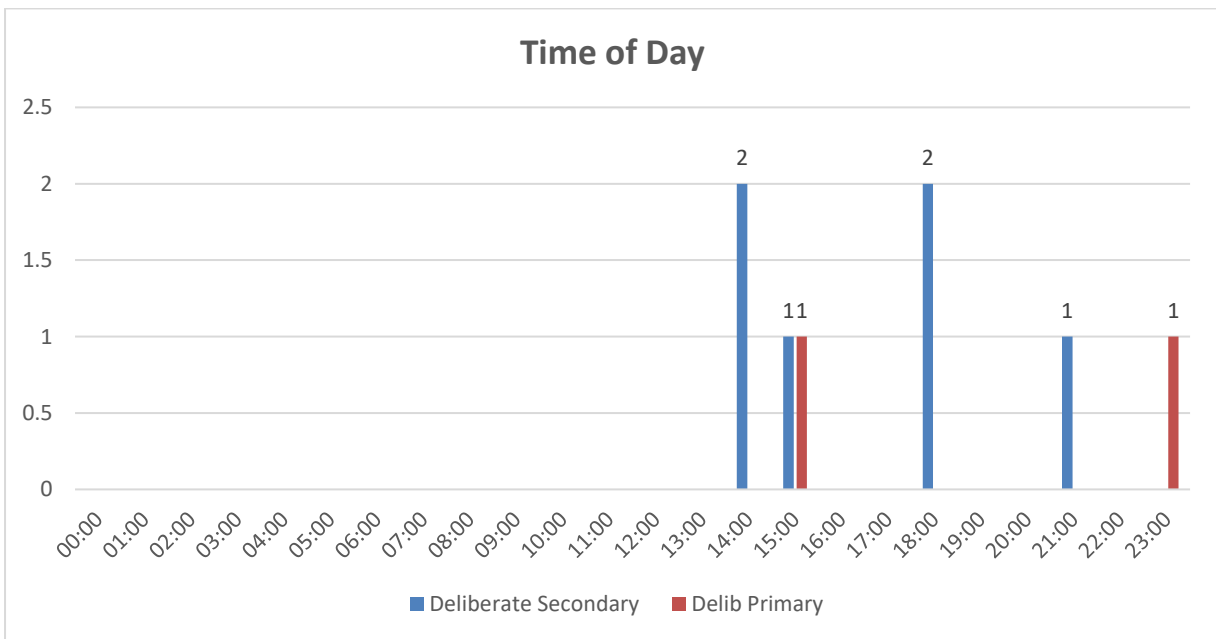
Deliberate Fire Incidents: During the reporting period there have been 2 deliberate primary fires and 6 deliberate secondary fires of which 2 refuse, 2 litter bin, 1 skip, 1 vehicle, 1 shop and 1 playground furniture.

Incident Number	Date	Day	Location	Ward	Sub Type
F19127598	25/11/2019 23:58	Monday	BENTLEY WYND YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	148 - Vehicle
F20130275	15/02/2020 18:26	Saturday	BENTLEY WYND YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F20132547	20/04/2020 14:41	Monday	HIGH STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	E13 - Litter Bin
F20139056	25/10/2020 18:24	Sunday	BRIDGE STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	E01 - Refuse - Non Specific
F21146757	23/04/2021 14:04	Friday	HIGH STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	E13 - Litter Bin
F22167853	01/08/2022 21:58	Monday	HIGH STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	E06 - Skip on Commercial Property
F23179739	07/05/2023 15:09	Sunday	WEST STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	D13 - Playground Furniture
F23179740	07/05/2023 15:45	Sunday	HIGH STREET YARM	00EFPK - Yarm	144 - Shop

Time and day of Incidents (All incidents in reporting period) – Yarm High Street



During the reporting period incidents took place Fridays to Mondays.



All incidents during the reporting period occurred between 1400 and 2359.
 Secondary fire incidents occurred between 1400 and 2159.
 Deliberate primary incidents occurred between 1500 and 2359.



**FIRE INCIDENTS
Stockton District**

Scrutiny Review of Welcoming & Safe Town Centres – Economic Cost of Deliberate Fires

Report produced 18/11/2024

Risk & Performance

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Economic Cost of Deliberate fire incidents on High Streets and Town Centres within Stockton District

The below analyses the Economic Cost of Deliberate Fires by High Street/Town Centres within Stockton District including a combined cost of these areas to the district for reporting period of 01 April 2019 to 31 March and a financial year to date update, for the period 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024.

NB: Economic Cost of Fires is an estimated cost to the economy of Teesside of fire incidents. It is based on a research by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (2004) recast to current day values and covers the Costs in anticipation, consequence costs and cost of response to fire incidents.

High Streets/Town Centres Stockton District	
Buildings & Vehicles	£1,035,166
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£800,444
Total	£1,835,610

Billingham Town Centre	
Buildings & Vehicles	£126,662
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£123,780
Total	£250,442

Ingleby Barwick Town Centre	
Buildings & Vehicles	£54,460
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£107,276
Total	£161,736

Norton High Street	
Buildings & Vehicles	£9,077
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£61,890
Total	£70,967

Stockton High Street	
Buildings & Vehicles	£573,489
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£334,206
Total	£907,695

Thornaby Town Centre	
Buildings & Vehicles	£172,046
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£148,536
Total	£320,582

Yarm High Street	
Buildings & Vehicles	£99,432
All other Fires Not involving Buildings or Vehicles	£24,756
Total	£124,188

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Community Fire Stations work in the six Town Centres of Stockton (2024)

Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).

