



Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

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Community Safety

There has been an increase in overall crime of 2.2% (+409 crimes) since April 2015. Serious Acquisitive Crime continues on a downward trend with a decrease of 2.0% (-52 crimes). All crime types within this have seen reductions; robbery -0.3%, vehicle crime - 1.3% and domestic burglary -3.5%. Violence against the person has increased by 10.5% (+489 crimes). Anti-Social Behaviour continues to show a good reduction, decreasing by 7.3% (-1086 incidents) since April 2015 with personal Anti-Social Behaviour incidents reducing by 6.6% (-329 incidents), nuisance by 6.9% (-534 incidents) and environmental by 11.0% (-223 incidents).

A number of engagement events were undertaken at the end of September supporting Fresher's Fortnight at the University of Northampton Park campus and St John's accommodation and at Northampton College Booth Lane and Lower Mounts campus. This saw high levels of engagement with students and advice and guidance being provided on personal safety and property security. Specific crime prevention webpages have been developed for students and are now accessible on the NBC website pages.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit has achieved some excellent results in the town centre, seeing 3 of our most problematic street drinkers/beggars receiving Anti-Social Behaviour Orders or Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Consultation is currently underway on the proposals for Public Spaces Protection Orders. Proposals see the re-draft of the Designated Public Places Order for drinking in the street and Dog Control orders. It is also consulting on proposals to manage busking, tackle street begging, flyposting, urinating in the street and the illegal sale of cars on public land. All feedback is welcomed and the questionnaire can be found on the NBC website.

Forums

All Forums have reviewed their action plans with a number of key events being planned and delivered/supported. October saw events being held supporting International Coming Out Day on 9 October 2015 at the Royal & Derngate, and Black History Month, with an event being held in the Guildhall on 30 October 2015. Upcoming events include World Aids Day on 1 December 2015 in the courtyard of the Guildhall and International Day for People with Disabilities on 3 December 2015. This event is being held in the One Stop Shop and will see a range of voluntary organisations raising awareness and providing workshops.

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