ASEL Intelligence Report

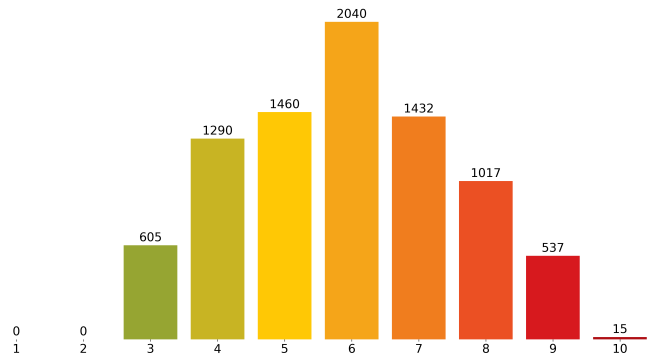
Cambridgeshire
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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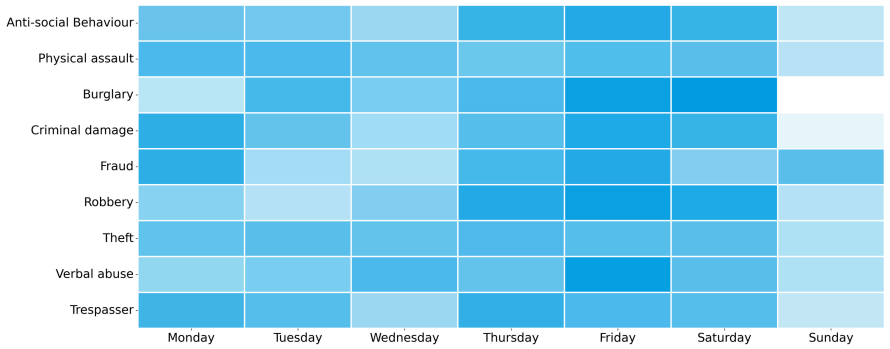

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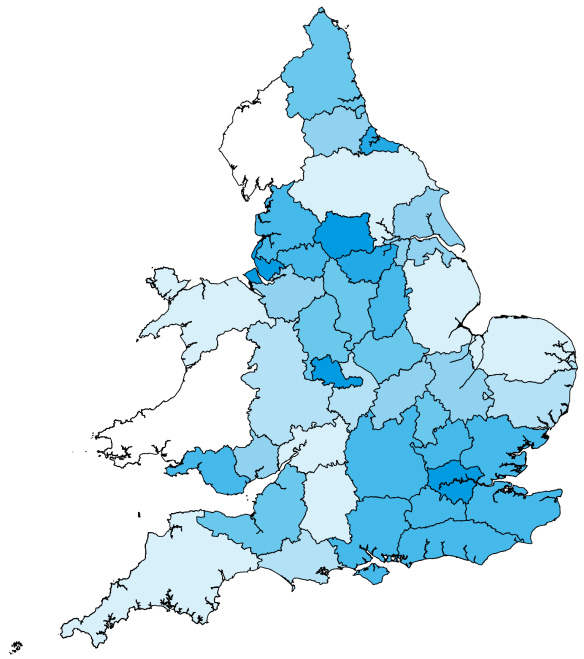

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
14	Sussex	Castle
15	Thames Valley	Abbey
16	Greater Manchester	St Mary's
17	Surrey	Castle
18	Staffordshire	Castle
19	Northumbria	Castle
20	Avon and Somerset	Central
21	Leicestershire	Abbey
22	Bedfordshire	Central
23	Derbyshire	Abbey
24	London, City of	Bridge
25	Cheshire	Highfield
26	Humberside	Park
27	Gwent	Park
28	Cambridgeshire	Central
29	Durham	Northgate
30	Northamptonshire	Castle
31	West Mercia	Abbey
32	Dorset	Bournemouth Central
33	Warwickshire	St Mary's
34	Suffolk	St Peter's
35	Norfolk	Nelson
36	North Wales	Abbey
37	Devon & Cornwall	Stoke
38	Lincolnshire	Castle
39	Wiltshire	Central
40	North Yorkshire	Castle
41	Gloucestershire	Abbey
42	Cumbria	Castle
43	Dyfed-Powys	Tyisha

