



# **Shipley Neighbourhood Police Report**

**January – December 2023**

## APPENDIX A

### SHIPLEY

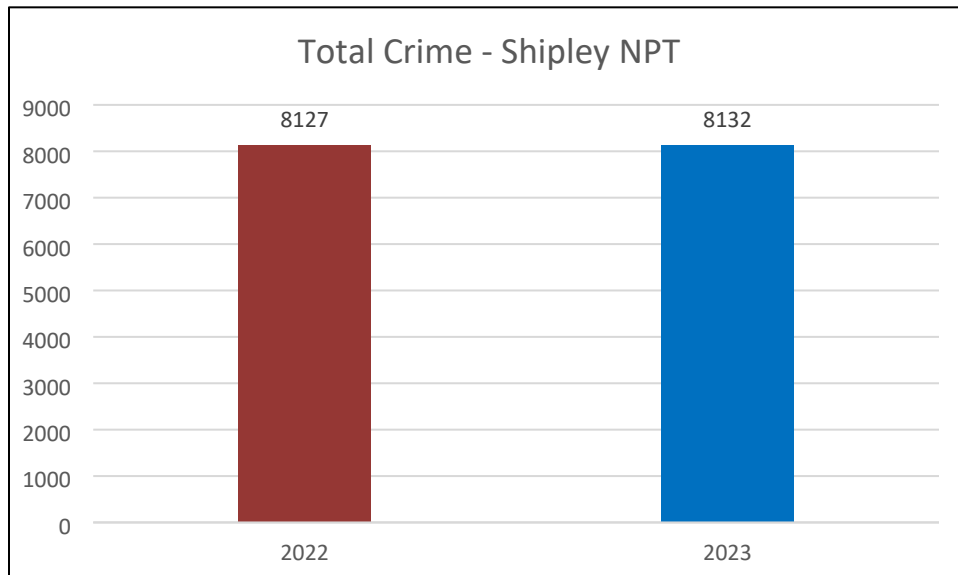
- Baildon
- Bingley
- Bingley Rural
- Shipley
- Wharfedale
- Windhill & Wrose



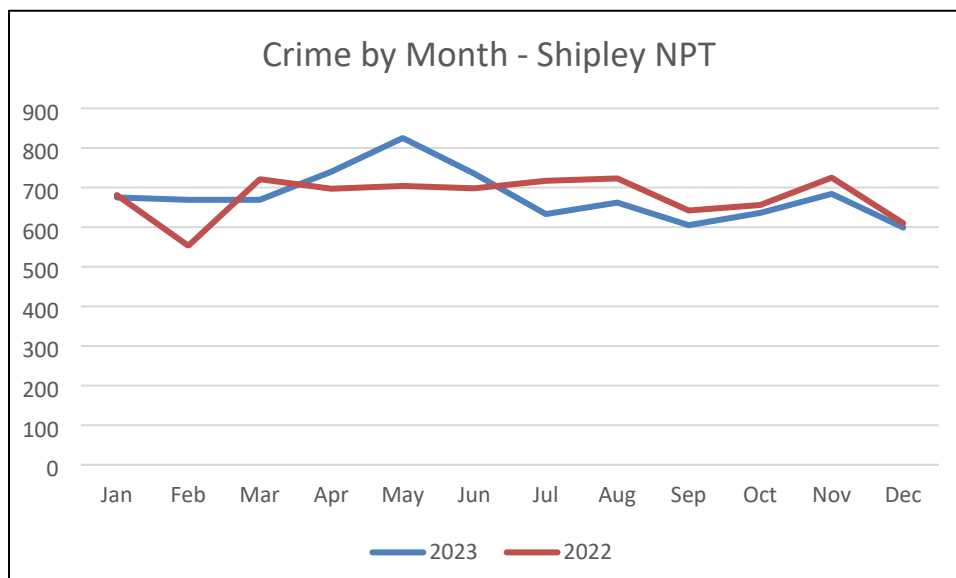
### CRIME FIGURES

During the period 01/01/23 – 31/12/23 there have been 8132 crimes recorded across the Shipley NPT area, this is a slight increase from 8127 offences in the previous year.

