

# West Area CDRP Profile



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The West area is the largest of the three new Northumberland areas covering 246,757 ha. The largest towns in the area are Hexham (population 11,100), Prudhoe (11,500), Ponteland (9,800) and Haltwhistle (3,595).

## Population

The West area has a population of 74,460. Total population has risen by 1.2% from the Census in 2001 to 2006. Compared with Northumberland, the West area has a lower proportion of people aged 16-29 (12.9%), a low proportion of people of working age (59.2%) and an equal proportion of children 0-15 (17.6%). In 2001, 98.7% of the population were classified as white.

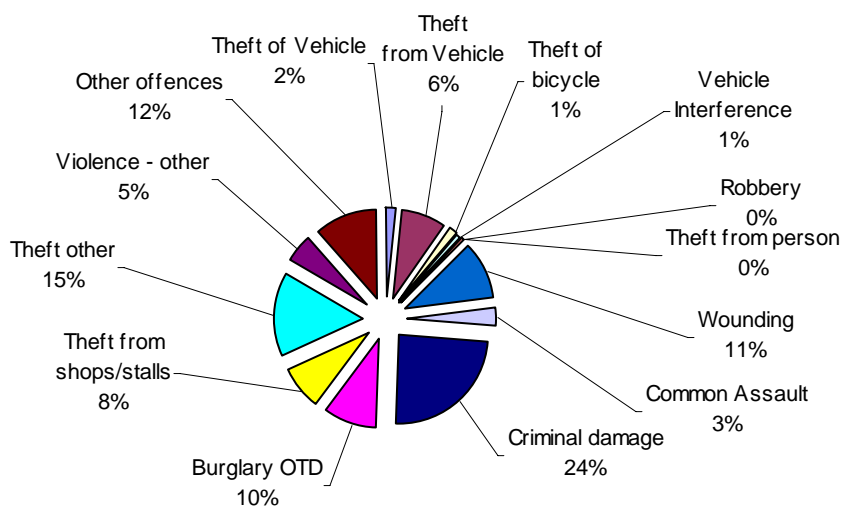
## IMD

Data from the IMD 2007 shows that the West area has no super output areas falling into either the worst 25% or worst 10% of SOA's in England in terms of deprivation. Part of the IMD looks at income deprivation and this data shows that in the West, 4,784 people live in income deprivation which is 6.4% of the population. 4.9% of all people of working age receive some form of incapacity benefit.

## Crime

The largest percentage of crime in the South East area is Criminal Damage (24% of all crime) followed by Theft –other, at 15%. When looking at the rate of crime per number of residents, these two categories are still the highest. 32% of all crime relates to all forms of theft.

