



Role and function of the Community Safety Partnership

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Overview

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- ❑ Covid 19 - Community Safety Team adapted delivery
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The CSP Vision

To continue to ensure that West Lancashire remains a safe place to live, work and visit.



CSP Statutory Partners

The CSP is committed to multi-agency problem solving and delivering balanced and comprehensive solutions to tackle crime and disorder.

The CSP is made up from six responsible authorities including:

- ❑ West Lancashire Borough Council
- ❑ Lancashire County Council
- ❑ Lancashire Fire and Rescue
- ❑ Lancashire Constabulary
- ❑ The West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group
- ❑ The Probation Service and Lancashire & Cumbria Community Rehabilitation Company
- ❑ Plus important contributions from other partner agencies



Summary of External Finance – including successful bids

- £20,000 from OPCC carried over for 2021/2022
- £5,000 from LANPAC – Street Games
- £4,950 from LANPAC – Knife Crime Plays
- £197,500 from Home Office – Safer Streets



Good News



Safer Streets

- Partnership Bid with WLBC & Lancashire PCC
- £197,500 Safer Streets Funding awarded from HO – Birch Green
- Commissioned improved street lighting – (Housing Colleagues)
- Commissioned underpasses and bridge barriers to prevent motorcycle nuisance – (Housing Colleagues)
- Commissioned 4 x new public open space CCTV cameras and 2 upgraded cameras – (Community Safety Team)
- Scheduled for completion April 2021



CSP Projects Delivered

- Community Engagement & Diversionary Activity impacted by Covid 19
- Bright Sparx Action Plan Delivered - Overview to follow
- Welcome Week Action Plan Delivered – All key activity absorbed into Covid 19 work streams
- Street Games - Delivered by Wigan Athletic Community Trust but ad hoc due to Covid 19
- Street Games - scheduled to be re-commence from April 2021 and extended to Birch Green
- County Lines Plays - £4,950 – rescheduled for 2021