The chart below shows the figures for all crimes recorded across Shipley NPT during the period 01/01/23 - 31/12/23 with a comparison to the previous year:



The chart below shows the crimes committed across Shipley NPT during the period 01/01/23 – 31/12/23 broken down by month:



The table below shows the highlighted crime figure totals with a comparison to the previous year. It also highlights any increase or decrease in figures:

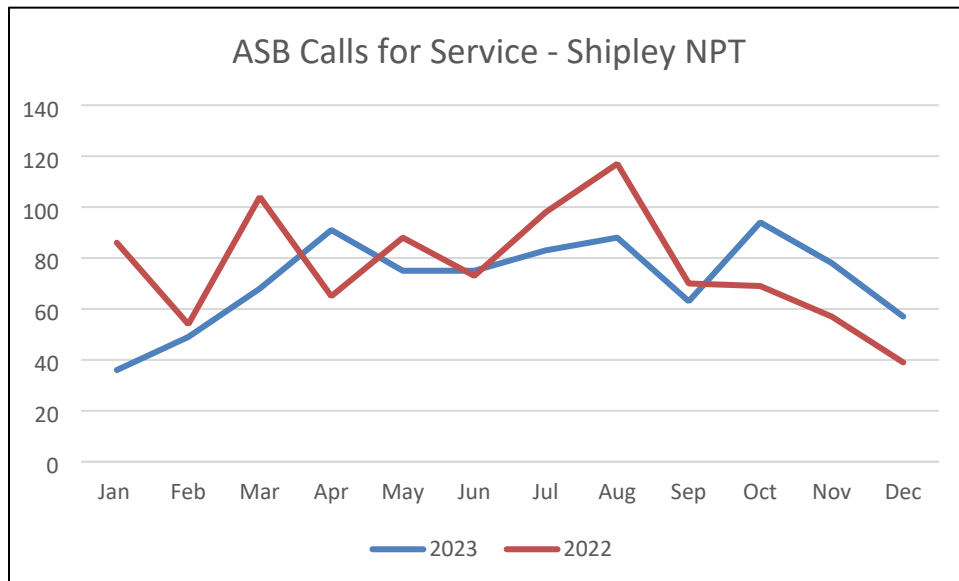
Crime Type	2022	2023	Difference
Burglary - business and community	130	176	+46
Burglary - residential	441	436	-5
Criminal damage	732	723	-9
Robbery	51	76	+25
Shoplifting	249	335	+86
Theft from motor vehicle	224	247	+23
Theft of motor vehicle	207	157	-50
Homicide	1	0	-1
Violence with injury	806	781	-25
Violence without injury	2728	2840	+112

## ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

### ASB (calls for service)

During the period 01/01/23 – 31/12/23 there have been 857 calls for service coded as Anti Social Behaviour, this is a decrease from 920 Anti Social Behaviour calls for service in the previous year.

The chart below shows the total number of calls for service for ASB related issues for the 12 month period. This includes those that were classified as 'nuisance'.