Safer homes visits – 29% reduction in ADF against national average (Stockton)

- 3815 YTD (October) – 586 partnership referrals, 7925 interventions (SBC, Adult support services/Dolby Vivisol/13 group)
 - Stockton town centre – 1163
 - Ingleby Barwick – 975
 - Yarm – 191
 - Billingham central – 594
 - Thornaby town centre – 1453
 - Norton central – 294

Operational intelligence visits/station risk footprint visits – Upper tier COMAH completed by SM

- 50 Operational Intelligence visits completed YTD safer compliant businesses, better intelligence for operational crews.

Schools' visits – aligned to NFCC themes

- Crews carrying out site visits to nurseries, groups throughout the year.
- Group visits to stations – Beavers, scouts, community groups.

Property risk register – CLO

- Void premises which can attract ASB and fire related activity. The CFB CLO influencing securement of these premises – reduction in fire incidents and saw a reduction since the spike in the summer.

Arson Audit Inspections (AAI) – F3 fires and identifying abandoned vehicles

- Fly tipping report to SBC online.
- Deliberate vehicle fires – joint investigation with Cleveland Police. BWVC/CCTV evidence shared with Police on request to support convictions. Reduction in the last 2 months.

Community Engagement by Fire Station Crews (Q2 only as an example)

- Synthonia Scouts station visit
- Ropner Picnic in The Park event
- Stockton rainbow and brownie visit to station with fire safety in the home talk
- Army Cadet station visit
- Ware Street Day Centre for Adults with Autism visit
- Appliance visit to Grangefield's community centre

- Thornaby crew visit to Hartwell School fete
- Thornaby C of E Primary School fete
- Beckfield's Community Centre fete
- Thornaby attended Picnic in The Park event at Peel Street
- Helifest community event in Thornaby
- **14 separate visits to Stockton and Thornaby stations in Q2**, with crews delivering community safety engagement with the public on fire safety and reducing deliberate fire setting.

Operation Autumnus – bonfire period work with partner agencies.

- Bonfire period plan created by Cleveland Police – supported by CFB bonfire strategy.
- BWVC worn by all OIC, CCTV on appliances - ASB/VTS reported to police. Leading to prosecutions within the District.

Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).

- UKRO event to be held at the Riverside – 2026 still under consideration
- Partnership agreements – Station plans contain the partnership agreement
- Accessing vulnerable groups – station plans assigned to a specific watch – continuous throughout the year.

Stockton Community HUB Work in the Six Areas – (01/01 – 14/11/2024)

Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).

Area	Billingham	Ingleby Barwick	Norton	Stockton Town	Thornaby	Yarm
At Risk Adult Cases	177	15	72	83	51	28
School Sessions / Pupils	11 / 1174	2 / 224	12 / 1049	17 / 2638	3 / 718	5 / 244
Fire Setter Intervention	5	3	4	3	4	1

Events

- Multi Agency Day Of Action – Stockton Town (April)
- Norton Grange Community Pantry Event (May)
- Stockton Town Ward Surgery Event (May)
- Fire Safety Talk - Ingleby Barwick Community Centre (August)
- Stockton Town Community Pop Up Session (September)
- Norton Grange Community Event (October)

Partnership Work

- Joint Advocate Visits with Housing Associations & Social Workers (All Areas)
- Multi Agency Meetings (All Areas)
- Meetings With Local PCSO's (All Areas – Specifically Stockton Town & Billingham)

Risk Reduction Equipment

- Letterbox Locks
- Person Centred RRE

Homelessness Referrals

- CFB have policies and procedures in place to help support individuals when it is identified they may be homeless. This is in the form of onward referrals to the relevant partners.

HAF Programmes

- Stockton x 2 Sessions Delivered

Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).

- Attendance At Partnership Events
 - Multi Agency Wellbeing Event - Stockton Town Centre (4th December)
 - All Together For You Event - Thornaby Family Hub (17th January 2025)

- Staff Walk Arouns In Hotspot Areas

How best can CFB and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the CFB footprint)?

- Continuation Of Public Events & Public Consultations / Surveys
- Case Studies Of Successful Prosecutions For key Areas Of Concerns Residents Have
- Promotion Of Ongoing Work

Stockton Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Work in the Six Areas – (Aug 2023 – Oct 2024)

August 2023

On the 30th of August, a day of action was carried out with Thirteen Housing in and around the Primrose Hill Community Centre. The CLO attended and provided two community skips, to allow residents to remove unwanted waste. The area was leafleted with CFB Safer Homes leaflets and Fire Stoppers leaflets, and a community litter pick was conducted around the streets.

September 2023

Attended Stockton TCG meeting - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

Attended Clear Hold Build Partnership Meeting - To reduce crime and antisocial behaviours and build an improved and sustained safer community across Parkfield and Oxbridge.

