

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

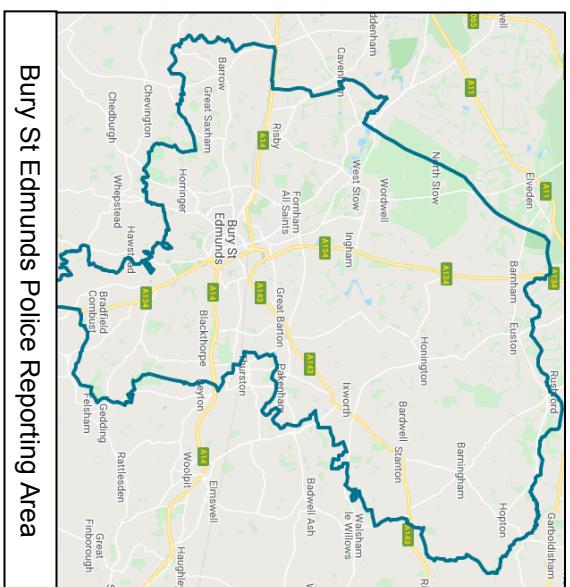
CRIME	DEFINITION (incl. minor crimes)	2018 No. (rounded % of year total)	2019 No. (rounded % of year total)	2020 No. (rounded % of year total)	COMMENT
Anti-Social Behaviour	Anti-social behaviour is defined as someone acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to 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.

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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.																
Other Crime	<p>This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual Total</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>5545</td> <td>5620</td> <td>5799</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>100 (2%)</td> <td>73 (1%)</td> <td>97 (2%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A 33% increase in 2020 back to 2018 level.</p> <p>Covid-19: On 27th 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.'</p>	Annual Total	2019	2020	2021	-	5545	5620	5799		100 (2%)	73 (1%)	97 (2%)				-
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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>).
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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