ASEL Intelligence Report

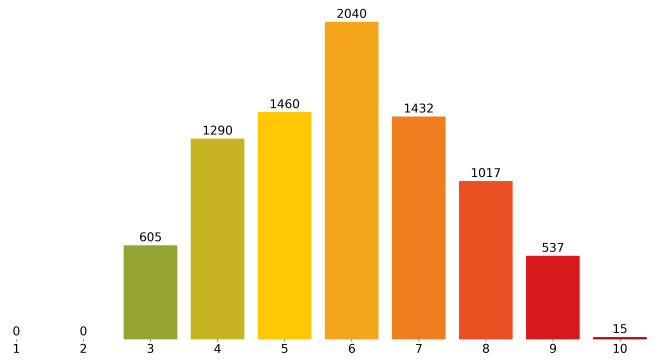
Devon & Cornwall
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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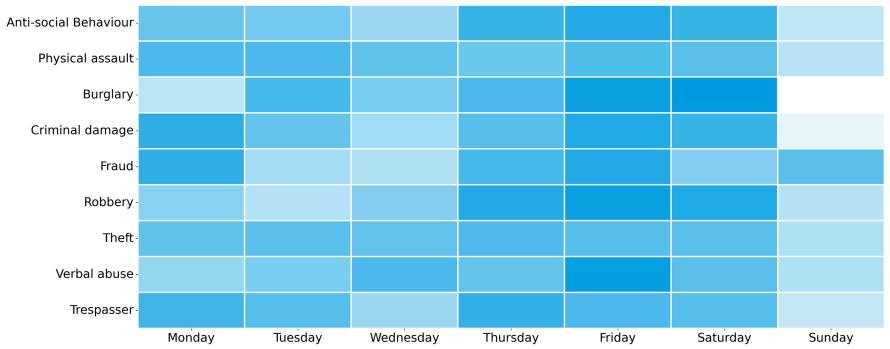

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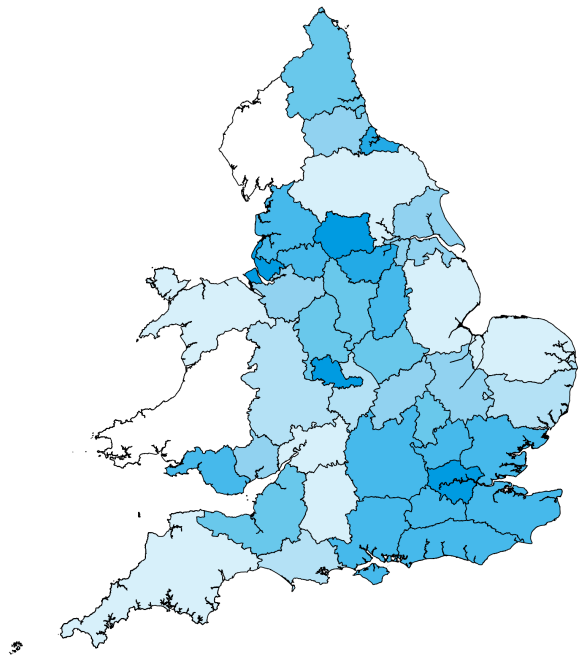

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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

Stoke | 9 | High

Stoke ranks highest (1) within Devon & Cornwall for risk. It faces very high risks (score 10) in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Shoplifting' and 'Drugs'. Moderate to high risks include 'Vehicle crime' and 'Robbery'. High presence of schools and retail parks may influence these risk levels. Policing must prioritise complex community challenges here.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

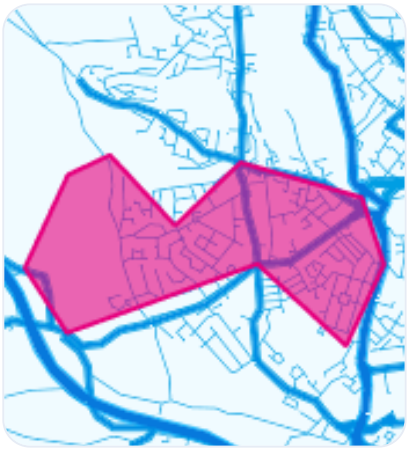
St Peter and the Waterfront

9 | High

St Peter and the Waterfront is 2nd highest risk ward in Devon & Cornwall. There is extremely high likely risk (score 10) of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Shoplifting', 'Drugs', and 'Burglary'. 'Possession of weapons' marks a particular concern at maximum risk score 10. The ward hosts a busy nighttime economy and retail locations, heightening public order challenges and requiring focused policing strategies.

