



## **BURY ST EDMUNDS POLICE REPORTING AREA – 5 MONTH INTERIM REPORT** (Period covered: Jan to May 2020)

Just for information, here are some crime statistics for the Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area for the first 5 months of this year (data extracted from the Suffolk Constabulary's website: [www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/bury-st-edmunds](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/bury-st-edmunds)):

- The Bury St Edmunds reporting area (approx. 180 sq. miles) covers from Bradfield Combust & Stanningfield north to but excluding Thetford, and from Barrow/Lackford east to and including Pakenham/Hepworth (map available on the Constabulary's website)
- Each month between **75% & 85% of crimes are committed in or near Bury St Edmunds**
- During **Jan – May 2020** there were **2180 recorded crimes** covering minor to serious offences in **14 crime categories** (definitions on the website)
- **Violence & Sexual** crimes accounted for **39%** of all recorded crimes; **Anti-social Behaviour** accounted for **14%**; **Criminal Damage & Arson** for **11%**
- The other 11 crime categories accounted for the remaining 36% including **Burglary (4%), Robbery (1%) and Vehicle (2.5%)**

Acknowledged caveats/limitations include:

- Not all crimes are reported and therefore recorded
- Not all reported crimes can actually be mapped e.g. victim can't confirm location
- There are grey areas e.g. Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) in same category
- Some crimes are not against our immediate community e.g. some types of fraud
- Some reports are possibly duplicated e.g. some anti-social behaviour
- SCAM phone calls, e-mails, texts etc not included as Action Fraud's responsibility

For **2019**, and excluding fraud (Action Fraud responsible), the Office of National Statistics placed **Suffolk with one of the lowest recorded crime rates coming 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 42 police forces** in England & Wales (Greater Manchester & British Transport Police excluded):

[www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/datasets/policeforceareadatatables](http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/datasets/policeforceareadatatables)

More statistical detail etc for the Bury St Edmunds area can be found via:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/bury-st-edmunds/?tab=Statistics>

Monthly statistics and other information for the Bury St Edmunds **Area B** covering the **6 parishes** of **Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George, Little & Great Whelnetham, Rushbrooke with Rougham and Nowton (Hawstead, Cockfield and Lawshall** though outside of **Area B** are also covered) can be accessed here:

<https://suffolknwa.co.uk/bseb.html>

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