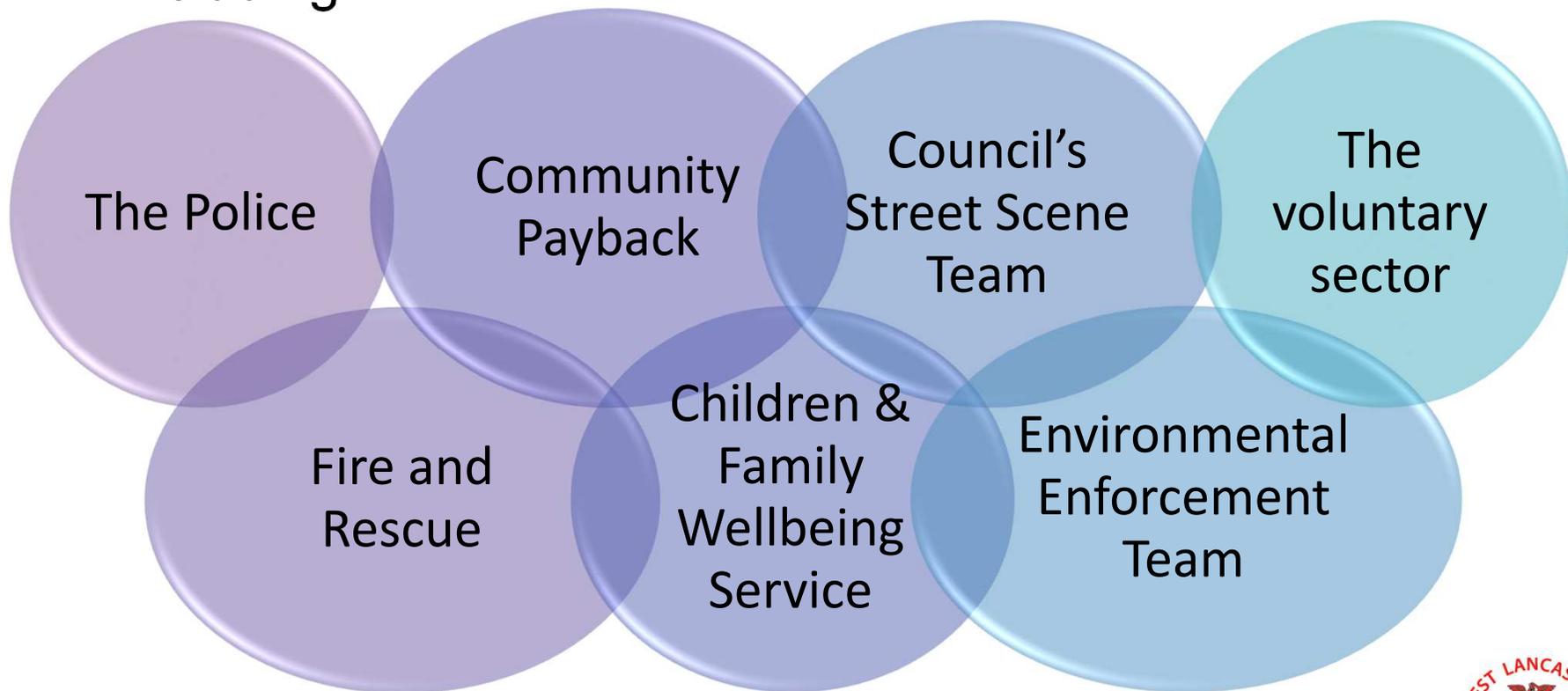
Covid 19 – CS Team Adapted Delivery

- The CS Team successfully merged the Council led Local Priorities Group with Police led GENGA Group – leading to an improved joined up approach to tackling key priorities
- Meetings moved to Microsoft Teams and held monthly - with excellent attendance and engagement – Held as an example of good practice with Chorley and SR looking to replicate approach
- Supported Probation in setting up the Integrated Offender Management Model to manage the most problematic offenders. A Screening Panel was developed and linked into Local Priorities and GENGA Group
- CS Team worked in partnership with CF&WS to relaunch the Integrated Working Team to support vulnerable children and families in response to Covid 19



The Bright Sparx Plan

Developed in response to an increase in ASB over the bonfire period and is delivered by a range of partners including:



Evaluation Summary

- Letters and visits began 20th Oct by the local NHPT to known addresses
- PCSO's & LF&RS assisted with community action days - commissioned by CSP and managed by Clean and Green Team
- The NHPT team stated this was invaluable with considerably less fly-tips and furniture, that had been set alight in previous years.
- Police advised having the Clean and Green team on duty during the evenings and supported by police - prevented any significant fires or disruption
- Police deployment plan, agreed and shared with all partners
- Place of safety – Police reported was invaluable in terms of safeguarding young people, with specialist police officers on both Mischief night and Bonfire night, supported by CF&WS staff



