

BURY ST EDMUNDS POLICE REPORTING AREA – 3 YEAR 2018 TO 2020 RECORDED CRIMES COMPARISON

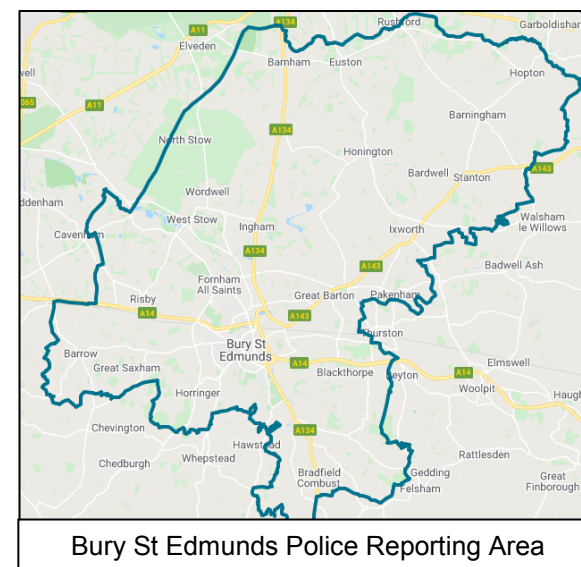
CRIME	DEFINITION (incl. minor crimes)	2018 No. (rounded % of year total)	2019 No. (rounded % of year total)	2020 No. (rounded % of year total)	COMMENT
Anti-Social Behaviour	Anti-social behaviour is defined as someone acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not living in the same household as the perpetrator.	817 (15%)	945 (17%)	971 (17%)	A year on year increase in Anti-Social Behaviour. (Covid-19 impact?)
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%)	A significant reduction in 2020.
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%)	No significant trend.
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%)	A small downward trend.
Drugs	Possession, consumption, supply of or the intent to supply illegal drugs.	172 (3%)	226 (4%)	162 (3%)	A 28% reduction in 2020.
Other Theft	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or	360 (6%)	305 (5%)	304 (5%)	No significant trend.

	attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.				
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%)	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%)	22% increase in 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%)	No significant trend.
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%)	A small downward trend.
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%)	No significant trend.
Vehicle Crime	Covered by Criminal Damage and Theft definitions.	205 (4%)	162 (3%)	209 (4%)	A 29% increase in 2020 back to 2018 level.
Violence & Sexual	Includes a range of offences from minor offences such as harassment and common assault, to serious offences such as murder, actual	1888 (34%)	1988 (35%)	2166 (37%)	This category includes reports of Domestic Violence which has been on the increase in recent years.

(including domestic violence)	bodily harm and grievous bodily harm. A broad category of sexual offences, including Indecent Assault and Unlawful (under age) Sexual Intercourse.				Covid-19: On 27 th May the charity Refuge released a statement: 'Calls and contacts to the Helpline have risen to a weekly average increase of 66% and visits to our website (where women can request a safe time to be contacted) have seen a phenomenal 950% rise compared to pre Covid-19.'
Other Crime	This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.	100 (2%)	73 (1%)	97 (2%)	A 33% increase in 2020 back to 2018 level.
Annual Total	-	5545	5620	5799	-

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 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 year on year increase in overall total.
 - Most 2020 category totals are similar to or less than 2019 figures with no significant trends.



- A year on year increase in Violence and Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) accounting for 37% of recorded crime in 2020.
 - A year on year increase in Anti-Social Behaviour accounting for 17% of recorded crime in 2020.
 - 2020 saw a 22% increase in Public Order recorded crimes, accounting for 11% in 2020.
 - 2020 saw a 29% increase in Vehicle Crime (back to 2018 levels), accounting for 4% in 2020.
 - Burglary - year on year continues to account for 4% of recorded crime.
 - 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 victims forwarding scam emails to report@fishing.gov.uk, between April and December 2020 the National Cyber Security Centre have taken down over 26,000 scams and 48,000 URLs.
 9. A graphical view of crime statistics can be found at: www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/bury-st-edmunds/?tab=Statistics
 10. For the year ending June 2020, 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.

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