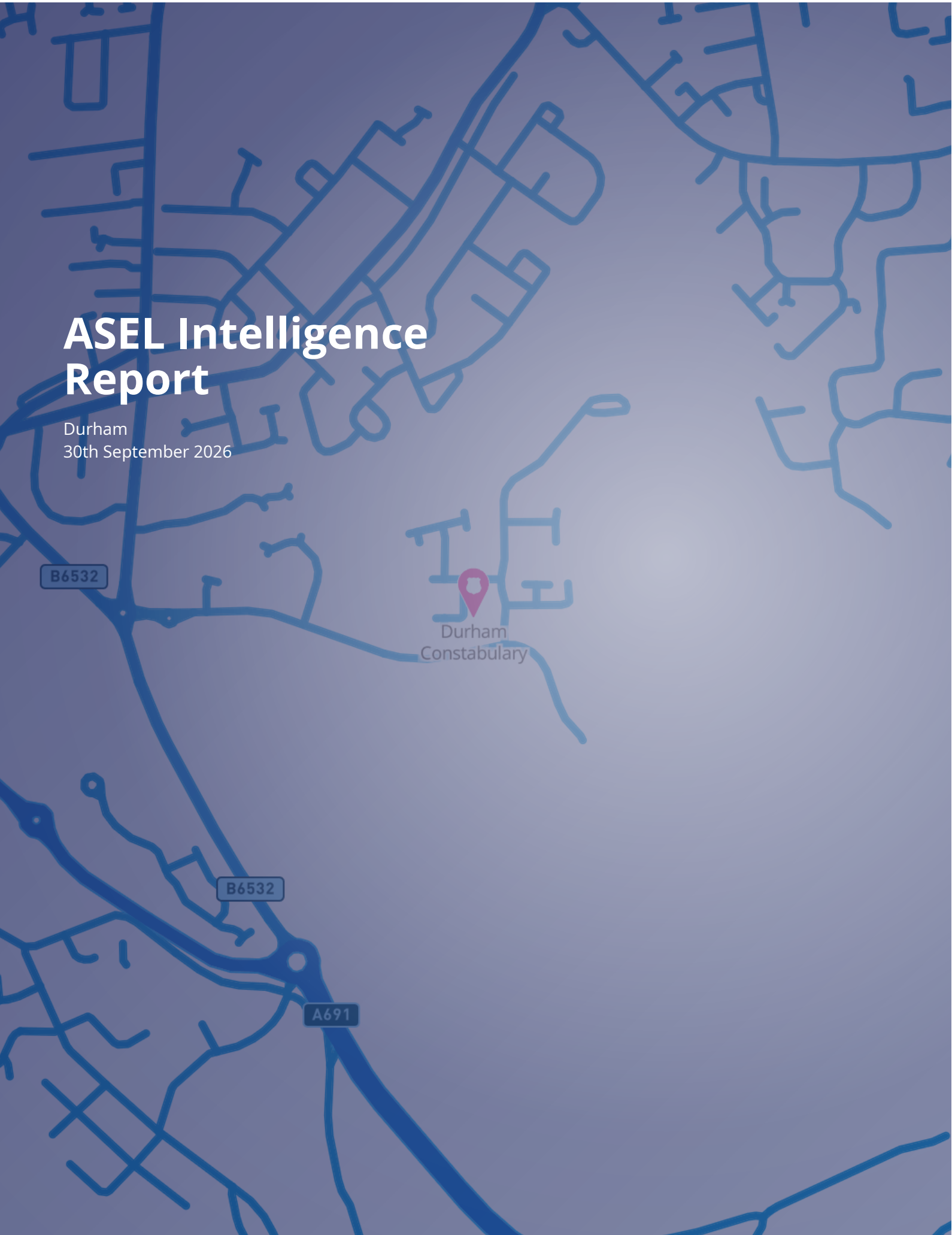
ASEL Intelligence Report

Durham
30th September 2026

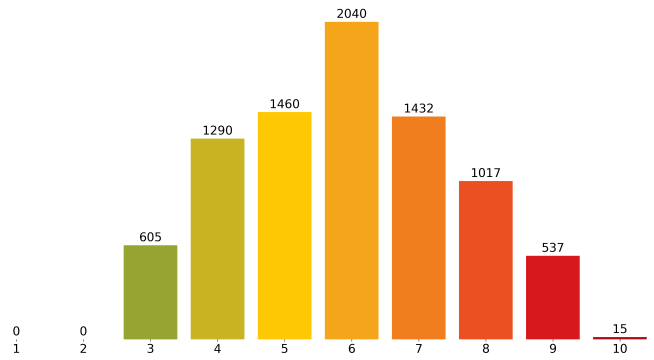


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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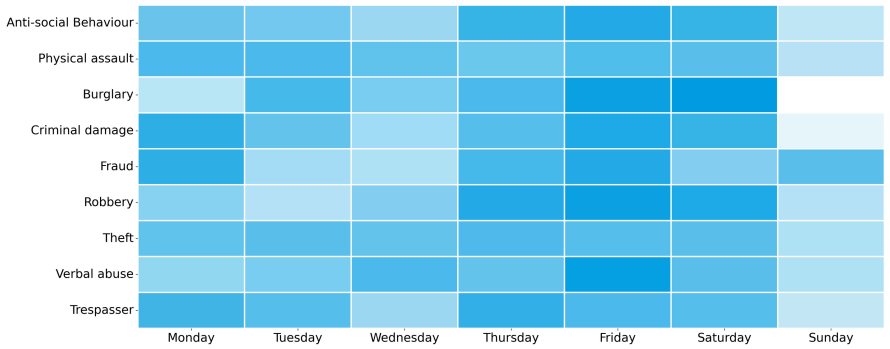

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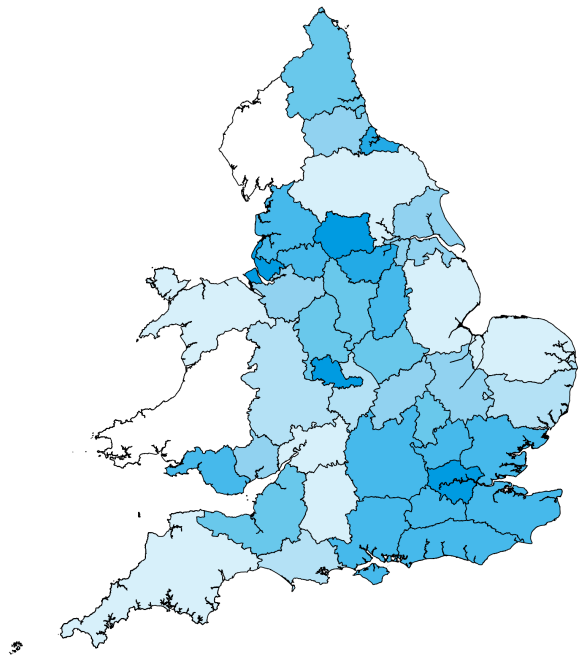

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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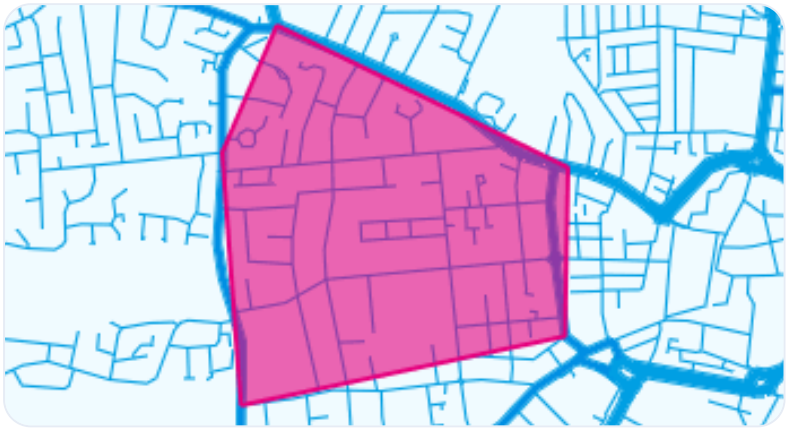
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



College | 7 | Moderate

College ward holds top moderate risk rank in Durham. It faces significant risks of 'violence and sexual offences', 'anti-social behaviour', and 'shoplifting'. Also notable are 'criminal damage and arson' and 