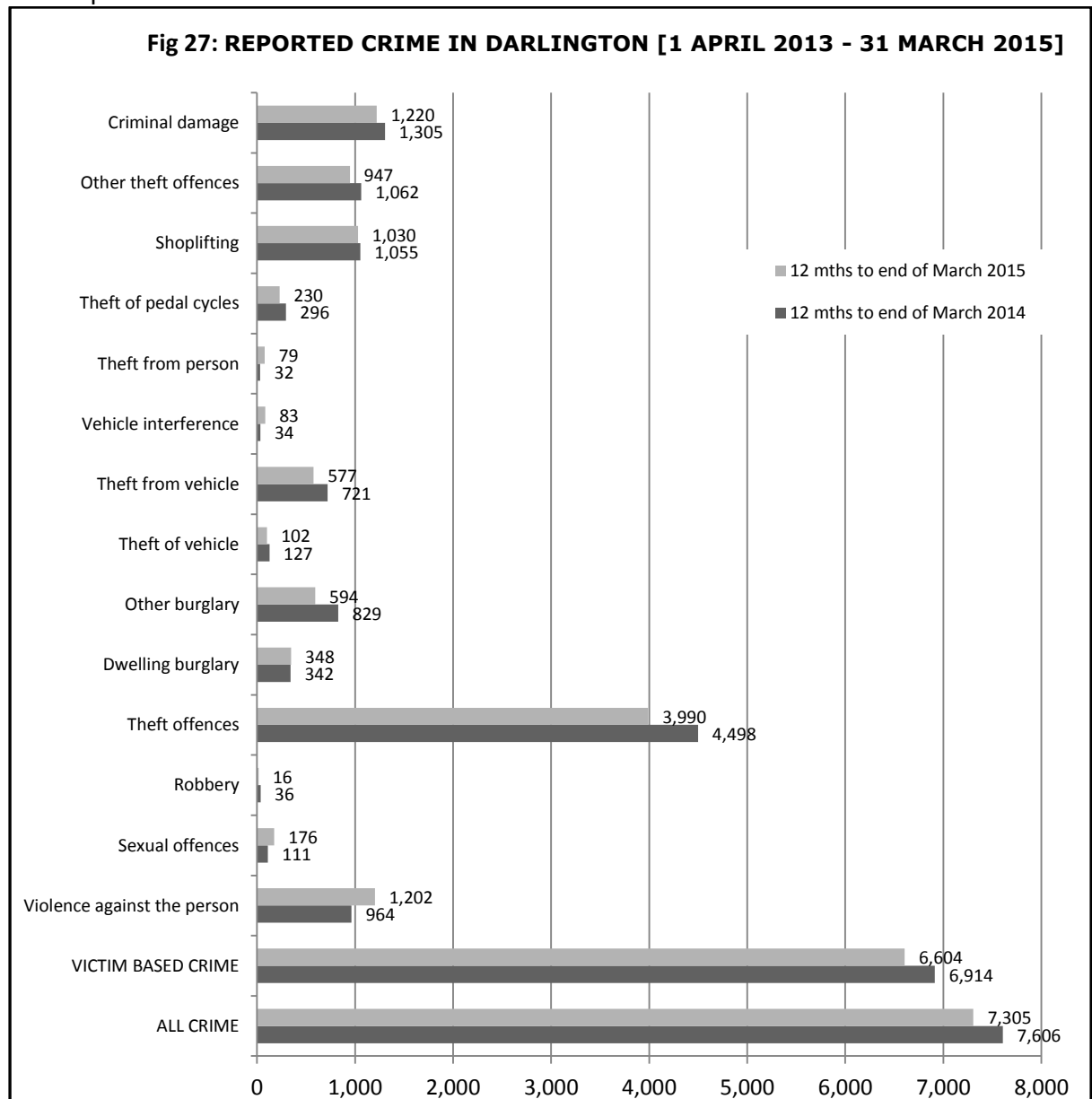


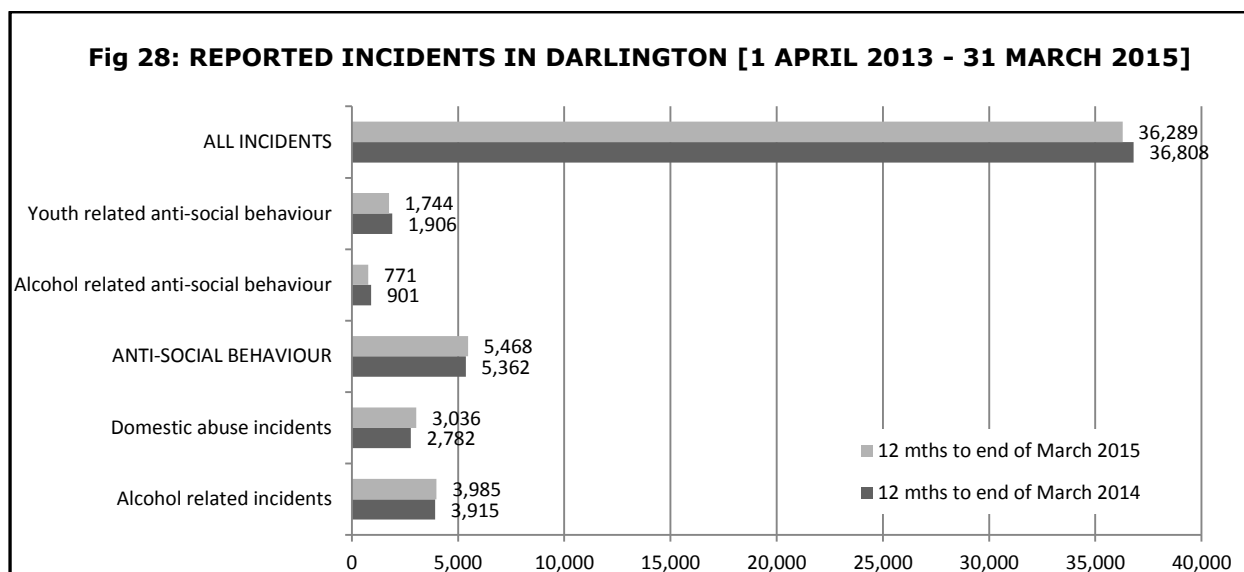
SECTION 3: CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Overall Darlington is a safe place and overall crime continues to fall.
- All crimes have fallen by 314 for the rolling 12 months to March 2015 compared to the same period the previous year.
- Incidents of domestic abuse have risen by 264 or 9% and represent 8% of all incidents.
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Darlington has shown a small increase of 2% in the year to March 2015 or 116 additional incidents reported.
- The recorded incidents of alcohol related ASB fell to 772 for the 12 months to March 2015 a reduction of 14% compared to the same period in 2014.
- In the most recent Community Survey 2013, 50.7% reported being very/fairly satisfied with the way the 'Police and others' deal with anti-social behaviour.
- Domestic abuse incidents have risen by 264 from 2,782 to 3,046 in the period from April 2014 to March 2015

The following chart shows the distribution of Crimes within Darlington for the two years from April 2013 to March 2015.



The following chart shows the distribution of Incidents within Darlington for the two years from April 2013 to March 2015.



LOCAL PERFORMANCE

Big falls in vehicle crime, burglaries and criminal damage over the last 12 months have helped keep recorded crime in County Durham and Darlington at a similar level as the previous year.

From 1st April 2014 to 31st March this year a total of 36,288 offences were reported to Durham Constabulary. This equates to a reduction compared to the previous 12 months, when 36,808 were recorded.

This was despite a significant number of historical sexual and physical assaults being logged as part of the ongoing Operation Seabrook investigation, the largest of its kind in the UK, which is looking into allegations of abuse at the former Medomsley Detention Centre.

