

Appendix B- Serious Acquisitive Crime

Brief Description of Priority

Reduce Serious Acquisitive Crime by reducing victim risks and detecting offenders – targeting work in higher risk locations..

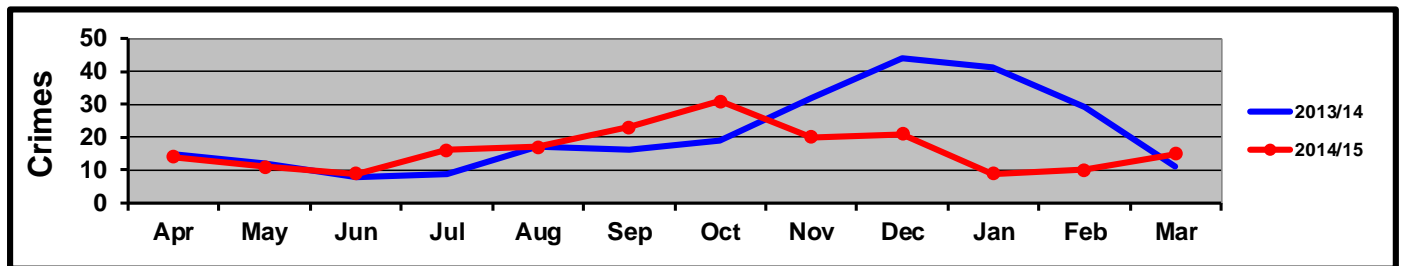
- Reduce domestic burglary
- Reduce theft of motor vehicle
- Reduce theft from motor vehicle

Period Covered From/To: 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Current Status: **Red** **Amber** **Green**

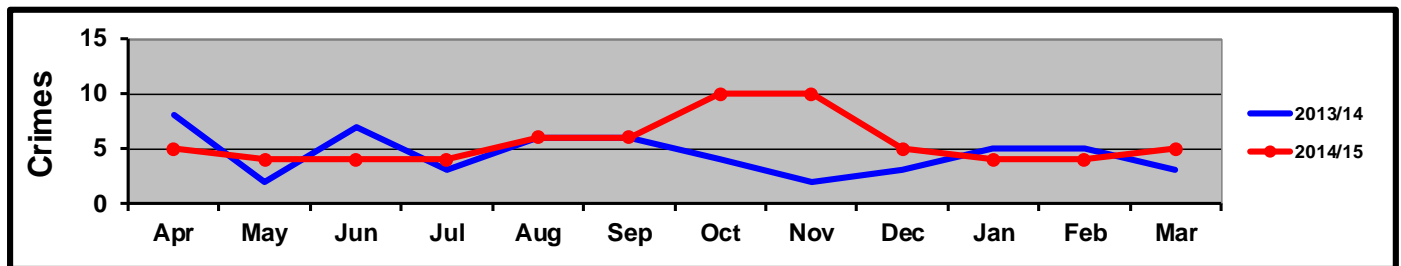
Domestic Burglary

Crimes YTD	
2013/14	2014/15
253	196



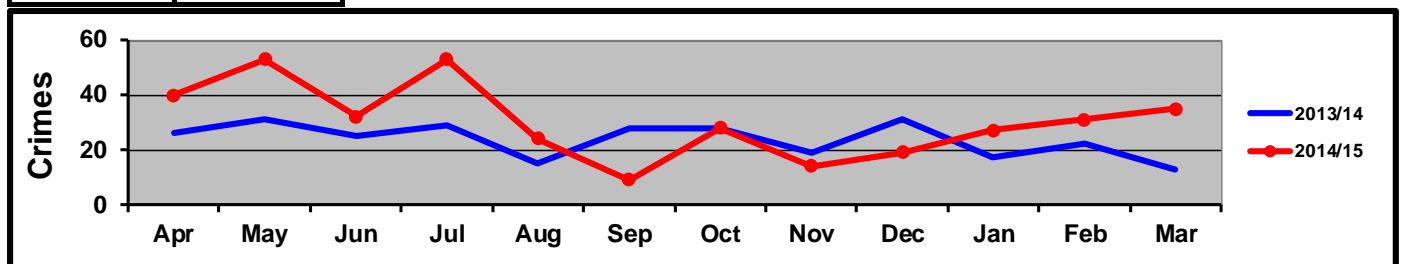
Theft of Motor Vehicle

Crimes YTD	
2013/14	2014/15
54	67



Theft from Motor Vehicle

Crimes YTD	
2013/14	2014/15
284	365



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Position statement

It has been positive to note that dwelling burglaries have reduced considerably this year. This has been due to a continuation of previous effective tactics around target hardening, cocooning and intelligence lead targeting of specific individuals. Of note was the vastly reduced amount of offending during the month of December 2014, in direct contrast to December 2013 where we recorded a spike in burglaries.

I have assessed the overall performance in the area of acquisitive crime as amber. Vehicle crime (theft of and from) has risen since last year, most noticeably theft from vehicles. While statistical anomaly around the relevance of binary comparators is a contributory factor it is but one element. Most of the offending has related to the theft of tools from vans. This is something which has and is being reflected across the entire force area. It is fair to say that the Harborough District has fared considerably better than other areas. The prospects of detecting such offences are very slight and target hardening measures are more difficult to satisfactorily employ, due to the practicalities of trades people removing all of their kit from their vehicles each night.

A forcewide restructure took place in February 2015. This has seen a departure from the previous practices of neighbourhood officers investigating crime. This responsibility is now held centrally by the force investigation unit (FIU).

Rural crime is very much on the partnership's agenda and we are pleased to note that over 140 local farms and other rural business / property owners enjoy membership of the Farmwatch scheme. This goes from strength to strength and is growing by the day.

In addition to this an officer of the neighbourhood priority team (NPT) has been appointed to forge links with all forces in our region (Lincs, Notts, Northants & Derbs) in relation to the sharing of intelligence.

Reduce domestic burglary

Action	Summary
Fund Harborough Be Safe to identify and support vulnerable victims and those at risk of burglary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting has taken place with HBS and advice has been offered to them in relation to uplifting the number of reviews they self-generate. 17 referrals this year. • Harborough Sgts to promote service as necessary. Response Officers under new policing model now attending burglaries who may be from other areas in Leicestershire.
Campaigns and Police Ops targeting offenders/ locations (including use of Plain Car)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Op Tiger – regular work around acquisitive crime and targeting offenders. This is a forcewide initiative and runs at regular intervals throughout the year. • Plain car used proactively. For example used at Great Glen to combat ASB; problem resident evicted. • Operation Barnacle cross border with Northants • Op Irene is a more localised operation to disrupt criminality • Rogue trader operations

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Reduce Theft Of and From Motor Vehicles	
Action	Summary
Campaigns and police ops to reduce risk of car crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain car used as a bait vehicle in an effort to reduce theft from motor vehicles.• Tri Force cross border operations – ongoing business, now formalised under the guise of Operation Barnacle and the model has been adopted across the whole County Police Force. For example Officers on duty over Easter targeted local beauty spots in terms of both patrols and target hardening.