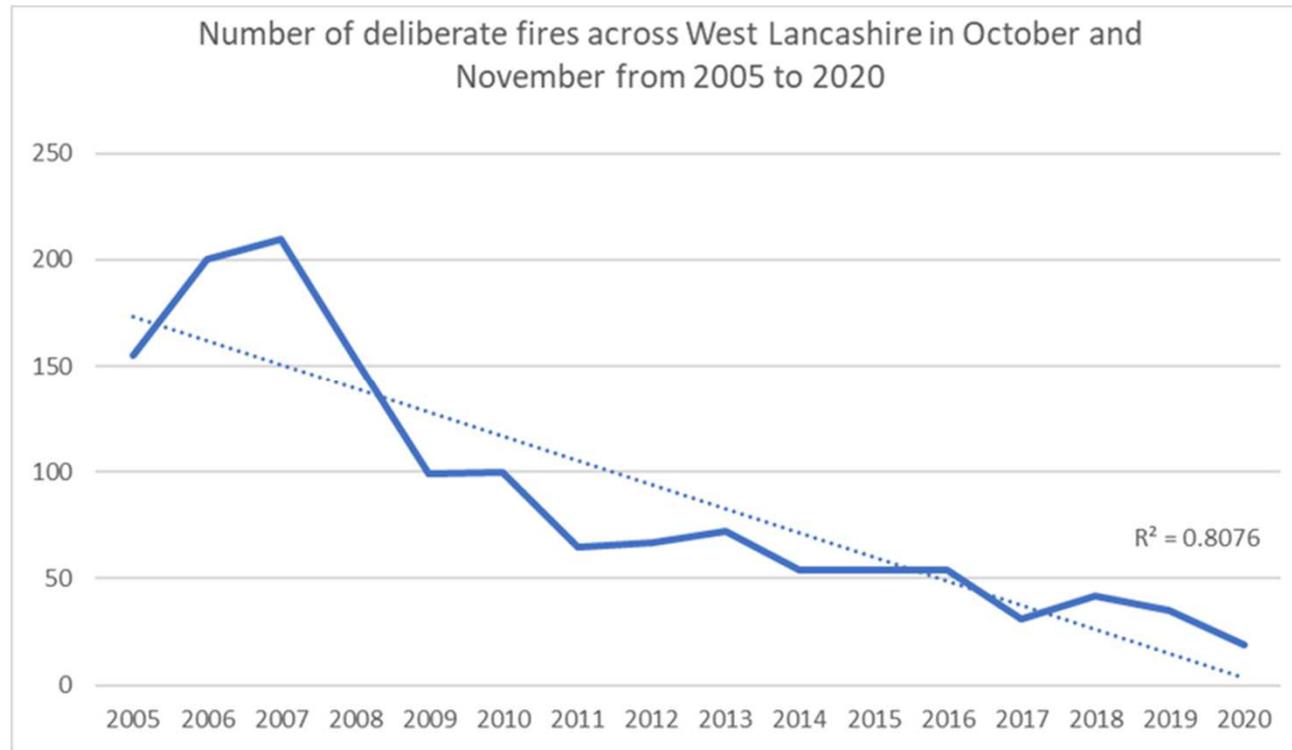
Evaluation Summary

- Feedback from the Public order commander – CCTV was invaluable to enable the safe implementation of the operation with live intel preventing much larger incidents.
- LF&RS created a Derelict building register in response to incidents at derelict buildings and shared with partners for proactive approach
- 7 Schools participated in Bright Sparx assemblies with 1172 students receiving the package from LF&RS
- Due to COVID 19 the Council would not allow any bonfires to be built on Council Land on bonfire night and this decision was communicated extensively to our community.
- The Clean and Green Team supervised the 6 Community Action Days with 133 tons of waste removed



Deliberate Fires

The graph shows a 16 year snap shot of the Number of Deliberate Fires recorded for the months of October & November

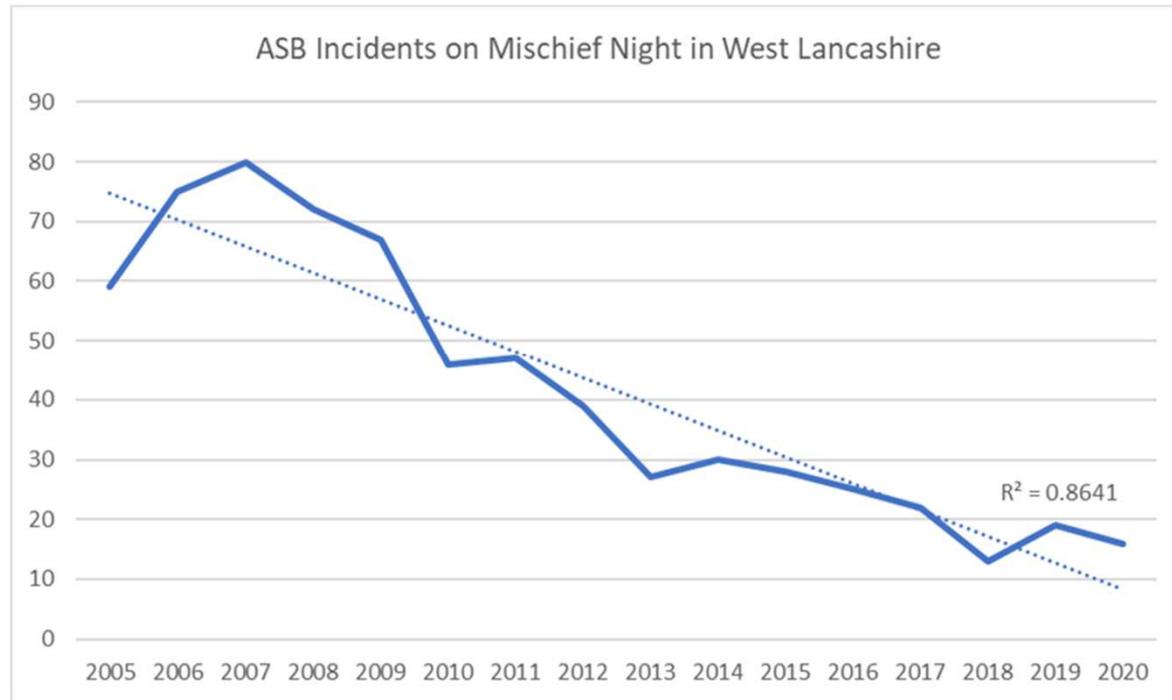


2020 saw the lowest total of deliberate fires recorded in the borough since 2005.