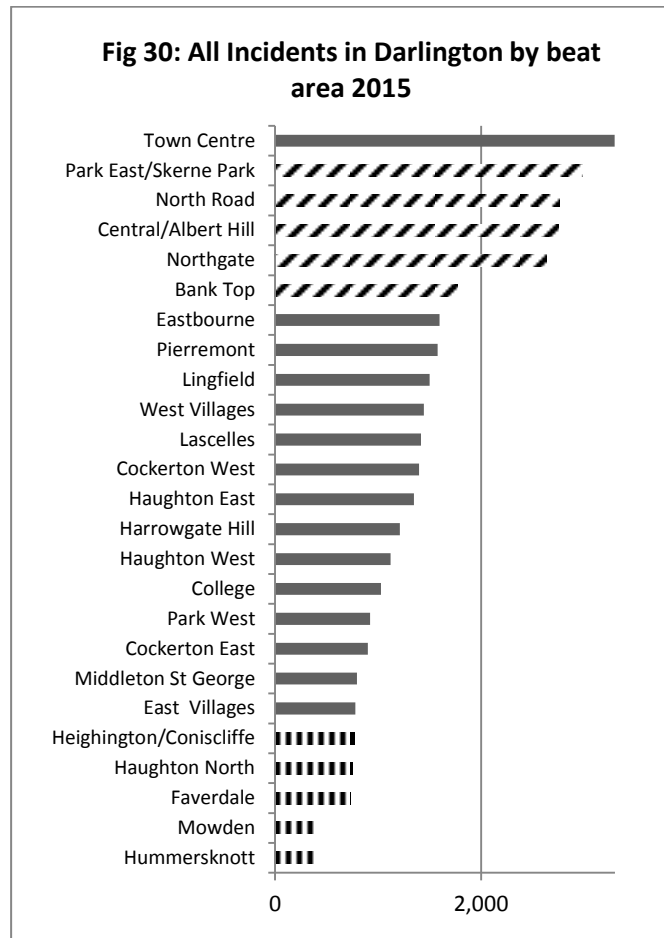
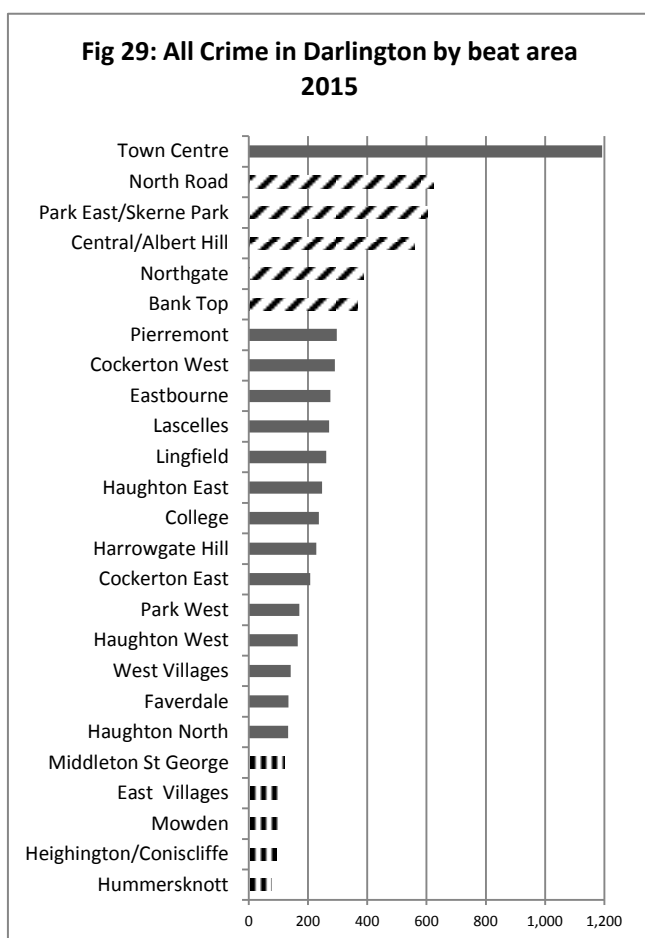
Over the last year there were encouraging falls in the reports of theft from a motor vehicle – down 20% from 721 to 577 – burglaries, which fell by 19% (1,170 to 942) and criminal damage and arson, which fell by 7% from 1,305 to 1,219 offences.

However, there was a 55% rise in sexual offences but the numbers are low (110 to 171) and a 25% rise in reports of violence against the person, with offences in this category having gone from 964 to 1,206.

While the rise in sexual offences is generally regarded as a sign more victims are prepared to come forward, report the crime and seek help from the authorities, police say the surge in this category, and also violent offences is largely due to changes in recording practices.

