

Joint Presentation by North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police



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In this session....

- **We will cover:**
 - What we are seeing
 - Working together and our approach
 - Communications and public confidence
 - Reflect on our challenge



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What we are seeing

- People who have never been in trouble before
- It is adults not just our young people
- Tolerance - perception v reality
- Cost of living crisis
- Impacts following Covid
- Feelings of safety (residents' survey)
- We are not alone, it's a national thing.



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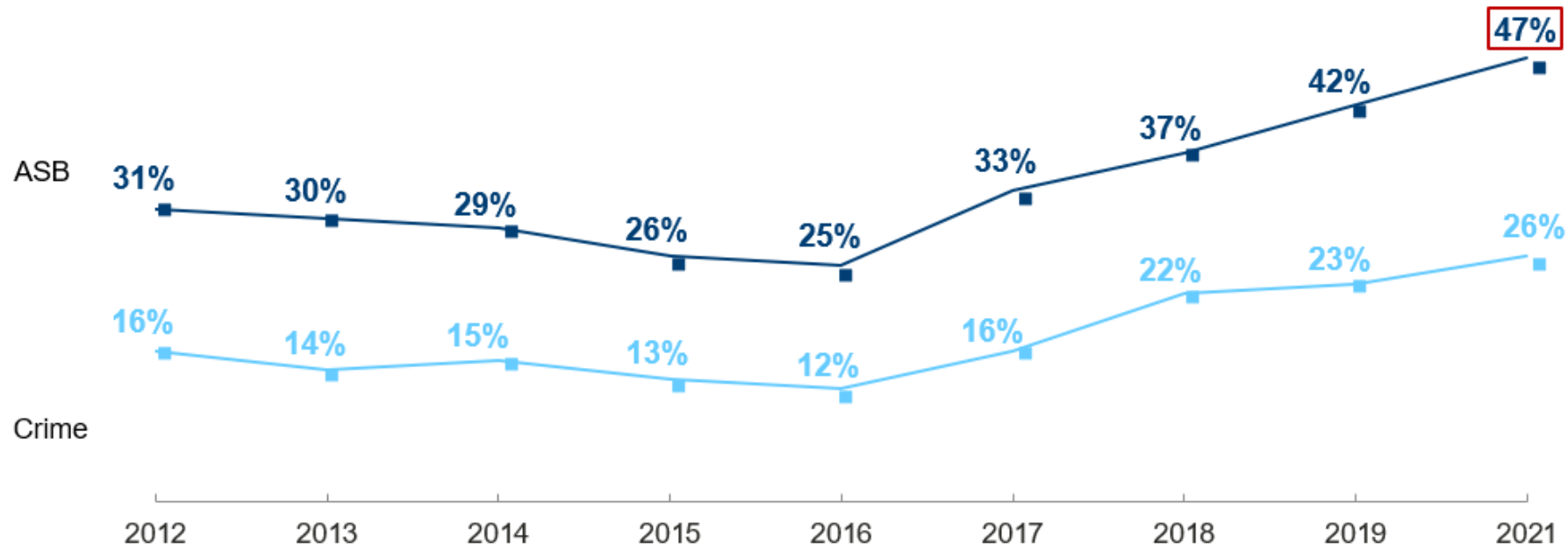
What the data is telling us....



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Residents' increasingly feel Crime and ASB needs to be improved in their area

Needs improving in my local area....



Base: All valid responses: (1131) : Fieldwork dates: 11 October to 1 December 2021