ASB

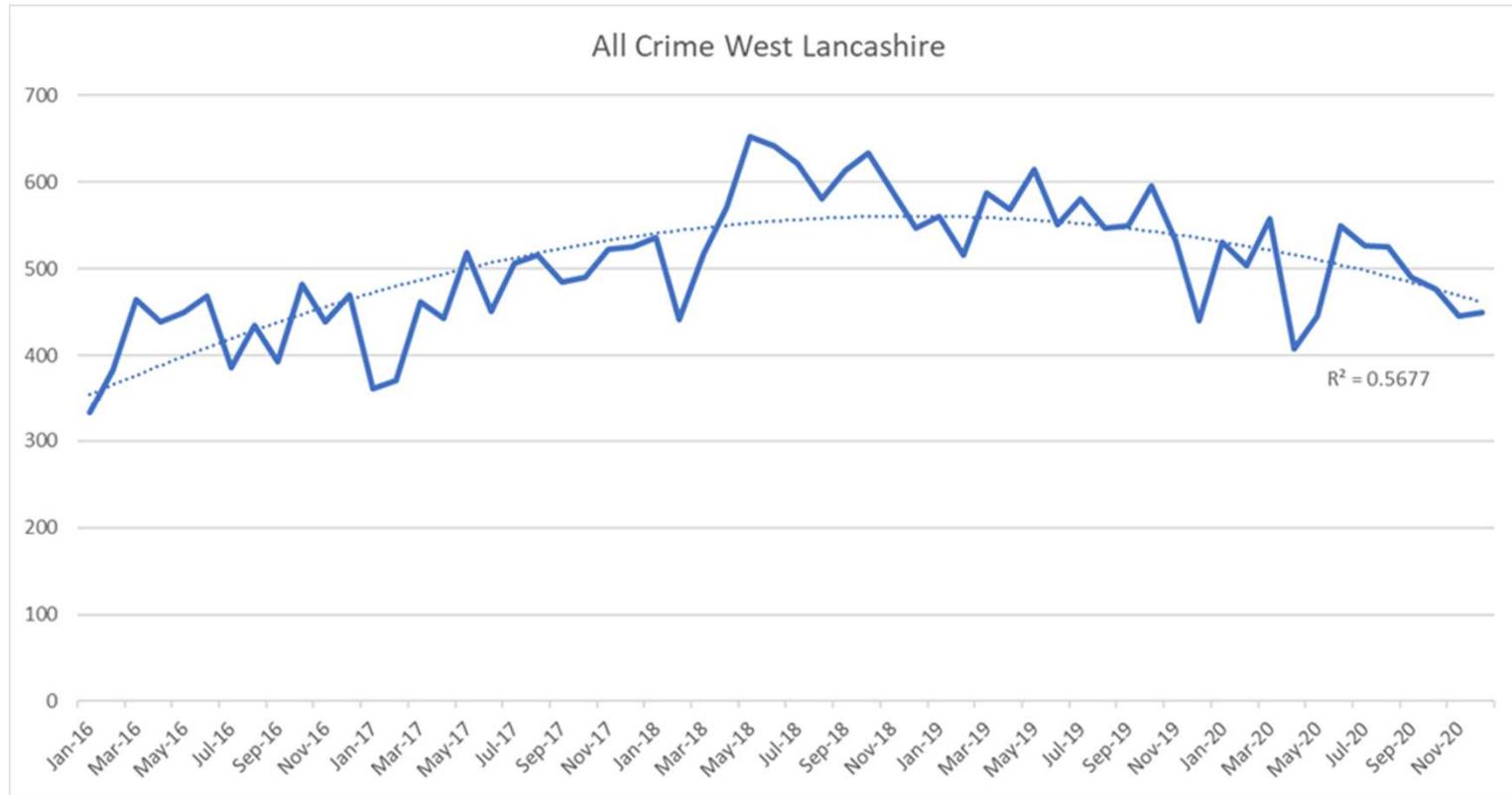
The graph shows a 16 year snap shot of ASB recorded by the police for Mischief Night (30th Oct).



The trendline reveals a significant reduction in ASB since the introduction of Bright Sparx and Go4IT. The last three calendar years have seen the lowest totals recorded since 2005.



All Crime WLCSP Area



In general, the trend for 'All Crime' recorded in West Lancashire since January 2016 is an upward one, however, a downwards curve can be observed following a peak of 653 offences recorded in May 2018. It is worth noting that the downward trend recorded for 2020 is likely linked to COVID-19 lockdown implementations.



*Data obtained from Lancashire Constabulary Crime Recording Systems

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any comments on why all crime is increasing and other upward trends in next slides?

Charlson, Paul, 17/02/20

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Police recorded crime is the number of crimes reported to and recorded by the police.

For crimes that are well-reported and accurately recorded, police recorded data can provide a good picture of the volume of this crime type. These data also provide an insight into the demands being made on the police and are useful in assessing how caseload has changed both in volume and nature over time.

However, police recorded crime statistics do not provide a reliable measure of levels or trends for many types of crime. This is because not all crimes are reported to the police. For example, victims may be reluctant to report a crime because it seems too trivial, or not worth reporting. In contrast, other crimes, such as thefts, may be more likely to be reported if they require a crime reference number to be issued by the police, to support an insurance claim.

