

South Shields (East Shields & Whitburn) Community Area Forum

Northumbria Police

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the East Shields & Whitburn area over the past 8 weeks (report generated Monday 18th May 2026).

2.0 Key Updates

Incidents

South Tyneside Area Command is showing a total of 40,167 incidents in the last 12 months (this is an increase of 1% on the previous 12 months).

Within the East Shields & Whitburn area, a total of 895 incidents were reported to Northumbria Police in the current 8-week period.

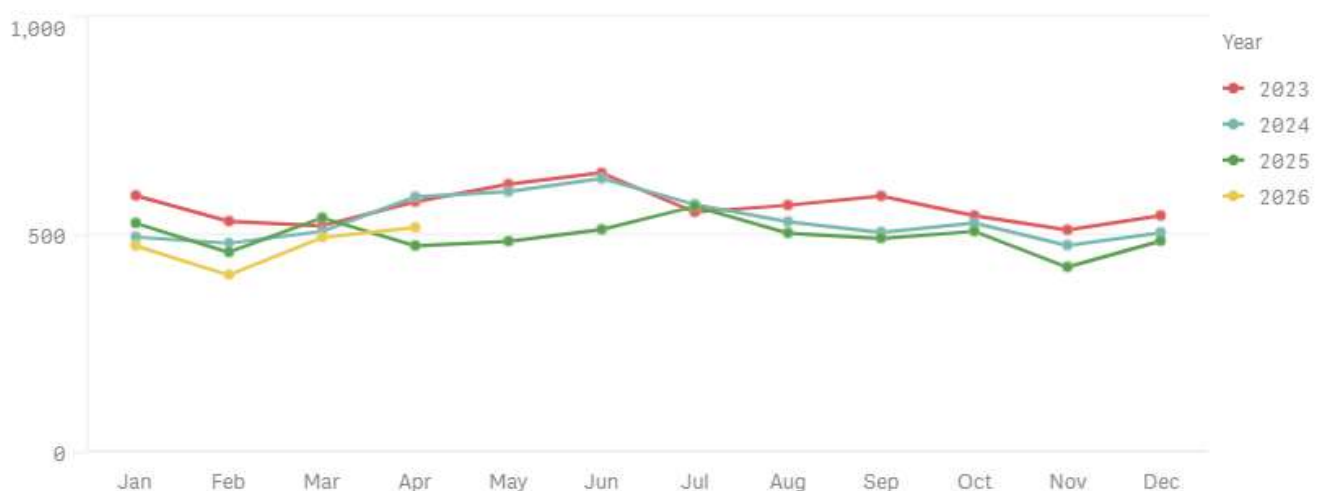
It is expected in line with previous trends that incidents will show a slight increase as we move towards the summer months. This is typically a time when we see increased anti-social behaviour (both youth and adult) and an increase in the use of off road / electric motorcycles.

Throughout this report the following date periods will be used:

- This reporting period – 23rd March-17th May 2026
- Same period 2025 – 23rd March-17th May 2025
- Previous reporting period – 26th January-22nd March 2026

Incidents for this reporting period	Incidents in same period 2025	Incidents for previous reporting period
895	895	869

A summary of incidents in recent years is shown below:



Crimes

Crimes in this reporting period	Crimes in same period 2025	Crimes in previous reporting period
298	296	316

Of the 298 recorded crimes committed in the past 8 weeks, the highest categories of offences are as follows:

- Violence against the person (without injury) - 32%
- Theft and handling - 19%
- Criminal damage - 18%
- Violence against the person (with injury) - 9%
- Public disorder - 7%

The streets with the highest number of crimes for this period are:

- The Nook / Prince Edward Road
- Marsden Lane
- Elders Walk

The Nook / Prince Edward Road

17 crimes at this location which are broken down as follows:

- Theft (9 offences)
- Harassment (2 offences)
- Stalking (1 offence)
- Criminal damage (1 offence)
- Assault (1 offence)
- Assault on a police officer (1 offence)
- Attempted burglary (1 offence)
- Arson (1 offence)

Marsden Lane

12 crimes reported on Marsden Lane. All of these relate to Tesco, and include:

- Shoplifting (11 offences)
- Assault (1 offence)

Elders Walk

10 reports of shoplifting from the Co-op.

South Tyneside has a dedicated shoplifting SPOC who is responsible for collecting and collating evidence of shoplifting offences allowing neighbourhood officers to tackle offenders as soon as possible. There have been several recent instances of offenders being charged with multiple offences across the Borough.