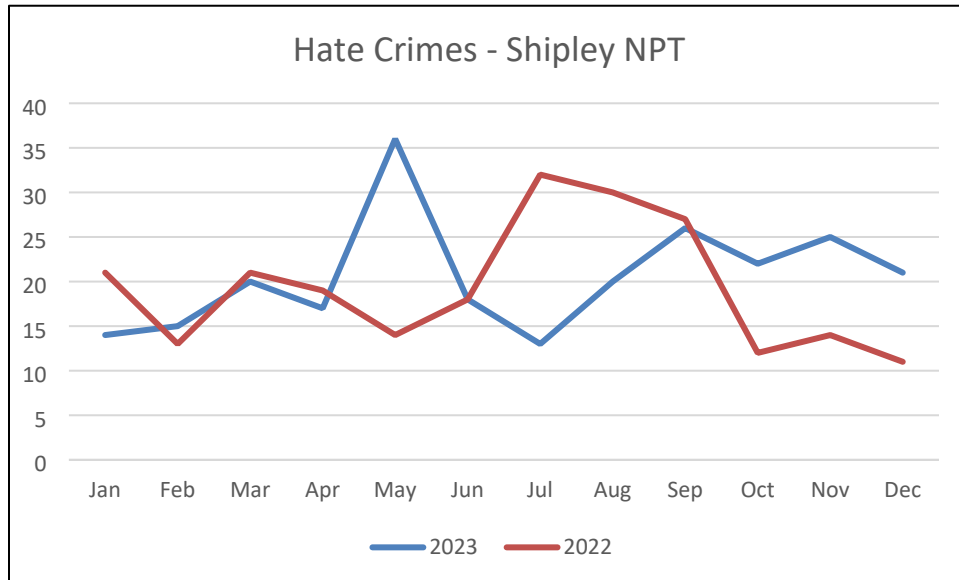
There is a peak in calls for service during October 2023. During this month the most reported call types have been Youth Related (34) and Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad Bikes (22). The wards recording the highest numbers of Youth Related Nuisance have been Bingley Ward (9) and Windhill and Wrose Ward (9). The highest number of calls for service relating to Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad Bikes have been recorded on the Windhill and Wrose Ward (7).

The highest numbers of calls for service have been 26/10/23 (9) and 08/10/23 (8). On 26/10/23 there were five calls for service relating to Youth Nuisance. Two relate to Merchants Court in Bingley and two relate to Tony Miller Approach in Shipley. The calls for service on 8 October 2023 included four Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad Bikes but all different wards.

## HATE CRIME

During the period 01/01/23 – 31/12/23 there have been 247 Hate Crimes recorded across Shipley NPT, this is an increase from 232 offences in the previous year.

The below graph shows the trend of hate crimes and incidents reported over the 12 months across Shipley NPT:



There was a spike of Hate Crimes in May 2023. During this month Hate Crime – Race has been the most recorded Hate Crime type. Across the month the highest numbers of offences have been recorded in Windhill and Wrose Ward (12). There are six addresses recorded two or more offences during May 2023. There have been four offences recorded at an address in Baildon (Race Hate related).

## Police Report

It has been two years since my last report, the main concerns at the time were Covid. This obviously affected the figures which I was able to report on and our responses as a Neighbourhood Team.

As can be seen from the figures all reported crime and calls for service regarding Anti Social Behaviour have remained similar for the comparative year on year figures.

There have been a number of challenges nationally and locally for the Police service.

As a force we experienced a major spike in calls for service for the spring period of 2023. There is no apparent reason for the increase in call demand, however it did affect our Neighbourhood Team capacity. All areas of Policing pooled resources to enable management of the demand issues to maintain a level of service at initial point of call.

There have been some staff changes over the last twelve months. We have lost some of our well established constables, who have moved into different roles, developing their personal objectives. These officers have been replaced and the new team members have adapted and settled in extremely quickly, proving effective almost immediately.

I am also pleased to report that we have received an uplift in staffing numbers, whilst it may seem small, an extra constable, the plans we have to adapt will make this a really effective inclusion to our team.

Any report would be remiss not to recognise the continuing efforts of our Police Community Support Officers. I could not be more proud of the team work displayed, the extra mile they are all willing to go to in support of our local communities. There are many examples, such as The memories Café, the primary school inputs on relevant key messages, the continued support for local community initiatives and events.

I am very proud of the team ethos, all staff working together to achieve the same goals. It is the manner of the working practices, engagement, firm yet fair and partnership collaboration. As a local Neighbourhoods team we have successfully managed large local events without the requirement for additional resources. Events such as Bingley Music Live, Dragonboat Festival, Saltaire festival as well as the numerous smaller local events. The local knowledge and engagement with the community are key to the successful Policing of these operations and the style I feel has served the community so well.

Whilst there are a number of challenges that remain, ongoing issues detailed by ward area, I am determined that we will strive to achieve the best outcomes for our communities.

Without the support of our local community, partners, volunteers and those willing to stand up and be counted, we could support a fantastic local community that I am proud to work with as well as be part of.