Attended Bonfire Strategy planning with SBC - Bonfire leaflet creation to deliver in hotspot areas ready for bonfire night

October 2023

Attended Stockton TCG meeting - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

Stockton JAG Meeting – This meeting includes:

- Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues, particularly in town centres, and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners.
- Set out actions against those who are causing anti-social behaviour in the community.
- Support victims of ASB and related crime, particularly vulnerable victims.
- Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) in the coordination of tasks for the need of disruption and intelligence gathering for those being, or at risk of being exploited through contextual safeguarding.
- Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees, including town centres, and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.
- Identify and refer offenders to Integrated Offender Management (IOM).

Attended Clear Hold Build Partnership Meeting - To reduce crime and antisocial behaviours and build an improved and sustained safer community across Parkfield and Oxbridge.

Arlington Park pop-up shop - ARLINGTON park Site pop up shop that is hosted by Corner house youth project on the 28th of October. The CLO attended and distributed leaflets and interacted with residents regarding the risks of fire and deliberate fire setting.

November 2023

Attended Operation Autumnus debrief - Debrief on how the approach and delivery of Operation Autumnus and bonfire period went. Gave a quick overview on our call outs and will update group with full stats once R+P have collated them.

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Attended Arlington Park pop-up shop - ARLINGTON park Site pop up shop that is hosted by Corner house youth project on the 2nd of November. I attended and distributed leaflets and interacted with residents regarding the risks of fire and deliberate fire setting.

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

Leaflets drops hotspot areas bonfire night - Stockton, Hardwick Area – Safer Homes and Fire Stoppers leaflets:

- Tith Barn Road
- Cockerton Walk
- Cocken Road
- Coniscliffe Road
- Crookhall Walk
- Coxgreen Close
- Cornsay Close
- Cowpen Crescent
- Copley Close
- cleatlam Close
- Celadon Walk
- Coatham Road
- Scurfield Road
- Wolviston Walk

January 2024

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

February 2024

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

March 2024

Targeted areas with recent wheelie bins fires with wheelie bin stickers - Stockton, 292. Impact, visual approach and speaking to residents to highlight our concerns with the number of wheelie bin fires in their areas:

- Braemar Road
- Mallaig View
- Low Grange Avenue
- George Stephenson Boulevard
- Leven Road
- Escomb Close
- Tilery Way
- Valiant Way

April 2024

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

May 2024

Corporate empty homes meeting – CLO attended the Corporate Empty Homes Meeting to look at the empty homes and building in the Stockton district. At this meeting the CLO pass on any concerns crews have passed to me with regards to empty/ nuisance properties in the area.

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June 2024

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Corporate empty homes meeting – The CLO attend the Corporate Empty Homes Meeting to look at the empty homes and building in the Stockton district. At this meeting I pass on any concerns crews have passed to me with regards to empty/ nuisance properties in the area.

July 2024

Visit to Farooq Mosque Community event, Stockton - Farooq E Azam Mosque & Islamic Centre Project Harmony event, with some family fun as well as support services. Community engagement event with partners offering fire safety advice to local resident.

Attended Stockton JAG - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

Thornaby litter picking group, Thornaby Town Centre - CFB also had a stall in the recent Volunteers Day held by Stockton Council.

Attended Going for Gold Stockton event, Stockton High Street - This was a free Family fun day held on Stockton High Street. The Going for Gold Family Fun Day is part of a programme of Here to Help events coordinated by the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees and Community Engagement Teams in response to the Cost-of-Living situation.

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

August 2024

Norton Market Litter Picking event, Norton High Street

Attended Stockton TCG - The main objective of the assessment is to assist senior managers, through a tactical Tasking & Coordination Group, in aligning resources to priorities.

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October 2024

Attended Stockton JAG Meeting - Review cases of ASB, including hate incidents and local crime issues and direct actions through a multi-agency approach to resolve and support both residents and partners. Support Multi Agency Child Exploitation. Focus on ASB hotspots across Stockton on Tees and work as a collective partnership to a holistic approach for both people and places.

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Stockton Community HUB Work in the Six Areas – (01/01 – 31/07/2024)

Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).

ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

CFB Commissioned Services have been commissioned by Stockton Borough Council to deliver road safety education in identified primary schools across Stockton. Between Jan – July 2024, we delivered education to the following schools sharing key road safety messages including 'The Green Cross Code, Be Bright Be Seen, the dangers of distractions:

1. Bewley Primary School
2. Bowesfield Primary School
3. Christ The King R C Primary School
4. Durham Lane Primary School
5. Hardwick Green Primary Academy
6. Harewood Primary School
7. Harrow Gate Primary Academy
8. High Clarence Primary School
9. Mandale Mill Primary School
10. Mill Lane Primary School
11. Norton Primary Academy
12. Oakdene Primary School
13. Oxbridge Lane Primary School
14. Rosebrook Primary School
15. St Bede's Catholic Academy
16. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
17. St Cuthberts Catholic Primary School
18. St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
19. The Oak Tree Academy
20. Tilery Primary School

In the current academic year, we will be delivering to the following schools across Stockton:

1. Bader Primary
2. Barley Fields Primary
3. Conyers Primary
4. Crooksbarne Primary
5. Egglecliffe Primary
6. Fairfield Primary
7. Fredrick Nattress Primary
8. Hartburn Primary
9. Ingleby Mill Primary
10. Junction Farm Primary
11. Kirklevington Primary
12. Layfield Primary
13. Pentland Primary

14. Prior's Mill Primary
15. St Gregory Primary
16. The Glebe Primary
17. Wolviston Primary
18. William Cassidi Primary
19. Whitehouse Primary
20. St Paul's Primary

We have introduced evaluation and quality assurance procedures for the current school year and have some of that feedback starting to come in, which is available upon request.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY GRANT

Commissioned Services were provided with a grant by Northern Gas Networks to deliver education sessions around the dangers of carbon monoxide. Youth Engagement department delivered a session to a group of young people from Stockton Preventions on 18/08/24. Preventions is set up to work with young people known to be involved with antisocial behaviour. We were able to deliver some fire safety and carbon monoxide safety messages, while engaging the group with firefighting drills and group work.

STAY SAFE AND WARM

Project is launched annually (20 years), launched this year on 01/10/24, and is fully supported and part funded by Stockton Borough Council. Project designed to work together with the local authorities to keep residents safe and warm in their own homes, by delivering Safer Homes Visits to every household referred and giving specific advice and equipment around keeping warm safely. We also refer onto partner agencies where appropriate for additional support.

ARSON REDUCTION SMALL GRANTS

In 2023, CFB Commissioned Services issued grants to the following agencies across Stockton, to deliver their projects over a 12-month period:

- Corner House Youth Project – delivering detached youth work to engage young people in Stockton Town Centre and engage them in positive, diversionary activity. We also issued a Flash Round Group to Corner House for their Celebration event.
- Happy Cactus – We issued a small grant to Happy Cactus to work with Corner House Youth Project to engage young people and invite them to take up weightlifting sessions.
- Billingham Boxing Academy – We issued a small grant to Billingham Boxing Academy to enable them to offer boxing training sessions to young people who would otherwise struggle to afford them.

Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).

Currently, CFB Commissioned Services don't have anything planned which is focussed on Stockton Town Centre. Stay Safe and Warm, and road safety education, will continue to be delivered, but they don't focus on the town centre per say. Future work with Stockton No Limits is being developed to look at offering kitchen safety sessions to care leavers, all of whom attend will be issued with an air fryer to help them cook safely in their own homes, when they leave statutory care.

How best can CFB and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the CFB footprint)?

- Community consultation, ask what do local people want? What would make them feel safer? Then, where appropriate, act on that feedback.
- An investment in high quality professional youth work.

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Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres – Billingham Town Council

From Billingham Town Council's perspective, what are the main issues regarding Billingham town centre safety and what has the Town Council done to address these (including any impact)?

The main issue for Billingham town centre is antisocial behaviour and vandalism from younger people. Another issue is shop lifting however, because this happens in the shops, this does not directly affect the people walking through the centre.

The Town Council does not address these issues, if anything is reported to us, we pass the information over to the town centre management.

What is the Town Council's relationship with SBC like – is this enabling / inhibiting progress on making Billingham town centre more welcoming / safe (please provide any examples)?

The Town Council invites the Stockton Borough Council Ward Councillors for Billingham to its Full Council meetings, to give updates on what is happening in the individual wards. There are also 5 members of the Town Council who are Stockton Borough Councillors.

The Town Council is made aware of consultations etc, however we also find out a lot of information from local residents and social media.

What feedback is the Town Council receiving from residents / businesses in terms of the Billingham town centre environment?

Residents have expressed concerns that the town centre feels unwelcoming and lacks safety, with a general perception of it been dull and grey.

There is a strong desire for a greater variety of shops, including independent retailers which could offer a unique shopping experience distinct from typical high street offerings to attract out of town visitors.

They would also like an improvement to the quality of the buildings, making the town centre more visually appealing, and advocate for reinstating the flats above the shops to increase activity in the area.

No car parking charges to encourage more visitors and boost local businesses.

More of a leisure offer to boost nighttime/weekend activity, especially with having the Forum next to the site.

Against the redevelopment of the existing town centre site for housing.

What should be the future priorities in making Billingham town centre as welcoming and safe as possible?

Extra security presence, especially on an evening. Good lighting. More of a leisure offer, places for people to eat etc on an evening increasing the nighttime economy and activity. Making the town centre more visually appealing. More people around, a busier town centre could possibly mean less antisocial behaviour.

Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres – Ingleby Barwick Town Council

- From Ingleby Barwick Town Council’s perspective, what are the main issues regarding Ingleby Barwick town centre safety and what has the Town Council done to address these (including any impact)?
- What is the Town Council’s relationship with SBC like – is this enabling / inhibiting progress on making Ingleby Barwick town centre more welcoming / safe (please provide any examples)?
- What feedback is the Town Council receiving from residents / businesses in terms of the Ingleby Barwick town centre environment?
- What should be the future priorities in making Ingleby Barwick town centre as welcoming and safe as possible?

