

**To: The Chairman and Members of the
Safer Communities Sub-Committee**

**(Councillors D Humphreys, D Clews, Davey, Farrow,
Gosling, Jarvis, Jordan, Moss, Osborne, Parker and O
Phillips)**

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SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

16 March 2023

The Safer Communities Sub-Committee will meet on Thursday 16
March 2023 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at The Council
House, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

The meeting can also be viewed on the Council's YouTube
channel at [NorthWarks - YouTube](#).

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.**
- 2 Apologies for Absence / Members away on official
Council business.**
- 3 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

4 **Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 14 November 2022** – copy herewith, to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 **Public Participation**

Up to twenty minutes will be set aside for members of the public to put questions to elected Members.

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- (a) attend the meeting in person at the Council Chamber;
- (b) attend remotely via Teams; or
- (c) request that the Chair reads out their written question.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)

- 6 **Fly Tipping Update** – Report of the Chief Executive.

Summary

This report provides Members with an update on the work that the Transformation and Environmental Health Teams have undertaken in order to try and reduce fly tipping across the Borough.

The Contact Officer for this report is Trudi Barnsley (719389) and Sharon Gallagher (719292).

- 7 **North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update** – Report of the Chief Executive.

Summary

This report provides Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership. The report includes information about progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2020/21 and latest crime statistics.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

STEVE MAXEY
Chief Executive

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

14 November 2022

Present: Councillor D Humphreys in the Chair.

Councillors, Davey, Farrow, Gosling, Jarvis, Jordan, K Parker and O Phillips.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Clews (Substitute Bell), Moss (Substitute M Humphreys) and Osbourne.

Councillor H Phillips was also in attendance.

19 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

20 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Safer Communities held on 27 June 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2022, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 **North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update**

The Chief Executive updated Members on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and provided information about progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2020/21 and latest crime statistics.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

22 **Fly Tipping**

The Corporate Director – Streetscape updated Members on progress on the action plan for tackling fly tipping across the Borough.

Councillor D Humphreys
Chair

Agenda Item No 6

Safer Communities Sub Committee

16 March 2023

Report of the Chief Executive

Fly Tipping Update

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the work that the Transformation and Environmental Health Teams have undertaken in order to try and reduce fly tipping across the Borough.

Recommendation to the Board

That the report be noted.

2 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is not to update members on fly tipping incidents as this will continue to be undertaken by the Corporate Director – Streetscape to the Safer Communities Sub-Committee. This report intends to provide members with an update on the work that the Transformation team working with Environmental Health, Streetscape, Communications Team, Community Development and Legal colleagues are undertaking, to reduce fly-tipping within the Borough.

2.2 Why have we looked at improving fly-tipping?

- It impacts our residents and visitors to the Borough; it is an eyesore and can also pose a danger particularly to children.
- It's the second highest crime type within the Borough,
- Our previous approach was silo based working, with our focus being to clear fly-tipping as quickly as possible (which we do very well, sometimes the crew pick the waste up before we even formally know about it!),
- We had a very reactive rather than proactive approach to the service,
- Our data that we captured was to enable us to provide statutory performance figures to the Environment Agency,
- The Council spends £205,000 per year on addressing Fly-Tipping within the Borough:

Fly Tipping Costs

		2020	2021	2022	Total (Average)
Contractor Clearances	Hazadous	£20,700.75	£4,177.63		£12,439.19
	Non- Hazadous	£10,280.00	£9,175.00		£9,727.50
		Number of Staff	Salary		Total
NWBC Staff	Amenity Cleaning	2			£76,228.88
		Number of staff	Hours per week	Hourly Rate (inc on Costs)	
Comms Teams	Press releases/social media	2	1.5	£18.25	£2,847.00
Transformation Team	Review/new way of working	1	3.5	£21.60	£3,931.20
Streetscape	SS Management	2	13		£18,536.70
		Total on 5025	Total on 5065		
Equipment	Cameras	£728.96	£77.67		£806.63
	AI Cameras			£23,900.00	£23,900.00
		Annual Salary	Hrs per week		
Camera & Signage Deploy	SS Staff Time	£38,648.00	7.5		£11,454.30
				Grand Total	£205,828.40

(Excluding Legal costs)

3 CCTV cameras

3.1 In order to help to reduce fly-tipping, we had been deploying wildlife cameras in rural locations where we experience high levels of fly tipping. These cameras have limited memory for recording images and quickly drain the batteries, they then require checking at least on a weekly basis. If fly tipping is reported in these locations, we then have to review large amounts of data which is incredibly inefficient to see if there is any evidence, we can take formal action on.

3.2 We are in progress of deploying some new Artificial Intelligence cameras. The cameras will:

- Intelligently detect events and footage, which is immediately transmitted over a secure IoT network to the iDefigo cloud platform. This will alert our Environmental Health team immediately and they will be able to action accordingly,
- Provide good quality timely evidence to assist us to carry out successful prosecutions, or issue fixed penalty notices both of which should act as a deterrent and help to reduce fly tipping in the Borough.
- The new AI cameras have a better battery life, filtered and cloud stored images will vastly improve the efficiency of our detection of fly tipping by reducing the time spent maintaining the cameras, reviewing images, and providing evidence that we would otherwise not have had,
- For more information about these AI cameras which are ideal for remote locations in our rural Borough, watch this video: [iDefigo BBC Click June 2022 - YouTube](#)

3.3 We are trialling this technology in the Borough.

4 Other Deterrents

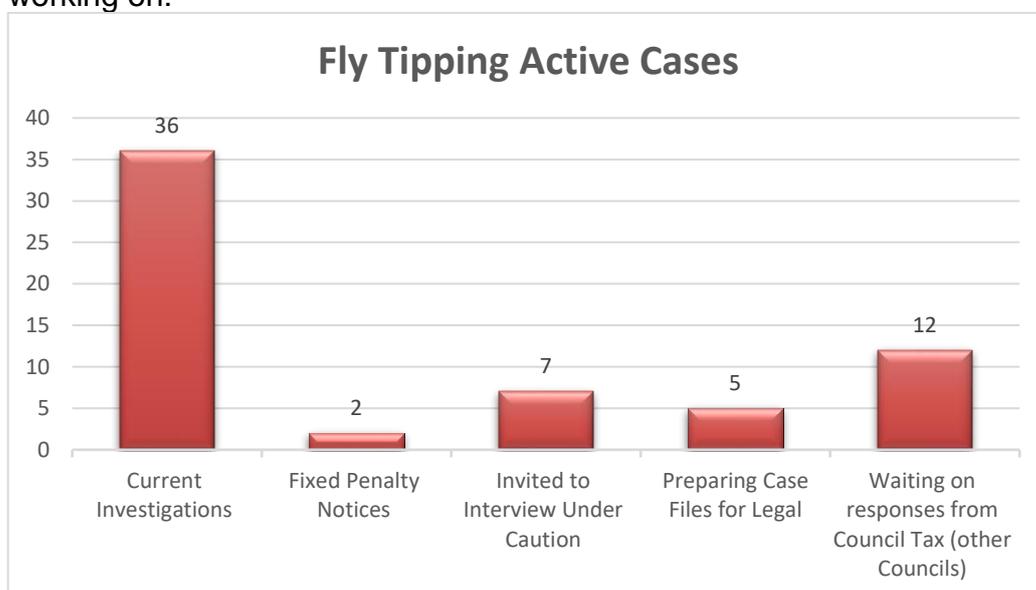
- 4.1 Environmental Health are working with the Police on an initiative to address illegally disposed tyres. A tyre tagging scheme can assist with identifying waste carriers and therefore discourage them from fly tipping.
- 4.2 Environmental Health are hoping to work closer with parish councils and the police to help tackle fly-tipping in the Borough.
- 4.3 Environmental Health and Police held a joint event in the Co-operative Society in Atherstone on 24 January 2023. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness about the negative impact, the costs involved in clearing fly tipping, raise awareness of the resident's responsibility to dispose of their waste legally, and that fly tipping is a criminal act. The event was hugely popular, and residents were asked why they thought people fly tipped, the overwhelming response was "residents are still required to book an appointment to visit the local tip". Another event is being planned in Coleshill.

