



Research and Analysis

PROBLEM SUMMARY – CENTENARY QUAY

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SUMMARY

This review covers ASB, Criminal Damage and violence against person occurrences during the periods below in relation to Centenary Quay, Woolston (Beat ST03);

- 13/11/2013 to 12/11/2014 – to cover the year post opening of the temporary play park between Swift Road and Victoria Road. The previous year figures have also been used for comparison purposes.
- October half term to enable the 2014 period (25/10 to 02/11/2014) to be compared to the 2013 period (26/10 to 03/11/2013).

OVERVIEW:

- There were no particular issues reported in relation to the October half term periods in 2014 or 2013.
- The overall number of reports has decreased by 28% (n.35) in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2014 when compared to the previous 12 month period. The principal decreases were noted as;
 - Criminal Damage - reduction of 53% (n.16) offences.
 - Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour – reduction of 39% (n.16) offences.
 - Offences relating to youths – reduction of 43% (n.16) offences.
- The reduction in the offences can be directly attributed to the work undertaken by Police and partner agencies, which focused on a group of 3 to 4 local youths that had previously driven ASB issues within the area.
- The opening of the play park has also contributed to the reduction in the level of the offences, as it provides local youths with a clearly defined area in which to play, as opposed to using streets / building sites in the area.
- Police are still working with other agencies to ensure that play provisions are in place. It is hoped that the temporary play area will be turned into a multi games use area for the children of Woolston. The Woolston Youth Club is up and running and is open on Mondays and Wednesdays.

HALF TERM PERIOD:

- There were 4 occurrences reported in both half term periods. In the 2013 period there were 2 reports of youths causing general disturbances in Victoria Road area; there were no similar reports in the 2014 period.
- The other reports in both periods were unrelated events.
- From Saftey Net:
 - There were no issues reported to 101 during the 2014 Halloween period.
 - There have been no ASB issues of note during the 2014 half term week.

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OFFENCES:

The table below shows the breakdown of the offences by reference to type and the period to which they relate. The ASB occurrences have been broken down by sub types.

Occurrence Type	Detail type (ASB)	Period		Percentage increase / - decrease (numbers) between periods
		13/11/2012 - 12/11/2013	13/11/2013 - 12/11/2014	
ASB	ROWDY AND INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR	41	25	-39% (-16)
	NEIGHBOURS	13	17	31% (+4)
	NUISANCE COMMUNICATIONS	5	3	-40% (-2)
	MISC ASB	4	2	-50% (-2)
	VEHICLE RELATED NUISANCE	5	0	-100% (-5)
	NOISE	1	2	100% (+1)
	TRESPASS	1	1	0% (0)
	LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	1	N/A (+1)
	STREET DRINKING	0	1	N/A (+1)
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		30	14	-53% (-16)
ASSAULT		22	17	-23% (-5)
ASSAULT ON POLICE		0	1	N/A (+1)
HARASSMENT		1	0	-100% (-1)
MENTAL HEALTH		0	1	N/A (+1)
OFFENSIVE WEAPON		0	1	N/A (+1)
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	BETWEEN ADULTS	0	2	N/A (+2)
	Grand Total	123	88	-28% (-35)

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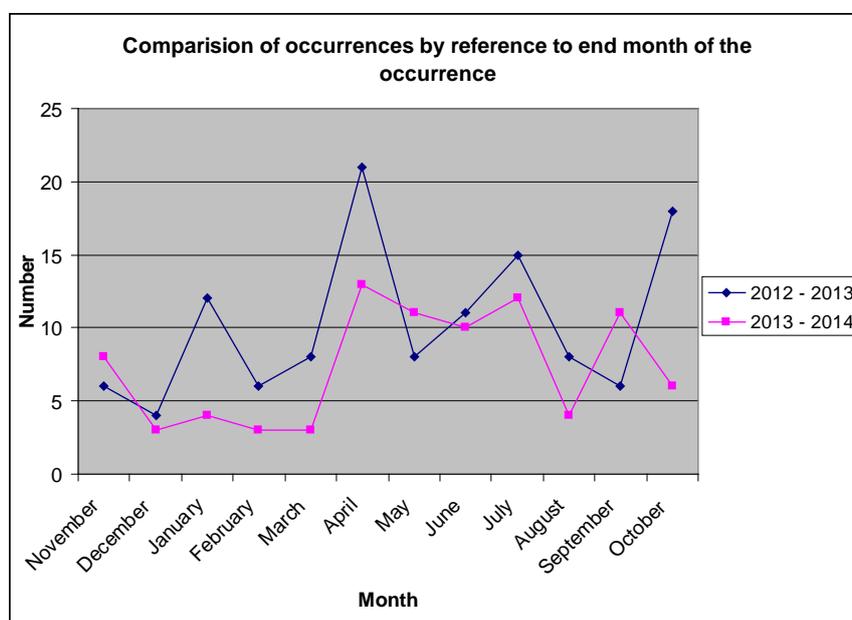
- The principal reductions seen between the 12 month period ended 12/11/2014 when compared to the previous 12 month period were;
- Criminal Damage - Reduction of 53% (n.16) offences.
 - This decrease can be attributed to 16 offences, of damage to cars in Glen Road, which occurred one night during April 2013. There have been no other similar spates of offences seen in either of the 12 month periods reviewed.
 - The principal issues in both periods were domestic incidents or damage to parked cars which accounted for 50% of the reports.
 - There were no arrests of youths for criminal damage in either of the 12 months review periods.
- Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour – Reduction of 39% (n.16) offences.
 - This decrease can be linked to the reduction of reports received in relation to groups of youths playing football and being generally a nuisance in car parks and in streets in the vicinity of Victoria Road. The level of these reports has reduced from 21 in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2013 to 9 in the same period in 2014.

LOCATION(S):

- There were 25 individual locations (41 occurrences) identified for rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2013. This compares to 23 separate locations (20 occurrences) in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2014.
 - Whilst there were common locations in both review periods, the offences are less concentrated in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2014, with no more than 2 reports being received from a particular location.
- Victoria Road is the principal Road in which ASB reports are received, with the majority of these reports related to Rowdy and Inconsiderate Behaviour. This accounted for 60% (n.25) of the reports in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2013; this level has decreased to 41% (n.12) in the 2014 review period.
- The largest decrease in reports was from a particular location in Victoria Road from which 11 reports relating to youths playing football in the area were received in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2013; there were 2 unrelated reports from the address in the 2014 period.

TEMPORAL ANALYSIS:

The graph below shows the comparison of the number of offences by reference to the end date of the offence.



The above graph shows that overall the level of offences in the 12 month period ended 12/11/2014 have been below those seen in the preceding 12 month period.

- The peak in offences seen in April 2013 relates to a series of criminal damages to cars which occurred one night in Glen Road; there have been no similar reports in either review period.
- The peak in offences seen in October 2013 principally related to 9 reports of youths causing a general disturbance in the area; there were no similar reports in October 2014.
- The increase in offences between August and September 2014 related to 4 domestic incidents all related to a specific address in Victoria Road.
- The peak in offences in the period ended 12/11/2014, during April to July related primarily to reports of youths causing general disturbances in the area.