Ingleby Barwick town centre is very different from the town centres in Billingham, Thornaby and Yarm in that it is spread out and not localised. In addition to the Tesco Supermarket and Myton Shops it also consists of shopping parades at Lowfields, Beckfields and Sandgate.

Town Centre crime has been identified as being minimal by SBC Community Safety Team whom the Town Council have an excellent working relationship with and have done for a number of years.

Almost a third of the Town Council precept is spent on SBC Community Safety for the use of Enforcement, CCTV and Monitoring. We have in the past had small pockets of Anti Social Behaviour and more recently the use of electric bikes and scooters. We strongly advise the public to report any aspect of these behaviours to the Civic Enforcement Team. We have a representation from Community Safety at the monthly Town Council Meetings as part of our Service Level Agreement.

Communication from Local residents is low with regards to town centre safety – the main gripe is the lack of Christmas decorations in comparison to other town centres. We have pursued this over a number of years having budgeted for lights for the past two years. I am informed that an audit of lights has been undertaken and costings for new lights will be provided in the new year. The Town Council welcome this, moving forward.

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Community Safety Select Committee
Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres
Outline Scope

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<p>Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</p> <p>The review will contribute to all three of the Council Plan 2023-2026 key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm</i> • <i>A place with a thriving economy where everyone has opportunities to succeed</i> • <i>A place that is clean, vibrant and attractive</i>

<p>What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?</p> <p>For several years now, debate has ensued over the future purpose and provision of town centres across the UK, with Local Authorities and their numerous partners considering the ways in which they can make these locations as appealing as possible within the context of a tough financial landscape. In related matters, the issue of town centre safety has drawn recent national attention, with significant concerns raised around reported increases in shoplifting, rising incidences of violence and abuse of shop staff, and police / community support officer numbers (UK Parliament - Town Centre Safety (Dec 23)).</p> <p>As Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) progresses with the redevelopment of its six town centres, fostering feelings of safety and creating welcoming spaces are crucial for several reasons. A safe environment encourages residents and visitors to engage in activities, boosting economic vitality through increased footfall and business opportunities. A welcoming town centre also promotes community cohesion and pride, attracting investment but also encouraging a sense of belonging amongst residents. Cultivating and developing a positive perception of the Borough's town centres is an essential component of the Council's regeneration strategy.</p> <p>Over recent years, a significant amount of work has gone into supporting Stockton-on-Tees town centres, both from a regeneration investment perspective and a community safety standpoint. A substantial amount of investment has been made in community safety measures such as new CCTV cameras and the provision of additional Civic Enforcement Officers to patrol and work with key stakeholders to problem-solve issues. Furthermore, last year saw the introduction of the Council's first Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to tackle aggressive begging and street drinking in both Stockton Town Centre and Norton Village.</p>
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<p>These measures, alongside additional support from SBCs strategic partners, have resulted in sustained reductions in key areas of crime and disorder. Despite this, however, the public perception of town centre safety continues to be poor amongst prospective visitors and also commercial investors.</p> <p>This review provides an opportunity to scrutinise what is currently in place in terms of promoting safety in town centres and how effective the measures are in addressing crime and disorder, whilst also further exploring what more can be done to positively promote the Borough's town centre spaces to address negative perceptions and improve feelings of safety.</p> <p>The main aims for this review will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish the key issues within each of the Borough's six town centres with regards safety.• Understand the measures already in place to address these issues and ascertain any gaps in future plans.• Identify any potential learning from other parts of the UK.
<p>The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:</p> <p>What is meant by the term 'welcoming' in relation to the Borough's town centres?</p> <p>What has the Council and its partners done to make its town centres more welcoming and safer (inc. impact of recent PSPO implementation)? How effective have these been?</p> <p>What safety issues (real or perceived) are specific to the six town centres across the Borough; what is stopping residents / visitors wanting to access these locations? What data is available to support / contradict these concerns?</p> <p>Do town centre businesses consider their location as welcoming and safe? What issues, if any, do they feel need addressing; could they assist with any of these themselves?</p> <p>How is the grant funding allocated to the Cleveland PCC area as part of the latest Safer Streets Fund (round five) being used to improve safety within the Borough?</p> <p>What is the role of the Stockton Safety Partnership (SSP) in relation to this scrutiny topic?</p> <p>How can this review contribute to / complement the ongoing SBC <i>Powering Our Future</i> Community Safety and Regulated Services project?</p> <p>How does / can the Council utilise the local voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector to support welcoming and safe town centres?</p> <p>What can the Council learn from the approach of other Local Authorities?</p>
<p>Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?</p> <p>Council, Cabinet, SBC partners, businesses, public.</p>
<p>Expected duration of review and key milestones:</p> <p>7 months (report to Cabinet in February 2025)</p>

What information do we need?	
Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Association (LGA): Revitalising town centres (May 18) Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP): Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Strategy 2022-2025 GOV.UK: Safer Streets Fund (Oct 23) 	
<i>Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</i>	<i>What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?</i>
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety and Regulated Services Public Health Town Centres Development Inclusive Growth and Development Ward Councillors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues being highlighted for each town centre Safety initiatives implemented and the impact Role of SSP in this scrutiny topic Influencing community safety / violence prevention Plans for / progress on town centre investment and making these spaces welcoming / safe Feedback from public
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town centre priorities / plans Safer Streets Fund – impact within Borough
Cleveland Police Cleveland Fire Authority / Brigade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town centre crime / disorder data Safety initiatives implemented and the impact Past / future partnership-working with SBC
Town Councils Business Forums / Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues regarding town centre safety and measures taken to address these Past / future partnership-working with SBC
Catalyst / VCSE Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing VCSE involvement How the VCSE could further support efforts
Residents / Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views on / barriers to accessing town centres
Other Local Authority Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives to improve views of town centres and / or tackle negative perceptions
How will this information be gathered? (eg. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)	
Committee meetings, reports, research, existing public feedback, site visits (TBC).	