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HIGHEST RISK LOCATION

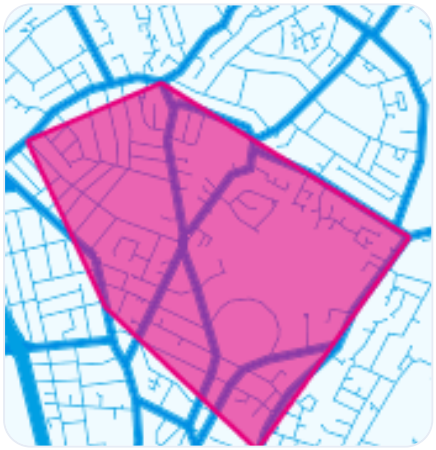
Central | 8 | Moderate

Central ranks highest in Cambridgeshire policing region (1st). It shows extremely high likelihood (10) of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage', 'Shoplifting', 'Public order', and 'Nighttime economy'. Risks from 'Schools', 'Retail parks', and 'Fast food outlets' are also at peak levels. The ward faces widespread elevated risks from multiple serious urban challenges.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Park

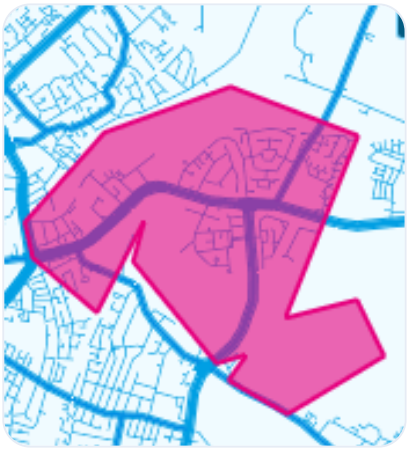
8 | Moderate



Park ward is 2nd in Cambridgeshire for risk. It has very high likelihood (10) of risks including 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting', and 'Nighttime economy'. Elevated risks are present from 'Schools', 'Retail parks' and 'Major junctions'. Park faces persistent risk factors linked to urban antisocial and theft activities.

Abbey

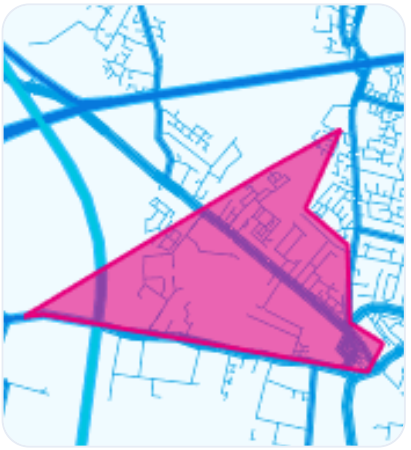
8 | Moderate



Abbey ranks 3rd in Cambridgeshire for risk. It shows high risk (score 10) from 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', and 'Anti-social behaviour'. Moderate risks exist for 'Homelessness' (8) and 'Wellbeing' (3). The presence of densely located schools and retail parks also highlight potential areas where risks could impact community safety and wellbeing.

