

Shipley Neighbourhood Police Report

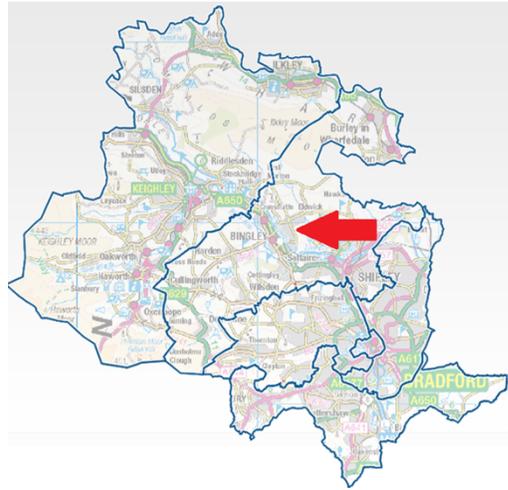
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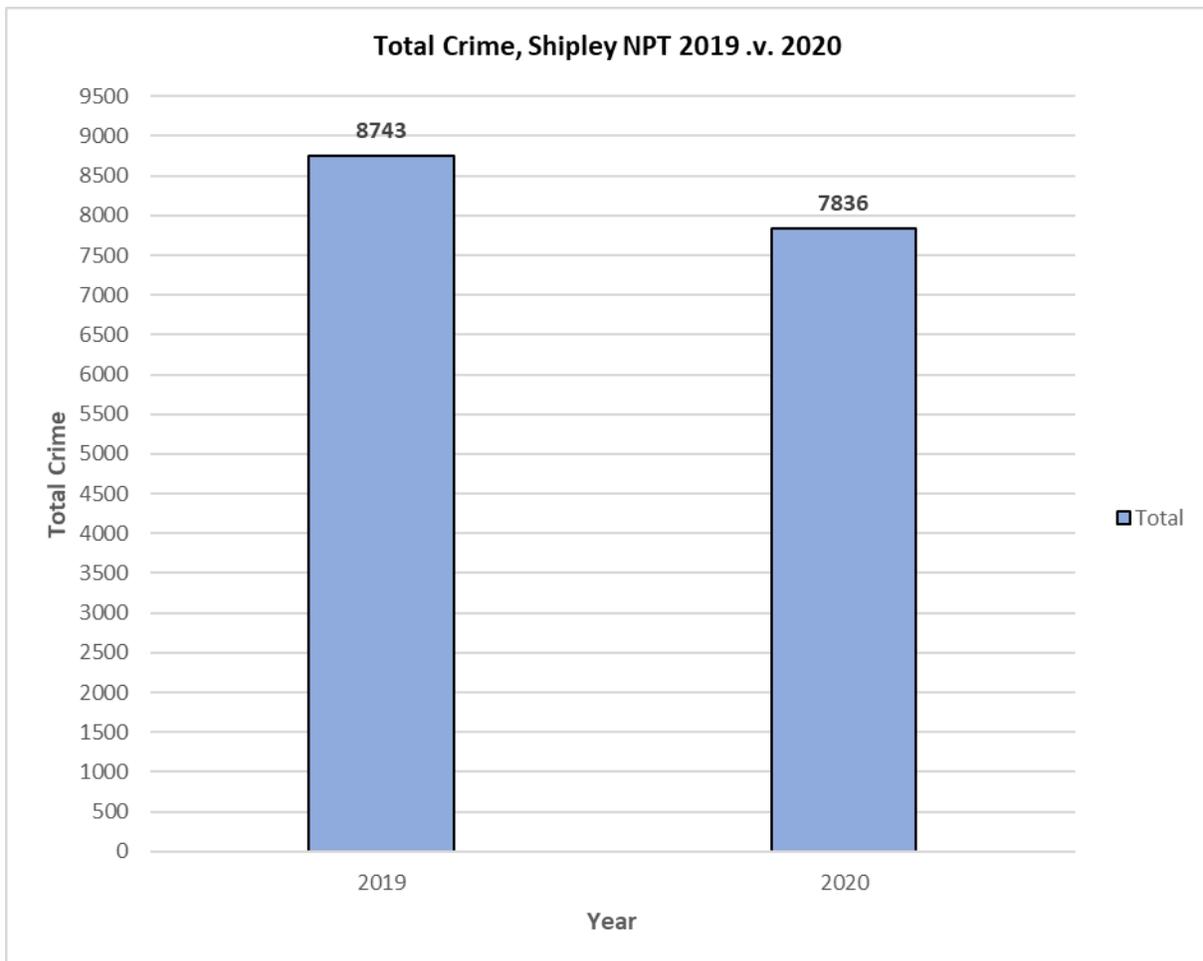