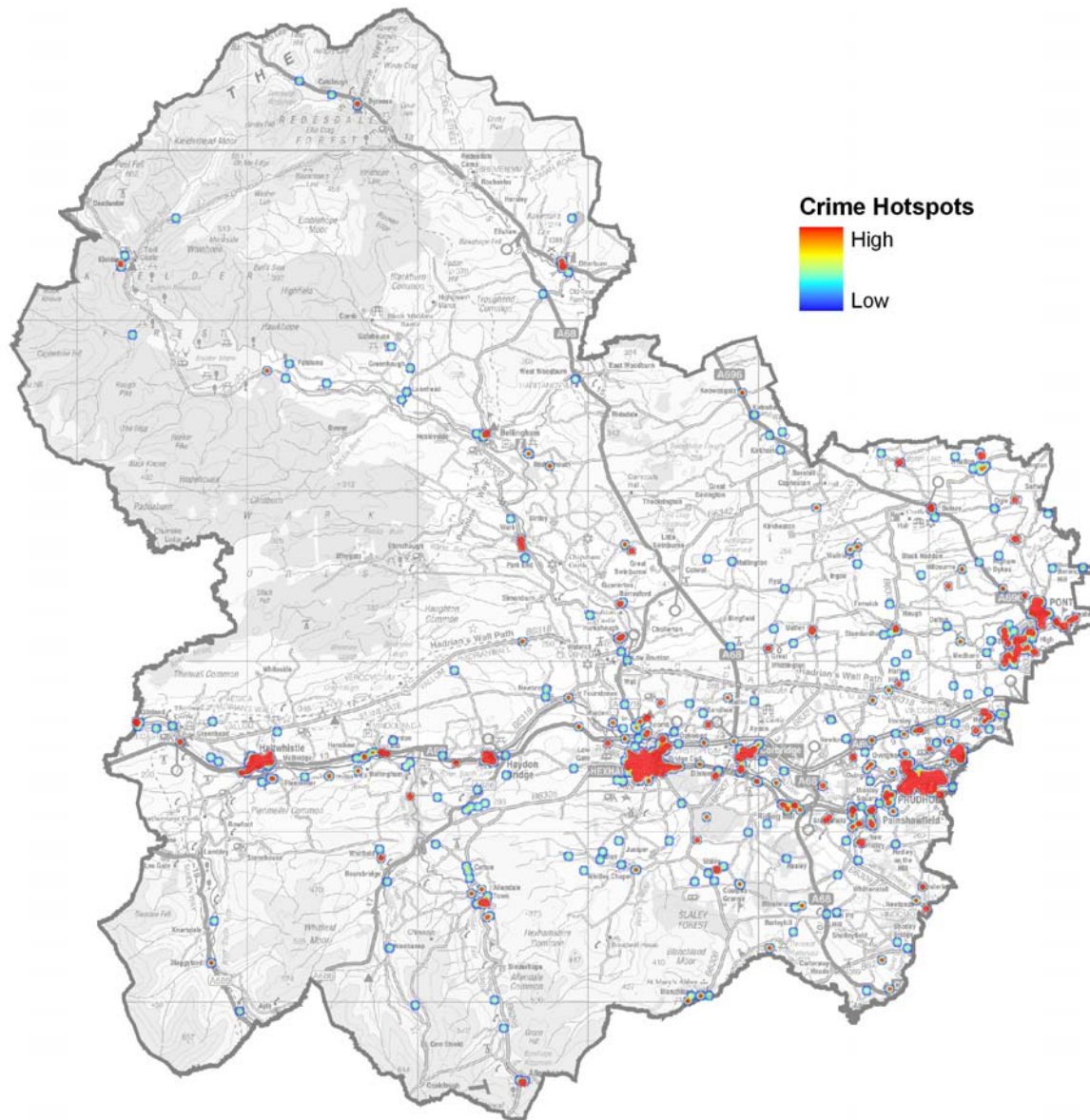
All Crime - West Area by Crime Type



West Northumberland	Residents	75283
	Households	30716
Crime	Number	%
Theft of Vehicle	39	0.52
Theft from Vehicle	177	2.35
Theft of bicycle	29	0.39
Vehicle Interference	18	0.24
Robbery	2	0.03
Theft from person	8	0.11
Wounding	231	3.07
Common Assault	67	0.89
Criminal damage	515	6.84
Burglary OTD	210	2.79
Theft from shops/stalls	172	2.28
Theft other	333	4.42
Violence - other	109	1.45
Other offences	249	3.31
Burglary - Dwelling	79	2.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>29.73</b>

Cleansed Northumbria Police data – Jan-Dec 2008  
 Rates shown by 1000 resident population apart from Burglary Dwelling which is shown by 1000 households

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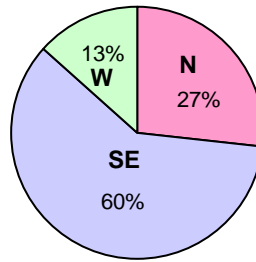
As shown on the map, the hotspots for crime appear around the main settlements of Hexham, Haltwhistle, Prudhoe and Ponteland, as well as some of the smaller settlements of Haydon Bridge, Corbridge, Bellingham and Wylam. It can be seen that not all crime occurs within these settlements as there are numerous smaller hotspots in more rural outlying areas.

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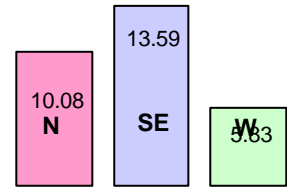
## Violent Crime

The rate of Violent Crime in the West is very low at 5.8 per 1000 residents which much lower than the Northumberland figure of 10.71. The figure for Serious Violent Crime is 0.17 per 1000 resident which is lower than the other Areas and the county figure of 0.41. This area accounts for only 13% (439 crimes) of the violent crime in Northumberland.

