

## Report for Looe Town Council, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Crime figures for the month of November and December 2015

Crime Type	November	December
Assaults	20	20
Sexual offences	1	0
Burglary dwelling	0	0
Burglary non dwelling	1	0
Vehicle offences	1	0
Shoplifting	0	3
Other theft	1	3
Criminal Damage	7	5
Public Order	1	1
Drugs offences	1	0
Other crime	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>

During November and December the police attended 195 incident logs, 19 of which were anti social behaviour reports

Issues of note are primarily the rise in assaults across the force, not just in Looe, in particular. In Looe the year has seen an increase of 23% in reported assaults, the largest rise is assaults with injuries which is a worrying trend. The majority of the victims of these assaults know the offender whether in a domestic setting or are friends or associates.

The arson crimes reported have caused some local concern, understandably. The perpetrator has been interviewed and reported for several of these crimes. He is a person who has mental health issues and who is currently housed in a place he hates. He is to be evicted from his council property later this month and adult social care are seeking other accommodation for him elsewhere. He is to be interviewed again about some of the more recent crimes including the recycling bins at the Millpool.

Statistics for this financial year show that the Looe area has recorded 340 crimes from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016, a slight rise of 4.4% (15 crimes) and officers have attended 1009 incidents a fall of 16.4% (198 incidents).

Some concern has been voiced that the Council feels that crime in the town is generally on the rise and that this is a result of the cuts to policing. I have researched the recorded crime for Looe since 2011 for you and the results are as follows

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016 to date
Crime	453	503	480	410	353
Incidents	1459	1827	1503	1534	1009

This means that on average Looe can expect 462 crimes and 1581 incidents in a year and that 2014/15 was a particularly low crime year which will be tough to follow and will mean we should expect recorded crime to rise a bit this year.

### **New Years Eve**

The New Year celebrations went very well this year and while the numbers attending were not as large as previous years, those attending were in good spirits. We had no incidents of disorder until 0230 when a male tried to jump the taxi queue and punched a woman who protested his behaviour. He was arrested. There were some reports of criminal damage where there were two alcohol related domestic disputes and also a neighbour dispute all occurring between 0330 and 0500. There were no incidents linked to licences premises.

### **Police savings**

The Chief Constable, Mr Sawyer has stated that he is not looking to make any further changes to Neighbourhood Policing until a review in 2017, so we can all breathe a sigh of relief for a while. We are not losing any PCSO's and the current staffing for both Neighbourhood and Response will remain the same and we still have 24/7 policing in the town by Response officers based here.

Sgt Jo Williams