

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 Wednesday 24th June 2026).

2.0 Key Updates

Incidents

South Tyneside Area Command is showing a total of 40,139 incidents in the last 12 months (this is an increase of 0.5% on the previous 12 months).

Within the East Shields & Whitburn area, a total of 959 incidents were reported to Northumbria Police in the current 8-week period.

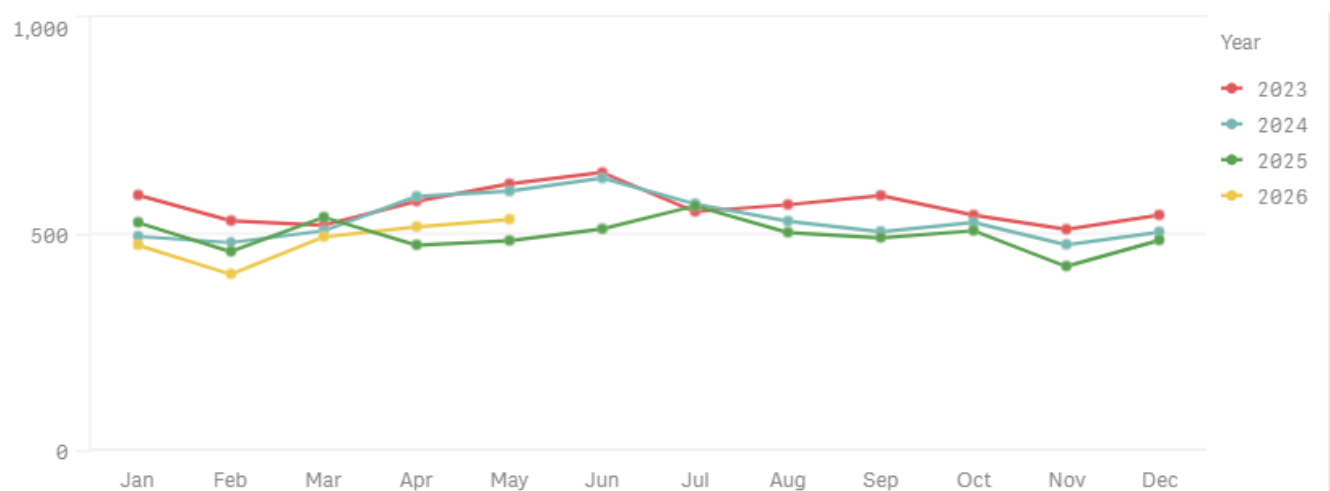
It is expected in line with previous trends that incidents will show a slight increase during the summer months. This is typically a time when we see increased anti-social behaviour (both youth and adult) and an increase in the use of off road / electric motorcycles.

Throughout this report the following date periods will be used:

- This reporting period – 29th April-23rd June 2026
- Same period 2025 – 29th April-23rd June 2025
- Previous reporting period – 3rd March-28th April 2026

Incidents for this reporting period	Incidents in same period 2025	Incidents for previous reporting period
959	912	953

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
285	314	322

Of the 285 recorded crimes committed in the past 8 weeks, the highest categories of offences are as follows:

- Violence against the person (without injury) - 31%
- Theft and handling - 21%
- Criminal damage - 13%
- Violence against the person (with injury) - 11%
- Public disorder - 9%

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

- Cheviot Road
- Marsden Lane
- King George Road

Cheviot Road

11 crimes at this location which are all assaults. These are all concentrated within a care home.

Marsden Lane

8 crimes reported on Marsden Lane. All of these relate to Tesco and are all shoplifting offences.

King George Road

7 offences, including:

- 6 making off without payment for fuel
- 1 theft of motorcycle

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 - 8	Residential - 5	Residential - 7
Commercial - 2	Commercial - 2	Commercial - 2

The above offences are spread throughout the area. There is no obvious correlations between the offences which have been committed on different dates and include burglaries to houses, garages and sheds.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crimes in this reporting period	Vehicle crimes in same period 2025	Vehicle crimes in previous reporting period
16	11	23

In both the current, and previous, 8-week periods offences are split between theft of motor vehicle, theft from motor vehicle and damage to motor vehicle. Theft of motorcycles continue to be an issue - 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	5	5

There was a total of 4 reported hate crimes recorded in the current period which are all racial offences.

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
92	86	83

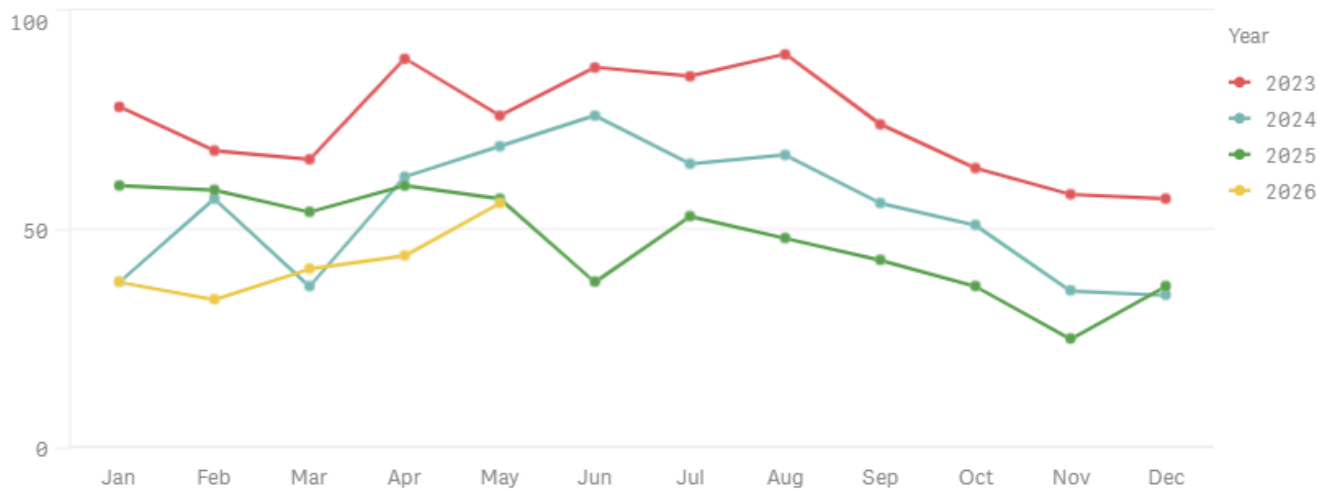
In the current 8-week period there have been a total of 92 ASB incidents, the highest categories are as follows:

- Motorcycle disorder - 26%
- Other ASB (nuisance) - 24%
- Neighbourly disputes - 17%
- Inappropriate use of public space - 15%

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.

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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