Percentage of Northumberland total

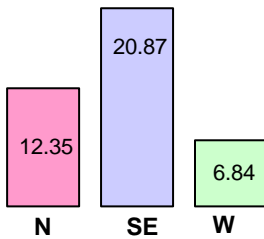


Rate per 1000 residents

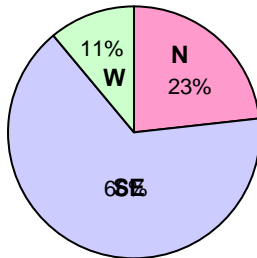


## Criminal Damage

Rate per 1000 residents



Percentage of Northumberland total

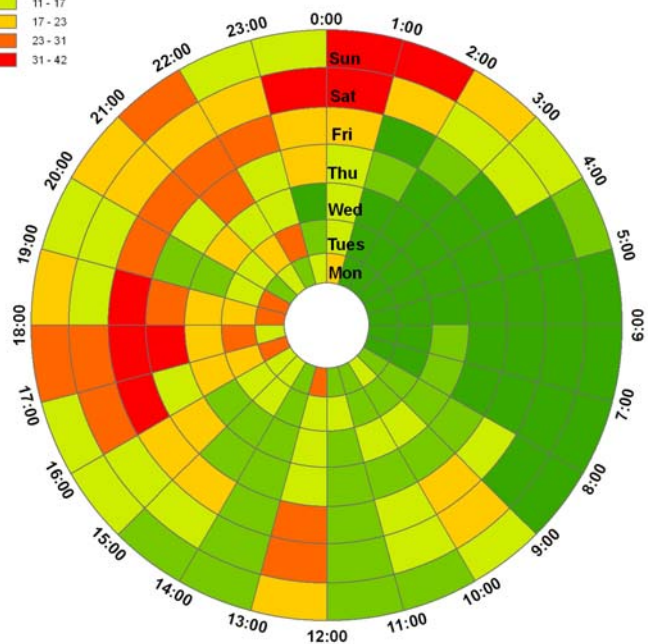


The rate per 1000 residents for criminal damage throughout the county is 15.05: the West area has a rate of only 6.8, and accounts for only 11% of this type of crime in Northumberland. It also had the lowest rate of the three new Areas.

Most crime in West Area occurs on Fridays between 4pm and 7pm, Saturday between 11pm and 1am and Sunday between midnight and 2am. Very little crime occurs between 2am and 3pm on any day of the week, although there is a slight rise in figures between 12 noon and 1pm on Fridays and Saturdays.



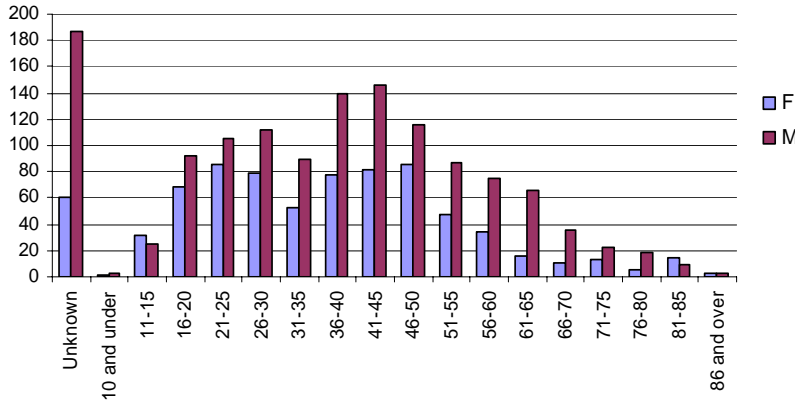
Data Clock



All records successfully processed.

## Victims and Offenders

Victims Jan - Dec 2008



## Victims

The attached chart shows the age breakdown of victims of Northumberland crime who reside in the West Area. The highest percent of female victims fall within the 21-25 age group, followed closely by 46-50 year olds. For males, the highest group is 41-45 year olds, followed by 36-40 years and 46 to 50 years. For all victims, the highest age range is between 41-45 with over 220 victims.

