

BURY ST EDMUNDS POLICE REPORTING AREA – 4 YEAR 2018 TO 2021 RECORDED CRIMES COMPARISON

CRIME	DEFINITION (incl. minor crimes)	2018 No. (rounded % of year total)	2019 No. (rounded % of year total)	2020 No. (rounded % of year total)	2021 No. (rounded % of year total)	COMMENT
Anti-Social Behaviour	Anti-social behaviour is defined as someone acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not living in the same household as the perpetrator.	817 (15%)	945 (17%)	971 (17%)	899 (16%)	A 7% reduction in 2021 cf. 2020. (Covid-19 impact on 2019/2020?)
Bicycle Theft	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	104 (2%)	130 (2%)	66 (1%)	55 (1%)	A year-on-year reduction for the last 3 years.
Burglary	Burglary is the theft, or attempted theft, from a premises where access is not authorised. Damage to a premises that appears to have been caused by a person attempting to enter to commit a burglary, is also counted a burglary.	231 (4%)	236 (4%)	228 (4%)	184 (3%)	A year-on-year reduction for the last 3 years.
Criminal Damage & Arson	Where property is intentionally destroyed or damaged, not necessarily to gain entry to premises or a vehicle.	659 (12%)	554 (10%)	524 (9%)	491 (9%)	Downward trend continues.
Drugs	Possession, consumption, supply of or the intent to supply illegal drugs.	172 (3%)	226 (4%)	162 (3%)	163 (3%)	From the PCC's 2019/2020 Annual Report: 'The threat from County Lines continues and there

						has been good progress in reducing this threat due to many agencies and individuals harnessing that power of collaboration for which our county is justifiably proud.'
Other Theft	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	360 (6%)	305 (5%)	304 (5%)	266 (5%)	A 12% reduction in 2021 cf. 2019 & 2020.
Possession of Weapons	Covered by: This is a broad category of types not covered in other categories. They range from weapon-related crimes to hate crimes and robbery.	52 (1%)	53 (1%)	56 (1%)	54 (1%)	No significant trend.
Public Order	Assumed to be covered by: This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.	532 (10%)	516 (9%)	627 (11%)	611 (11%)	No significant change cf. 2020. (Covid-19 impact?)
Robbery	Theft with the use of force or a threat of force. Both personal and commercial robbery are included. Snatch theft is not included.	34 (< 1%)	31 (<1%)	34 (<1%)	26 (<1%)	A 24% reduction in 2021 cf. 2020.
Shoplifting	Considered minor covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	342 (6%)	338 (6%)	301 (5%)	240 (4%)	A 20% reduction in 2021 cf. 2020.

Theft from a Person	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	49 ($< 1\%$)	63 (1%)	54 (1%)	46 (1%)	No significant trend.
Vehicle Crime	Covered by Criminal Damage and Theft definitions.	205 (4%)	162 (3%)	209 (4%)	209 (4%)	No significant trend.
Violence & Sexual (including domestic violence)	Includes a range of offences from minor offences such as harassment and common assault, to serious offences such as murder, actual bodily harm and grievous bodily harm. A broad category of sexual offences, including Indecent Assault and Unlawful (under age) Sexual Intercourse.	1888 (34%)	1988 (35%)	2166 (37%)	2263 (40%)	This category includes reports of Domestic Violence which has been on the increase in recent years. From the PCC's 2019/2020 Annual Report: 'The data shows increases in relation to domestic abuse and serious sexual offences over 12 months to 31 March 2020, when considered against the 3-year (longterm) average. There has been a focus locally, and nationally, over recent years to encourage victims who experience

						domestic abuse and sexual offences to report crime and seek support from services.’
Other Crime	This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.	100 (2%)	73 (1%)	97 (2%)	98 (2%)	No significant trend.
Annual Total	-	5545	5620	5799	5605	-

Notes:

1. The Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area (see figure) consists of 53 parishes and 9 town wards.
2. Data extracted from the Suffolk Constabulary website (<https://www.suffolk.police.uk>) which is embedded in the UK Police website (<https://www.police.uk/>).
3. The crime categories are a National system (‘owned’ by the Home Office) used by all 43 police forces across England and Wales.
4. The figures include very minor to very serious offences.
5. Not all crimes are reported to police.
6. Observations:
 - Small reduction in overall total in 2021 cf, 2020 (no significant trend).
 - Most 2021 category totals are similar to or less than 2020 figures with no significant trends.
 - A year on year increase in Violence and Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) accounting for 40% of recorded crime in 2021.
 - A 7% decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour accounting for 16% of recorded crime in 2021.
 - Vehicle Crime remains 29% up on 2018 levels accounting for 4% of total crime in 2021.
 - Burglary – a slow downward trend for last 3 years accounting for 3% of recorded crime 2021.
 - Robbery - year on year continues to account for <1% of recorded crime.
7. SCAM phone calls, e-mails, texts etc not included as Action Fraud is responsible.



8. Thanks to the public forwarding scam emails to report@fishing.gov.uk, the National Cyber Security Centre are taking down an average of over **3,000 scams** and over **6,000 malicious URLs** per month!
9. A graphical view of crime statistics can be found at: www.police.uk/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/bury-st-edmunds/?tab=Statistics
10. For the year ending June 2021, the Office for National Statistics ranks **Suffolk as having the 10th lowest crime rate out of 43 Police Forces** (excl. British Transport) across England & Wales, with Suffolk being second lowest in the East of England 6 counties.
11. The PCC's 2019/2020 Annual Report is available here: annual-report-19-20-final-new.pdf (suffolk-pcc.gov.uk)

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