Police Update – Sergeant Twomey

	Aug 22	Aug 23	
	Crime	Crime	
Serious Youth Violence	1	1	0.00%
Serious Youth Violence (Knife Used)	0	0	-
Domestic Abuse	49	39	-20.41%
Vehicle Crime (KPI)	31	17	-45.16 %
Burglary - Dwelling	20	10	-50.00 %
Robbery	5	3	-40.00 %
Theft From The Person	1	1	0.00%

As you can see, the ward has seen a reduction in most crimes, with a significant reduction in Burglary and Vehicle Crime offenses.

With regards to burglaries, a while ago it was mandatory for officers to attend these matters, however the direction in relation to this changed.

As you are probably aware via the media, this has changed once again and, earlier this year, the NPCC committed that all 43 forces in England and Wales were to attend all home burglaries.

With this, the actions taken by officers since the changes have made an impact into the burglary crime figures.

House to house enquiries, CCTV opportunities and Crime Prevention Advice have all played a part in this reduction.

Vehicle crime has also seen a reduction, as part of the Forces Priorities, with specialised teams and operations in place dedicated to such offences.

Youth Violence statistics have stayed the same, as well as Theft From the Person. With this, there's a lot of joint work ongoing with the Youth Offending Team, School Liaison officers and BCC with joint working and visits.

ASB on the ward remains a constant problem.

There has been some good news for the ward, and that is we have been given the opportunity to take part in a pilot regarding ASB. This will see officers patrolling in hotspot areas at relevant times.

With this, I can report some really pleasing results since this started in force at the beginning of Aug.

Officers have recovered a number of stolen vehicles with accompanying arrests.

Seized stolen off-road bikes/ bikes, with arrests, including an offender with a knife.

Seized drugs from a male, who was arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply.

Male arrested for drink drive and vehicle seized.

3 arrested with machetes, balaclavas and knives, for Going Equipped to Steal and Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

Driver detained due to no insurance/licence and car seized.

The feedback from the community has been really positive, as more officers are working on this particular problem which greatly effects our area.

The presence of officers, actively working in the community is hugely beneficial as highlighted above.

In other news, I know we've discussed the problem of graffiti quite a bit, and how we can tackle this together.

Suze Carter has given us her plans around obtaining funding for a graffiti artist to design a mural at the Billesley Fire Station, which I look forward to hearing about its progress. So, with this, 'The Community Payback Scheme' are seeking projects anywhere in Birmingham.

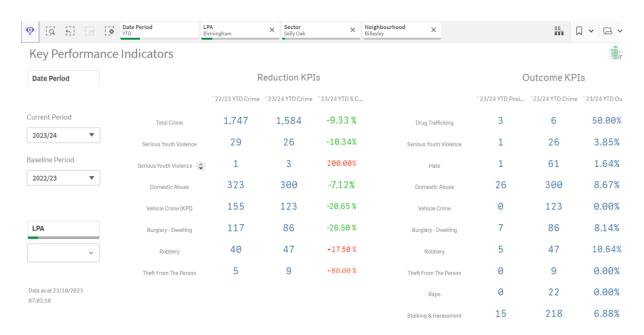
This is where offenders complete anything from 40 - 300hrs of Community Payback, depending on how serious the crime was.

I have forwarded my request for the wards consideration with regards plans to getting the graffiti removed in various locations. I'll await the reply and keep you updated

With regards to the CCTV on Ravenshill, I have once again chased this through BCC and I am yet hear an update.

Regarding the progress of CCTV at Braceby Ave, I have once again provided BCC, the location of the site we assessed 2 years ago for their consideration.

Police Update – Inspector Lee Trinder



Regarding ASB and Speeding. Currently, whilst both are important, they are not set priorities at this time by the Police senior leadership team. The Billesley team investigate lots of asb reports when able, and have had some successes. They work with BCC, and in fact have 1 case at Court presently (Coleside Avenue).

Billesley currently receives Government funding for a new ASB patrol strategy, and has 7 identified areas that now attracts dedicated ASB patrolling. These are known as LSOA areas (Lower Super Output Areas). BCC has also received funding to support the initiative and I understand they are recruiting 4 ASB officers, but I am unsure of where this is at. I can say that there have been some excellent results, and this is due to the ring fenced funding of staff on overtime, to allow patrols. Dawn will be able to provide you with some positive news stories and it is already showing the benefit of Police staff being able to get out on the beat, scientifically driven around being in the right areas at the right time.

Regarding Speeding, I have committed each Ward to undertake a minimum of one speedwatch operation per month. This can be as flexible as required, and we are happy to work with you on any locations of concern. Obviously this approach is very short term, and I support any moves to influence longer term strategies such as average speed cameras or traffic calming measures on roads evidentially classed as high risk.