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Stockton Police

Monthly Leadership Update

Superintendent John Wrintmore
District Commander

Another fall in total crime compared to March 2023 with 439 less crimes. I was also pleased to update at the Safer Stockton Partnership meeting that Ropner Ward (Op Harmony) has seen total crime reductions of 41 per cent in Dec, 29 per cent in Jan and 54 per cent in Feb. The collective effort from all partners is helping to make a real difference here. A couple of weeks ago I managed to sneak out of the office for a couple of hours and join the proactive team who were tasked with finding and arresting a suspect for CID. He was wanted for a serious assault. It wasn't long before we got our man, who ended up in prison not long after. Great to see the proactive teamwork in action helping to keep our communities safe.

Chief Inspector Andy Liddell
Response

This month has been extremely challenging for the teams, the volume and variance responded to and investigated has been impressive. We've had significant incidents of firearm discharges, knife attacks, arsons and pursuits alongside our usual work locating high risk missing people. I want to applaud 'old A relief' whose attendance and actions at an incident last year has been acknowledged both locally and nationally, inclusive of making the television programme 'Inside the Force'. I know they are all modest regarding their involvement, so I won't mention names. The Police Bravery Awards in London will hopefully do that for me and rightfully have them in the spotlight again.

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Chief Inspector Stu Hodgson
CID

Residential burglary has reduced again this month. To help me better understand the demand and barriers facing my team, I decided to wind back the clock to when I was a detective constable 15 years ago. I committed to personally investigating a crime from the outset and seeing it through until finalisation. The crime my team allocated to me was a burglary. I identified three suspects and we're well on our way to a successful conclusion. Its been extremely rewarding to see victims of crime face to face and provide them with support and reassurance. While this added to my workload it was in no way comparable to the immense pressure I felt handing over the first victim statement I had taken in a number of years to the DS for quality checking!

Chief Inspector Dan Heron
Neighbourhoods

We had the privilege of attending the first Iftar (breaking of the fast) at Middlesbrough Football Club, arranged by The Amal Project Stockton. We dropped into Change, Grow, Live and Recovery Connections. We learned the stigma surrounding addiction that creates barriers in people seeking support. My team are supporting the roads policing 'Fatal Four' campaign, raising awareness around main causes of serious collisions, including distraction, alcohol/drugs, speeding and not wearing seatbelts. It's not lost on me that off road bikes continue to cause issues, working with force leads on this national problem, we won't stop the focus. We continue to target our prolific retail offenders across the district making best use of criminal behaviour orders.