5 Measures/Performance Information

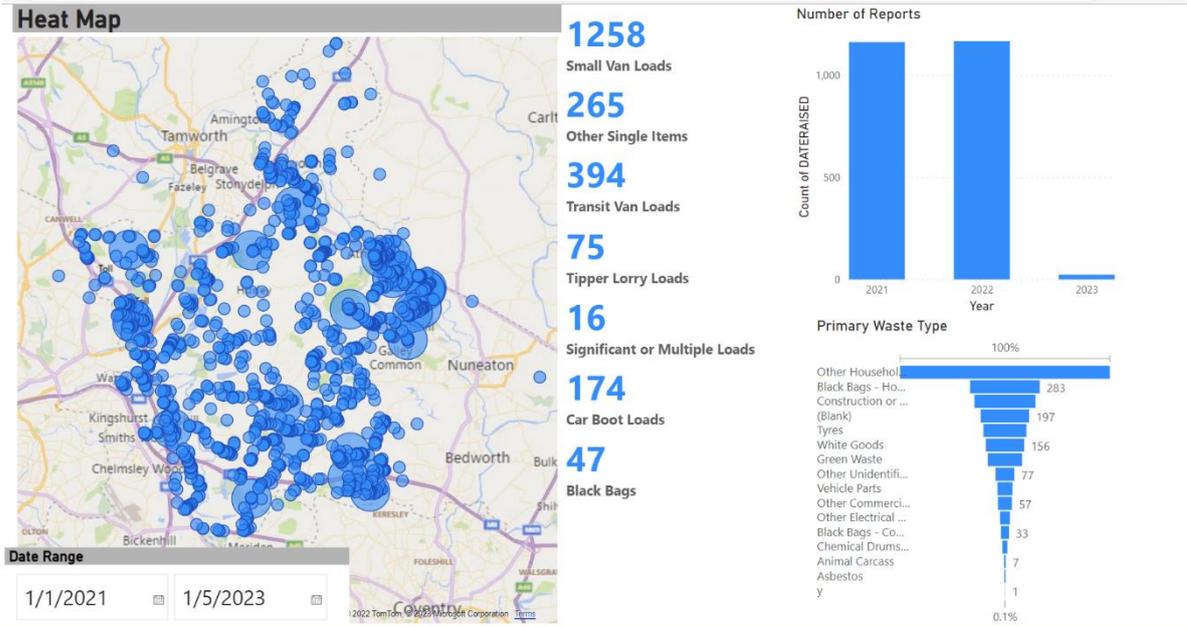
- 5.1 We are required to submit data every three months to the Environmental Agency. However, going forward we wanted more data and with a faster response.
- 5.2 We are working on a dashboard (by utilising Power BI Pro) and it will be available to view the real time data, at any time which can be monitored by the relevant officers:



- 5.2.1 The Environmental Health team have the following active cases that they are working on:



5.3 We have also created and shared an interactive Power BI report displaying hotspots, volumes, and waste types, which enables managers to make timely decisions.



[Fly Tipping Report](#)

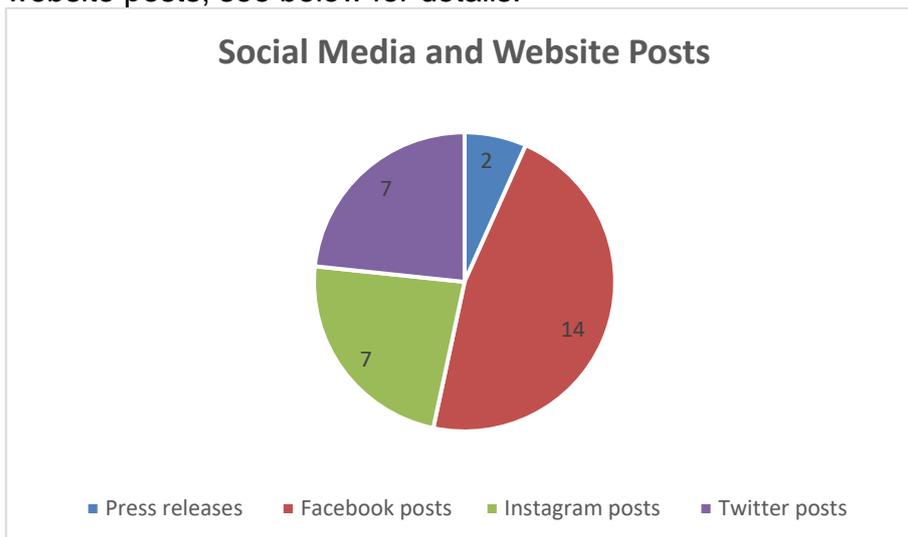
5.4 By analysing data, we identified September as one of our spikes, we therefore developed a joint communications and action plan with the primary objective of deterring people from fly-tipping within our Borough, which was titled 'Operation merge; week of action'.

5.4.1 Below is the 'week of action' communication plan:

Fly Tipping Communication Plan - Week of Action (Sept '22)

Topic	Responsible	When
Refresh webpage - have reporting at the top of the page	Chelsey	Monday
How to check a company has a Waste Carrier Licence	Milen	Monday
How to report fly tipping	Comms	Monday
Streetscape Fly Tip Crew - 'A day in the life of'	Mark	Mid-week
Weekly/Daily Totals	Mark feed info to Comms	Daily
We need witness statements - can we use a recent video clearly showing an offence that we couldn't action due to the lack of a witness statement?	Milen to share video - Comms to check with legal if it can be used?	Tuesday
Volunteer Pickers - promotion of stickers and availability of equipment	Mark is equipment available? Comms sticker design and purchase for distribution	Mid-week
Cost of Flytipping - Poster	Costs have been collated Comms to update poster	Thursday
Promote to Cllrs and public the need to leave evidence with the fly tipping	Comms	Tuesday
Promote Fixed Penalty Notice	Milen to provide details	Friday
Any news from Court date 23 September to share	Legal/Milen to provide details	Friday
Scrap Metal - anything to promote	David Dyde/Comms	Thursday
Housing Bin Store fly tipping - general story?	Housing	Friday

5.5 Due to departments working more closely together, the Council is issuing more fixed penalty notices (see 5.2.1 for breakdown) and publishing more social media and website posts, see below for details:



5.6 Environmental Health have a new Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) compliant system for interviews under caution. The system allows video and audio recording, it's portable and the data is encrypted and secure.

6 What next?

6.1 This is very much a work in progress. As members will be aware we are currently implementing a new Environmental Health IT system which is scheduled to go live in Spring 2023. We have started to map the new process which will be making the best use of technology, by logging all fly tipping clearances (whether reported by a member of the public, Councillors, Officers, or our Contact Centre Team) on the customer portal. As part of logging the request, the customer will be asked if they know who tipped the waste and if they are willing to provide a witness statement. The crew will be provided with a mobile device with a data card to access the system to pick-up and complete their jobs. Once the clearance has been actioned it will be assigned to Environmental Health who will seek advice from Legal colleagues to see if any further action can take place.