Incident and crime data is available for Darlington by Beat Area. These 24 areas correspond well to the 20 Wards within the borough. In 2015 the levels of both Crime and All Incidents show that the five most deprived wards for IMD also has the highest levels of all crime and all incidents; similarly the least deprived areas for IMD show the lowest levels of all crime and all incidents.

The following charts show the distribution of all crimes and all incidents for 2015 across the 24 beat areas.



[Source: Durham Police 2015]

Those highlighted in red indicates the most deprived areas and the green are the least deprived corresponding closely to the 20 Ward areas in the borough. The breakdown of crimes and incidents by category are shown in the tables below.

Fig 31: Incidents by Ward

INCIDENTS 2015	All Incidents	Youth related ASB	Alcohol related ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour	Domestic Abuse incidents	Alcohol related incidents
Bank Top	1,774	73	40	270	200	211
Central/Albert Hill	2,754	77	62	347	226	346
Cockerton East	900	50	30	189	58	83
Cockerton West	1,397	127	25	307	126	146
College	1,029	41	19	99	43	66
East Villages	778	58	5	123	49	52
Eastbourne	1,598	89	32	304	180	139
Faverdale	738	24	6	80	42	39
Harrowgate Hill	1,213	55	13	1,686	115	114
Haughton East	1,348	100	25	295	162	118
Haughton North	751	57	14	114	47	73
Haughton West	1,122	134	26	294	106	88
Heighington/Coniscliffe	774	10	2	48	42	34

INCIDENTS 2015	All Incidents	Youth related ASB	Alcohol related ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour	Domestic Abuse incidents	Alcohol related incidents
Hummersknott	373	21	6	57	18	21
Lascelles	1,417	104	17	243	185	102
Lingfield	1,500	85	13	237	132	118
Middleton St George	795	29	10	94	67	55
Mowden	405	37	4	64	22	25
North Road	2,759	81	61	385	335	338
Northgate	2,636	40	75	293	218	361
Park East/Skerne Park	2,985	238	63	571	315	344
Park West	922	52	24	96	26	82
Pierremont	1,577	29	46	249	201	206
Town Centre	3,297	112	146	424	107	771
West Villages	1,446	27	8	127	24	59

Fig 32: Crime by Ward area and type

CRIME	All Crime	Victim Based Crime	Violence against the person	Sexual Offences	Robbery	Theft Offences	Dwelling Burglary	Other burglary	Theft of vehicle	Theft from vehicle	Theft from person	Theft of pedal cycles	Shoplifting	Other theft offences	Criminal damage and arson
Bank Top	366	327	71	8	1	161	27	13	6	27	5	11	28	41	86
Central/Albert Hill	561	455	73	6	2	283	29	32	7	37	7	16	76	72	91
Cockerton East	207	188	35	4	1	118	11	41	2	20	1	8	3	32	30
Cockerton West	291	268	48	10	0	145	11	34	3	12	1	2	53	24	65
College	236	226	26	3	1	157	11	40	4	35	0	15	5	42	39
East Villages	106	103	14	4	0	53	2	16	2	11	1	0	0	20	32
Eastbourne	275	238	56	21	1	106	17	18	9	22	0	5	7	26	54
Faverdale	134	129	14	5	1	95	4	11	0	34	1	6	12	24	14
Harrowgate Hill	228	216	44	3	0	126	9	19	3	27	0	5	39	23	43
Haughton East	247	232	66	12	0	108	14	14	1	20	2	9	7	36	46
Haughton North	133	126	24	4	0	82	5	6	2	8	1	3	38	18	16
Haughton West	165	153	25	8	0	82	6	13	1	32	2	6	1	20	38
Heighington/Coniscliffe	93	89	13	1	0	58	6	13	3	9	0	0	2	21	17
Hummersknott	77	74	12	1	0	57	8	14	1	15	1	1	0	14	4
Lascelles	271	245	47	7	0	126	19	26	4	28	0	8	22	17	65
Lingfield	261	239	36	8	2	150	6	22	3	25	0	13	19	53	43
Middleton St George	120	109	35	3	0	52	4	13	3	11	0	2	1	17	19
Mowden	101	99	7	1	0	79	9	13	2	17	0	4	13	14	12
North Road	625	570	126	15	1	345	30	45	14	47	3	10	106	85	83
Northgate	388	335	66	11	1	188	32	26	9	21	3	18	31	44	69
Park East/Skerne Park	605	575	106	9	0	321	27	40	7	36	1	17	120	67	139
Park West	170	158	9	2	1	123	16	32	1	33	0	5	12	21	23
Pierremont	297	277	48	6	1	148	33	25	7	29	1	10	2	39	74
Town Centre	1,193	1,038	191	17	2	726	8	47	4	12	46	52	421	134	102
West Villages	141	129	14	2	0	98	5	20	3	9	0	3	11	45	15

