ASEL Intelligence Report

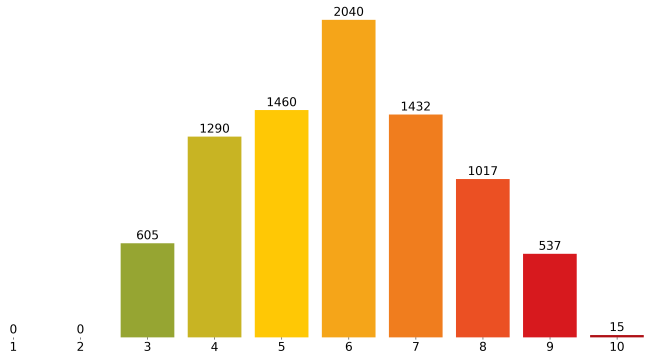
Kent
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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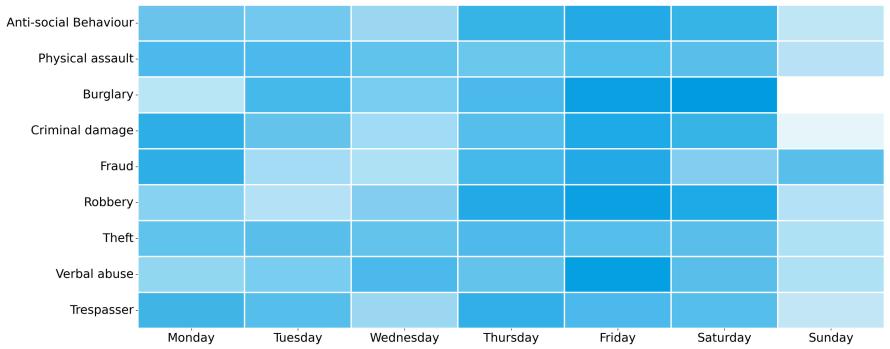

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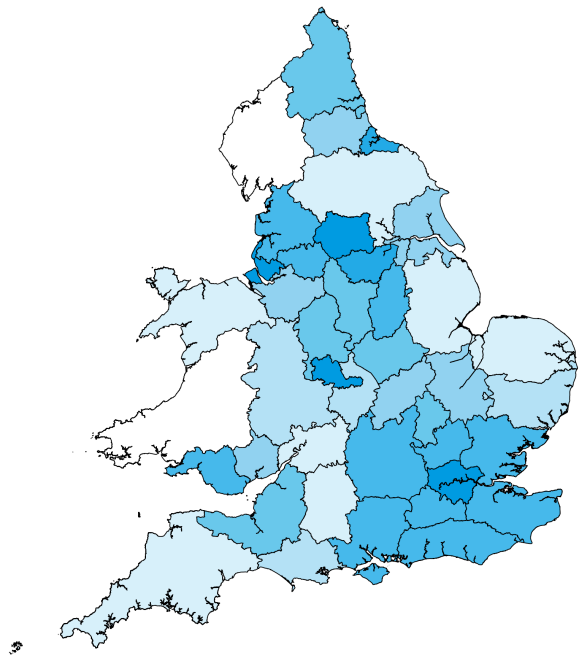


RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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

Force: Kent

HIGHEST RISK LOCATION

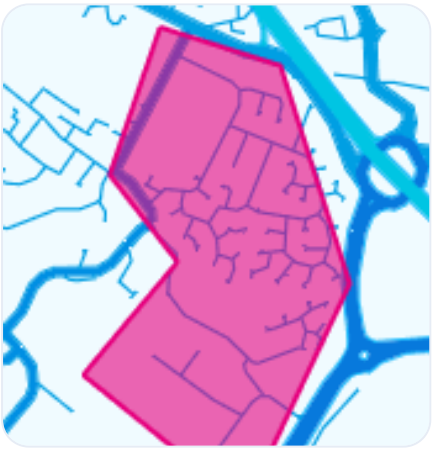
Abbey | 9 | High

Kent's top-risk ward, ranking 1st, demonstrates extreme likelihood (10) of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', and 'Shoplifting'. High risks (9-10) persist in 'Burglary', 'Threats to kill' and 'Possession of weapons'. 'Nighttime economy' and 'Fast food outlets' risks are also extreme. Policing must be aggressive and multidimensional here.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Highfield

9 | High



Highfield ranks 2nd in Kent for risk. The Police identify extremely likely risks of 'criminal damage and arson', 'anti-social behaviour', 'shoplifting', 'vehicle crime', and 'violence and sexual offences'. Moderate risks include 'wellbeing' and partial risk for 'homelessness'. There is a high likelihood of incidents near schools, retail parks, and major junctions impacting community safety.

