

**Brief Description of Priority**

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

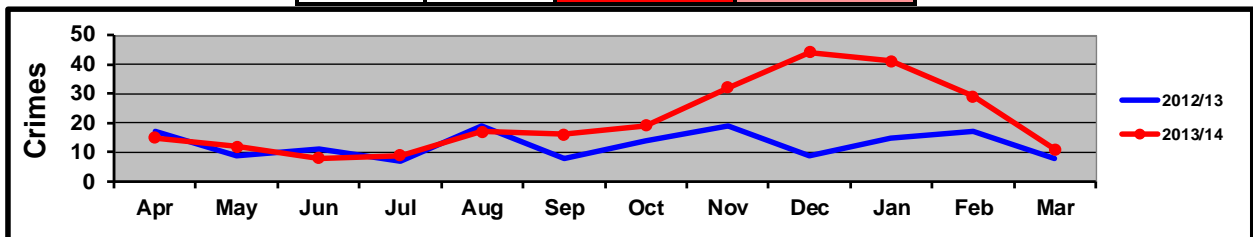
- Reduce domestic burglary by 13%
- Reduce theft of motor vehicle by 10%
- Reduce theft from motor vehicle by 14%

Period Covered From/To: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

Current Status: Red  Amber  Green

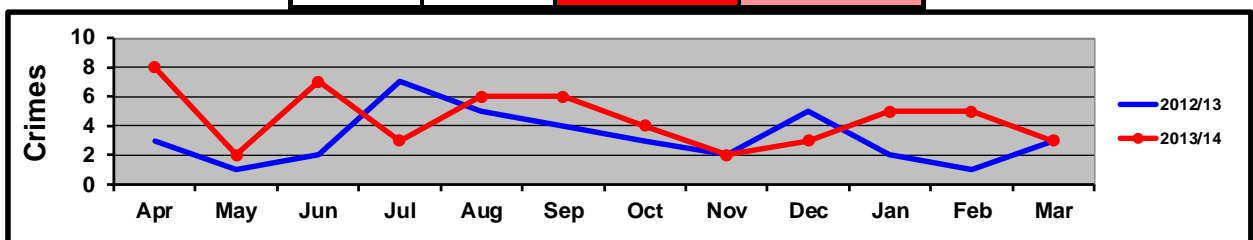
**Domestic Burglary**

Crimes YTD		% Change	Difference from Target
2012/13	2013/14		
153	253	65.4	120



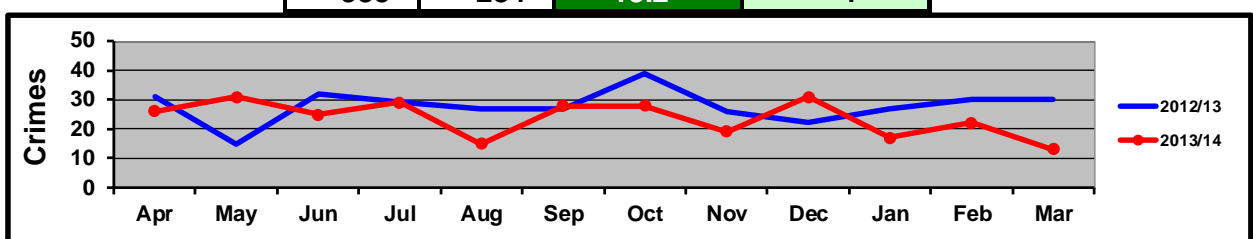
**Theft of Motor Vehicle**

Crimes YTD		% Change	Difference from Target
2012/13	2013/14		
38	54	42.1	20



**Theft from Motor Vehicle**

Crimes YTD		% Change	Difference from Target
2012/13	2013/14		
335	284	-15.2	-4



### Position statement

Over the last three years there has been a consistent reduction in acquisitive crime, notably dwelling burglary. This is in keeping with a six year decline in crime rate and indeed the Force area is enjoying a ten year low in terms of crime rates.

In terms of acquisitive crime in the district there is now a “plateau” effect whereby the maintenance of a reduction is unsustainable. This coupled with the austere times felt nationally has resulted in a rise in acquisitive crime this year, in particular dwelling burglaries.

There were no extraordinary patterns throughout the first three quarters of the year. During the last quarter however, offending intensified in the Broughton Astley area and Market Harborough Town centre, presenting geographical challenges in terms of resource deployment and tactics employed. Very different modus operandi was evident in these areas.

Harborough Town Centre was attributable to one individual in the main. Intelligence led tactics were employed along with work in the background, in partnership with a local housing authority. While there was insufficient evidence for the Crown Prosecution Service to agree to put the individual before the courts, the housing association were able to evict the individual. Testament to the excellent partnerships working between the public and private sector.

Broughton Astley represented a greater challenge. It is vulnerable to cross border criminality due to the large arterial routes which are in close proximity to it. Intense patrols were put in place around the village in an effort to reassure the community. As a result offending waned slightly and members of the public felt empowered enough to ring the Police sometimes several times daily with regard to persons they felt were acting suspiciously in the area.

In addition to this intelligence work was undertaken along with the employment of certain tactics which are beyond the scope of this document due to the need for confidentiality. A significant arrest was made which resulted in the individual concerned being remanded to prison, awaiting trial.

There is not commentary specifically in relation to vehicle crime as this has not manifested itself as a major threat to performance this year, with offending patterns being consistent. Of note however is the reduction in theft from motor vehicles. This is attributable to the measures put in place to combat the burglaries and is in essence a side effect of these.

**Summary of activity**

<p><b>Harborough Be Safe (PCC Funded)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53 vulnerable households supported with security measures/ advice</li> <li>• £44 average referral cost</li> <li>• 809 visitors to Market Stall</li> </ul>
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Harborough Be Safe is an established community group staffed by volunteers who visit homes of vulnerable residents and victims of crime to improve their security. Raising money from grants and donations volunteers fit security devices such as door and window locks, Passive Infra Red lights and give out information and advice. There are no known repeat victims following a referral to Harborough Be Safe who also operate a popular Market Stall.

**Results of Operations s targeting offenders/ locations**

- Op Entrance – targeting an individual burglar. This was complimented by the use of the door alarms.
- Tri Force cross border operations – ongoing business and the model has been adopted across the whole County Police Force
- Continuation of “cocooning” work around domestic burglary, this is standardised business