



SNWA BURY ST EDMUNDS REPORTING AREA B (6 PARISHES)

End of Year Perspective - 2022

BSE RECORDED CRIME STATS JAN TO DEC - www.suffolk.police.uk		
MONTH	BSE TOTAL	LOCAL AREA B
JAN	498	13
FEB	464	14
MAR	580	12
APR	475	8
MAY	559	21
JUN	533	12
JUL	557	14
AUG	549	23
SEP	422	8
OCT	477	22
NOV	400	9
DEC	404	9
MONTHLY AVERAGE:	493	14
SNWA Bury St Edmunds reporting Area B covers the 6 parishes: Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George, Little and Great Whelnetham, Nowton, and Rushbrooke with Rougham.		

Some of the acknowledged caveats/limitations:

- Not all crimes are reported and therefore recorded
- Some reported crime locations cannot be confirmed by victims
- Some grey areas e.g. Violence & Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) are all included in one large category
- Crime categories & stats include very minor to very serious offences
- SCAM phone calls, e-mails, texts etc not included as Action Fraud is responsible

Some observations/comments:

1. Area B (6 parishes) monthly average number of recorded crimes, 14 in 2022 compared to 10 in 2021 (a **40% increase**).

2. Area B saw recorded crimes in 11 of the 14 National crime categories, 3 of which accounting for **79%** of local crimes:

- a. Violence & Sexual (**incl. Domestic Abuse**): 104 in 2022 cf. 55 in 2021 (a **89% increase**). This category accounted for **63%** of recorded crimes in our area.
- b. Anti-social Behaviour: 15 in 2022 cf. 16 in 2021 cf. 29 in 2020 and accounted for **9%** of local crimes.
- c. Criminal Damage/Arson: 13 in 2022 cf. 22 in 2021 (a **31% decrease**) and accounted for **7%** of recorded crimes in our area.

Also:

- d. Other Theft: 12 reported incidents in 2022 accounting for 7% of recorded crimes.
- e. Burglary: 4 in 2022 (same as 2021) accounting for 2% of local crime.
- f. Vehicle: 5 in 2022 cf. 4 in 2021 and accounted for 3% of recorded crimes.

3. For the year ending June 2022, the Office for National Statistics ranks Suffolk as having the 7th lowest crime rate (cf. 10th in 2021) out of 43 Police Forces (excl. British Transport) across England & Wales, with Suffolk being lowest (cf. second lowest in 2021) in the East of England 6 counties.

More detail and a month by month recorded crimes breakdown for Area B parishes/villages at: <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/bseb.html> . Also available on the website very soon, a full Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area 2019 – 2022 four-year crime comparison (by category) and individual parish end of year reports.

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