7 Report Implications

7.1 Financial Implications

7.1.1 Funding from the Council and Police and Crime commissioner budget is as follows:

Description	Cost
6 x AI cameras	£6,350
2 x Installation	£1,350
6 x Annual maintenance x 3 years	£16,200
Total	£23,900

The Council	£18,900
Police and Crime commissioner budget	£5,000

7.2 Safer Communities Implications

7.2.1 These are set out in the report.

7.3 Legal Data Protection and Human Rights Implications

7.3.1 Fly tipping is one of several offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, along with various duties requiring producers of waste, including householders, to take all reasonable measures to ensure that their waste is disposed of correctly and legally and, where applicable, is only transferred to someone who is authorised to transport or dispose of it.

7.3.2 The use of the CCTV cameras is subject to the Council's Policy on Directed Surveillance. If cameras are deployed in relation to a specific operation, their use for covert surveillance must usually be authorised by the Council under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and, in turn, this must then be approved by the Magistrates Court. Failure to do so can lead to any evidence obtained being excluded by the Court in any subsequent prosecution.

7.3.3 Whilst the introduction of the new Environmental Health system is a positive step which will assist officers in logging cases and storing evidence, it should be noted that the Council must still comply with detailed legislation and codes of practice when investigating offences to ensure that evidence is admissible, and the offence can be proved to the required standard.

7.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications

7.4.1 Tackling fly tipping will make positive contributions towards improving the environment and sustainability. The fly tips create adverse impacts on the local environment and use significant resources in removing them and carrying out investigations.

7.4.2 By reducing fly tipping the quality of life in local communities will be improved.

7.5 Risk Management Implications

The actions set out in this report are intended to reduce the risk of fly tipping within the Borough and enable us to carry out successful prosecutions, or issue fixed penalty notices, all of which should act as a deterrent and help to reduce fly tipping in the Borough.

7.6 Equality Implications

7.6.1 There are no known adverse impacts on any of the groups defined in the Equality Act 2010 under the protected characteristics. The adverse impacts of fly tipping on the local environment is often in rural locations although not exclusively.

7.7 Links to Council's Priorities

7.7.1 The ongoing actions will contribute towards the priorities of creating safer communities and protecting our countryside and heritage.

The Contact Officers for this report are Trudi Barnsley (2389) and Sharon Gallagher (2292).

Agenda Item No 7

Safer Communities Sub-Committee

16 March 2023

Report of the Chief Executive

North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 The report includes information about progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2021/2022 and latest crime statistics.

Recommendation to the Sub-Committee

- a That Members consider the update and identify any areas for further scrutiny and consideration; and**
- b That Members note progress of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Plan.**

2 Consultation

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with the relevant Members and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee has previously received reports from the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership regarding progress with the actions included in the partnership plan. The last report was received in June 2022.
- 3.2 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership prepares a Partnership Plan considering the findings of the Strategic Assessment. This plan sets out our priorities for the coming year.
- 3.3 We have set ourselves challenging priorities to protect our people and communities from violent crime, make our roads safer, prevent and reduce crime in our rural communities, and to prevent and help the police detect house burglary, vehicle crimes and robbery.

3.4 North Warwickshire is a low crime area however we do experience crime and disorder problems and as a result the fear of crime amongst residents is often higher than we would hope.

3.5 Considering the findings of the North Warwickshire Strategic Assessment 2021/22 the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership core priorities are:

- **Violent Crime** - With a focus on knife crime, domestic violence and alcohol related violence.
- **Serious Acquisitive Crime** - With a focus on residential burglary dwelling, vehicle crime and personal robbery.
- **Rural Crime** - Based upon the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition.
- **Road Safety** - With a focus on traffic accidents resulting in killed and serious injuries

3.6 Cross Cutting Themes - There are cross cutting themes which we consider represent a risk to community safety in North Warwickshire. These are:

- **Vulnerability and Exploitation** – Activities to reduce individual and community vulnerability are a golden thread that weaves through all our planning and interventions. Key amongst our interventions is: Protecting people from harm; tackling county lines drug dealing; and other reducing and mitigating risks associated with serious organised crime groups.
- **Reducing Re-Offending** – The partnership will support the Warwickshire Reducing Re-Offending Strategy. Our aim is to stop offenders from committing crime by supporting a multi-agency enforcement activity and ensuring that all offenders can easily access support services to enable them to tackle problems of drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness, benefits, and access to employment and education.
- **Improving Public Perceptions of Safety** - The partnership will work to protect local communities from harm and empower individuals, parish councils and communities to protect themselves. We will also promote positive community safety and crime prevention communications whenever possible. This will follow the steer from research carried out by the National Policing Improvement Agency which shows that information about crime and policing positively informs and influences public perceptions about crime within their neighbourhoods

Areas of Concern – These are issues that have been identified as emerging issues. They are actively monitored by the partnership and include:

- **Hate Crime** - the partnership will support the county wide approach to tackle hate crime through the work of the Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership.

- **Prevent** - the partnership will support the county wide approach to the Prevent strategy.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** - the partnership will monitor and where necessary respond to personal, nuisance and environmental anti-social behaviour including deliberate small fires.

3.7 The Community Safety Partnership delivers local projects as detailed in the partnership plan and influences many of the countywide services to ensure residents in North Warwickshire get a fair share in service provision.

3.8 Attached at Appendix A is a copy of quarter 3 Community Safety Performance Monitoring Report. This is the latest in a series of quarterly reports produced for the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership, providing an overview of recorded crime and disorder data. Included in this report is data obtained from partners relating to the North Warwickshire Priorities for 2021-2025.

3.9 The Sub Committee will note that the CSP priorities were agreed as part of the Strategic Assessment process. Warwickshire County Council held Countywide MoRiLE scoring sessions in the Autumn 2022 which enabled discussions to be had to identify any new and emerging issues across the County. No emerging issues were identified (in addition to) the current priorities.

3.10 The quarter 3 report provides an overview of recorded crime and disorder in North Warwickshire and shows the following position, comparing back over the last 12 months plus three-year average.

4 **NW Community Safety Partnership Performance**

Violence with injury offences have significantly increased during this quarter. 10% of the offences were 'non-fatal strangulation and suffocation' offences which is in line with countywide proportions. Violence with injury offences were most likely to occur in a public place. Four offences this quarter involved a knife.

NB - Please note that this is a newly created offence as part of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and previously this offence would be recorded as both violence with and without injury offences. Therefore, the inclusion of this offence only under violence with injury offences may have slightly contributed to increases in this category compared to last year, notably in domestic abuse related offences.

Violence without injury offences remain higher than pre-pandemic volumes although this is due to very high volumes reported in November 2022. The volumes for the other two months of this quarter are lower than average for the time of year. Offences continue to occur at home addresses.

Wounding Offences – Although section 20 offences have increased compared to last year, the volumes remain at low levels. Two of the section 18 offences this quarter involved a knife. Offences were spread out around the borough, occurring in public places this quarter, with no repeat locations.

Knife Crime – Violent offences involving a knife show lower levels than pre-pandemic volumes for North Warwickshire Borough, which is a change from the much higher volumes last quarter.

Serious Acquisitive Crime – Theft of vehicles offences continue to show higher volumes compared to pre-pandemic levels, with increases this quarter in line with seasonal trends. A summary of the vehicle crime this quarter shows:

- Main hotspots at locations close to the main arterial routes in the borough – this suggests that offenders may be from out of the area.
- Theft from vehicle is most likely to occur in a public place (63% of offences) with highest volumes of offences at Corley Services (7 offences) and Coleshill Parkway station (4 offences).
- Thefts of a vehicle are most likely to occur at a home address (62% of offences) and The Belfry was the only repeat location this quarter (2 offences).

Personal robbery offences continue to occur at higher volumes than last year although remaining below pre-pandemic levels. Offences occurred in a public place and at home addresses, with all the offences at the home addresses involving knives (5 offences). However, three offences were crimed for one incident at a home address which has contributed to the higher volumes this quarter.