Furthermore, police recorded figures can be affected by changes in recording practices. Some types of crime are less affected by changes in recording practices. In these cases, police figures can be a useful supplement to the CSEW by providing a measure that better covers the more harmful, less frequently-occurring offences that the survey does not cover well.

However, due to wider concerns over the quality and consistency of crime recording, police recorded crime data were assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in 2014 (now the Code of Practice for Statistics) and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics¹.

Since then, there has been an increased focus on improving recording practices, which has led to a greater proportion of reported crimes being recorded by the police². For this reason, an increase in the number of crimes recorded by the police does not necessarily mean the level of crime has increased

Owens, Clifford, 28/02/20

All Crime by CSP Area

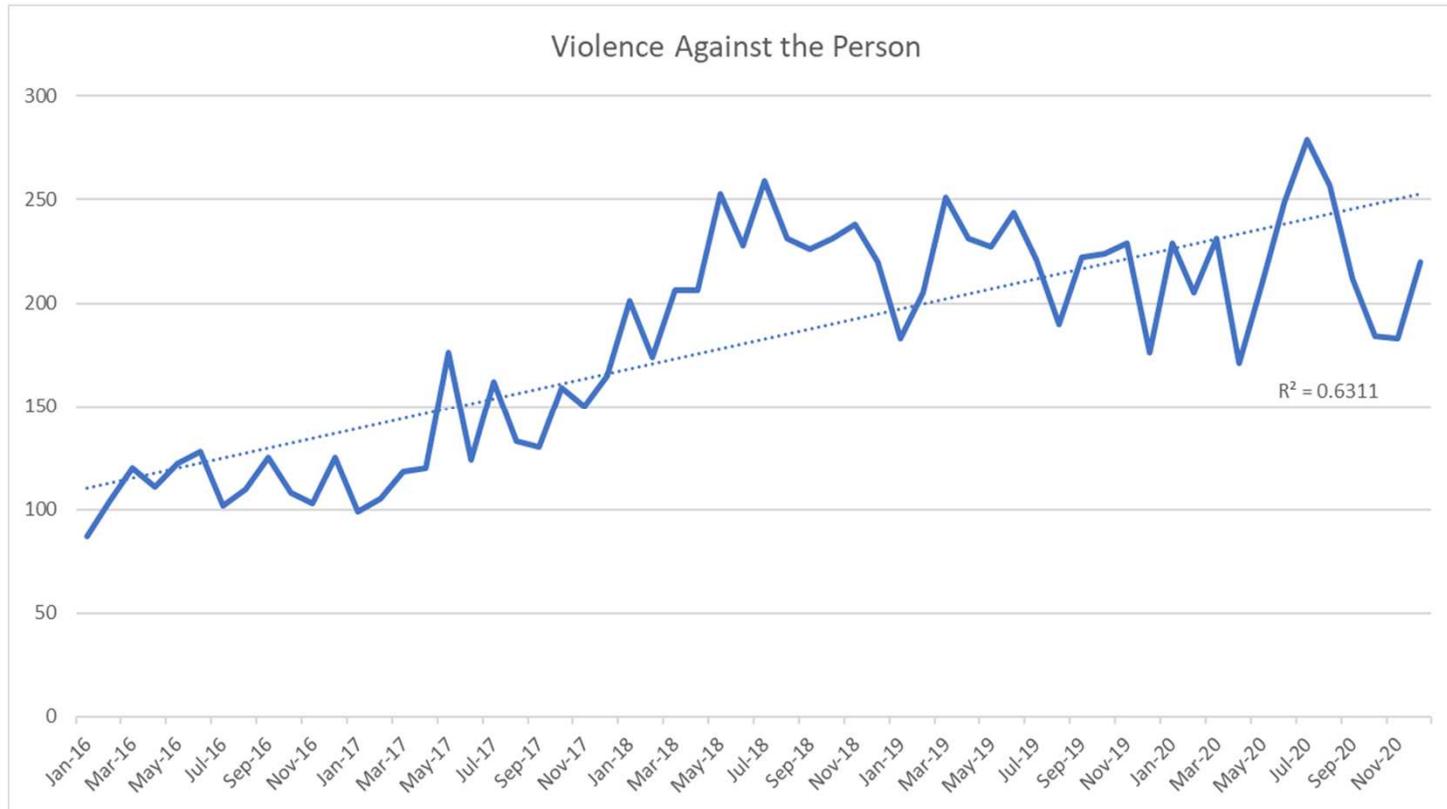
CRIME	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
East	38566	43701	60579	52765	46584
Blackburn w Darwen	11739	13351	18579	16741	14107
Burnley	8918	9924	13136	11385	10288
Hyndburn	6369	7179	10492	8712	7901
Pendle	5574	6375	8888	7609	7098
Ribble Valley	2010	2357	3082	2716	2251
Rossendale	3956	4515	6402	5602	4939
South	28773	34252	44857	41756	35351
Chorley	5602	6773	8113	7856	6916
Preston	13057	15717	21515	19803	16137
South Ribble	5118	6230	8409	7597	6563
West Lancashire	4996	5532	6820	6500	5735
West	35711	42112	56429	49917	41386
Blackpool	17583	21032	28461	24907	20349
Fylde	3529	3952	5333	4983	3979
Lancaster	9135	10976	14277	12741	10495
Wyre	5464	6152	8358	7286	6563

