

Report for Looe Town Council, Monday 8th January 2018

Crime figures for April to December 2017 for the Looe area.

Crime Type	01/04/2017 to 31/12/2017	01/04/2016 to 31/12/2016	% difference
Assault with injury	69	41	68.3%
Assault non injury	79	44	79.5%
Sexual offences	13	11	15.4%
Burglary dwelling	14	13	7.1%
Burglary non dwelling	10	25	-60%
Vehicle offences	22	11	100%
Shoplifting	10	19	-47.4%
Other theft	50	46	8.7%
Criminal Damage	66	62	6.5%
Public Order	10	13	-23.1%
Possession of weapons	2	1	100%
Drugs offences	7	10	-30%
Other crime	8	3	144.7%
Total	360	299	20.4%

Following on the trend we've seen all year the numbers of assaults recorded has continued to rise, particularly assaults where no injury has been caused. These tend to be a mixture of domestic abuse, neighbour disputes and fall outs between school aged children.

Sexual offence recording has increased as more people are coming forward to report historic cases and we have seen a small rise this year in the number of "sexting" crimes where young people are sending sexual images of themselves via various social media platforms.

Burglary dwelling offences recorded include 2 being attempts, so no entry was gained. The others are across the area across the year with no particular pattern or method.

Burglary non dwelling (sheds, garages and businesses) are down to the levels we would normally expect as our prime offender for these offences is not living in the area anymore following his release from prison.

Vehicle offences were mostly thefts from motor vehicles and the increase in offences was the result of a spree of crimes over one night.

Criminal Damage crimes have increased once more and this is primarily down to the increase of graffiti offences in the town. This trend in Looe is not being seen in other towns.

Overall, we do have a rise in recorded crime of 20.4% but this is made up mostly by the change in 2017 to the National Crime Recording Standards. Overall demand for the police continues to rise slightly, with the number of reported incidents in this period for 2017 was 1154 incident logs compared to 1141 in the same period in 2016, an increase of just 1.1%. Demand in the other towns in south East Cornwall is rising at a faster rate than for Looe which will of course have an impact on response to incidents in the town when response are committed elsewhere.

Report of the Festive season

The Christmas and New Year period was remarkably peaceful. From 22rd December through to 2nd January we recorded 9 crimes and attended 45 incidents. The crimes

included three assaults, two criminal damage reports, one of harassment, a fraud a theft from motor vehicle and theft in dwelling.

On New Year's Eve and into New Year's Day we recorded just 2 minor crimes, neither of which was linked to the NYE celebrations which were good natured and well behaved. The fireworks were once again outstanding.

The main incident on New Year's Eve of course was the fatal fire on Barbican Hill in which Susan Crapp lost her life along with her two beloved dogs. This was a very sudden and intense fire which re-ignited several times in the 48hours following the initial fire. The joint police and fire investigation into that fire continues and it will be some time before the results of that investigation are known. I can say that there are no other persons sought in relation to that fire and it is being treated as a sudden death enquiry at this time rather than as a crime.

Farewell

My 30 years of service have come to an end and it's time for me to retire. While I don't officially retire until 24th January, with holiday and hours accrued to use, my last working day is the 10th January 2018. My successor is Sergeant Rupert Engley who is new to Neighbourhood Policing and I am sure he will be in contact in due course.

It has been a real pleasure working with you all over the years and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time spent looking after the town, despite the changes to policing in recent years that have prevented me being as visible locally as I would have liked to be. My best wishes to all of you and for the future of Looe

Regards

Sgt Jo Williams