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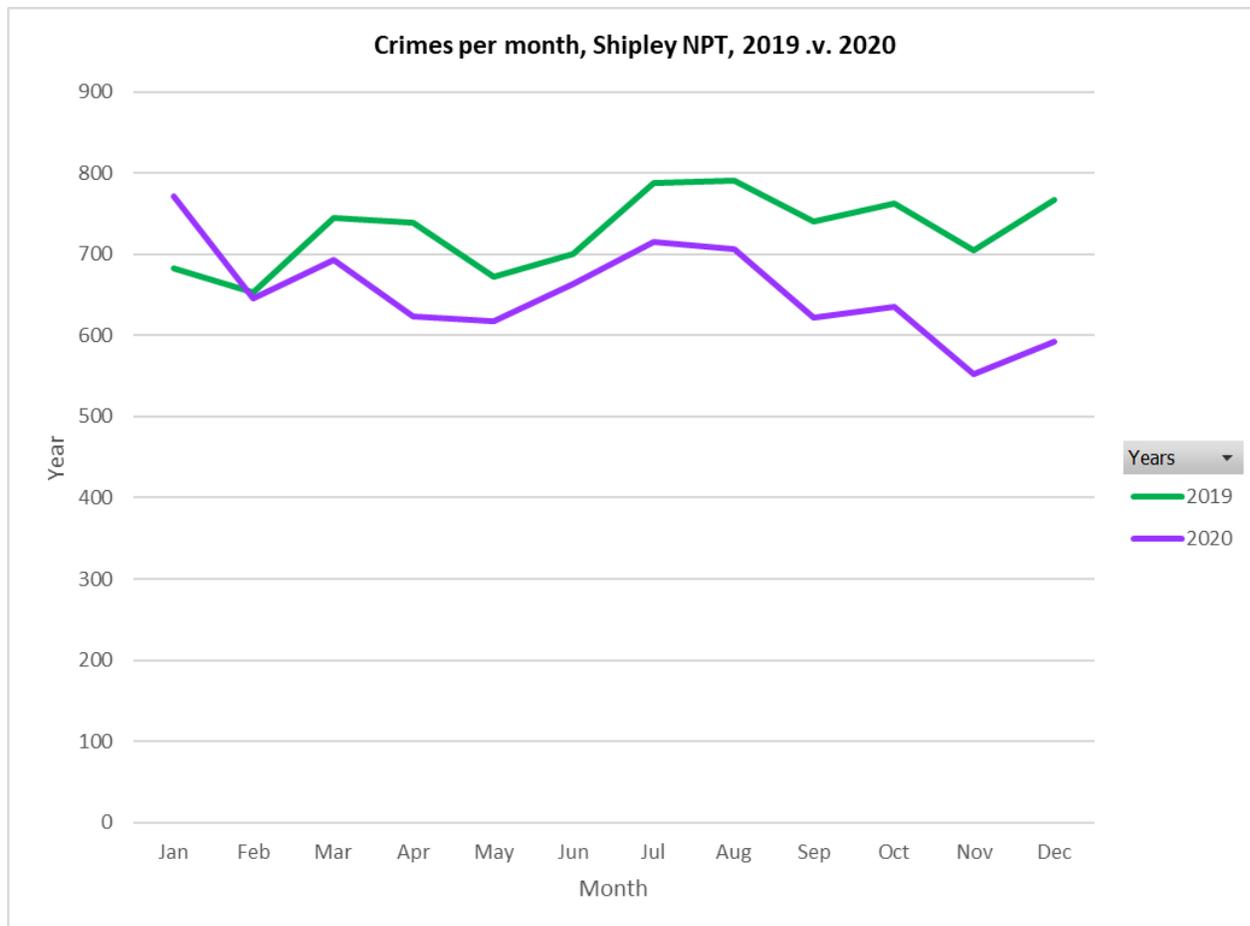
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CRIME FIGURES