Burglary - Residential and Non-Residential / Commercial

Burglary crimes in this reporting period	Burglary crimes in same period 2025	Burglary crimes in previous reporting period
Residential - 7	Residential - 15	Residential - 14
Commercial - 2	Commercial - 4	Commercial - 5

The above offences are spread throughout the area; the only cluster is 3 offences in the Harton Moor estate. There is no obvious correlations between the offences which have been committed on different dates. Entry methods are unsophisticated and the majority of entry has been gained via forcing open doors and windows.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crimes in this reporting period	Vehicle crimes in same period 2025	Vehicle crimes in previous reporting period
7	5	18

The majority of offences in both the current, and previous, 8 week periods relate to theft of motor vehicles, or theft from motor vehicles. Where vehicles have been taken a large proportion are motorcycles and the others have predominantly been taken by someone known to the victim. Owners of motorcycles are reminded of the requirement to ensure they are kept secure at all times.

Hate Crime

Hate crimes in this reporting period	Hate crimes in same period 2025	Hate crimes in previous reporting period
4	6	5

There was a total of 4 reported hate crimes recorded in the current period which are broken down as follows:

- Racial offences (3)
- Homophobic offences (1)

A hate crime marker is added to a crime when a victim or witness believes that the offence was motivated by prejudice of a protected characteristic.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Incidents in this reporting period	ASB Incidents in same period 2025	ASB incidents in previous reporting period
77	101	69

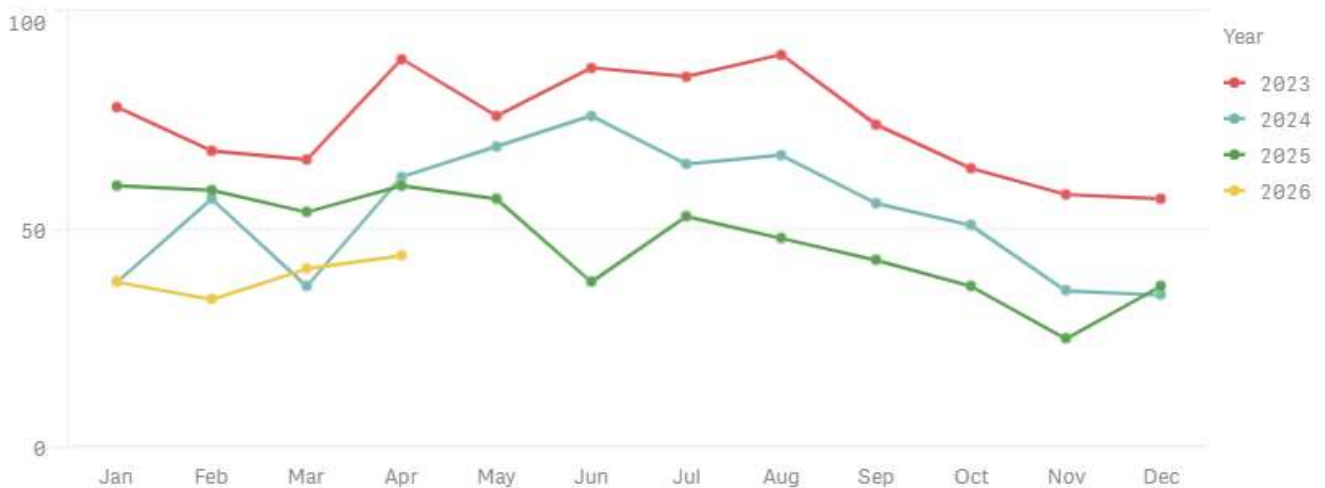
In the current 8 week period there have been a total of 77 ASB incidents, the highest categories are as follows:

- Other ASB (nuisance) - 30%
- Motorcycle disorder - 25%
- Neighbourly disputes - 14%

NPT have conducted, and continue to conduct, dedicated patrols under Operation Coastwatch and Project Shield / Project Guardian in ASB hotspot areas. By working alongside colleagues from South Tyneside Council's Business and Community Responder Teams we continue to tackle those who cause ASB throughout the area and wider Borough.

Although the number of incidents has risen slightly since the last period (11%), it is significantly lower than the same period last year (24% reduction). A rise in ASB at this time of year is expected as the weather improves and we move into the lighter nights.

A summary of ASB in recent years is shown below:



Any Other Business to Note (AOB)

None

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