The crime trend observed within West Lancashire follows that for the whole of Lancashire Force area. All CSP areas recorded a significant increase in crime within 2018, following which a decreased trend can be observed. The increase in 2018 follows a review of recorded crime files and an increased focus on improving recording practices. West Lancashire is the 4th lowest of the 14 CSP areas.

*Data obtained from MADE Partner Area – 5th March 2021



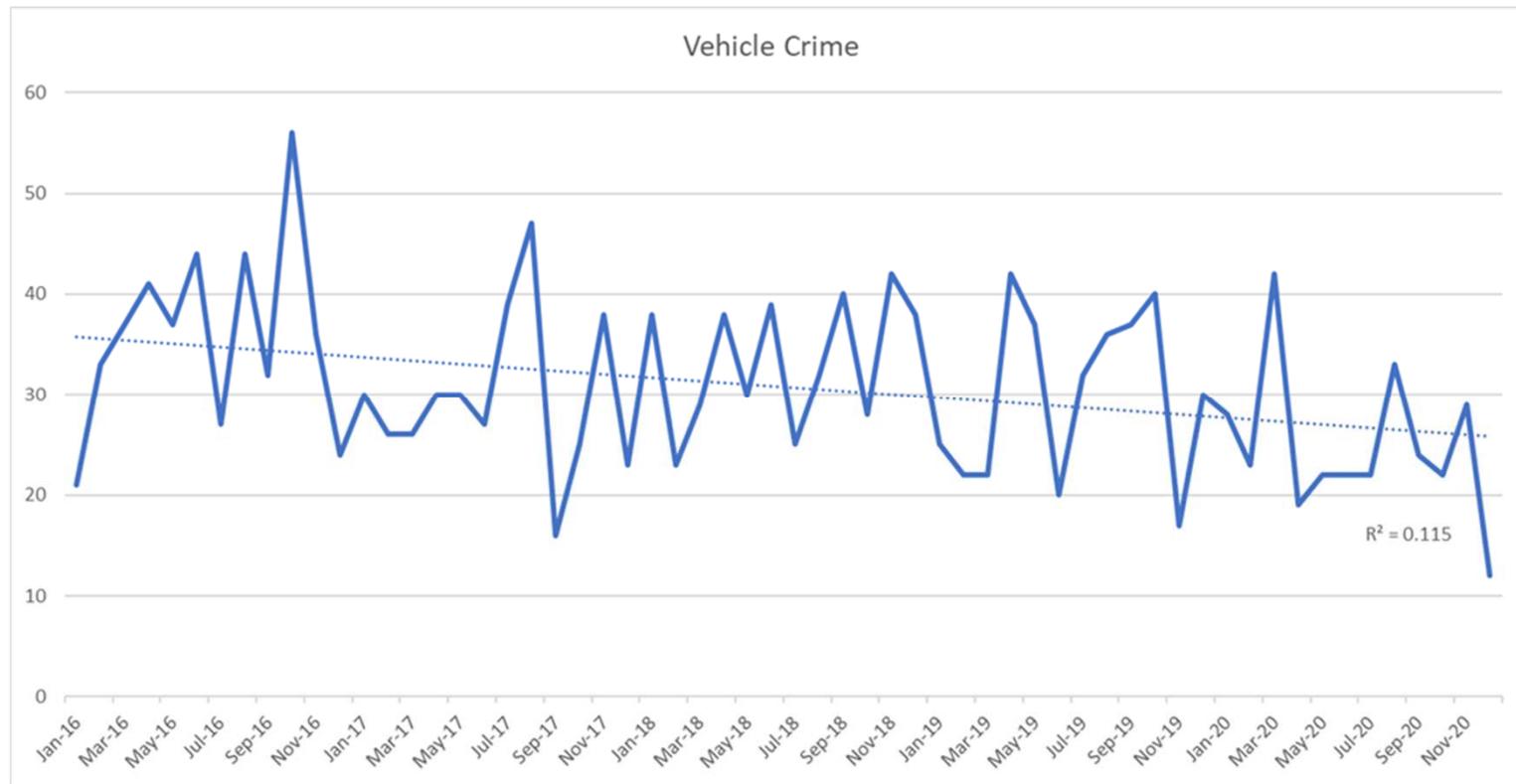
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Violence Against the Person has seen an upward trend over the last five calendar years, accounting for 36% of crime overall.