<p>How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?</p> <p>Committee meetings, information submissions.</p>
<p>How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?</p> <p>The Public Sector Equality Duty requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. This review will be mindful of these factors.</p>
<p>How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?</p> <p><u>Stockton Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): Crime:</u> Crime and the fear of crime are key factors that affect people's quality of life and sense of wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023: All people in Stockton-on-Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities:</u> Health and wellbeing are influenced by the environment in which people grow up, live, work and spend their leisure time and by how safe people feel in their communities.</p>
<p>Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:</p> <p>An assessment of the effectiveness of local community safety measures and recommendations on what more could potentially be done to address public concerns (whether real or perceived).</p>

Project Plan

Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	May 2024	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	29.05.24	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	13.06.24	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	TBC	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence	SBC Community Safety and Regulated Services	11.07.24	Select Committee
	SBC Town Centres Dev. SBC Public Health / CGL	26.09.24	
	Office of the PCC Cleveland Police	24.10.24	
	Cleveland Fire Brigade Town Councils	28.11.24	
	Business Forums / Groups	09.01.25	
	Catalyst / VCSE Sector Other Local Authorities	23.01.25	
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	27.02.25	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	March 2025	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	TBC	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	27.03.25	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	[20.05.25]	Executive Scrutiny Committee

Report to Cabinet / Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	17.04.25	Cabinet / Approving Body
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STOCKTON HOME SAFETY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday 12 March 2024.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy (Chair), Cllr John Gardner.

Officers: Paul Chiver, John Devine.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Allison Lilliendahl, Andrea Gledhill and Paul Bell.

SHA/27/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SHA/28/23 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 12th December 2024.

SHA/29/23 Report of the Trading Standards Officer

Officers informed members of work which had been carried out with the Police, in which Shops were searched for tobacco offenses. Two of the shops which were visited would be served closure orders following the searches with a third having failed a test purchase.

A suggested ban on disposable Vapes could be going forward nationally with it being made a possible offense to sell. But there has been progress on the banning of certain flavoured vapes which appealed to children. Suggested had also been made to force sellers to store Vapes out of sight similar to how Tobacco products are stored.

The disposal of Vapes which had been seized was also discussed, Officers explained to members that due to the built-in batteries of Vapes it is difficult to dispose of. But Stockton Council had worked with other Local Authorities to share the cost for pick up and disposal.

Members expressed an interest in Officers to pass on an update report on the issues and work done around Vaping to the Safer Stockton Partnership group or the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SHA/30/23 Report of the Home Safety Officer - Children's Services

No Officer was present at the meeting, but a short update was circulated to members.

SHA/31/23 Report of the One Call Officer

No Officer was present for the meeting, it was agreed that the report would be deferred until the next meeting.

SHA/32/23 Other Business

There was no other business brought to the attention of members.

SHA/33/23 Work Programme

The work programme was discussed and would be brought to the next meeting.

STOCKTON HOME SAFETY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Present: Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Nigel Cooke .

Officers: Allison Lilliendahl, Andrea Gledhill, John Devine.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Sufi Mubeen.

SHA/1/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SHA/2/24 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 12th December 2024.

Agreed that the minutes were a true record.

SHA/3/24 Report of the Trading Standards Officer

Officers presented an update report to members which outlined work which had been undertaken since the last meeting. Several closure orders had been obtained against shops selling illicit tobacco and oversized vapes.

Test purchases had been made following complaints of underage sales and sales of counterfeit cigarettes, with the seizures of the illicit tobacco and vapes providing evidence to the courts to issue closure orders.

Officers also informed members of work which was underway in regards to E-Bikes and Scooters. The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) asked Trading Standards to identify local repairers and modifiers and approach them with guidance on safe repairs etc. while also checking that they are competent in the relevant safety standards and are know their obligations under the legislation.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SHA/4/24 Report of the Home Safety Officer - Children's Services

Officers continued to run the popular Family Safety Sessions, 12 plus sessions are also held in the four family hubs.

Offices had begun to work with local Brownie groups to deliver sessions on basic first aid and other life skills. The groups are for the ages of 7 to 10, with the sessions mostly covering who to contact in emergencies and what positions can be used to help for choking, minor bleeding and how to use the recovery position.

Members noted the report.

SHA/5/24 Report of the One Call Officer

No Officer was present at the meeting, Members agreed to defer the report till the next meeting.

SHA/6/24 Other Business

Members suggested that Officers who would be unable to attend meetings could prepare written reports instead. Democratic Services would contact Officers and make the suggestion on behalf of Members.

