ASEL Intelligence Report

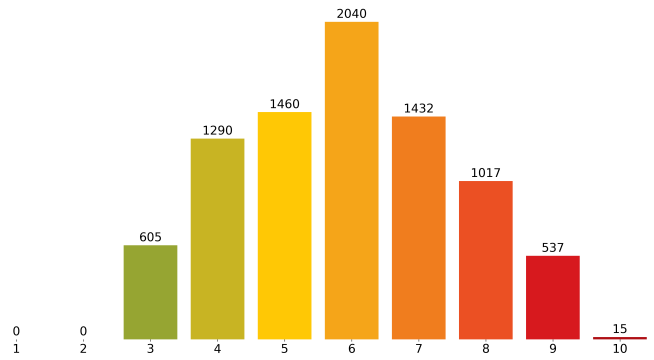
Cheshire
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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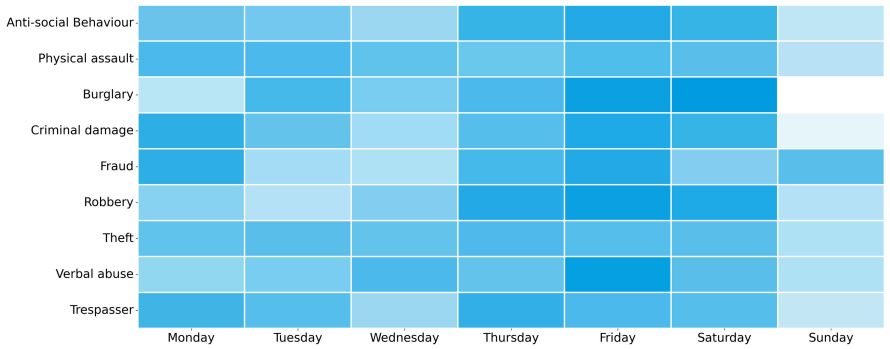

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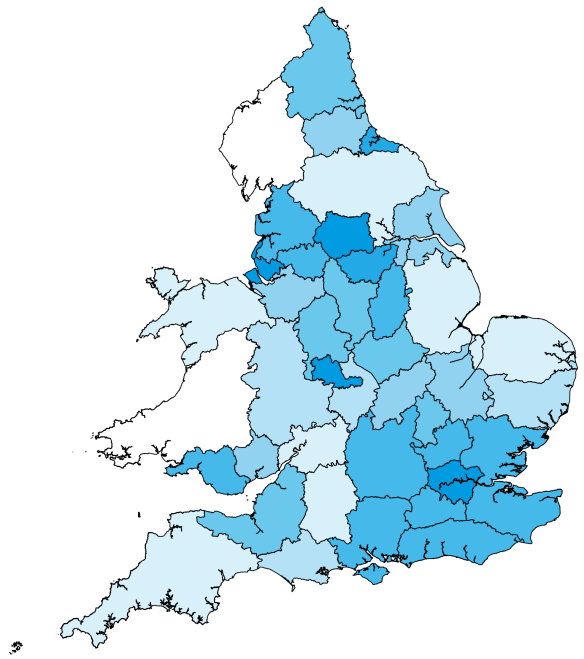

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
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

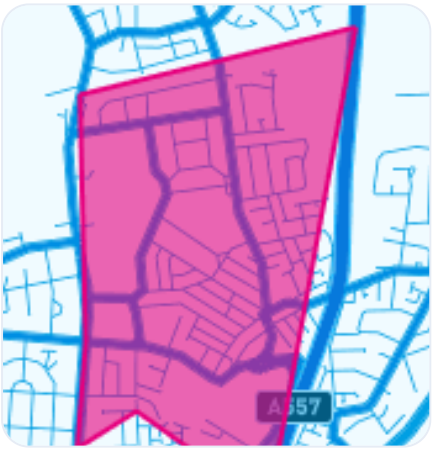
Highfield | 7 | Moderate

Ranked 1st in Cheshire, Highfield faces a moderate overall risk. There is a high likelihood of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', and 'Anti-social behaviour', each rated 10. Other notable risks rated 9 include 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Other theft', 'Shoplifting', 'Burglary', and 'Possession of weapons'. The area also has notable retail parks and nightlife, adding to its risk profile.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Appleton

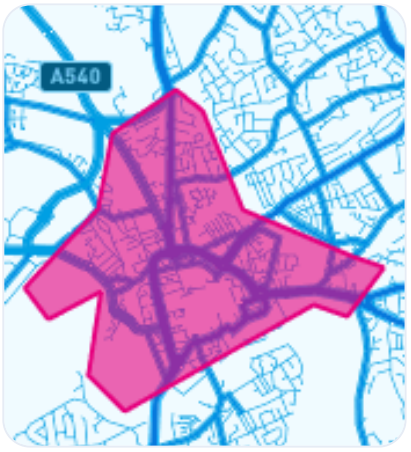
7 | Moderate



Appleton ranks 2nd in Cheshire with a moderate risk level. Key risks rated 10 include 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', and 'Drugs'. High risks are also noted for 'Shoplifting', 'Other crime', and 'Possession of weapons'. The ward has a concentrated presence of schools, retail parks, and a vibrant nighttime economy increasing exposure to risk.