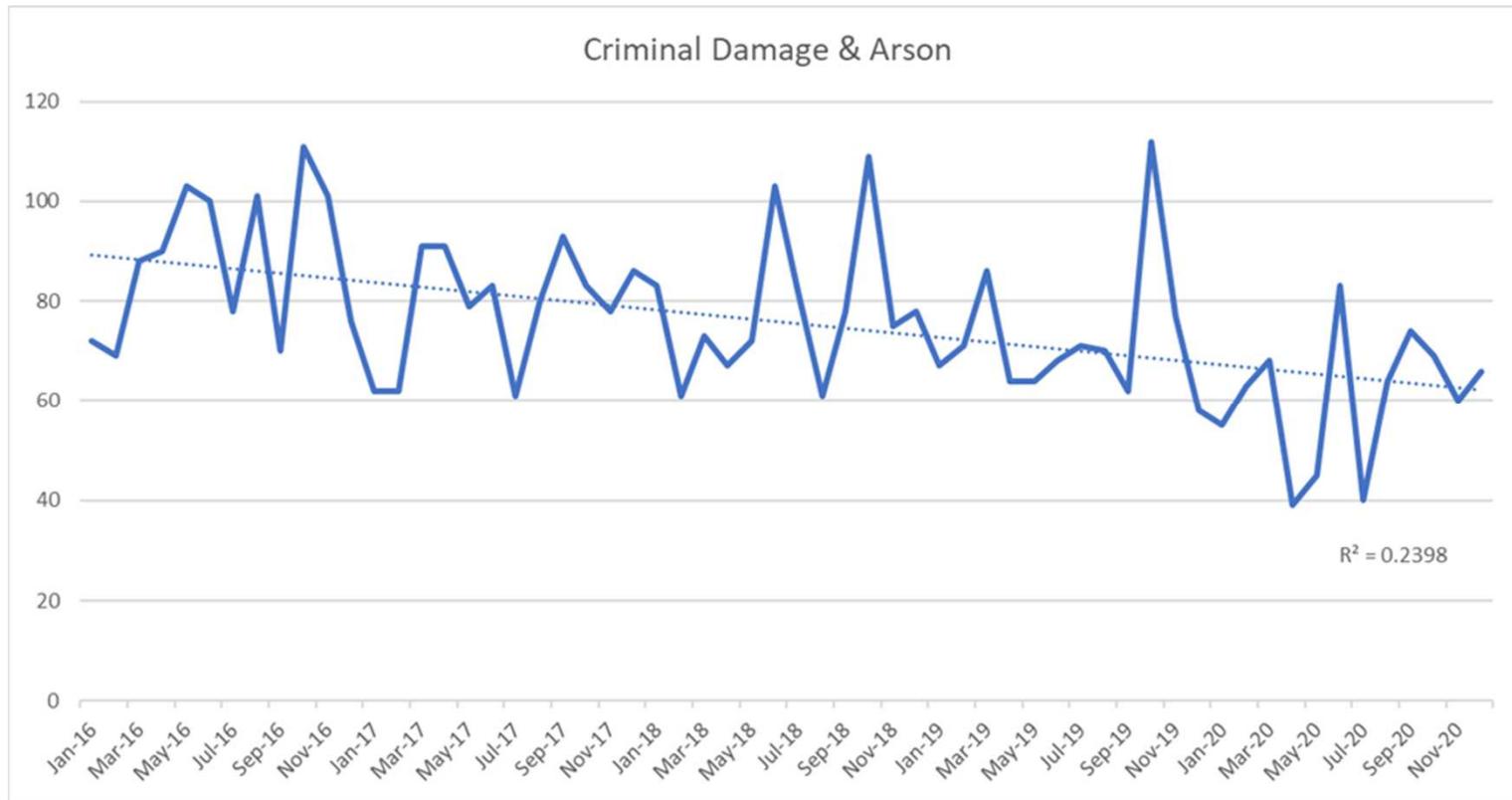
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Over the last five calendar years, recorded vehicle crime is highly sporadic, but overall reveals a downward trend. There has been a further reduction in the number of stolen vehicles in 2020 compared to 2018 and 2019 figures.