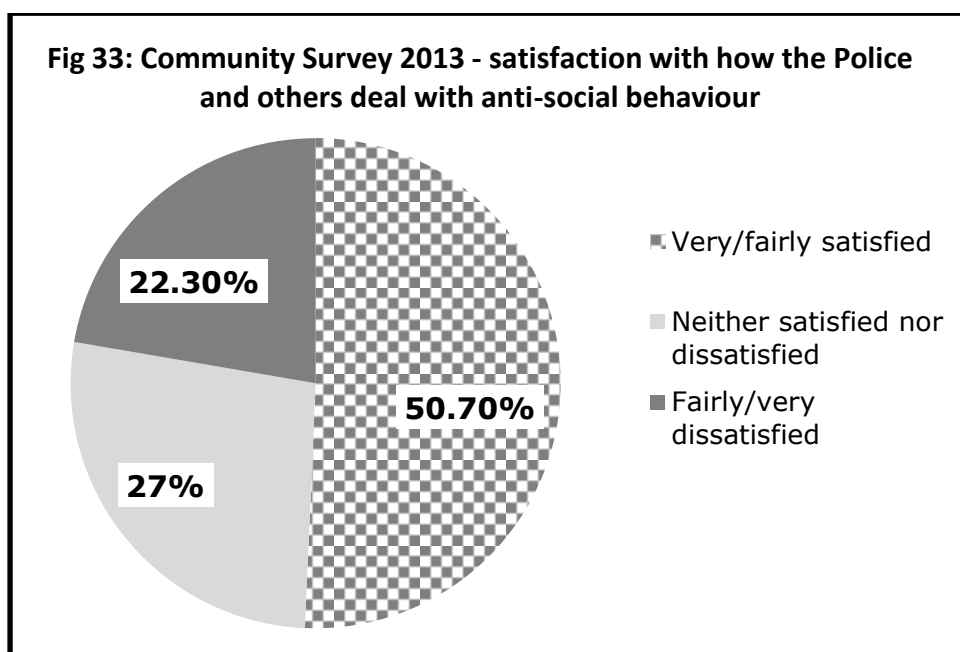
ONE DARLINGTON PERFECTLY SAFE

The Darlington Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is made up of six 'responsible authorities': the Council, the Police, Clinical Commissioning Group for health, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company and the Fire and Rescue Company. The CSP also works closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). These organisations have a legal duty to work together to ensure that Darlington continues to be a safe place.

The Darlington (CSP) has recently published its new Community Safety Plan (2015-20) "One Darlington Perfectly Safe". This sets out the CSP's priorities for the next five years. In determining its priorities the CSP also takes account of the PCC's priorities and the Annual Policing Plan. Current priorities are:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour;
- Reducing offending and re-offending;
- Working with families with multiple problems
- Supporting vulnerable people, with a particular focus on addressing domestic abuse, hate crime and sexual violence
- Reducing the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco

The Community Survey 2013 asked residents 'how satisfied are you with how the Police and others deal with anti-social behaviour'? Of the 4,952 respondents (excluding 'don't know' responses) just over half 50.7% were very or fairly satisfied; 27% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 22.3% were fairly or very dissatisfied. The following chart shows the distribution of the responses (excluding the 'don't knows').



Durham Constabulary:

Use the website link below for the performance information for Darlington

<https://www.durham.police.uk/About-Us/Our%20performance/Pages/Local-Performance.aspx>