Rural Crime – Rural crime offences in the borough remain level with last year and below pre-pandemic trends.

KSI – The data in the table is only based on October and November 22 due to December. However, the volumes are already higher than the full quarter 3 last year, and this is due to 7 serious incidents in October 2022. Of note is that volumes of fatal incidents so far this year in the borough are already over triple the volumes of incidents in the whole of last year (7 fatal incidents so far, compared to 2 in the whole of last year.)

This indicates that KSIs continue to be an area of concern to the CSP. It is recommended that the CSP commission analysis to understand the increases, to help focus resources and tackle the higher volumes of incidents this year.

Perception of Crime – available data from the StreetSafe* tool indicates that 19% of the 439 responses in Warwickshire between 2nd September and 12th January 2023 related to areas in North Warwickshire Borough (84 responses). There have only been 2 responses relating to North Warwickshire Borough so far this year (since April 22), and for that reason there has been no change to the key findings highlighted in previous reports:

Reoffending rates in the borough continue to be below the county average, with those who do reoffend in the borough committing less reoffences than the county average. This is a positive trend.

Hate crime – Offence volumes are level with last year and remain higher than pre-pandemic volumes (this is a countywide trend). Racist hate crime remains the most prominent in North Warwickshire Borough and indeed the county, although disability and homophobic related incidents are also of note to the borough.

Exploitation – Reported offence volumes of child sexual exploitation and referrals to Children and Families Front Door (previously MASH) from North Warwickshire Borough remain lower than most other districts and boroughs. In contrast, schools exclusion and persistent absence rates are the highest for secondary school children in this borough compared to the rest of the county. Persistent absence rates are also of concern for primary school children in the borough. There is a need to understand where these absent children are frequenting and whether they are at risk of being exploited when they are not at school for extended periods of time. It is therefore recommended that further analysis is commissioned to understand persistent absence in the borough.

Domestic Abuse – Offence volumes for North Warwickshire Borough during quarter 3 are higher than the last few years. This is due to high volumes specifically in December 22 and appears to be a return to pre-pandemic trends. ASB and DSFs – ASB reports remain lower than pre-pandemic volumes and have also reduced compared to last year. This is significant when considering the already low volumes last year. National research suggests that this could be due to many incidents now being crimed as ‘public order’ offences instead, as well as residents not reporting ASB incidents. After the high volumes of Deliberate Small Fires highlighted in the Q2 report, volumes have significantly reduced as predicted

Areas of concern

- **Vehicle crime** - So far this year, all wards have seen significant increases in thefts of motor vehicle offences compared to last year. Curdworth Ward has seen by far the highest volumes. Analysis suggests that car parks at hotels, and vehicles parked on driveways were locations of note in this ward.

- **Domestic abuse** offences have increased in the North and East SNT areas this year compared to last year. The highest volumes have been reported from Atherstone South and Mancetter Ward.
- **Domestic related violence with injury** has increased in all SNT areas this year compared to last year. However, volumes in the West SNT area have almost halved. Arley and Whitacre, Atherstone South and Mancetter, and Newton Regis Wards are showing the highest volumes of offences this year.

5 Partnership Plan 2023 – Quarter 3 Updates

5.1 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership has a statutory requirement to prepare a Partnership Plan based upon the findings of the annual Strategic Assessment. The existing Partnership Plan has been reviewed and updated in line with the agreed priorities and recommendations identified in the 2020/21 Strategic Assessment.

5.1.1 The Community Safety Partnership delivers local projects as detailed in the partnership plan and influences many of the countywide services to ensure residents in North Warwickshire get a fair share in service provision. The North Warwickshire Responsible Authorities Group agrees the priorities and a summary of the updates follow:

5.2 Problem Solving Meetings

Chaired by Inspector Allison Wiggin, Problem Solving Meetings are held monthly where problem solving plans are discussed. These are informed by the latest crime statistics, any emerging issues raised by partners and the Police. Problem Solving plans are then identified. The latest meeting held in February considered issues including rising levels of bike nuisances, fly tipping and ASB in the Market Square, Atherstone.

- **Bike Nuisance** – The off-road bike police team have restarted operations and were out the last weekend in February in North Warks with one bike seized. There has been an increase in reports over last two weeks and based on seasonal trends it is common to see these types of incidents to start increasing.
- **Fly tipping** – A detailed fly tipping report will provide an overview of the current position. The good news is that the person responsible for the fly tip that went viral will appear at Magistrates Court on the 3rd of March 2023.

- **Begging Long Street/ASB Market Square** – There are no current issues with begging over the last month except for one report from CCTV operators. The Council have been approached for an alcohol Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and have been given evidence by police to request a PSPO in Atherstone Town Centre. This is currently being reviewed by the Council's Legal Team so that advice can be given as to any additional consultation which is required and whether the grounds for making a PSPO are met.

5.3 **Seasonal trends and engagement events**

Production of seasonal trends data has been compiled to help inform campaign work and crime prevention activities over the next 12 months. This is discussed at every Problem-Solving Meeting to try and get ahead of the curve and undertake timely engagement events.

6 **CSP Partnership Plan Updates**

The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership updates include:

Violent Crime - With a focus on knife crime, domestic violence and alcohol related violence. The performance data for this period has shown increase with violence with and without injury, Section 18 wounding and possession of articles with a blade or point.

Following a motion at Full Council a **Knife Crime event** was held on 1 March to consider the issues around school absences, exclusions, ASB and knife crime. A successful event was held with over 40 people in attendance. The event enabled a good debate and discussion to take place. A full report and next steps are being pulled together. The key headlines were:

- Suspects for any offence involving a knife were both males and females, ranging from 12 years old to 46 years old.
- In addition, volumes of children in the Youth Justice Service cohort linked to knife and weapon related offences has doubled compared to last year although remaining at lower volumes than other districts/boroughs (2 offences this year).
- It was noted that the increased prevalence of a weapon within schools may be a result of possible improved searching and identification in schools, rather than actual usage to commit an offence. Schools affected include Hartshill School, The Polesworth School and The Coleshill School.
- School suspensions due to the 'use or threat of an offensive or prohibited weapon' in schools in the borough continues to increase and to be a significant area of concern for the borough.
- For the 21/22 academic year there were 24 suspensions in North Warwickshire Borough because of this behaviour, which is the highest in the county and a 71% increase compared to the previous year (+8 suspensions).

The event will also help to influence the local profile in terms of the New Duty and delivery Plan in relation to the Warwickshire Serious Violence Strategy.

North Warwickshire Boxing Club attendees benefit from new equipment and flooring. The Boxing Club supports schools and pupils and aims to help lower the exclusion rates. A mural has been created to mark three years since it began. There is now over 40 members with many successes including individuals not re-offending since attending. This intervention has quite literally been life changing to many.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The multi-agency anti-social behaviour tasking and case management meetings continue to be held monthly. The latest meeting was held in February. The meetings consider individual cases, locations and interventions/powers that partners can issue to reduce ASB, re-offending behaviour and criminality.

- Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership held an **ASB Partnership Event** on Wednesday 21st September 2022. The event provided a 2 ½ hour training session followed by workshop discussions in relation to how the tools and powers in Warwickshire can be used.

