

Castle Point Public Meeting

7th November 2013

Briefing information

There is one police station, situated at Canvey Island between the hours 08:00 and 24:00, seven days per week. Front counter services are provided from Monday to Saturday, between 1200 and 1800 (with the exception of bank holidays).

The Castle Point district has experienced a continued reduction in recorded crime and Anti-social behaviour in successive years since 2010.

Crime Data for Castle Point

Comparing reports for 1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013 with those from 1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012 the areas of note are as follows:

- 'All crime' has reduced by 11.2% (401 fewer offences)
- Criminal damage has reduced by 26.3% (169 fewer offences)
- House burglary has increased by 18.2% (62 more offences)
- Burglary in other than houses (e.g. sheds, outbuildings) has reduced by 25.3% (66 fewer offences)
- Theft and taking of motor vehicles has increased by 7.8% (10 more offences)
- Theft from vehicles has reduced by 3.2% (9 fewer offences)
- Other violence against the person has reduced by 4.8% (32 fewer offences)
- Other theft and handling has reduced by 17.1% (64 fewer offences)
- Anti-social behaviour incidents have reduced by 7.7% (171 fewer offences)

1) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Roscommon way

Vehicle based anti-social behaviour reports were received of drivers misusing Roscommon Way, Canvey Island, driving at excessive speeds and racing. Concerns were raised regarding the safety of other road users and large number of spectators attracted to these incidents.

As a result of these reports, sustained police operations have been conducted since January 2013. Specialist roads policing resources from the Essex Police Casualty Reduction Unit were deployed with specialist equipment to target the drivers of these vehicles, supported by local officers from the Castle Point Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Social media sites were also monitored and used to convey messages that the police operation was going to take place in an attempt to dissuade people from attending.

This operation has significantly reduced the number of reported incidents and such large gatherings have not occurred since the operation was concluded.

2) Alcohol policy in Canvey Town

Residents have recently expressed concern regarding individuals who appear to be drunk in Canvey town centre and are seen drinking from cans whilst sitting on a wall near to the Knightswick shopping centre.

Local traders fear they are bad for business. A recent article in the local Echo newspaper has been raised by a local councillor calling for an imposed alcohol free zone for Canvey Island.

Canvey Island town centre does not have a high incidence of alcohol-related crime or experiencing problems with begging or vagrancy.

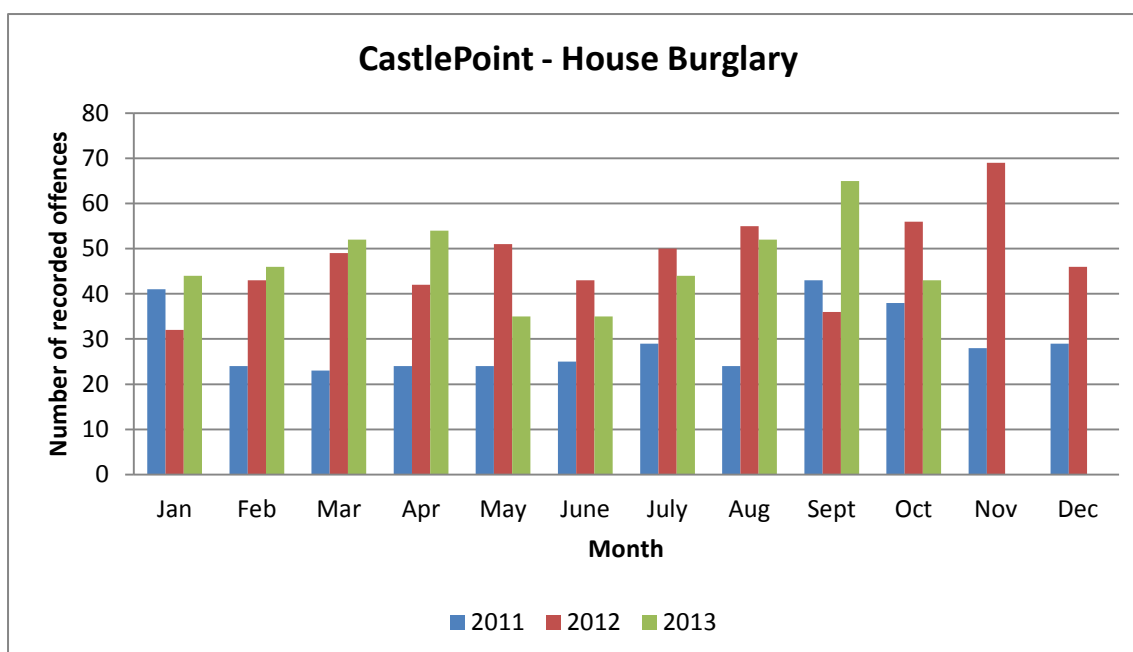
3) Burglary

During the period October 2012 to September 2013, burglary and attempted burglary of homes in Castle point increased by 18.2% (62 more offences) when compared to the same period during the previous year.

A local policing operation is in place to combat house burglary, and high visibility patrols are undertaken in identified areas with the aim of preventing potential criminal activity.

Burglary offences are monitored daily and crime analysts identify any trends or series. This together with community information contributes to intelligence-led policing activity, targeting areas of concern and the suspects believed to be responsible for these offences.

The police work closely with partners under the Community Safety Partnership for which house burglary reduction is a key objective.



Your feedback is most welcome.

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