

Hambleton Area Committee

North Yorkshire Police Update

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):

Crime continues to remain stable within the Hambleton area, with the downward trend in Burglary Non Dwelling continuing (down 64 crimes for the same period last year).

There are no areas for concern at this time.

ASB is slightly up on the same period last year; however, this is on the back of significant reductions over the previous 5 to 6 years.

As such there are no areas for concern at this time, although this slight upward trend is being monitored.

One area of note is an ongoing investigation into a number of reports of offensive letters distributed in the Stokesley and Great Ayton area. At this time further details cannot be shared, however, North Yorkshire Police are working closely with NYCC and Hambleton District Council.

Main News:

As updated at the last meeting Inspector Dave Murray is now the sole neighbourhood policing inspector for Hambleton and as such should be the main point of contact for local policing matters.

Superintendent Paula Booth is the overall County Commander (covering Craven, Harrogate, Hambleton and Richmondshire) and is the contact for strategic matters.

Inspector Murray will attend future Area Committee meetings to provide updates, however, Supt Booth can either be requested to or will attend if there are significant issues or matters to update on or discuss.

The Northallerton Custody Closure Pilot has now been running for two months. As previously stated this is a 6 month pilot so that the best informed decision can be made on custody provision for the future. A full review will be undertaken in the New Year, which will be reported back to this committee. In the meantime please be reassured that the pilot is reviewed at a local level on a daily basis and at a strategic level on a monthly basis. The Force Lead for this pilot is ACC Amanda Oliver.

Recruitment for police constables and PCSOs is well under way. We have already recruited some police officer transferees, who arrived in August and November, and four new student officers who arrived with us in October. There are then a further 3 student officer courses planned for November, February and March. Likewise we have three new PCSOs starting their training at the end of September, with further courses in December and February.

The conversion of Alverton Court, Northallerton to replace the Police Headquarters and Northallerton Police Station continues, with expected occupancy summer to autumn 2017.

Northallerton Street Angels are going from strength to strength with more volunteers being recruited. Their impact has been very much welcomed and praised by the police, licensees and the public.

And finally.....

This will be my last Area Committee meeting as I will be retiring on the 4th January 2017 after 30 years police service. It has been a pleasure to serve the communities of Hambleton over this time and I particularly thank those of you who have supported me along the way in making Hambleton one of the safest places to live, work and visit in the country.

Chief Inspector Nick Hunter

Operational Commander

Hambleton and Richmondshire