Improving Public Perceptions of Community Safety - The Safer Neighbourhood Team have been busy over the last quarter addressing local priorities, attending engagement events and listening to local concerns alongside providing prevention advice. Engagement activities include

- Atherstone SNT will be at Dobbies Garden Centre on Wednesday 5th April, 10:00 - 12:00 for Cuppa with a Copper. Also on 29th April the Smithy Farm shop, Warton in the morning 10:00am till 12:00pm and then Newton Regis Village Hall from 13:30 to 15:00 pm.
- Similar engagement events were also held at Newton Regis, Dordon, Polesworth Atherstone and Mancetter.
- Also officers have been attending winter warm hubs at Coleshill and Atherstone fire stations on a weekly basis.
- In Atherstone Police Officers have attended St Marys Church, Alexander Court, Market Square, Regal Court, and both Co-op stores whilst in Coleshill joint events have been held with the Neighbourhood Watch at Morrisons
- Several Council and parish council meetings have been attended.
- Community Engagement at the weekly boxing club
- Engagement events with MP Craig Tracey
- Officers are conducting a Junior PCSO safety scheme weekly at Michael Drayton Junior School

Targeted patrols and Operations

- Officers in the past six weeks have conducted four vehicle crime operations with numerous resources from all areas of Warwickshire Police and utilising neighbourhood forcing officers working night shifts tackling car/vehicle crime. Numerous persons arrested, hundreds of vehicles checked and numerous vehicle seizures.
- **Operation Umber** – Concentrating on business crime in Atherstone Town Centre for the period of February. Engagement with shops and two persons arrested on suspicion of theft. Working with CCTV there has been a decrease in shop lifting offences for this period.
- Alcohol test purchasing has taken place in Atherstone with trading standards five stores passed two failed.

Success stories

- Two persons arrested following **drugs** warrant on 28/2/23 at Princess Road, Atherstone (drugs found) both persons been released under investigation and tenancy being reviewed.
- After CCTV identified a group of youths acting suspiciously in the town centre along with concerns raised from Queen Elizabeth Academy School Atherstone head teacher around pupil who had recently started associating with groups of young males from Birmingham. The males are older and have previous for **County Lines/drug dealing and Robbery**. CCTV had captured some of these groups hanging around in the town, wearing face coverings, intimidating local persons and stores. The group had been linked to recent robbery's and threats with weapons in the local area. Local officers placed on the school gates ensuring pupil safety. The main person that raised a concern was a male in his twenties that was in a relationship with a female who had recently began renting an address in the centre of Atherstone. The male was arrested twice for assaults on the female. Local police officers working with a local housing provider have issued eviction papers for the female. Since the eviction and police pressure the persons have not been sighted in the area for the past three weeks.
- Officers have been investigating a series of incidents where **vehicles** have been stolen and stripped of parts and then left in the Corley/Coleshill area. A joint crime prevention event with the council and Neighbourhood Watch at Coleshill Train Station assisted with a short-term decrease but offences are still occurring. The vehicles are being stolen on West Midlands region near the NEC. An offender has been identified and details passed to West Midlands Police for further action.
- A man was charged after officers **seized cash and a knife** after stopping a car in Atherstone. Officers approached the car in Station Street on Thursday (16 February) evening where they seized a lock knife and almost £6,000 in cash. The 22-year-old individual, of no fixed abode was charged with possessing criminal property, possession of a knife, and driving without a licence and insurance. He was appearing at Coventry Magistrates' Court on Monday 20 February. A 26-year-old man was also arrested on suspicion of money laundering and was bailed while enquiries continue.

- Two foreign nationals charged and remanded in custody after a large **cannabis** factory located by officers at an industrial unit in Coleshill.
- Three persons arrested after a **half million-pound ongoing parcel theft** from a warehouse in Hamms Hall
- A local **drug dealer** has been sentenced to three years in prison in February.
- Male arrested in Grendon for **burglary** and three intimidation firearms.
- Two males arrested for **theft from lorries** at Corley Services
- Male arrested for a **burglary** and remanded. Offence occurred South Street, Atherstone
- Four people found guilty of an **attempted murder** in Wishaw and sentenced to over 90 years in prison.

Safer Warwickshire Board

- **Big Conversation** - The first Big Conversation event was held on Thursday 13 October 2022, at the British Motor Museum. The event helped shape the delivery plan for the new Warwickshire Serious Violence Strategy and provide an overview about the new Serious Violence Duty. A further Big Conversation event is to be held on the 14th June. The focus of the next Big Conversation will focus on tackling discrimination in all its forms.
- **Prevent** –The Warwickshire Prevent Steering Group is undertaking a partnership self-assessment exercise to identify the current Warwickshire position. There is an enhanced and increasing level of scrutiny from the Home Office around the Prevent duty, and a need for all relevant partners to evidence how they are meeting their statutory requirements. The County Prevent Officer has offered training to staff, Councillors and partners.
- **Hate Crime** – Racist hate crime remains the most prominent in North Warwickshire Borough and indeed the county, although disability and homophobic related incidents are also of note to the borough. This is the focus of the next Big Conversation event. The partnership is looking to roll out the the #ShopKind campaign which looks at violence towards shop staff and retailers.
- **Violence Against Women Group (VAWG)** - Processes and structures for responding to concerns around Domestic Abuse at a District/Borough level are currently being looked at. This will be progressed by relevant partners working through the VAWG Board and its subgroups. The Warwickshire VAWG Strategy 2023-2026 has been approved by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board and went to Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Cabinet for final sign-off in February. The Strategy delivery plan was also signed-off by the VAWG Board.

- **Warwickshire Re-offending Board** – The Board has developed the Warwickshire Reducing Re-offending Strategy 2022-2027. There is a statutory requirement to work collectively to reduce this activity. Key strategic priorities include the prevention agenda, approach to reduce risk of harm and reduce re-offending. Next steps include data analysis, production of a concise high-level strategy and delivery plan. Working groups are going to be established.
- **The Safe Accommodation Working Group** - Additional capacity is being identified to liaise between the MARAC the individual homeless teams. Two additional officers will be recruited one to represent the South and one to represent the North.
- **Domestic Homicide Review** - North Warwickshire currently has one ongoing Domestic Homicide Review.
- The **Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership (DASP)** are appointing a drug related coordinator managed by Public Health plus the development of a drug alert process to inform professionals, clients and families and the public of any drug related incidents with the aim to reduce drug related harms and deaths in Warwickshire. To do this a Professional Information Network (PIN) has been established and envisaged that will cascade the alert locally.
- **Road Safety** – Consultation took place between 5 September and 16 October 2022 by National Highways on proposed works to the A5 which were given funding in the March 2020 Budget. These works fall within phases 1 and 2 of the improvements to the A5 sought as part of the Strategic Transport Assessment for the adopted Local Plan. The improvements include Spon Lane, Grendon and Holly Lane, Atherstone roundabouts as well as presenting three viable options for the Dordon off-line dual carriageway.
- The work of the Road Safety Partnership is to use an evidence based Safe System approach, to eliminate fatal and serious casualties, thereby creating a safe road environment that will encourage active and sustainable travel. The latest KSI's identify a worrying picture for North Warwickshire and require further consideration.
- Community Speed watch - There currently is the following groups that are fully active (Calibrated device, trained volunteers and risk assessed sites)

1.	Ansley Common
2.	Ansley Village
3.	Arley
4.	Atherstone
5.	Corley
6.	Fillongley
7.	Mancetter
8.	Maxstoke

9.	Nether Whitacre
10.	Newton Regis
11.	Water Orton

- Parking issues are frequently reported in North Warwickshire. Offences are dealt with whilst Police are on patrol.
- Work continues the Street Cruising Injunction.

7 Community Safety Grant 2022/23

7.1 The CSP made an application for three projects from the Community Safety 2023/4 grant application: The fund's total £35,00 and includes

Local Community Safety Fund £5k

The local community safety fund is money available that can be used to help deliver against the North Warwickshire Community Safety priorities by supporting initiatives/interventions that reduce crime in line with the partnerships core priorities

Operation Array - £15k

Off road bikes are regularly raised at the multiagency ASB meetings and requires some focussed activity around target hardening measures. An application has been made to enable an investigative and intelligence-driven approach to help identify offending riders, disrupt illegal activity and seize offending vehicles.