## Offenders

Age	Female West		
	Offender	Pop	%
0-15	68	6450	10.54
16_29	128	4457	28.72
30-44	105	7223	14.54
45-59(F)	26	9061	2.87
60 and over(F)	8	10872	0.74

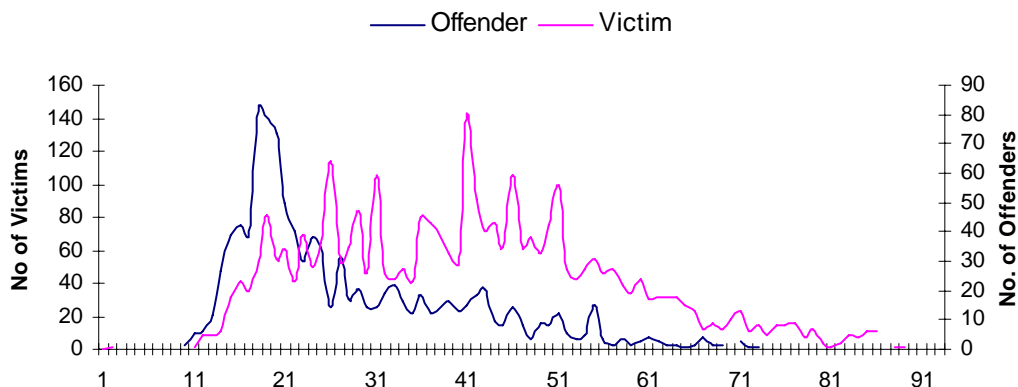
  

Age	Male West		
	Offender	Pop	%
0-15	172	6688	25.72
16_29	875	5161	169.54
30-44	306	6801	45.00
45-64(M)	160	11385	14.05
65 and over(M)	19	6361	2.99

The figures in this table include all offenders where the date of the crime occurred in 2008 – duplicates have not been removed. These offenders are linked to crimes which occurred in Northumberland, and where the offender lives in the West area. Males comprise 82% of all offenders whilst the female figure is 18%. 16 – 29 year olds make up 54% of all offenders.

When comparing Victims against Offenders, it can be seen that there is a peak for offenders in the teens and early 20's age range. After 25, the number of offenders decreases quite significantly. The age range for victims is a lot more erratic with peaks at around 25 years, 30 years, 40 years and 50 years.

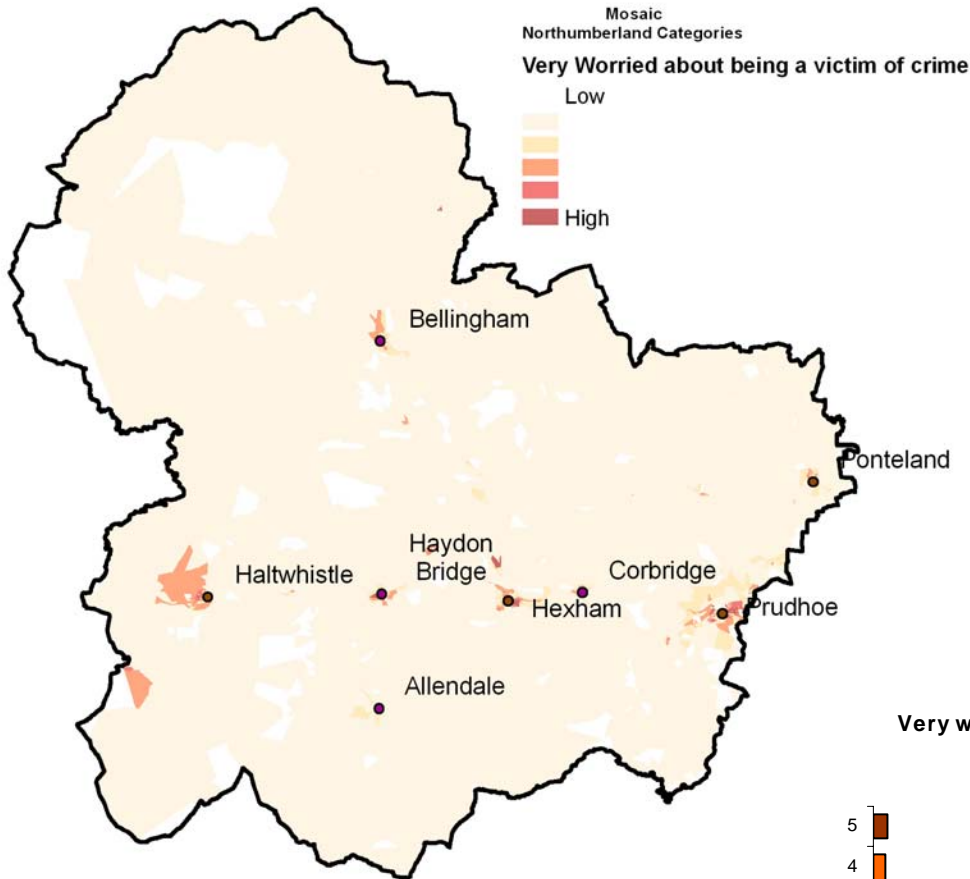
Victims and Offenders by age  
West area Jan - Dec 08