The following data highlights figures for all crimes in Shipley between 01/01/20 and 31/12/20. This is compared to the same period during the previous year.





Lockdown periods due to Coronavirus: 23.03.2020 – 15.06.2020 (National)
October – Local lockdowns, tiered system
05.11.2020 – 02.12.2020 (National)
December – Local lockdowns, tiered system

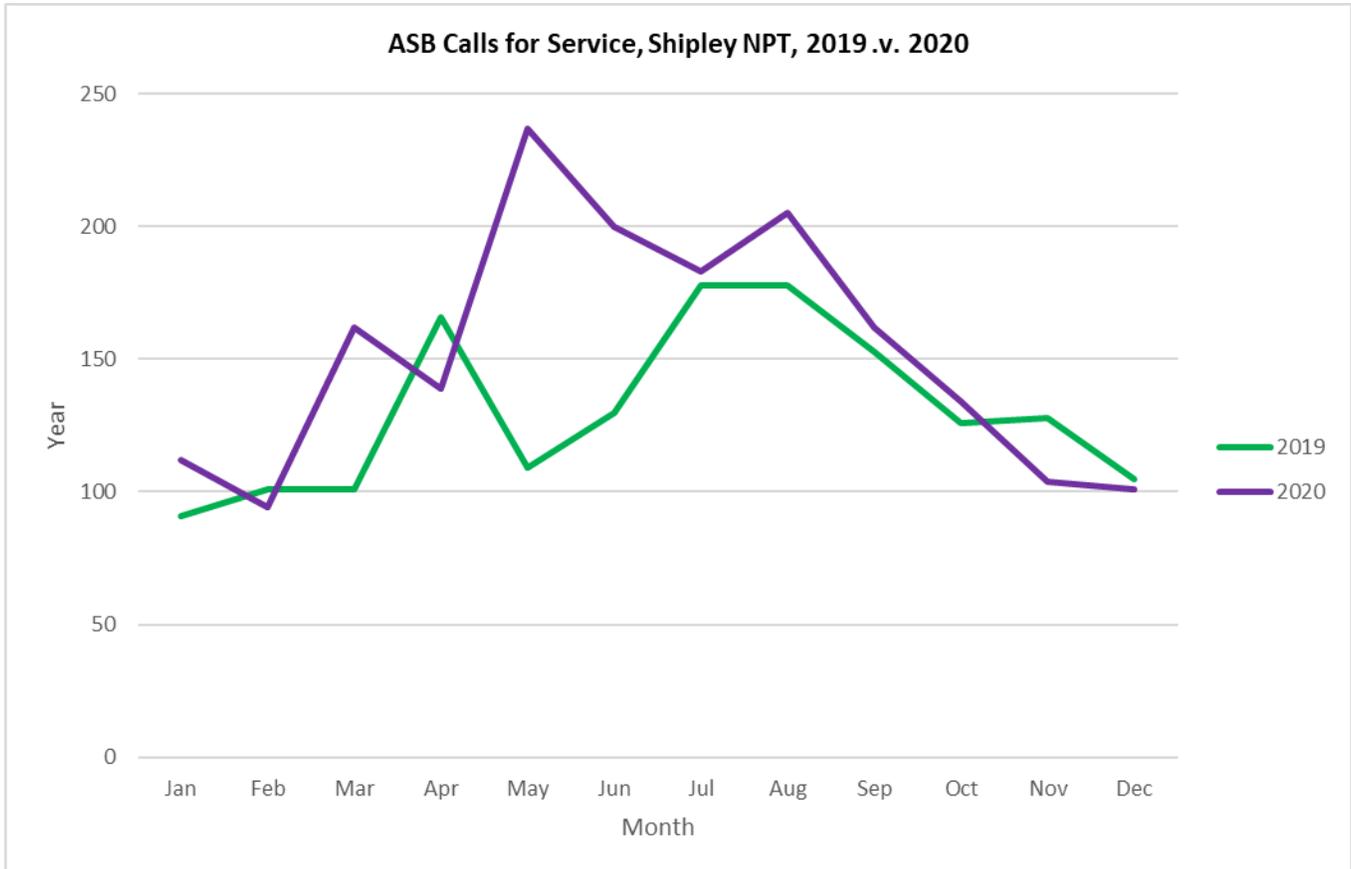
This is broken down into certain different crime types as below along with an increase and decrease figure for each:

Crime Type	2019	2020	Difference
Burglary - business and community	207	179	28
Burglary - residential	865	682	183
Criminal damage	753	699	54
Robbery	78	39	39
Shoplifting	366	249	117
Theft from motor vehicle	449	226	223
Theft of motor vehicle	141	100	41
Homicide	0	1	1
Violence with injury	757	654	103
Violence without injury	2409	2536	127
Grand Total	8743	7836	907

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

ASB (calls for service)

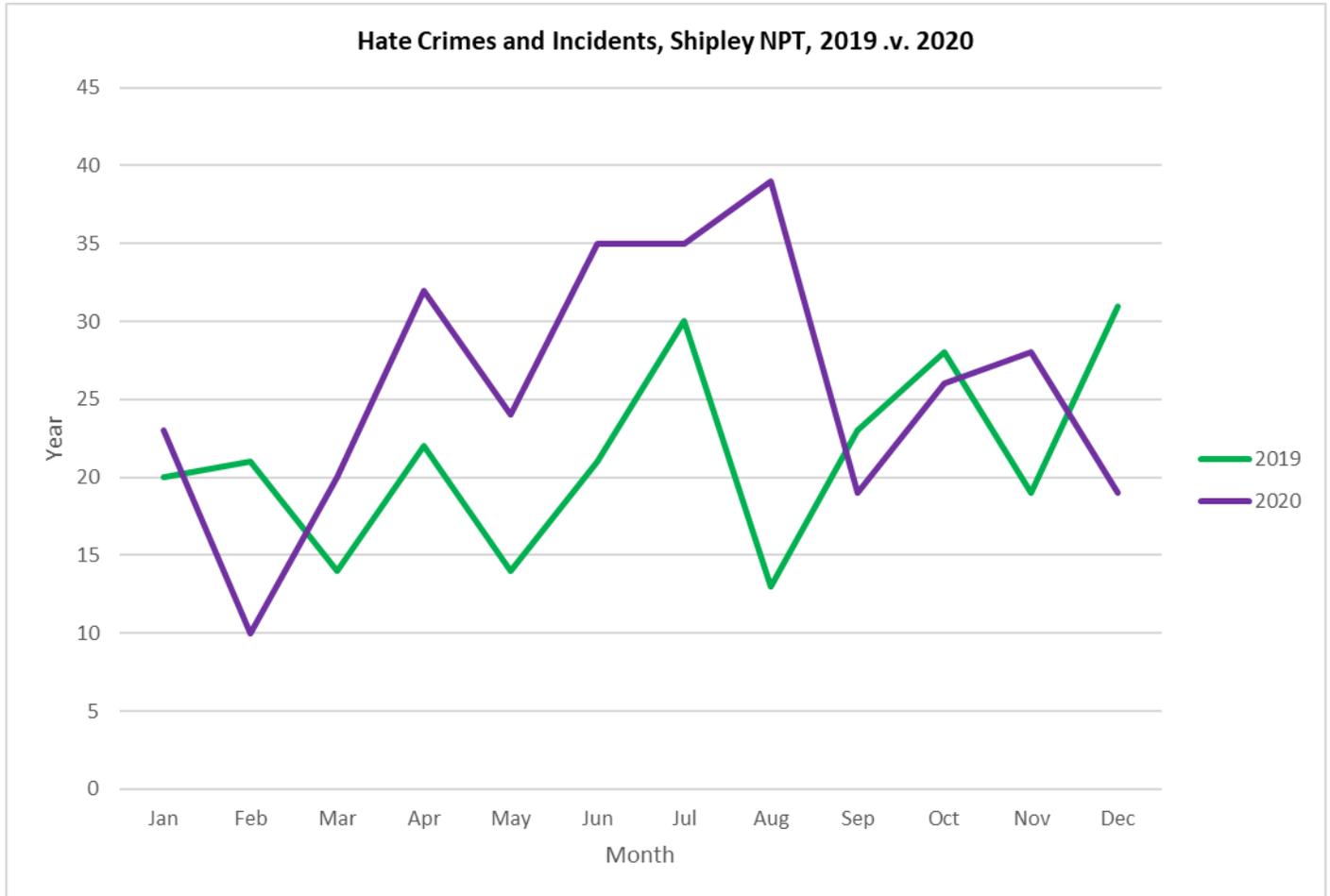
The below chart shows the total number of calls for service for ASB related issues for the 12 month period. This also includes those that were classified as 'nuisance'.