Safer Neighbourhoods - £15k

The project will focus on communities living and working in North Warwickshire by listening to, acting and responding to the concerns that matter most. This is about access to Police, influence over Policing priorities and joint actions/interventions by challenging attitudes, perceptions & behaviours to prevent, solve and reduce crime. The project will:

- **Involving communities** – It is important that the public's voice is fully heard by police and other agencies. The proposal is to develop a holistic community engagement approach to enable members of the public to raise their issues.
- **CCTV** – The Partnership will review and update equipment to provide greater surveillance and/or better technology which will help to deter crime and reduce anti-social behaviour. Over 50% of the current CCTV needs updating/replacing.
- **Tackling ASB, YP and knife crime** - We will focus on supporting individuals who have already begun a journey of perpetrating crime and/or anti-social behaviour, but who, armed with the right knowledge, understanding and commitment, can be diverted from this path towards a brighter future - intervening early and preventing the crime from occurring by encouraging greater youth engagement and programmes to educate and divert young people.
- **Rural Crime and crime prevention** - The proposal is to continue to undertake meaningful and targeted engagement and prevention work including home security, supported villages, vulnerable tenants security initiative and a crackdown on fly-tipping.

8 **Summary**

- 8.1 Members are requested to note the report and the progress updates provided by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and identify any areas for further consideration as highlighted in the report

9 **Report Implications**

9.1 **Finance and Value for Money Implications**

- 9.1.1 The reduction of £9,922.00 in the 2021/22 community safety grant for North Warwickshire made it difficult to support individual community safety projects and has resulted in some difficult conversations about future long-term projects and how these will be funded. The allocation of funding in 2022/23 is of great concern alongside other projects receiving less funding in North Warwickshire.

9.2 **Safer Communities Implications**

- 9.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

9.3 **Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications**

- 9.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships were introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and most recently amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009. It is a requirement that the Council works with the police, the fire and rescue authority and the county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime. The recommendations in this report and the revised partnership plan contribute to the discharge of that requirement.

- 9.3.2 The deployment of CCTV and ANPR cameras are subject to several legal provisions, including the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, Protection of Freedoms Act, UK General Data Protection Regulation, Human Rights Act, and others. The deployment is also subject to guidance prepared by the Information Commissioner's Office and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. The Council must ensure that the relevant provisions are met before deploying these.

- 9.3.3 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Sub-committee will fulfil that requirement.

9.4 **Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

- 9.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

9.5 Health Implications

- 9.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

9.6 Risk Management Implications

- 9.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

9.7 Equality Implications

- 9.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

9.8 Links to Council's Priorities

- 9.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

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Notes to this report:

This is the latest in a series of quarterly reports produced for the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership, providing an overview of recorded crime and disorder data.

Included in this report is data obtained from partners relating to the North Warwickshire Priorities for 2021-2025, as shown in the graphic on this page.

Comparisons to last year and a 3 year average are included in this report following the colour coding method of:

- Green** = greater than 5% reduction
- Amber** = within +/- 5%
- Red** = greater than 5% increase

It must be noted that the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdowns occurred throughout 2020/21 and as such any comparisons to this time period must take into account irregular trends during this time.

As of Q2 2021 additional partner data has been included to provide CSPs with a broader overview of trends relating to the priorities. As this is a new process, some data comparisons may not yet be available.

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Sources:

- Police Crime and incidents - ATHENA Crime Information System, STORM Incident System, Warwickshire Police, January 2023.
- MASH Referrals now Children and Families Front Door Referrals- - Business Intelligence, WCC. Contacts have been excluded. Each child within each Contact and Referral is counted as one. District is based on the District as recorded within the form. This is based on the date of contact as recorded within the form.
- CE Missing and Trafficking Framework – Business Intelligence (Children and Families), WCC
- Youth Justice Cohort information – YJS
- Substance Misuse – CGL Warwickshire and Compass Warwickshire
- Domestic Abuse – Refuge and DACs; MARAC Performance Data
- Rural Crime according the Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy – Rural Crime Officer, Warwickshire Police
- Reducing Reoffending - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/proven-reoffending-statistics-october-to-december-2020>
- KSIs – WCC Road Safety Team
- Streetsafe - <https://knowledgehub.group/group/streetsafe/dashboard>

North Warwickshire CSP Priorities for 2021-2025





Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Priority – 1) Violent crime with a focus knife crime, domestic abuse and alcohol related violence

Indicator	Q3 2022/23	Q3 2021/22	Q3 vs same period 21/22	Q3 Comparison to 3 year average
<i>Violence with injury</i>	142	119	19.3%	10.9%
<i>Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag</i>	46	44	4.5%	9.5%
<i>Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of total</i>	32%	37%	-4.6%	-0.4%
<i>Violence with injury - alcohol related flag</i>	15	15	0.0%	-94.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	275	283	-2.8%	5.4%
<i>Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag</i>	104	107	-2.8%	-2.2%
<i>Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of total</i>	38%	38%	0.0%	-2.9%
<i>Violence without injury - alcohol related flag</i>	20	21	-4.8%	-92.3%
<i>Violence with and without injury - alcohol related flag</i>	35	36	-2.8%	-71.4%
<i>Section 18 Wounding</i>	9	13	-30.8%	3.8%
<i>Section 20 Wounding</i>	6	5	20.0%	-28.0%
<i>Knife related violent crime</i>	4	2	100.0%	-38.5%
<i>Possession of Article with Blade or Point</i>	7	10	-30.0%	N/A
<i>Possession of other Weapons</i>	5	15	-66.7%	N/A

Violence with injury offences have significantly increased during this quarter. 10% of the offences were ‘non-fatal strangulation and suffocation’ offences which is in line with countywide proportions. This is a newly created offence as part of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and previously this offence would be recorded as both violence with and without injury offences. Therefore, the inclusion of this offence under now only violence with injury offences may have slightly contributed to increases in this category compared to last year, notably in **domestic abuse** related offences.

Violence with injury offences were most likely to occur in a public place. Four offences this quarter involved a knife.

Violence without injury offences remain higher than pre-pandemic volumes although this is due to very high volumes reported in November 22. The volumes for the other two months of this quarter are lower than average for the time of year. Offences continue to occur mainly at home addresses.

Wounding Offences – Although section 20 offences have increased compared to last year, the volumes remain at low levels. Two of the section 18 offences this quarter involved a knife. Offences were spread out around the borough, occurring in public places this quarter, with no repeat locations.

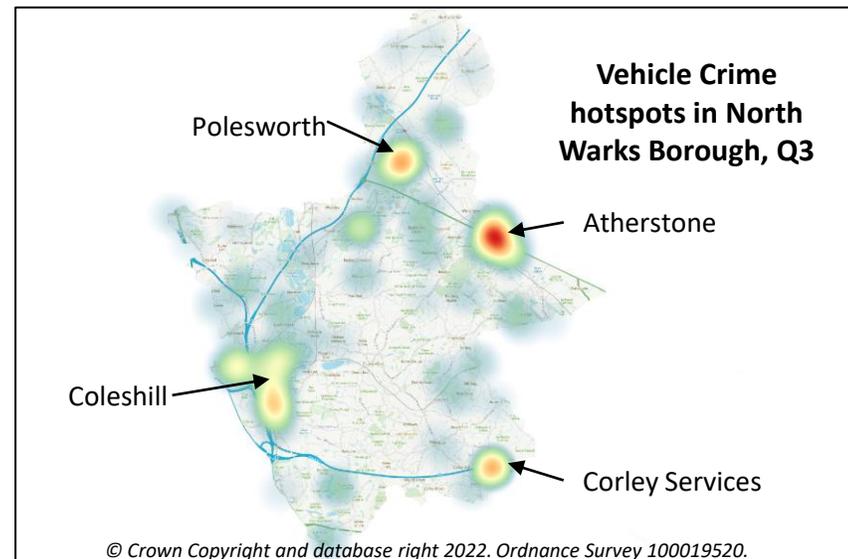
Knife Crime – Violent offences involving a knife show lower levels than pre-pandemic volumes for North Warwickshire Borough, which is a change from the much higher volumes last quarter. Suspects for any offence involving a knife were both males and females, ranging from 12 years old to 46 years old.