Town

9 | High

In Kent, Town is ranked 3rd for risk. Key risks rated extremely likely by Policing include 'shoplifting', 'drug offences', 'anti-social behaviour', 'public order', and 'violent and sexual offences'. There is also extreme risk for 'possession of weapons'. Moderate risks are 'wellbeing' and partial for 'homelessness'. The dense retail and nighttime economy heighten safety challenges in this ward.

Town

9 | High

Town in Kent holds 4th rank for risk. The Police rate 'violence and sexual offences', 'shoplifting', 'drugs offences', 'anti-social behaviour', and 'public order' as extremely likely risks. Partial concern exists for 'homelessness' and moderate for 'wellbeing' and 'student population'. Dense commercial activity and nightlife contribute to this ward's elevated risk environment.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	9	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	9	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	9	
Theft - From Service Desk	9	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	9	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	8	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	8	
Asset Crime - Arson	8	
Trespassing - Encampment	8	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	8	

Observations

The risk landscape in Kent is characterised by a consistently high likelihood of asset-related crimes, particularly 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle' and 'Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage', both rated at 9.0 out of 10. These top-ranked risks indicate a significant vulnerability in vehicle security and protection of property assets. The risk scores are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data, providing an objective measure of potential threat rather than incident frequency. This approach helps to prioritise areas requiring attention based on likelihood rather than volume of offences.~~Within the top 10 risks, Kent also shows elevated risk levels for 'Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out', 'Theft - From Service Desk', and 'Asset Crime - Criminal Damage', all sharing a risk score of 9.0. These risks highlight ongoing concerns around property and financial asset security in both public and commercial spaces. Slightly lower but still notable risks include 'Theft - Steaming Attacks', 'Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)', and 'Asset Crime - Arson', each rated at 8.0, reflecting persistent threats to infrastructure and community safety. The presence of 'Trespassing - Encampment' and 'Theft - Trolley Pushout' further emphasises challenges related to unauthorised access and opportunistic theft.~~Trend analysis shows stability across most risk categories since last month, with no significant increases or decreases in risk scores except for a minor upward movement in 'Asset Crime - Arson'. This suggests that while the threat environment remains steady, ongoing vigilance is necessary to manage these risks effectively. Kent's geographic and socio-economic profile, including its mix of urban and rural areas, transport hubs, and commercial centres, likely contributes to the persistence of these asset-related risks. The data underscores the importance of monitoring these risks continuously to understand evolving patterns and potential impacts on community safety.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	3337	4188	
Criminal damage and arson	1384	1347	
Vehicle crime	610	668	
Violence and sexual offences	5041	5711	
Other theft	1071	1088	
Public order	549	595	
Bicycle theft	93	103	
Burglary	310	341	
Drugs	361	351	
Shoplifting	1332	1449	
Other crime	426	471	
Robbery	130	142	
Theft from the person	66	53	
Possession of weapons	128	141	

In Kent, the most significant increases are seen in 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Anti-social behaviour', both showing notable rises that could impact public safety. 'Violence and sexual offences' increased substantially, indicating a concerning trend given the potential harm involved. 'Anti-social behaviour' also rose sharply, which may affect community wellbeing. Smaller yet notable increases occurred in 'Shoplifting' and 'Vehicle crime', suggesting rising retail-related offences. Conversely, 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'Theft from the person' saw decreases, indicating some improvement in these areas. Crimes such as 'Public order', 'Other theft', 'Drugs', and 'Bicycle theft' remained relatively stable, showing minor fluctuations. The upward trends in violent and anti-social crimes are particularly concerning from a safety perspective, highlighting areas where human safety could be increasingly at risk.

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	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	9	9	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	6	6	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	8	8	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	8	8	
Theft - From Service Desk	9	9	
Theft - Concealment	8	8	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	8	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	8	8	
Theft - By Employee	8	8	
Asset Crime - Arson	9	8	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	9	9	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	9	9	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	9	9	
Public Order - Riot	7	7	
Public Order - Protest	7	7	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	7	7	
Public Order - Drug Usage	7	7	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	7	7	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Encampment	8	8	
Trespassing - In Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Squatting	7	7	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	7	7	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	7	7	

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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