

South Shields Riverside Community Area Forum

Northumbria Police

1.0 Purpose of Report

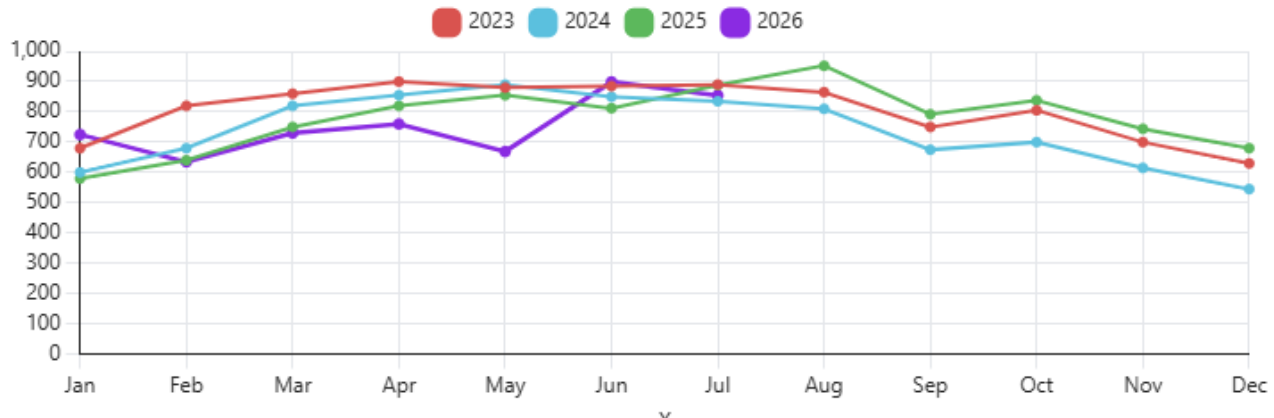
The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the South Shields area over the past 8 weeks. (Report generated 03/07/26).

2.0 Key Updates

Incidents

Within the Riverside area, a total of 1473 incidents were reports to Northumbria Police in the current running 8-week period. This is slightly lower than the previous 1530 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
1439	1,530	1473



The graph shows the monthly number reported incidents between 2023 and 2026. Overall, demand follows a seasonal pattern, with incidents increasing during the spring and summer months before declining towards the end of the year. The highest level of demand was recorded in 2025, which peaked at approximately 950 calls in August. The available 2026 data indicates lower demand during May (669 calls), followed by an increase to 899 calls in June, suggesting a similar summer uplift to previous years. Across all years shown, the data highlights consistently higher demand during the middle of the year, with lower call volumes typically seen during the winter months.

Crimes

Crimes in same period 2025	Crimes in previous reporting period	Crimes for this reporting period
637	685	617

There have been 617 crimes recorded in this period down from 685 in the last reported 8-week period, this is a 10% decrease overall.

Theft and handling offences make up 37% of all recorded crime. Violence against the person with/without injury (22%), 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
- Chichester Road
- Keppel Street

Dean Road

Dean Road had a total of 81 crimes recorded within the last 8-week period. These include, 76 theft and kindred crimes, 3 Harassment & assault 2 Robbery and 1 other violence. The majority of these crimes involve shoplifting offences from Morrisons Daily, Dean Road.

Chichester Road

There have been 29 crimes reported on Chichester Road. 14 of which involve theft and handling, 2 Violence against the person, 3 Robbery (relating to shoplifting) 2 Burglary Businesses. 3 public order, 2 harassment and 3 other. A high number of these crimes have taken place at the Iceland and Aldi.

Keppel Street

Within the last 8-week period, 27 crimes were recorded on Keppel Street. This includes 11 harassment & Assault, 5 violence against the person, 4 Thefts, 4 public order, 1 criminal damages, 1 theft from motor vehicle and 1 other.

Burglary both residential and OTD

Burglary crimes in previous reporting period	Burglary crimes for this reporting period
Residential - 7	Residential - 12
Commercial - 5	Commercial - 12

There were 12 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.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crimes in previous reporting period	Vehicle crimes for this reporting period
14	13

There have been 13 vehicle related crimes reported within the last 8 weeks. 4 of these crimes included taking a motor vehicle without consent, 8 thefts from motor vehicle and 1 vehicle interference. Reports remain low in comparison to our year-on-year figures.

Hate Crime

Hate crimes in previous reporting period	Hate crimes for this reporting period
9	11

There was a total of 11 reported hate crimes recorded in the current period. These are broken down as 8 relating to race or religion, the majority of which occurred on Keppel street and King Street, 2 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.

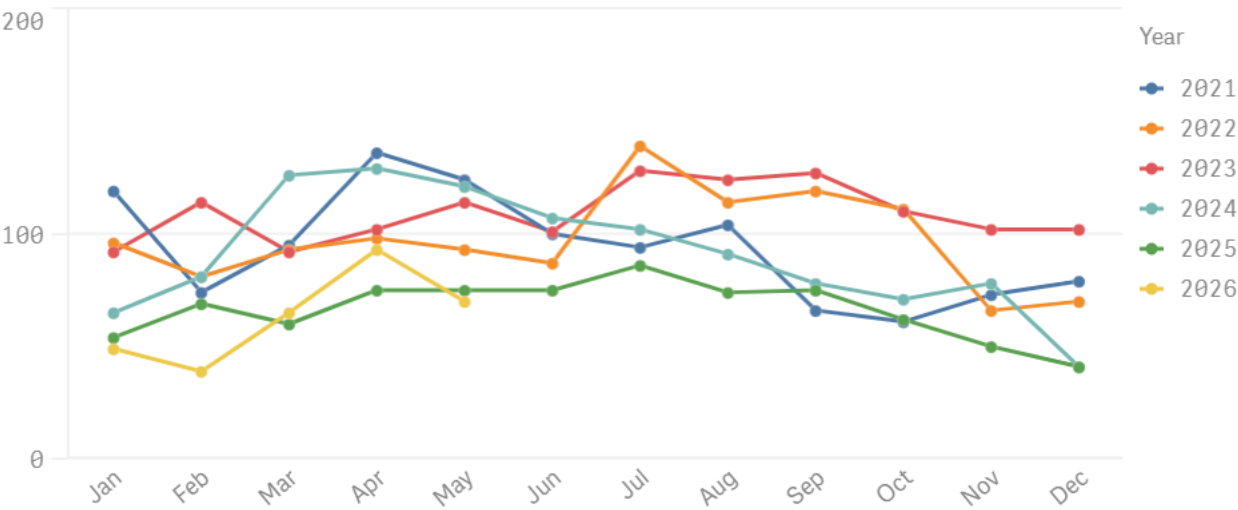
Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Incidents in previous reporting period	ASB incidents for this reporting period
156	166

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 166 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. The below graph shows that 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.

The week commencing 29th June was National ASB awareness week. We have continued our proactive patrols making 11 arrests, for offences such as breach of dispersal, breach of bail and breach of domestic violence protection orders. We have seized 2 electric bikes and issued 6 dispersal notices.



Any Other Business to Note (AOB)

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