School suspensions due to the ‘use or threat of an offensive or prohibited weapon’ in schools in the borough continues to increase and to be a significant area of concern for the borough. For the 21/22 academic year there were 24 suspensions in North Warwickshire Borough as a result of this behaviour, which is the highest in the county and a 71% increase compared to the previous year (+8 suspensions). In addition, volumes of children in the YJS cohort linked to knife and weapon related offences has doubled compared to last year although remaining at lower volumes than other districts/boroughs (2 offences this year). The increased prevalence of a weapon within schools may be a result of possible improved searching/identification in schools, rather than actual usage to commit an offence. Schools affected include Hartshill School, The Polesworth School and The Coleshill School.



Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Priority – 2) Serious Acquisitive Crime focusing on residential burglary (dwelling), vehicle crime and personal robbery
3) Rural crime based on the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition

Indicator	Q3 2022/23	Q3 2021/22	Q3 vs same period 21/22	Q3 Comparison to 3 year average
Serious Acquisitive Crime Total	227	157	44.6%	1.9%
<i>Theft of Vehicle</i>	86	40	115.0%	66.5%
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	84	67	25.4%	-20.3%
<i>Residential burglary</i>	50	48	4.2%	-50.5%
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	7	2	250.0%	-36.4%
Rural Crime Offences	51	50	2.0%	-12.1%



Serious Acquisitive Crime – Theft of vehicles offences continue to show higher volumes compared to pre-pandemic levels, with increases this quarter in line with seasonal trends. A breakdown of the most affected wards are shown on page 7.

A summary of the vehicle crime this quarter shows:

- Main hotspots at locations close to the main arterial routes in the borough – this suggests that offenders may be from out of the area.
- Theft from vehicle are most likely to occur in a public place (63% of offences) with highest volumes of offences at Corley Services (7 offences) and Coleshill Parkway station (4 offences).
- Thefts of a vehicle are most likely to occur at a home address (62% of offences) and The Belfry was the only repeat location this quarter (2 offences).

Personal robbery offences continue to occur at higher volumes than last year although remaining below pre-pandemic levels. Offences occurred in a public place and at home addresses, with all of the offences at the home addresses involving knives (5 offences). However, three offences were crimed for one incident at a home address which has contributed to the higher volumes this quarter.

Rural Crime – Rural crime offences in the borough remain level with last year and below pre-pandemic trends.



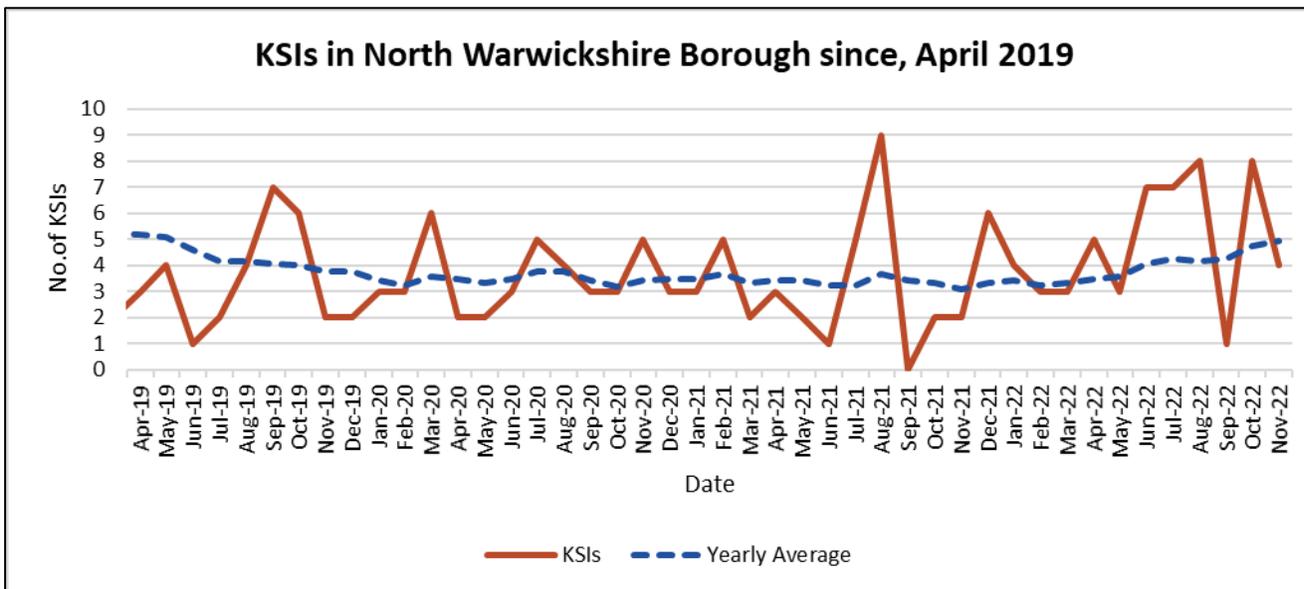
Performance – South Warwickshire CSP Priority – 4) Road Safety with a focus on road traffic accidents resulting in Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI)

Indicator	Q3 2022/23	Q3 2021/22	Q3 vs same period 21/22	Q3 Comparison to 3 year average
People killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions	12	10	20.0%	2.9%
<i>Fatal</i>	2	1	100.0%	100.0%
<i>Serious</i>	10	9	11.1%	-6.2%

KSI – The data in the table is only based on October and November 22 due to December data being unavailable at the time of writing. However, the volumes are already higher than the full quarter 3 last year, and this is due to 7 serious incidents in October 2022.

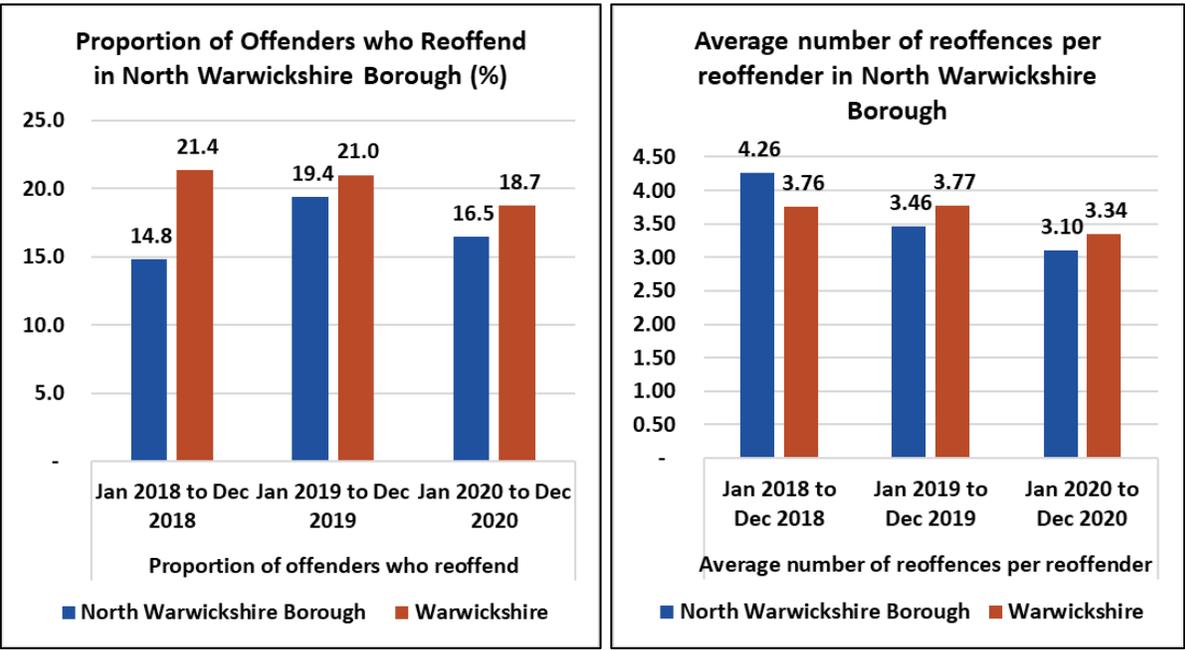
Of note is that volumes of fatal incidents so far this year in the borough are already over triple the volumes of incidents in the whole of last year (7 fatal incidents so far, compared to 2 in the whole of last year.) This indicates that KSIs continue to be an area of concern to the CSP.