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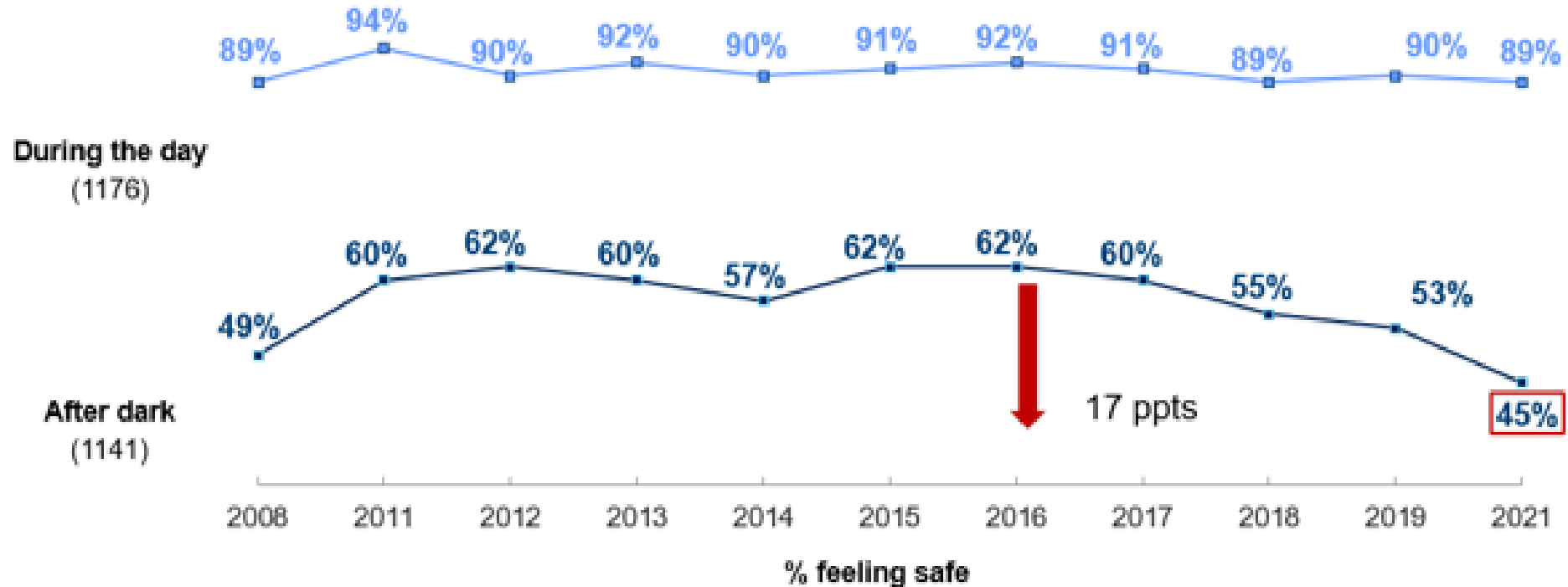
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Feeling safe after dark has declined over last 5 years and is significantly lower than LGA average – 71%

Q10a/b. How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area...?



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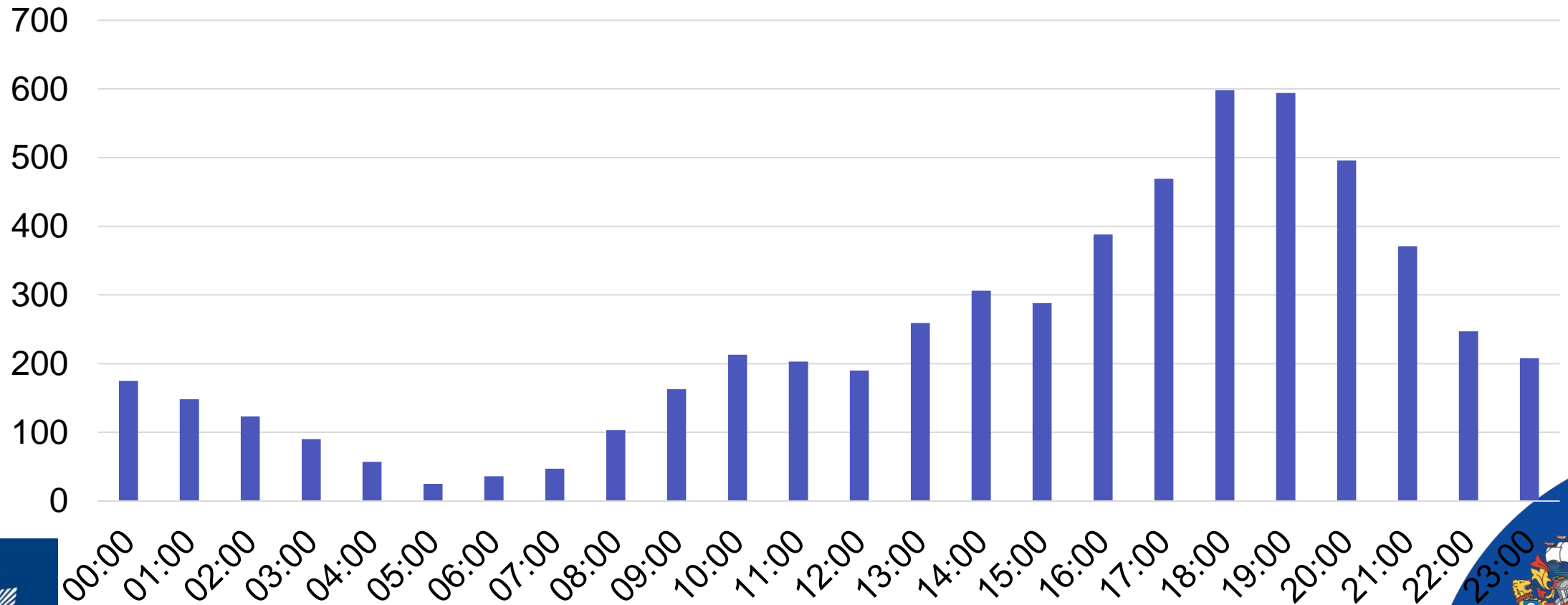
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A third of ASB is reported between 5pm-9pm

