

Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel  
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Local Policing Team Update, Mark Thorley - Local Policing Team  
Commander (LPTC)

## Crime

This 12 months compared to the last.

Force figures show – Up 9 %

Moorlands show a reduction of -2 %. Joint best figures in the force with Tamworth, the nearest other LPT experienced a 6% increase.

Good news

Last year an increase of around 130% in Rape was reported, this year we show a -49% reduction which equates to 29 less crimes. A significant reduction.

Theft from motor vehicles – 21% reduction in last 12 months – 35 fewer offences.

Theft of motor vehicles – 9% reduction in last 12 months – 6 fewer offences.

Vehicle Interference – 42% reduction in last 12 months – 19 fewer offences.

Bad news

Burglary residential (which now includes sheds and out buildings) – up 43% an increase of 69 crimes.

This crime category was changed in April 2017 so there isn't comparative previous year's figures to compare against, this crime though has been reducing since September and is now well below the average.

As ever travelling criminals see the Moorlands as an affluent easy target. There are plans in place, along with imminent charges and civil remedies to try and prevent known offenders travelling on to the Moorlands to offend in the future.

There was a series of burglaries around Leek early summer 2017 for which a team from South Yorkshire were arrested and charged, a series early 2017 that involved two Leek nominals who were arrested and charged and a series in Werrington which stopped abruptly for which no one has been arrested.

## Visibility

Force – down 0.89% at 62%.

Moorlands – up 0.2 at 71.5%.

## ASB

Force – up 1%

Moorlands – up 13% currently (since November this has reduced significantly and is running at an average number of incidents again).

Reason for increase...

Leek town centre was a problem in the summer due to youth related ASB, great use of dispersal notices, Community Protection notices and Ofsted quickly removed this issue completely.

The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in place at the Smithfield Centre had caused some displacement initially as above but is now effective and working well.

Werrington and Cheadle have been the recent similar drivers following a steep increase during October to November with groups of youths causing issues. Werrington is now resolved and Cheadle heading the same way, due to good use of dispersal notices, dedicated resources and civil orders.

Biddulph had been a constant issue but is not currently, a PSPO is in place along with the civil remedies.

## Satisfaction.

Force overall – 86%

Moorlands – 90%

## Resources.

There haven't been any significant reductions in officer or staff numbers since the previous update.

The team consists of a total of 79 staff -  
45 response Constables  
10 Neighbourhood officers  
24 Police Community Support officers  
2 Partnership managers  
Led by a total of 9 Sgts and the LPTC.

The Panel will be briefed on the day of the meeting, with regard to the impending changes to response and neighbourhood units, their line management, locations and remit in line with force transformation.