The graph shows that there was variation in the number of calls at the beginning of each year, however, towards the end of the year, reductions were seen in both 2019 and 2020. The increase in ASB related calls during the summer months of 2020 can be attributed to a large number of calls being received regarding behaviour that was not in line with lockdown restrictions in place at that time.

HATE CRIME

The below graph shows the trend of both hate crimes and incidents reported over the 12 month period across Shipley. The data has been extracted from Corvus and includes, Race Hate Crimes, Faith Hate Crimes, Disability Hate Crimes and Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes.



When 2020 is compared with 2019, the largest increases were in the number of Hate Crimes related to Race and disability.

Police Report

This year has been the most challenging year I have experienced in 26 years of Police service. I am aware of the challenges both personally and professionally this year has placed upon the whole community, and my heartfelt condolences go out to those that have lost loved ones due to this pandemic.

As Police we are not exempt from the same feelings of loss, and we have also felt the strain. The varying levels of lockdown have affected us all, again both professionally and personally. I can say that calls for service have increased during the last twelve months. However, this is not detailed on the statistics attached.

We have also suffered with staff absences and shielding which has affected our capacity, however these have not been as high as we first feared and planned for.

The challenges faced have been varied and unprecedented and unique.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the local community of Shipley, I am proud to say that the majority of people have abided by, and supported the public health measures that have been required to fight this pandemic. As always there will be those that do not abide by the rules, however by way of reassurance they were very much in the minority.

The challenges included some real tests at rural locations such as Goit Stock, Baildon Moor and Roberts Park, however I know that this list almost endless. This again was unique in the type of calls for service and what we could actually deliver. The guidelines and regulations being so new, the varied media spin really made communicating the actual powers we had been given very difficult. Lessons were learnt during the first lockdown and we worked with our partners to reduce the issues local communities were facing. We planned for the hot spot areas and patrolled with a targeted response.

I am conscious about Covid being the sole emphasis of this report, I know that we did not get everything right, but we worked hard to resolve the issues as they came in. We worked in accordance with the principals of the 4E's, Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce. More recently we have been at the fourth stage and numerous penalty notices have been issued for alleged breaches. Due to the nature of the work, this is not normally publicised.