ASB reported by time of day between June 2021-May 2022
(Source:- IBase – Northumbria Police)



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How we currently work together

Police-led

- Police tactical assessment (every 4 weeks)
- Operation Sentinel (Serious Organised Crime)

Multi-agency

- New NTC group, Community Safety Tactical Assessment
- Joint Action (leading to specific operations)
- Ad-hoc Task and Finish groups – NEXUS, Meadow Well
- PALs (Publicly accessible locations)
- Oversight from statutory Safer North Tyneside Partnership



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How we currently work together

- **Co-location of our teams**
 - Now at Wallsend CFC, Killingworth CFC from last year
 - Teams also situated in Whitley Bay and North Shields police stations
 - Closer information sharing and quicker resolutions
- **Reshaping the council approach**
 - Security Team now part of Community Protection
 - Community Protection teams focussed on public spaces/housing
 - Currently reshaping our partnership approach
- **Working with partners including Pubwatch/Shopwatch**
- **Tackling the root causes of ASB by working closely with the voluntary sector**



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Our approach to what we are doing



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ASB TASKFORCE..... A strategic commitment

- North Tyneside's Anti-Social Behaviour Taskforce was established at the request of the Elected Mayor, Norma Redfern, following a series of serious incidents in the Borough and an increase the number of reports of ASB from residents.
- The inaugural meeting of the North Tyneside Anti-Social Behaviour Task Force took place autumn 2022
- The new taskforce features partners from the Council, elected members, blue light services, Police and Crime Commissioner, the voluntary and community sector and Nexus
- 'The Taskforce looked at data from Council and Police teams and discussed the range of current operations and interventions that are in place across the borough to tackle ASB
- There was agreement to focus on specific areas, including the transport network, the coastal area, other green and open spaces in the Borough and to jointly review the current CCTV provision
- The Taskforce also agreed the importance of keeping residents informed about the action being taken to address ASB to improve community safety and reassure them.

Operation Coast Watch



- Joint police and council operation
- Summertime footfall increase and metro usage
- High visibility patrols and enforcement
- Test purchasing of alcohol
- Community reassurance
- Engagement with community groups
- Annual plan
- Reduction of ASB incidents since 2019
- 42% decrease in reported incidents



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Project Vita



- ASB youth diversion project
- A public health approach to ASB
- Joint Police and NTC project
- High profile youth engagement
- National recognition
- Proven youth related ASB reduction
- Links to key community leaders
- Model of best practice
- 36% reduction in youth ASB in areas where VITA runs



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Operation Respect



- Multi agency response to youth disorder
- Swift and visible action
- Tried and tested method
- New process involves youth services and support
- Positive requirements added
- Referrals and links to diversion
- Over 70 addresses visited in the last 12 months
- 50% of those visited don't reoffend



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Operation Maple



- Joint Police , NTC and Nexus approach to Metro disorder
- Co-ordinated weekly task and finish groups
- Joined up operations on Metro
- Sharing of resources to target hot spot areas
- Engagement with schools and businesses
- Reduction or stabilisation of incidents



Violence against Women and Girls



- 53 Open Space areas assessed
- All areas are RAG rated for risk of ASB and violent crime
- Red RAG rated areas form part of joint Police and NTC patrol plans/Operations
- Dedicated team working to design out crime



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Final thoughts

“The greatest deterrent to crime and violence is not a community saturated with cops — it is a neighbourhood alive with residents.

The concept is that a healthy community would be, in fact, a safe community. Whoever controls a neighbourhood’s public spaces controls the quality of life in that neighbourhood.”

[\[1\]](#) Ronald Davis, director of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services