'drugs'. Infrastructure risks include schools and retail parks with very high risk ratings. Challenges include homelessness and lower population density, demanding balanced policing resources.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Northgate

7 | Moderate

Northgate stands 2nd in risk within Durham, showing very high likelihood of 'violence and sexual offences', 'shoplifting', and 'anti-social behaviour'. 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'drugs' also remain prominent. It benefits from moderate population but high school and retail centre densities, indicating policing should prioritise public order, asset protection, and community safety.

Park East

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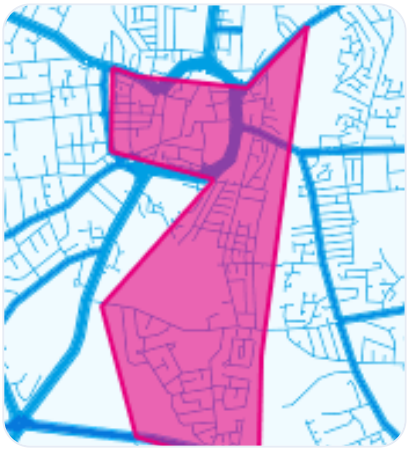
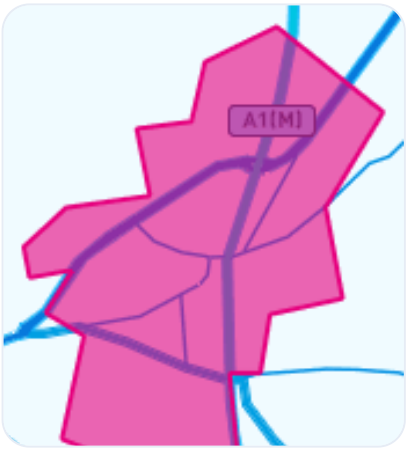


