

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY - SPECIAL 7 JUNE 2010

All Crime

Significant increase in 2002/3 – Ethical Crime Recording standards came in.

Major effect on violent crime and theft. Assaults previously not recorded as no action required by mutual assailants, now 2 assaults.

Items lost, reported as stolen, recorded as crime, subsequently found (or not), still a crime.

Acquisitive Crime

As above, huge increase in thefts in 2002/3.

Steady decline in thefts from and of vehicle – increased security of vehicles, Secure by design in car parks, CCTV, publicity campaigns to target motorists – especially at Christmas.

Decline in burglary, with occasional blips. Mainly due to crime prevention work, and focus on prolific offenders. When released from prison, visit by NBM, then not given much time after first crime showing known MO before being targeted.

Pedal cycle theft fluctuates.

Shoplifting – an ongoing concern. More offences probably being brought to police notice because of EBAC and radio links.

Robbery increased, but very small figures

Violent Crime

As above, huge increase in 2002/3.

Focused effort with Operation Deter, 3 Strikes, PNDs, licensing enforcement, close working with CCTV, increased activity with domestic violence – MARAC, SDVC, Sanctuary

Criminal Damage

Identified by Safer Devon as biggest threat to achieving the overall 17% reduction across Devon by March 2008, analysis showed offences committed during NTE (dealt with under violent crime initiatives) and also during the after-school period. Deployment of PCSOs around schools.