Whilst this huge extra challenge has needed to be policed, we have still had the general police duties to deal with. In the previous report I explained that I had changed the team to be area based, each sergeant having specific responsibility for their area. I feel that this has been successful in promoting ownership of issues and the raised the standards of our dealings with the community. I also feel that it has forged closer links with partners and councillors.

I am also very pleased to report that we have again increased the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, still maintaining the highest number in the district. Along with this we have also worked tirelessly promoting the Community Alert scheme. This is an email scheme to keep the local community updated about local issues and crimes that have occurred as well informing of regional trends and crime reduction advice. We have achieved more sign-ups for the Alert scheme than any other area in Bradford, and I am also proud to report that we have more than some Policing districts. I am confident that this has helped in our reported crime figures, more people informed of the issues and of what preventative actions they are able to take.

Crime is down from 8743 recorded crimes to 7836, a reduction of 907. Residential burglary has seen one of the biggest reductions, we have been successful working with partners both inside and outside the organisation to achieve this reduction. Several key offenders responsible for multiple offences have been arrested and put before the courts, serving custodial sentences. We have worked with probation service to prevent re-offending upon release. We obtained funding for light timers and other crime reduction solutions, planned the areas that were subject of multiple offences last year and worked with householders to improve security and deter would be offenders. We have also targeted persons that may be more vulnerable to offenders, again with crime reduction equipment and advice. Whilst this is a significant decrease it is not all down to us, the community has certainly played a massive part by engaging with us and supporting our efforts to reduce the number of victims of crime.

Business burglary was a big worry for me, with the lockdowns leaving retail and other businesses empty and potentially vulnerable. Whilst in the main we have been successful in our efforts to stop any spikes, we have seen multiple attacks on a minority of premises. Due to this we obtained further funding, this has enabled overtime to be

worked in the affected areas to pro-actively patrol and deal robustly with any persons unable to account for their presence in the area. This has been successful, arrests have been made, searches and intelligence obtained and numerous Covid penalties have been issued for breaches. Whilst there was a reduction in business burglary we will concentrate our efforts to further reduce in the coming year, reinvigorating the varying business schemes when we get back to a new normal.

I feel that the crime figures speak for themselves, theft of and theft from vehicle seeing some great reductions and robbery reducing by half as many victims as the previous year.

Violence without injury, is a troubling figure, but it also shows the integrity in our crime recording data. Crimes such as online bullying, neighbour disputes, harassment all fall under this category, due to the nature of the calls that have increased during Covid this has also increased these types of reports. I feel that this is the reason for the increase in anti-social behaviour calls and the increase in reported hate crime. There are no patterns as such, but there has been an increase in online hate crime.

We have undertaken a review of how we investigate hate crimes and they now need an inspector's review prior to the reports being filed, this is to ensure the highest standards of integrity and investigation. We are also working hard to identify any repeat victims or offenders.

The homicide report was the horrifying incident that took place at Denholme, we supported our colleagues in the major investigation team in preserving evidence and securing scenes, this resulted in offenders being identified and arrested.

Baildon Ward

Burglaries have decreased in the Baildon area thanks must go to the excellent Neighbourhood Watch schemes lead by Maggie Town.

Speeding is still a local priority in the area and we are getting more of our staff trained in the use of pro-laser for enforcement of offences, not just advice. However, we still have 'SID' (Speed Indication Device) to act as a visible deterrent to slow traffic and reduce the risk of collisions.

Covid has been an issue in the locality due to the moors and other areas of natural beauty that attracted higher visitor numbers than would normally be expected, this resulted in increased demand. There was also an increase in reports of the use of motor cycles and quads in the area. This has resulted in working with partners and bridal way suited gates being fitted as a deterrent and to improve the safety of the area for all users.

Bingley Ward

We are still working hard around the issues of street dealing, we have had some excellent successes in the area, however whilst it is pleasing to arrest some street level dealers we are still working with colleagues in serious organised crime to identify any links to groups from other areas of the district plying their trade in our area.