It is recommended that the CSP commission analysis to understand the increases, to help focus resources and tackle the higher volumes of incidents this year.





Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Cross-Cutting Theme – Reducing Reoffending
Public Perception of Crime



Reoffending rates in the borough continue to be below the county average, with those who do reoffend in the borough committing less reoffences than the county average. This is a positive trend.

Perception of Crime – available data from the StreetSafe* tool indicates that 19% of the 439 responses in Warwickshire between 2nd September and 12th January 2023 related to areas in North Warwickshire Borough (84 responses). There have only been 2 responses relating to North Warwickshire Borough so far this year (since April 22), and for that reason there has been no change to the key findings highlighted in previous reports:

- The majority of reports came from the northern part of the borough.
- Badly lit areas were the most prominent environmental concern.
- Where stated, ‘verbal harassment from groups of strangers’ and/or ‘feeling like you are being followed’ were the main behavioural concerns.
- Evenings and overnight (from 4pm onwards) were the most likely time for incidents to occur.

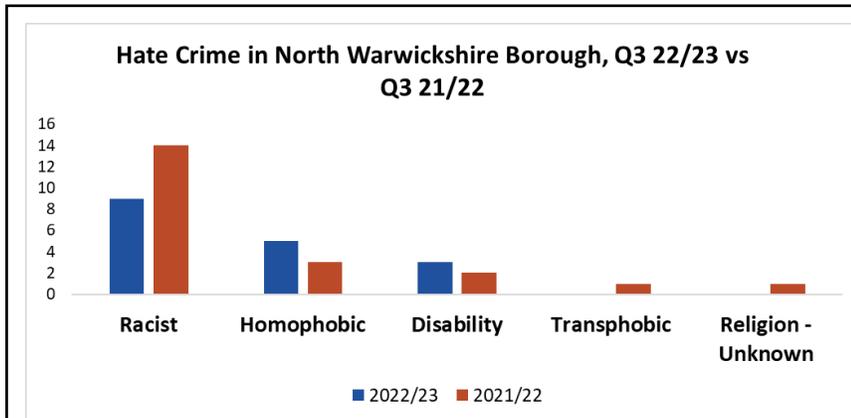
With the lack of responses to this tool from residents of the borough, it is recommended that the CSP considers another form of measurement to identify trends in the perception of crime, or encourage residents to make use of the Streetsafe tool.

*StreetSafe is a non-crime anonymous online reporting tool for members of the public to report where women feel unsafe and why. The tool launched on 2nd September 2021.



Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Cross-Cutting Theme – Vulnerability

Indicator	Q3 2022/23	Q3 2021/22	Q3 vs same period 21/22	Q3 Comparison to 3 year average
<i>Hate Offences and Non Crimed Investigations</i>	19	22	-13.6%	9.6%
<i>Domestic Abuse Offences and Non Crimed Investigations</i>	292	278	5.0%	5.5%
<i>CSE Offences</i>	4	2	100.0%	-25.0%
Total Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	190	307	-38.1%	-41.2%
<i>Personal</i>	39	62	-37.1%	-12.7%
<i>Nuisance</i>	131	207	-36.7%	-45.6%
<i>Environmental</i>	20	38	-47.4%	-47.4%
Deliberate small fire Incidents (WFRS)	2	4	-50.0%	-57.1%



Hate crime – Offence volumes are level with last year and remain higher than pre-pandemic volumes (this is a countywide trend). **Racist** hate crime remains the most prominent in North Warwickshire Borough and indeed the county, although **disability** and **homophobic** related incidents are also of note to the borough.

Exploitation – Reported offence volumes of child sexual exploitation and referrals to Children and Families Front Door (previously MASH) from North Warwickshire Borough remain lower than most other districts and boroughs. In contrast, schools exclusion and persistent absence rates are the highest for secondary school children in this borough compared to the rest of the county. Persistent absence rates is also of concern for primary school children in the borough. There is a need to understand where these absent children are possibly frequenting and whether they are at risk of being exploited when they are not at school for long periods of time. *It is therefore recommended that further analysis is commissioned to understand persistent absence in the borough.*

Domestic Abuse – Offence volumes for **North Warwickshire Borough** during quarter 3 are higher than the last few years. This is due to high volumes specifically in December 22, and appears to be a return to pre-pandemic trends.

ASB and DSFs – **ASB** reports remain lower than pre-pandemic volumes and have also reduced compared to last year. This is significant when considering the already low volumes last year. National research suggests that this could be due to many incidents now being crimed as ‘public order’ offences instead, as well as possibly residents not reporting ASB incidents.

After the high volumes of **Deliberate Small Fires** highlighted in the Q2 report, volumes have significantly reduced as predicted.



Performance – North Warwickshire Year to Date Ward Breakdown – Areas of Concern

SNT Area and Ward	Domestic related Violence With Injury (Year to Date)		Domestic Abuse (Year to Date)		Thefts of Motor Vehicle (Year to Date)	
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23
North:	30	39	142	148	9	42
Baddesley and Grendon	1	9	33	39	2	11
Dordon	10	10	36	33	4	14
Newton Regis and Warton	2	11	24	36	2	8
Polesworth East	12	7	32	28	0	5
Polesworth West	5	2	17	12	1	4
East:	48	49	196	215	17	50
Atherstone Central	18	17	73	71	7	12
Atherstone North	15	14	51	49	3	14
Atherstone South and Mancetter	9	14	48	58	3	11
Hartshill	6	4	24	37	4	13
South	33	40	147	126	26	44
Arley and Whitacre	15	18	65	59	3	11
Coleshill North	4	4	18	15	10	11
Coleshill South	9	9	38	26	2	10
Fillongley	5	9	26	26	11	12
West	42	22	139	101	25	54
Curdworth	10	7	19	22	14	28
Hurley and Wood End	15	3	55	35	3	5
Kingsbury	8	8	20	30	4	8
Water Orton	9	4	45	14	4	13

- So far this year, all wards have seen significant increases in **thefts of motor vehicle** offences compared to last year. **Curdworth Ward** has seen by far the highest volumes. Analysis suggests that car parks at hotels, and vehicles parked on driveways were locations of note in this ward.
- **Domestic abuse offences** have increased in the **North and East SNT** areas this year compared to last year. The highest volumes have been reported from **Atherstone South and Mancetter Ward**.
- **Domestic related violence with injury** has increased in almost all SNT areas this year compared to last year. However, volumes in the **West SNT** area have almost halved. **Arley and Whitacre, Atherstone South and Mancetter, and Newton Regis Wards** are showing the highest volumes of offences this year.

Note – mapping to Ward level often results in a small amount of data loss (missing/incomplete coordinates), therefore the ward totals combined may not add up exactly to the District total.