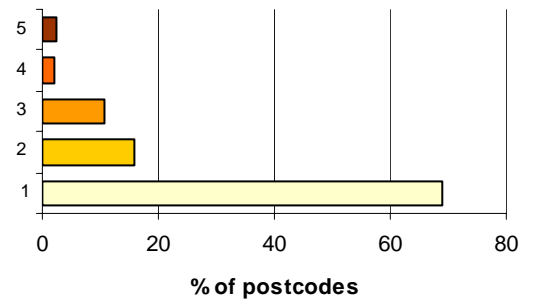
## Fear of Crime

### Mosaic

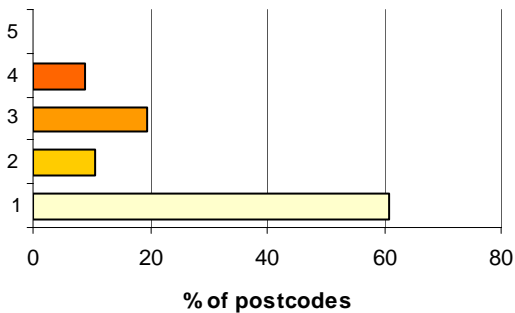


Mosaic is a lifestyle classification of every household in the UK. Using Mosaic Fear of Crime categories based on postcode areas, only 2.3% of residents in the West Area are very worried about being a victim of crime, with less than 1% being very worried about being attacked by strangers and even less (0.4%) being worried about being attacked in their own home.

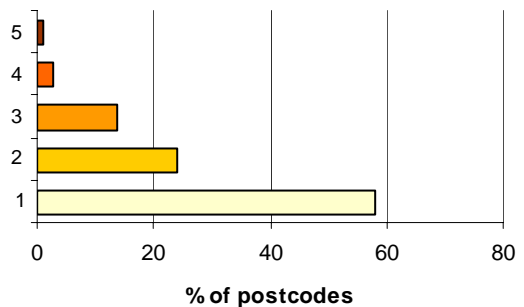
Very worried about being a victim of crime (1 - low, 5 - high)



Very worried about being attacked at home [women] (1 - low, 5 - high)



Very worried about being attacked by strangers (1 - low, 5 - high)



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### Northumberland Areas - Comparison Table

	North		South-East		West		Northumberland	
<b>Resident Population</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Total	88,074		147,332		74,460		309,866	
Male	43,437	49.3	71,819	48.7	36,396	48.9	151,652	49.0
Female	44,637	50.7	75,513	51.2	38,064	51.1	158,214	51.0
<b>IMD (2007)</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Population living in worst 10% SOAs	0	0.0	23,404	15.9	0	0.0	23,404	15.9
Population living in worst 25% SOAs	6,891	8.0	59,189	40.3	0	0.0	66,080	48.3
Income (Pop in Income Deprivation)	8,737	9.9	21,939	14.7	4,784	6.4	35,460	31.0

Data from CLG (Communities and Local Government)

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Theft of Vehicle	49	0.56	157	1.07	39	0.52	245	0.79
Theft from Vehicle	236	2.68	777	5.28	177	2.35	1190	3.83
Theft of bicycle	58	0.66	242	1.65	29	0.39	329	1.06
Vehicle Interference	33	0.37	83	0.56	18	0.24	134	0.43
Robbery	5	0.06	54	0.37	2	0.03	61	0.20
Theft from person	24	0.27	49	0.33	8	0.11	81	0.26
Wounding	472	5.36	1047	7.12	231	3.07	1750	5.64
Common Assault	160	1.82	294	2.00	67	0.89	521	1.68
Criminal damage	1088	12.35	3069	20.87	515	6.84	4672	15.05
Burglary OTD	311	3.53	729	4.96	210	2.79	1250	4.03
Theft from shops/stalls	189	2.15	723	4.92	172	2.28	1084	3.49
Theft other	601	6.82	1299	8.83	333	4.42	2233	7.19
Violence - other	172	1.95	413	2.81	109	1.45	694	2.24
Other offences	499	5.67	1220	8.30	249	3.31	1968	6.34
Burglary - Dwelling	111	2.98	508	8.11	79	2.57	698	5.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>4008</b>	<b>45.51</b>	<b>10664</b>	<b>72.52</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>29.73</b>	<b>16910</b>	<b>54.48</b>