We have been working with partners around the issues in the 5 Rise shopping centre, this is still a work in progress, as we deal with one group effectively another comes to take their place. This is to be expected but we will continue to strive for local sustainable solutions.

Burglary is also down in the area, again we are seeing an increase in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

Covid has caused issues in and around Myrtle Park and the Canal Towpaths.

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.

We have been working with Bradford Council Highways to improve road safety around Cottingley and Beckfoot due to the sad tragic accidents we have seen. We are still working with highways and the agreed solutions have now moved to implementation stage.

Bingley rural, specifically Harden (Goit Stock) has suffered due to Covid visitors, this presented a unique set of circumstances for us and partners. The land is privately owned with public right of way, parking on private roads and around the local villages. Patrols were increased and notices issued where appropriate, parking notices also issued in

the locality. This was a very challenging issue and one that I wish to revisit to learn from when local councillors and partners can meet and review the tactics.

Shipley Ward

The business watch has been on hold for obvious reasons. We began to look into making Shipley a Smartwater town, with the support of the newly formed town council and Business Watch. However, Covid has placed this on hold, this is something that we are determined to re-visit when our new normal has settled into place. Linking the pubs is still a work in progress, delayed for the same reason.

We have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour in Shipley Centre and Roberts Park, youths have been identified and early interventions enacted.

There was a spike in business burglary that we have tackled by sourcing funding for overtime targeted patrols.

Wharfedale Ward

Burglary has again reduced in the area, we are looking however to increase the Neighbourhood Watch network in the locality, PS Hudson is pushing this.

Cross border offences and travelling criminals have been targeted by our crime teams in Both Bradford and Leeds, we have a fortnightly meeting of the two districts to share information and work more closely together. This has resulted in an increased intelligence picture thus improving arrests and detections.

Street dealing remains a priority in the area.

Covid again caused issues with increased visitors to the area, similar to Goit Stock.

Windhill and Wrose Ward

We have had some really positive arrests and convictions in the area. Through the changes to the structure of my teams we have been able to be more pro-active in this area. We have had successful convictions of peripheral members of an organised crime group, effecting the supply chain locally. We have had numerous arrests for offences relating to the supply of class A and class B drugs.

Operation Steerside has worked with us in the area and we recently conducted a local survey about the issues that are affecting the community, we have responded recently with an operation that saw four arrests, two vehicle seizures and a substantial amount of property returned to two victims of burglary.

We continue to work with partners to tackle organised crime.

Anti-social use of motor cycles and quads has seen an increase, we are working on sustainable solutions with the local authority and also the community to identify those irresponsible riders putting others at risk.

In summary

We have made some really good ground this year despite the challenges that the unprecedented events have thrown at us. My staff whilst being professionals are still human, and have faced their own challenges, however they have worked hard to maintain our police duties, whilst the added pressure of the increased reports linked to Covid have taken their toll. They have remained committed and professional and I am extremely proud of them for this.

Our community engagement has suffered, however we have been involved with webinars and other electronic meetings to listen and respond to local concerns, we have also held outdoor distanced site meetings in response to specific issues.

Sadly, due to Covid the Cadets unit has had to be folded and merged with another, this is something we will look at reinstating at a later date with a new group.

To finish, during this year we said goodbye to three of our team due to retirement.

PC Cath Gallimore retired after 30 years of service, most of which was in our area, she has however re-joined as special, specifically to work in her old beat area of Bingley Rural.

PCSO Niel Holmes also retired, being one of the longest serving PCSOs in the force.

PCSO Paul Allwood was our third retirement, he was one of the first recruits of PCSOs and retired with a heavy heart, but proudly left after receiving an award for his bravery.

Whilst we have new team members in their place it is fair to say they will not be replaced and they are missed by their community as well as their colleagues.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the coming year, whilst this year has been the most difficult I have experienced I am still working hard with your local team to achieve the results you and your communities deserve.