Castle

8 | Moderate



Castle is ranked 4th in Cambridgeshire with extreme risk levels (score 10) across multiple factors including 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', and 'Shoplifting'. The ward also has high risks around 'Nighttime economy' and 'Fast food outlets' rated 10, and homelessness risk at 8. This suggests significant community safety challenges requiring focused policing and social intervention.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	6	
Theft - From Service Desk	6	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	6	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	5	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	5	
Theft - Concealment	5	

Observations

The risk landscape in Cambridgeshire is characterised by a high likelihood of asset-related crimes, particularly 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle', which holds the top risk score of 6.0 out of 10. This indicates a significant potential for vehicle theft, reflecting environmental and demographic factors that contribute to this risk. Alongside this, 'Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out' and 'Theft - From Service Desk' share the same risk score, highlighting vulnerabilities in commercial and public service environments. These risks are objectively assessed using a combination of data inputs, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of potential threats rather than mere incident counts.~~Within the top 10 risks, burglary and robbery offences dominate, including 'Armed Robbery' and 'Ram Raid', both scoring 6.0, suggesting persistent threats to personal and business security. Trespassing risks, such as 'Encampment' and 'Squatting', also feature prominently, with scores ranging from 5.0 to 6.0, reflecting ongoing challenges related to unauthorised occupation of land or property. The presence of 'Theft - Steaming Attacks' and 'Theft - Concealment' further emphasises the diverse methods criminals may employ, underscoring the complexity of the risk environment.~~Trend analysis since last month shows remarkable stability, with most risks maintaining their scores and rankings. Notably, 'Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery' has seen a slight increase from 5.0 to 6.0, indicating a marginal rise in its likelihood. The absence of upward or downward trends in other risks suggests a steady state of threat levels. Given Cambridgeshire's mix of urban and rural areas, these risks likely reflect both the opportunities for property-related offences and the challenges posed by transient populations. The consistent risk scores highlight the need for ongoing vigilance, particularly concerning risks that could pose indirect threats to life, such as armed robbery.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1378	1528	
Criminal damage and arson	582	597	
Vehicle crime	252	262	
Violence and sexual offences	2750	2716	
Other theft	422	458	
Public order	467	440	
Bicycle theft	180	171	
Burglary	208	212	
Drugs	214	224	
Shoplifting	586	645	
Other crime	210	223	
Robbery	77	72	
Theft from the person	55	73	
Possession of weapons	121	92	

In Cambridgeshire, the most notable increases are seen in 'Shoplifting' and 'Anti-social behaviour', both showing significant rises in reported incidents, suggesting growing challenges in retail security and community disturbances. 'Theft from the person' also increased markedly, raising concerns about personal safety. Conversely, 'Possession of weapons' and 'Robbery' have decreased, indicating some improvement in violent crime involving weapons and direct theft. Crimes such as 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Public order' remain relatively stable, with only slight fluctuations, maintaining a consistent level of concern for public safety. The steady rise in 'Other theft' and 'Criminal damage and arson' highlights ongoing issues with property-related offences. Overall, the upward trends in theft-related crimes and anti-social behaviour warrant attention due to their impact on retail environments and community wellbeing.

ASEL Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Physical Assault	0	0	
Verbal Abuse	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Burglary	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Antisocial Behaviour	0	0	
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	
Criminal Damage	0	0	
Trespass	0	0	
Fraud	0	0	

Across all incident categories, ASEL has recorded zero incidents within this Force area. This lack of reported activity suggests that ASEL does not have a sufficient operational presence or in the region to support reliable trend analysis or meaningful comparisons with other data sources. Accordingly, ASEL has been excluded from the overall risk likelihood scoring for this area, and its weighting has been redistributed across other available indicators, including crime statistics, demographic profiles, and environmental risk factors.

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Appendix A: Full Risk Catalogue

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	5	5	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	5	5	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	6	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	5	5	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	5	5	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	5	5	
Theft - From Service Desk	6	6	
Theft - Concealment	5	5	
Theft - Self Service Theft	5	5	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	5	5	
Theft - By Employee	5	5	
Asset Crime - Arson	5	5	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	5	5	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	5	5	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	6	
Public Order - Riot	5	5	
Public Order - Protest	5	5	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	5	5	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	4	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	5	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	5	5	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	6	
Trespassing - In Hours	5	5	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	5	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	5	5	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	5	5	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
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