Chester City & the Garden Quarter

7 | Moderate



Chester City & the Garden Quarter is 3rd in Cheshire with moderate risk. There is a strong likelihood of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting', and 'Drugs' rated 10. Other risks like 'Criminal damage', 'Other theft', and 'Robbery' also rate high. The area supports numerous schools and retail centres with an active nighttime economy impacting policing needs.

Crewe Central

7 | Moderate

Crewe Central holds 4th rank in Cheshire and shows a moderate risk landscape. Significant risks rated 10 are 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting', and 'Drugs'. Moderate risks include 'Anti-social behaviour' and 'Vehicle crime'. The ward hosts retail parks and fast-food outlets that contribute to complex policing dynamics.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Public Order - Protest	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	6	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	
Trespassing - In Hours	6	
Public Order - Drug Usage	6	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	6	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	6	
Theft - Self Service Theft	6	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	6	

Observations

The risk landscape in Cheshire is characterised by a consistent likelihood of public order and violence-related risks, as reflected in the top 10 risk ratings. These ratings are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data inputs, providing an objective measure of the likelihood of each risk occurring. All top 10 risks hold a risk score of 6.0, indicating a moderate to high likelihood, with no extreme outliers. This suggests a stable but notable risk environment requiring ongoing awareness.~~Public order-related risks dominate the list, with 'Public Order - Protest' ranked highest, followed closely by 'Public Order - Drug Usage' and 'Public Order - Rough Sleepers'. These reflect potential challenges linked to social unrest, substance misuse, and vulnerable populations. The presence of 'Trespassing - Encampment' and 'Trespassing - In Hours' also highlights issues related to unauthorised occupation and access, which may be associated with transient or marginalised groups. Violence and abuse risks, particularly 'Sexual Assault' and 'Sexual Harassment', occupy significant positions, with sexual assault notably showing an upward trend from a risk score of 6.0 to 7.0 since last month, indicating an increased likelihood that warrants attention.~~Other risks such as 'Verbal Abuse', 'Self Service Theft', and 'Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out' round out the list, reflecting ongoing concerns around interpersonal violence and property-related offences. The overall trend since last month is largely stable, with only sexual assault showing a marked increase, while other risks remain steady. This stability suggests entrenched risk factors within Cheshire, potentially influenced by local socio-economic conditions and urban dynamics. The threat to life remains a priority, particularly in relation to violence and public order risks, underscoring the importance of continued monitoring and analysis.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	808	936	
Criminal damage and arson	498	502	
Vehicle crime	167	199	
Violence and sexual offences	3497	3478	
Other theft	530	490	
Public order	929	1020	
Bicycle theft	54	73	
Burglary	182	211	
Drugs	296	278	
Shoplifting	523	543	
Other crime	182	185	
Robbery	40	42	
Theft from the person	20	22	
Possession of weapons	78	73	

In Cheshire, the most notable increases this month are seen in 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Burglary', 'Shoplifting', 'Vehicle crime', and 'Bicycle theft', all showing significant rises both in absolute and percentage terms. 'Anti-social behaviour' and 'Burglary' are particularly concerning due to their potential impact on community safety and retail environments. Conversely, 'Other theft', 'Drugs', and 'Possession of weapons' have decreased, indicating some stability or improvement in these areas. 'Violence and sexual offences' remain relatively stable with a slight decrease, which is positive given the serious nature of these crimes. 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'Robbery' show minor changes, suggesting steady trends. The rise in 'Shoplifting' and 'Vehicle crime' is especially relevant for retail security, highlighting increased risks to property and goods. Overall, the data points to growing challenges in public order and theft-related crimes, warranting close attention to protect both people and retail assets.

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	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	7	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	5	5	
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	6	6	
Theft - From Service Desk	6	6	
Theft - Concealment	6	6	
Theft - Self Service Theft	6	6	
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	4	4	
Public Order - Riot	6	6	
Public Order - Protest	6	6	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	6	6	
Public Order - Drug Usage	6	6	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	6	6	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	5	5	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	6	
Trespassing - In Hours	6	6	
Trespassing - Squatting	6	6	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	5	5	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	6	6	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
- Prints use map data from Mapbox and OpenStreetMap and their data sources
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