Also discussed was that due to the General Election it would be too late to organise the annual Homes Safety Town Centre Event this year, but Members would push the item to next year on the work programme.

Members noted the discussion.

SHA/7/24 Work Programme

Members noted the work programme.

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Date (4.30pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
25 April	Review of Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Draft) Final Report 	Cllr Clare Gamble / Cllr Steve Nelson / Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE / Neil Mitchell
23 May	CANCELLED	
13 June	Monitoring: Action Plan - Outdoor Play Provision Monitoring: Progress Update – Tree Asset Management Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Draft) Scope and Project Plan 	Graham Clingan Dale Rowbotham Marc Stephenson
11 July	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC Community Safety and Regulated Services 	Sharon Cooney / Stephen Donaghy / Leanne Maloney-Kelly
26 September	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC Town Centres Development • SBC Public Health / CGL 	Iain Robinson / Marc Bould Sarah Bowman-Abouna / Mandy MacKinnon / Oliver Metcalf
24 October	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland • Cleveland Police Minutes of the Safer Stockton Partnership (March, May & July 2024)	Matt Storey John Wrintmore / Andy Evans
28 November	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleveland Fire Brigade • Town Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Billingham ○ Ingleby Barwick ○ Thornaby ○ Yarm (TBC) Minutes of the Stockton Home Safety Association (March & June 2024)	Alan Turner Dee Smith (written submission) TBC TBC
19 December	CANCELLED	
9 January	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Forums / Groups (TBC) • Ward Councillor Survey Feedback 	

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	Minutes of the Safer Stockton Partnership (October & November 2024)	
23 January	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalyst (TBC) • Other Local Authority Initiatives (TBC) 	
27 February	Overview Report: Adults, Health and Wellbeing (TBC) Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC 	
27 March	Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC 	

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- Welcoming and Safe Town Centres

Monitoring Items (scheduled / to be scheduled)

- Fly-Grazed Horses (Progress Update) – TBC
- Tree Asset Management (Progress Update) – TBC (early-2025)
- Outdoor Play Provision (Progress Update) – TBC (mid-2025)

Other Information Sources / Updates

- **Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP):** The SSP is the local community safety partnership and works together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) – meeting dates, agendas and minutes can be accessed via <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Cid=1144&Year=0>. Every three years, the SSP undertake a Crime and Disorder Audit and, following public consultation, produce a Community Safety Plan which sets out how agencies within the Partnership intend to achieve targets in crime reduction – the latest version is the [Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Strategy 2022-2025](#). Government is consulting on part two of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Review, with Councils giving input into the Local Government Association’s (LGA) response – there is appetite amongst Councils for a more fundamental look at the partnership duty landscape and how CSPs work with Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).
- **Serious Violence Duty:** The Duty (Aug 22) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-factsheets/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-serious-violence-duty-factsheet> and associated guidance (Dec 22): https://www.gov.uk/government/news/efforts-to-tackle-serious-violence-and-homicide-stepped-up?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=66d44b4c-9d22-4f1d-aed7-517818847183&utm_content=immediately. The Home Office plan to update the guidance to the Serious Violence Duty (SVD) – the LGA will be giving views (Councils have contributed to this).

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- **Martyn's Law:** ([The Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Draft Bill](#)) has recently (May 23) been published, which will introduce new requirements for those responsible for certain public premises or events to take protective security measures to mitigate against terrorist attacks. Also known as Martyn's Law, this will likely have a number of implications for Councils. Further details can also be found on [the Home Office's Martyn's Law factsheet](#). The LGA has recently (Apr 23) published [a case study highlighting how Manchester Council](#) has embedded the principles of Martyn's Law into their licensing process.
- **Modern Slavery:** [New modern slavery risk assessment and due diligence guidance for local authority commissioners of adult social care](#), produced by the University of Nottingham Rights Lab in tandem with the LGA, was published in October 2023 - it provides advice on to how to set up effective local systems to identify and manage the risks of modern slavery in adult social care. The LGA has established a modern slavery network for council officers leading on work to tackle modern slavery – the network meets quarterly via Teams and aims to share good practice and discuss current issues. In March 2024, the Home Office [published data on the number of potential victims of modern slavery](#) referred into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) or via the Duty to Notify (DtN) process in 2023. 17,004 potential victims of modern slavery were referred to the Home Office in 2023. The number of referrals for females were at their highest on record, as were the number of referrals for child potential victims. The most common nationality referred in 2023 was UK.
- **Youth Offending:** *Turnaround* is a voluntary youth early intervention programme led by the Ministry of Justice. The programme provides multi-year grant funding to Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) across England and Wales until March 2025, enabling them to intervene earlier and improve outcomes for children on the cusp of entering the youth justice system. The eligibility criteria for *Turnaround* includes; children involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) – ranging from coming to notice for repeated involvement in ASB up to and including receiving a Civil Order for ASB. The Ministry of Justice is encouraging all community safety teams to engage with their local YOT Manager or Management Board to discuss a referral pathway for eligible children so they can be offered support via *Turnaround*.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman issued a press release in August 2023 expressing concern that [Councils were not doing enough to help victims of ASB](#). The Ombudsman has also produced a [learning lessons from complaints about antisocial behaviour](#) document which includes scrutiny questions for Councillors. The [ASB Action Plan](#) has since been updated (March 2024).
- **CONTEST:** In July 2023, the Government published its [updated counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST](#), which judges that risks from terrorism are rising. In related matters, SBC rolled-out mandatory staff training around the Prevent and Protect duty at the end of April 2023. In March 2024, the Government [published a new definition of extremism](#), updating the one in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and to reflect the evolution of extremist ideologies and the social harms they create. The Government also recently published a [progress report one year on from the publication of the Independent Review of Prevent](#). This sets out that 30 of the 34 recommendations are now complete, including updated statutory guidance, training and the assessment framework, the launch of a new [Standards and Compliance Unit \(STaCU\)](#) to handle complaints and provide oversight.