### **Baildon Ward**

Burglary reports have again seen a decrease in reports. I must again thank Maggie Town and her team of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, what a fantastic local resource. The neighbourhood Watch also runs a drop in at the Library which are advertised locally, our team are also available at the drop in sessions.

Speeding locally is a community concern. My team have targeted the routes that have been identified and a number of successful prosecutions have been processed.

We are lucky to have such an involved community in Baildon and I thank you for the continued passion and support for the local community and keeping Baildon a fantastic place to live and work.

### **Bingley Ward**

There has been a change of management at Five Rise Shopping centre since the last report. This has resulted in a different approach from the staff and Police to youth activity in the shopping centre. This approach has reduced the demand relating to Anti Social Behaviour, thus making the area more attractive to shoppers and potential new businesses moving to the area.

Myrtle Park and Crossflatts remain priorities on our patrol plan, this is to tackle 'street drug dealing' and Anti Social Behaviour. We have seen success in both areas recently.

Our Bingley Pubwatch scheme is also going from strength to strength. Ask Angela successfully launched in all the town centre hostelrys. We have also been successful in securing extra funding for further patrols relating to the Night Time economy of Bingley, giving us extra staff on weekends. This will enable us to police the area to reassure those enjoying the facilities in the town, but also deal with those wanting to cause trouble swiftly and robustly.

### **Bingley Rural Ward**

Speeding and anti social use of motor vehicles on the rural roads has remained a high priority, as with Baildon we have trained officers in the use of Pro Laser and will enforce where appropriate in the areas where specific intelligence and reports lead us.

Our collaborative work with local authority highways has resulted in the changes to the road layout around Beckfoot to improve road safety and reduce collisions and injury.

Bingley rural has suffered with vehicle crime and burglary, due to the specifics of rural towns and villages, this is also linked to areas of a similar demographic in certain areas of Keighley. Relating to vehicle crimes a specific operation has been established by specialist investigators, to enable a more in depth investigation, linking methods and forensic enquiries to arrest and deal with the offenders for all related reports. This is in its' early days but has already seen some great success.

### **ShIPLEY Ward**

ShIPLEY is unfortunately following the nationwide trend in the rise of shoplifting offences. I have resisted quick fixes, any blanket approach to recording offences saving officer time. I am pushing bespoke investigations, linking offenders to multiple crimes and obtaining Criminal Behaviour Orders against those offenders as a long term solution. Our ASB officers and Neighbourhood team are working closely with the Businesswatch in the town to reduce this damaging trend to our local economy.

We are also aware of the increase in street begging in ShIPLEY town centre. Again we are working collaboratively to tackle the issues, aware how this makes public feel intimidated and affects foot fall for local businesses. We are also acutely aware of helping those in need, supporting as the priority. However where that support is declined or not required prosecutions are sought and we have obtained Criminal behaviour Orders for those causing significant issues.

### **Wharfedale Ward**

Burglary has again reduced in the area, we are looking however to increase the Neighbourhood Watch network in the locality.

Anti Social behaviour continues to remain low, however we are not complacent and work with youth services to ensure that this is sustained.

Speeding is also a local concern that we are pro-actively tackling.

### **Windhill and Wrose Ward**

We have had some really positive arrests and convictions in the area. Effectively we have been able to close down a Serious Organised Crime group involved in drugs supply in the area. This was achieved through the support of the local community intelligence and tenacity by our Windhill and Wrose Neighbourhood teams.

Operation Steerside has worked with us in the area and we are regularly running days of action to tackle this issue that is a blight on the majority of local residents, who want to use the fantastic amenities for the purposes they were intended for. We will continue to strive to be innovative and effective in finding long term solutions to this issue.

### **In summary**

There are ongoing issues that still require our attention and focus. Some of these are challenging and will require collaborative approaches with fresh ideas. There are also new and emerging trends, e-scooters, electric motorcycles, the recent legislative changes to the use of Nitrous Oxide, to name but three. We must work together positively to enable 'out of the box' ideas to achieve sustainable solutions for our local communities.

Living and working in our community I share the frustrations of the same issues as you, however we will continue to strive to make the difference needed.