St Thomas

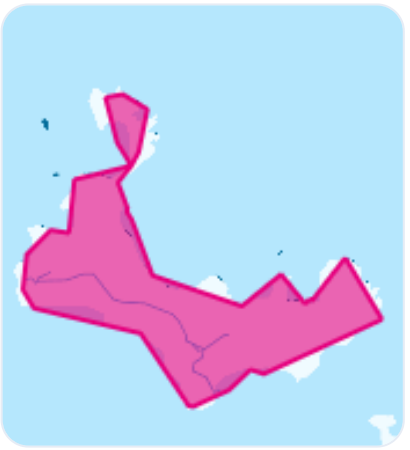
9 | High



St Thomas ranks 3rd highest in Devon & Cornwall. It shows high risk (score 10) for 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Shoplifting', and 'Drugs'. Risks of 'Robbery' and 'Bicycle theft' are also high. The ward's risk profile is influenced by moderate population density and significant nighttime economy activity that calls for vigilant and adaptive Policing responses.

St Martin's

9 | High



St Martin's is the 4th highest risk ward in Devon & Cornwall, featuring extreme risks (score 10) in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Shoplifting', 'Drugs', and 'Burglary'. 'Possession of weapons' and 'Robbery' risks are notable. Policing efforts must address these high risks in a community with multiple retail centres and schools, ensuring balanced safety strategies.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	4	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	4	
Public Order - Riot	4	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	3	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	3	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	3	

Stable Risk Levels in Devon & Cornwall Highlight Concerns Over Public Order and Violence-Related Threats

Observations

The risk landscape for Devon & Cornwall is characterised by a stable profile with no changes in risk scores from the previous month, indicating a consistent environment regarding the likelihood of various public order and violence-related risks. Risk scores are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data inputs, providing an objective measure of the likelihood of each risk occurring. The highest risks identified are 'Public Order - Rough Sleepers' and 'Trespassing - Squatting', both rated at 5.0 out of 10, suggesting a moderate likelihood that these issues pose challenges to community safety and require ongoing monitoring.~~Following closely are risks related to violence and abuse, including 'Hate Crime', 'Physical Assault', and 'Verbal Abuse', each with a risk score of 4.0. These risks rank within the top seven, reflecting a notable potential for harm to individuals and communities, particularly given the threat to life and wellbeing that physical and verbal violence can represent. Public order concerns such as 'Drug Usage' and 'Riot' also share similar risk levels, indicating that social disorder remains a relevant factor in the region's security environment.~~Lower but still significant risks include 'Sexual Assault' and 'Sexual Harassment', both rated at 3.0, alongside 'Antisocial Behaviour'. Although these risks are ranked lower, their presence in the top ten highlights ongoing vulnerabilities that could impact public confidence and safety. The absence of upward or downward trends suggests that these risks are entrenched within the local context, potentially influenced by factors such as tourism, rural-urban dynamics, and socio-economic conditions prevalent in Devon & Cornwall.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1369	1712	
Criminal damage and arson	1174	1217	
Vehicle crime	295	271	
Violence and sexual offences	5556	6317	
Other theft	880	972	
Public order	796	923	
Bicycle theft	80	71	
Burglary	271	302	
Drugs	252	294	
Shoplifting	1094	1037	
Other crime	286	269	
Robbery	79	90	
Theft from the person	66	72	
Possession of weapons	156	176	

In Devon & Cornwall, 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Anti-social behaviour' have seen the largest increases, reflecting a notable rise in incidents that directly impact personal safety. 'Violence and sexual offences' rose significantly, indicating growing concerns for public safety. 'Anti-social behaviour' also increased markedly, which could affect community well-being. Conversely, 'Shoplifting' and 'Vehicle crime' have decreased, suggesting some improvement in retail security and vehicle-related offences. Crimes such as 'Other crime', 'Bicycle theft', and 'Burglary' remain relatively stable, showing little fluctuation month-to-month. The upward trends in 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Possession of weapons' are particularly concerning due to their potential threat to human life, highlighting areas where safety risks may be escalating. Overall, the data points to a mixed picture with some positive signs but significant challenges in violent and disorder-related crimes.

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	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	3	3	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	3	3	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	2	2	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	2	2	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	3	3	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	3	3	
Theft - From Service Desk	3	3	
Theft - Concealment	3	3	
Theft - Self Service Theft	3	3	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	3	3	
Theft - By Employee	3	3	
Asset Crime - Arson	3	3	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	3	3	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	3	3	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	0	0	
Public Order - Riot	4	4	
Public Order - Protest	3	3	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	3	3	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	4	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	5	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	3	3	
Trespassing - Encampment	3	3	
Trespassing - In Hours	3	3	
Trespassing - Squatting	5	5	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	2	2	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	2	2	

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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