



Hemlington Ward **Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Information**

Recorded Crime

- In the 12 months up to March 2024 there were 1,331 crimes recorded in the Hemlington ward area, this figure represents a 11.2% (-168 crimes) reduction in comparison to the same time period in the previous 12-months.

Recorded ASB

- In the 12 months up to March 2024 there were 374 anti-social behaviour incidents recorded in the Hemlington ward area, this figure represents a 28.5% (- 149 incidents) reduction in comparison to the same time period in the previous 12-months.

ASB Hotspot Patrols – Micro hotspot patrols

- During 2023, as part of the national Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan, £1m funding was secured by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to support the delivery of targeted high visibility, uniformed patrols in small geographic areas that have been identified as having high levels of antisocial behaviour.
- These patrols, locally delivered by Middlesbrough Borough Council Neighbourhood Safety Wardens, aim to play a vital role in addressing anti-social behaviour alongside other partnership activities.
- In the Hemlington micro hotspot location, between July to December 2023, anti-social behaviour reduced by 29% in comparison to the same time period in the previous year, with a notable 71% reduction when compared to the baseline year in 2021.

Partnership Problem Solving – Operation Fortress

- Operation Fortress began in February 2022 in Hemlington, where police worked closely with partner agencies including: local authority, housing agencies, Fire Brigade and voluntary organisations to tackle issues which were leading to residents becoming fearful in their own communities.
- This proactive work has contributed to a 20% reduction in crime in Hemlington in 2023 (12-months up-to December 2023), when compared to 2022.
- In February 2024 compared to February 2022, there were 57 less arson offences and 74 less crime and antisocial behaviour incidents.

Safer Streets 4 in Hemlington

- In July 2022, over half a million pounds of Home Office funding was secured by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to tackle anti-social behaviour in Hemlington and Pallister Park.
- Cleveland OPCC worked with Middlesbrough Borough Council, Safer Communities, Cleveland Police, Thirteen Housing, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Community First to deliver Safer Streets 4 in Hemlington.
- As part of the Safer Streets 4 programme a wide range of interventions were implemented in Hemlington including:
 - An additional four CCTV columns were installed and linked to Middlesbrough Borough Council's existing CCTV monitoring system.
 - A total of 80 streets lights were upgraded.
 - More than 140 home security packs were delivered and installed.
 - More than 45 empty properties were secured.
 - 6 problematic walkways were closed off, along with the closure of an underpass.
 - New sporting facilities were upgraded and set up, including refurbishment and provision of new equipment for Hemlington Boxing Club.

Project Connect - Focused Deterrence Programme

- As part of the Cleveland Serious Violence Strategy, the [Cleveland Violence Reduction Unit](#) – CURV has commissioned a range of high impact intervention programmes to divert young people away from the harms of violent crime.
- Delivering in Hemlington, Get Connected is a [focused deterrence programme](#) providing a bespoke model that aims to safeguard young people aged 11-25 against violence and exploitation, with a core aim of tackling serious organised crime, through the formulation of a multi-agency approach to address the issues of serious youth violence and serious organised crime.
- Get Connected aims to address gang and knife crime, engage with young people and tackle social exclusion through a series of events which bring professionals together to develop a shared understanding of the issues and develop a joint action plan with the tangible outcomes to tackle the issues, including prompt and robust enforcement activity.