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- **Fire & Rescue:** [State of Fire & Rescue 2022](#) - His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services Annual Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England. Arson and deliberate fire setting remain a significant issue for Cleveland Fire Brigade with Cleveland being the arson capital of the UK – in October 2022, Cleveland Fire Brigade [appealed for everyone to become a FireStopper in a new bid to reduce arson and violent attacks on Firefighters](#).
- **Shoplifting:** Police to treat shoplifting like organised crime (BBC online article published in October 2023): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-67191793>. In November 2024, it was reported that incidents of shoplifting had reached a 20-year high, according to figures recorded by the police. A survey of shopkeepers by the Association of Convenience Stores found that 94 per cent felt that the problem had worsened in the last 12 months: [Sky: 'We need help': Workers say shoplifting is 'out of control' after surge in brazen thefts](#).
- **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:** The Government has added the XL Bully breed type to the list of dogs banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in England and Wales. From 31 December 2023, breeding, selling, exchanging, advertising, rehoming, gifting, abandoning, and allowing an XL Bully dog to stray will be illegal, and these dogs must be muzzled and on a lead in public. From 1 February 2024 it will be a criminal offence to own an XL Bully in England and Wales unless the owner has a Certificate of Exemption. [Defra has published further information about how to prepare for the ban which will be updated regularly](#), and they will continue engagement with stakeholders. In March 2024, the LGA wrote to Council chief finance officers on behalf of DEFRA about new burdens funding relating to the XL Bully Ban for 2023-24.
- **Licensing:** [Legislation has been introduced into Parliament to amend the Licensing Act 2003](#) so that it is easier to get changes to licensing hours for special events or occasions, such as significant sporting events, through Parliament. The Bill is more concerned with parliamentary process than the contents of the Licensing Act itself. The Local Government Association (LGA) understands this legislation has Government support, so is likely to complete its parliamentary stages and become law. The British Beer & Pub Association has [produced advice for licensees showing European Championship football matches](#) – this is an update of the previous World Cup guidance.
- **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs):** The LGA and DAC conducted a survey regarding DHRs - [the results can be found on the LGA website](#). The LGA, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) and Domestic Abuse Commissioner (DAC) have established a forum to share best practice and act as a platform for government changes in relation to domestic and related death homicide. So far there has been one meeting and 132 people have volunteered to take part.
- **Float to Live campaign:** The [RNLI's Float to Live campaign](#) took place on 21 May 2024. The ['float to live' message has saved lives](#), and the RNLI is keen for Councils to support the campaign to raise more awareness amongst local communities. It has produced [a free social media toolkit](#) which may be of interest to Council communications team.
- **Fires involving e-bikes and e-scooters:** The Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) has written to heads of trading standards, asking that, where resources and prioritisation allow, Trading Standards services identify and inspect bike repair businesses and where possible inform OPSS of their findings.

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- **Khan Review:** Dame Sara Khan has published her [independent review into social cohesion and resilience](#). Recommendations include the establishment of a new Office for Social Cohesion and Democratic Resilience (OSCDR), a 5-year Social Cohesion and Democratic Resilience Strategy (SCDR) and Action Plan, and that Government should better engage with Local Authorities over actions that could undermine social cohesion – for example in relation to asylum dispersal.
- **Taxi Licensing:** An [HMRC consultation](#) ended on 8 August 2024 on the VAT implications of court judgements that proposes abolishing the current licensing system, which differentiates between Taxis and PHVs, and moving to a single-tier system. The LGA will respond.
- **Safe Access Zones Around Abortion Clinics:** Councils have been contacting the LGA regarding Safe Access Zones around abortion clinics. The LGA have been engaging with government to ensure safe access zones can be established. Legislation will come into force from 31 October 2024 and will make it illegal for anyone to do anything that intentionally or recklessly influences someone's decision to use abortion services, obstructs them, or causes harassment or distress to someone using or working at these premises. The law will apply within a 150-metre radius of the abortion service provider. The College of Policing and the Crown Prosecution Service will be publishing operational guidance to ensure there is clarity and consistency with the enforcement of the new offence. Further information is available at: [Protection zones around abortion clinics in place by October - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).
- **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland:** Further information on the office of the PCC can be found on via <https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/commissioner/office/> - this includes engagement with the **Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (PCP)**. Access to PCP agendas and papers can be found via <https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/commissioner/office/the-work-of-cleveland-police-and-crime-panel/>.

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