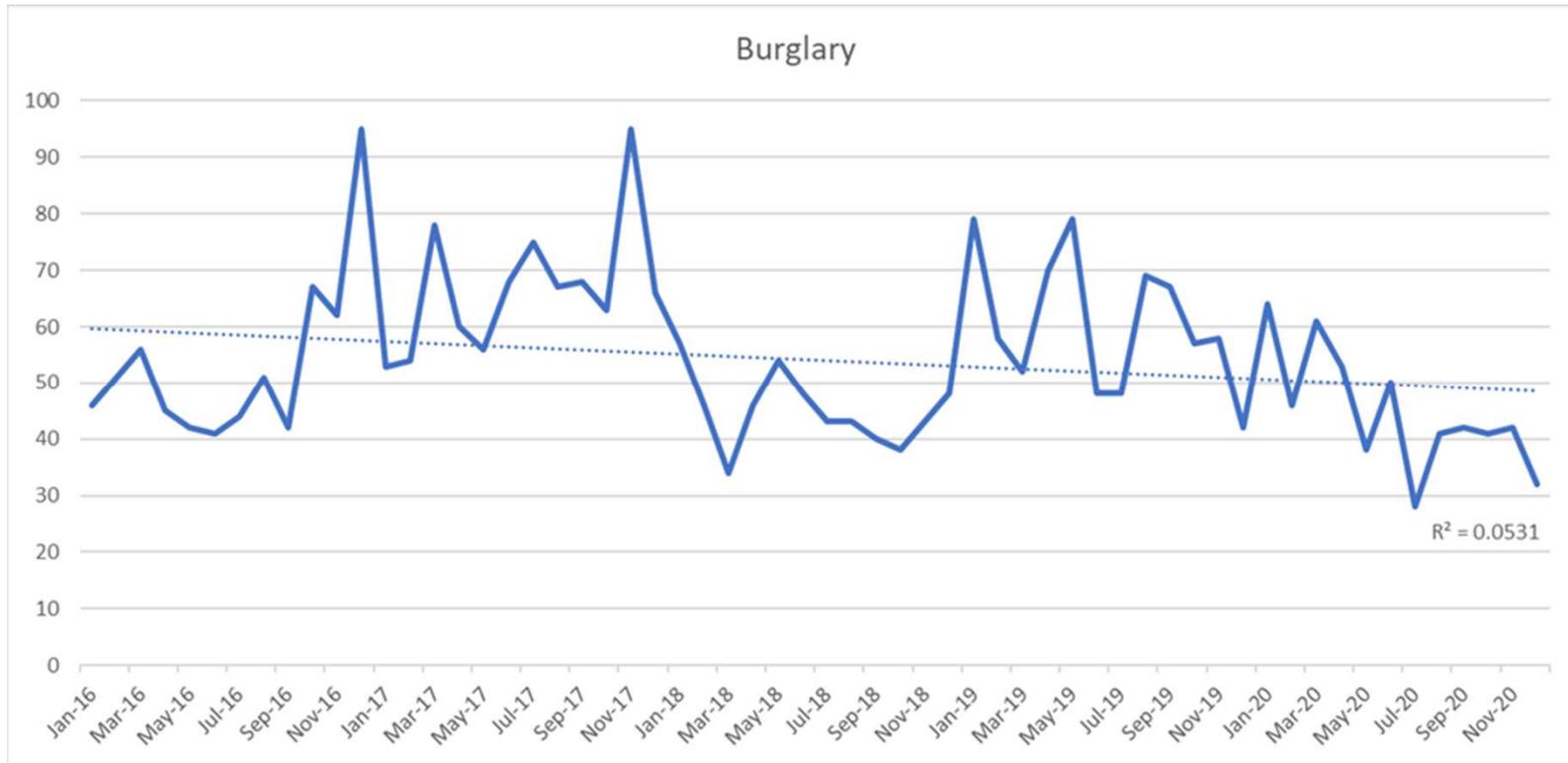
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Criminal Damage and Arson offences have been sporadic over the five calendar years, recording an overall downward trend. Both Arson and Criminal damage offences recorded a year to date reduction in 2020 compared to 2019 figures. Arson figures remain low, accounting for 6.6% (n=48) of the offences recorded in 2020.



All Crime WLCSP Area



Over the last five calendar years a slight downward trend is observed for burglary offences. Following an increase in 2019, 2020 records a year to date decrease by 26% (n=189) in all burglary offences, however, the distribution between residential and commercial burglaries remains similar at around 70% and 30% respectively.



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