Park East ranks 3rd in Durham region for risk. The area shows extremely likely risks of 'Shoplifting', 'Anti-social behaviour', and 'Public order' (all scored 10), alongside high risk of 'Vehicle crime' (9). Moderate risks exist for 'Student population' and 'Wellbeing' (5-6 scores). The Police should prioritise retail and public order issues here.

Belmont

7 | Moderate



Belmont holds the 4th rank in Durham with moderate to high risks. Notable risks include 'Unemployment' and 'Shoplifting' rated 9, and 'Possession of weapons' at 8. The 'Schools' risk is also high (9). Risks of 'Nighttime economy' and 'Fast food outlets' are moderate to high (8-9). The Police should focus on community stability and anti-social activity.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	7	
Asset Crime - Arson	6	
Theft - Theft by Employee	6	
Public Order - Protest	6	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	6	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	5	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	5	

Durham Faces Elevated Risks in Asset Crime and Public Order, with Stable Trends Across Key Areas

Observations

The risk landscape in Durham is characterised by a notably high likelihood of asset-related crimes, with 'Asset Crime - Criminal Damage' leading the top 10 risks at a score of 7.0 out of 10. This indicates a significant potential for damage to property, which can impact community safety and local infrastructure. Following closely are risks such as 'Asset Crime - Arson' and 'Theft - Theft by Employee', both rated at 6.0, suggesting ongoing concerns around deliberate property harm and internal theft. These risks are objectively rated using multiple data inputs including demographic and environmental factors, providing a comprehensive view of potential threats rather than direct crime rates. The ranking places these asset-related risks prominently, reflecting their relative importance in the current security environment of Durham.~~Public order risks also feature strongly, with 'Public Order - Protest' and 'Public Order - Rough Sleepers' both scoring 6.0, ranking fourth and sixth respectively. These risks highlight challenges related to social unrest and vulnerable populations, which can influence community cohesion and safety. Additionally, trespassing issues such as 'Trespassing - Encampment' and 'Trespassing - Out of Hours' appear in the mid to lower range of the top 10, indicating ongoing concerns about unauthorised access and occupation of land. The presence of 'Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary' and 'Burglary & Robbery - Burglary' with scores of 6.0 and 5.0 respectively, points to a moderate risk of forced entry crimes, which remain a priority for local policing efforts.~~Trend analysis since last month shows stability across most risks, with no significant upward or downward shifts except for a slight increase in 'Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary'. This suggests that while the overall risk environment remains consistent, there may be emerging concerns around residential security. The steady risk scores for arson and criminal damage could reflect persistent environmental or social factors unique to Durham, such as rural settings or industrial sites. Importantly, none of the risks indicate an immediate threat to life, but the high scores in asset crime and public order underline the need for ongoing vigilance to protect community wellbeing and property.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1447	1577	
Criminal damage and arson	781	817	
Vehicle crime	225	271	
Violence and sexual offences	2346	2677	
Other theft	319	381	
Public order	468	509	
Bicycle theft	32	25	
Burglary	263	293	
Drugs	104	112	
Shoplifting	681	863	
Other crime	229	200	
Robbery	46	52	
Theft from the person	23	33	
Possession of weapons	53	66	

In Durham, the most significant increases are seen in 'Shoplifting' and 'Violence and sexual offences', with notable rises in both absolute numbers and percentages, indicating a growing concern for retail security and personal safety. 'Theft from the person' and 'Possession of weapons' also show marked increases, which could impact public safety. Conversely, 'Other crime' and 'Bicycle theft' have decreased, suggesting some areas of reduced criminal activity. Crimes such as 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Burglary', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Other theft', 'Robbery', 'Vehicle crime', and 'Drugs' remain relatively stable with moderate increases. The upward trends in violent and weapon-related offences are particularly concerning from a safety perspective, highlighting areas where the risk to human life and wellbeing may be escalating. Overall, the data points to a rise in crimes directly affecting individuals and retail environments.

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	5	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	4	5	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	3	3	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	5	6	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	5	5	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	5	5	
Theft - From Service Desk	5	5	
Theft - Concealment	5	5	
Theft - Self Service Theft	4	4	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	5	5	
Theft - By Employee	6	6	
Asset Crime - Arson	6	6	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	7	7	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	6	6	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	5	5	
Public Order - Riot	5	5	
Public Order - Protest	6	6	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	5	5	
Public Order - Drug Usage	4	4	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	6	6	
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
- Prints use map data from Mapbox and OpenStreetMap and their data sources
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