Northumbria Police Crime data Jan-Dec 2008 : Rates shown by 1000 resident pop apart from Burglary Dwelling, shown by 1000 households

<b>Traffic Incidents</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Highway disruption	1837	43.83	1494	34.86	1846	52.04	5177	43.06
Road related offences	978	23.34	1137	26.53	598	16.86	2713	22.56
RTC - Damage Only	1080	25.77	1219	28.44	828	23.34	3127	26.01
RTC - Death	4	0.10	5	0.12	8	0.23	17	0.14
RTC - Minor injury	240	5.73	373	8.70	231	6.51	844	7.02
RTC - Serious injury	29	0.69	17	0.40	31	0.87	77	0.64
Transport incident/accident not recorded elsewhere	23	0.55	41	0.96	5	0.14	69	0.57

Northumbria Police Incident data: Jan-Dec 2008

<b>Drug Offences</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Obstructing searches		0.00	1	0.21			1	0.14
Permitting Premises to be used		0.00	2	0.42	1	1.64	3	0.42
Possession	111	63.07	424	89.45	51	83.61	586	82.42
Possession with intent to supply	15	8.52	13	2.74	3	4.92	31	4.36
Production	15	8.52	27	5.70	6	9.84	48	6.75
Supply	35	19.89	7	1.48			42	5.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>		<b>474</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>711</b>	

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<b>Deliberate Fires</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>N/land</b>
Secondary fires	74	451	46	571
Primary fires	43	157	19	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>790</b>

Summary derived from FRS data - Jan-Dec 2008 (minus 114 records which were unable to be geocoded)

<b>Antisocial Behaviour</b>				
Abandoned vehicles	749	1498	576	2823
Animal problems	780	981	614	2375
Begging / vagrancy	33	32	9	74
Hoax Calls to Emergency Services	303	1118	179	1600
Malicious Communications	1295	3352	937	5584
Noise	262	385	136	783
Nuisance & inappropriate use of vehicle	3786	8098	2374	14258
Prostitution Related Activity		4	2	6
Rowdy and/or Nuisance - Environmental Damage / Littering	259	768	177	1204
Rowdy and/or Nuisance - Fireworks	132	463	82	677
Rowdy and/or Nuisance - Neighbours	1724	5171	1003	7898
Rowdy and/or Nuisance - Rowdy/Inconsiderate	11436	32947	6938	51321
Rowdy and/or Nuisance (All)	13551	39349	8200	61100
Street Drinking	483	527	187	1197
Substance Misuse	81	148	34	263
Trespass	76	121	36	233
<b>Total</b>	<b>21399</b>	<b>55613</b>	<b>13284</b>	<b>90296</b>

Northumbria Police Incident data - All Antisocial Behaviour - 2006 to 2008 by Area

<b>Mosaic Fear of Crime</b>	<b>North</b>		<b>South East</b>		<b>West</b>	
	<b>Number postcodes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number postcodes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number postcodes</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Very Worried About Beings a victim of Crime - Band</b>						
1 – Low	2381	60.25	335	9.51	2522	69.11
2	652	16.50	583	16.54	574	15.73
3	560	14.17	1170	33.20	393	10.77
4	170	4.30	615	17.45	76	2.08
5 - High	189	4.78	821	23.30	84	2.30
<b>Very worried about being attacked by strangers</b>						
1 – Low	2125	53.77	48	1.36	2123	58.18
2	763	19.31	566	16.06	883	24.20
3	751	19.00	1586	45.01	506	13.87
4	234	5.92	899	25.51	104	2.85
5 - High	79	2.00	425	12.06	33	0.90
<b>Very Worried About Being attacked at home (women) Band</b>						
1 – Low	1858	47.01	123	3.49	2222	60.89
2	609	15.41	254	7.21	384	10.52
3	874	22.12	1190	33.77	705	19.32
4	578	14.63	1831	51.96	322	8.82
5 - High	33	0.84	126	3.58	16	0.44

Derived from Experian Mosaic postcode data published May 2008