

South Shields Riverside Community Area Forum

Northumbria Police

1.0 Purpose of Report

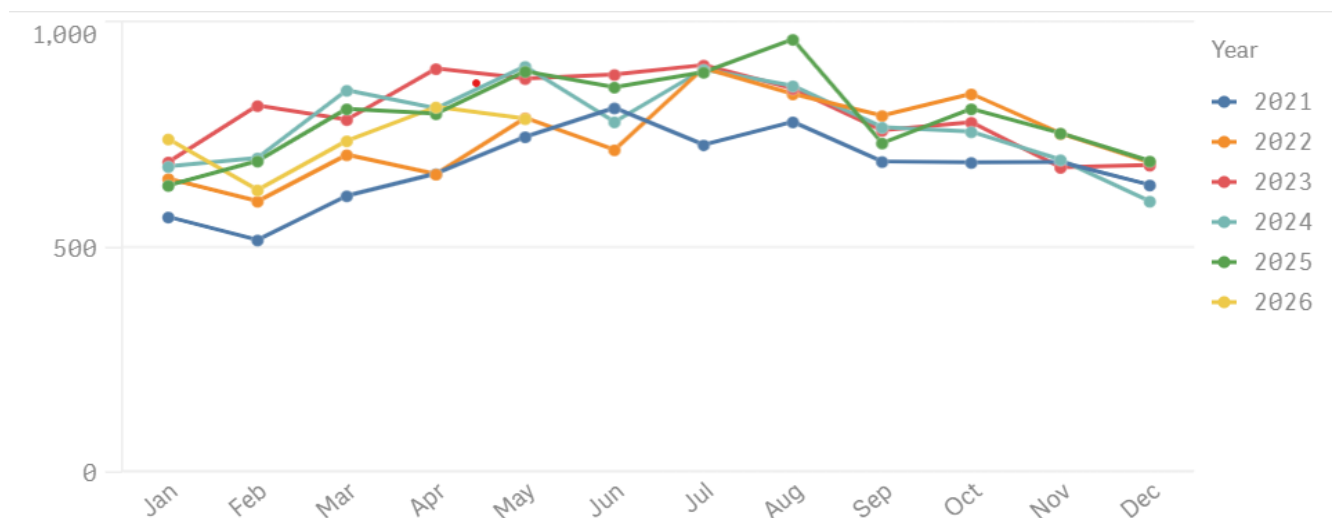
The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the South Shields area over the past 8 weeks. (Report generated 30/05/26).

2.0 Key Updates

Incidents

Within the Riverside area, a total of 1,530 incidents were reports to Northumbria Police in the current running 8-week period. This is higher than the previous 1,327 incidents reported in the previous 8-week period. The below graph shows our year-on-year demand. Although there were more recorded incidents in January this year than previous years, the demand has dropped off and is less than some previous years.

Incidents in same period 2025	Incidents in previous reporting period	Incidents for this reporting period
1,553	1,327	1,530



Crimes

Crimes in same period 2025	Crimes in previous reporting period	Crimes for this reporting period
650	471	528

There have been 528 crimes recorded in this period up from 471 in the last reported 8-week period, this is a 12% increase however there has been a 18% decrease in crime recording within the same period in 2025.

Theft and handling offences make up 38% of all recorded crime. Violence against the person with/without injury (32%), Criminal Damage (9%) and Public Disorder (7%) are the next highest categories of recorded crime.

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

- Dean Road
- Mortimer Road
- Keppel Street

Dean Road

Dean Road had a total of 70 crimes recorded within the last 8-week period. These include, 66 theft and kindred crimes, 3 violence against the person and 2 public disorder crimes. The majority of these crimes involve shoplifting offences from Morrisons Daily, Dean Road.

Mortimer Road

There have been 24 crimes reported on Mortimer Road. 22 of which involve theft and handling, 1 drug crime and 1 violence against the person crime. A high number of these crimes have taken place at the CO-OP, Mortimer Road.

Keppel Street

Within the last 8-week period, 22 crimes were recorded on Keppel Street. This includes 9 violence against the person with/without injury crimes, 7 public disorder crimes, 4 theft and handling crimes, 1 sexual offence and 1 vehicle related crime. The bulk of these crimes have occurred at South Shields Interchange.

Burglary both residential and OTD

Burglary crimes in same period 2025	Burglary crimes in previous reporting period	Burglary crimes for this reporting period
Residential - 25	Residential - 37	Residential - 7
Commercial - 13	Commercial - 20	Commercial - 5

There were 7 reported residential burglaries in this current period. Offences occurred throughout the area and there was no obvious pattern or repeat locations regarding residential burglaries. Methods are unsophisticated and the majority of entry has been gained via unlocked doors/garages and windows. Some crimes have included damage caused to windows and doors to force entry. There has been a reduction in the number of recorded burglaries in the current 8-week period. Within the last month, a prolific burglar was sighted by officers, and with assistance from the local neighbourhood team, the offender was arrested and charged with a number theft and burglary offences.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crimes in same period 2025	Vehicle crimes in previous reporting period	Vehicle crimes for this reporting period
21	14	14

There have been 14 vehicle related crimes reported within the last 8 weeks. 7 of these crimes included taking a motor vehicle without consent, 6 thefts from motor vehicle and 1 vehicle interference. Reports remain low in comparison to our year-on-year figures.

Hate Crime

Hate crimes in same period 2025	Hate crimes in previous reporting period	Hate crimes for this reporting period
9	15	9

There was a total of 9 reported hate crimes recorded in the current period. These are broken down as 7 relating to race, 1 relating to disability and 1 homophobic related. A hate crime marker is added to a crime when a victim or witness involved believes the offence was motivated by prejudice of a protected characteristic. 3 of these crimes have been recorded at South Shields Interchange. Staff at these locations will be visited by the local neighbourhood team and offered further support.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Incidents crimes in same period 2025	ASB Incidents in previous reporting period	ASB incidents for this reporting period
132	101	156

Anti-social behaviour is still a priority in the area. We have conducted patrols under Operation Coastwatch and Operation Guardian. This has provided staff to the town centre and the foreshore at times when we expect to experience anti-social behaviour, such as the school holidays. The B1 NPT team carry out dedicated patrol during their tour of duty and regularly engage with the local community.

There was a total of 156 reported incidents of ASB in the current 8-week period. This covers a broad range of incidents such as disorderly behaviour, vehicle nuisance, littering, neighbour disputes, noise complaints etc. reported ASB is at its lowest level over a five-year period. Within the current 8-week period, 39 youth related ASB incidents were reported to police. Youth related ASB continues to remain low across the area in comparison to previous years.

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