

**Appendix A**

**Area North 2008/9 Crime Statistics**

During the select time period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 there were 1520 crimes reported in Area North. This is a 9% reduction on the same time period the previous year.

**Crime Types – Offence Groups**

| <b>Current Offence Group</b>    | <b>2008/9</b> | <b>2007/8</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Theft and handling stolen goods | 531           | 584           | -53           |
| Criminal damage                 | 370           | 448           | -78           |
| Burglary                        | 290           | 265           | 25            |
| Violence against the person     | 228           | 235           | -7            |
| Drug offences                   | 31            | 37            | -6            |
| Fraud / Forgery                 | 26            | 34            | -8            |
| Arson                           | 18            | 14            | 4             |
| Sexual offences                 | 12            | 13            | -1            |
| Other offences                  | 11            | 21            | -10           |
| Robbery                         | 3             | 2             | 1             |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>1520</b>   | <b>1653</b>   | <b>-133</b>   |

**Top 20 Crime Categories**

| <b>Rank 2008/9 (07/08)</b> | <b>Current Offence Description</b>                 | <b>2008/9</b> | <b>2007/8</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 (4)                      | Burglary in a building other than a dwelling       | 209           | 199           | 10            |
| 2 (2)                      | Theft (when not classified elsewhere)              | 195           | 207           | -12           |
| 3 (1)                      | Theft from a motor vehicle                         | 187           | 238           | -51           |
| 4 (3)                      | Criminal damage to a vehicle                       | 163           | 203           | -40           |
| 5 (5)                      | Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm             | 98            | 87            | 11            |
| 6 (8)                      | Criminal damage                                    | 82            | 75            | 7             |
| 7 (10)                     | Burglary in a dwelling                             | 79            | 57            | 22            |
| 8 (9)                      | Common assault and battery                         | 70            | 68            | 2             |
| 9 (6)                      | Criminal damage to a dwelling                      | 67            | 86            | -19           |
| 10 (7)                     | Criminal damage to a non dwelling                  | 54            | 77            | -23           |
| 11 (19)                    | Theft from shops and stalls                        | 47            | 15            | 32            |
| 12 (11)                    | Theft of a motor vehicle                           | 27            | 35            | -8            |
| 13 (12)                    | Possess cannabis                                   | 26            | 26            | 0             |
| 14 (14)                    | Theft of a pedal cycle                             | 20            | 22            | -2            |
| 15 (13)                    | Vehicle interference and tampering                 | 18            | 23            | -5            |
| 16 (20)                    | Arson – not endangering life                       | 17            | 13            | 4             |
| 17 (23)                    | Making off without payment                         | 16            | 10            | 6             |
| 18 (18)                    | Harassment alarm or distress                       | 13            | 15            | -2            |
| 19 (21)                    | Theft in a dwelling (not machine machine or meter) | 13            | 12            | 1             |
| 20 (15)                    | Causing int. harassment alarm or distress          | 12            | 20            | -8            |

**Offence Locations**

| <b>Ward</b>      | <b>2008/9</b> | <b>2007/8</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Martock          | 267           | 303           | -36           |
| Wessex           | 211           | 248           | -37           |
| South Petherton  | 191           | 190           | 1             |
| Langport & Huish | 184           | 209           | -25           |
| St Michaels      | 162           | 174           | -12           |
| Islemoor         | 110           | 86            | 24            |
| Turn Hill        | 91            | 88            | 3             |
| Curry Rivel      | 90            | 141           | -51           |
| Burrow Hill      | 86            | 94            | -8            |
| Hamdon           | ?             | ?             | ?             |

**Top 10 Offence Locations - Specific**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Ward</b>      | <b>08/09</b> | <b>07/08</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1           | St James Street | South Petherton  | 31           | 17           | 14            |
| 2           | Bow Street      | Langport & Huish | 27           | 30           | -3            |
| 3           | North Street    | Martock          | 26           | 35           | -9            |
| 4           | North Street    | Langport & Huish | 26           | 38           | -12           |
| 5           | Ham Hill        | Hamdon           | 24           | 25           | -1            |
| 6           | Bearley lane    | St Michaels      | 20           | 8            | 12            |
| 7           | Fivehead        | Islemoor         | 19           | 5            | 14            |
| 8           | Little Sammons  | St Michaels      | 19           | 20           | -1            |
| 9           | Main Street     | St Michaels      | 19           | 18           | 1             |
| 10          | West Street     | Wessex           | 19           | 39           | -20           |