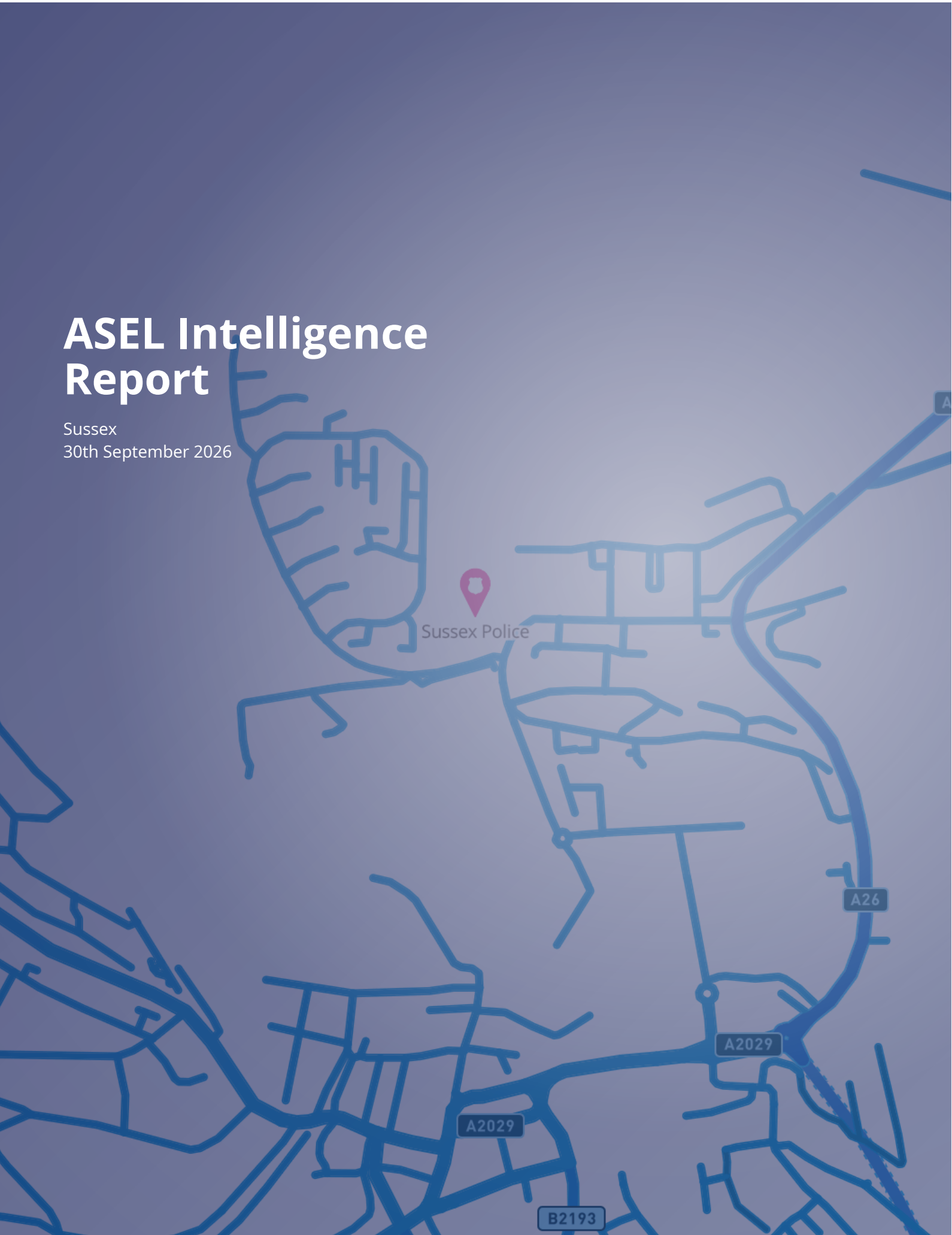
ASEL Intelligence Report

Sussex
30th September 2026

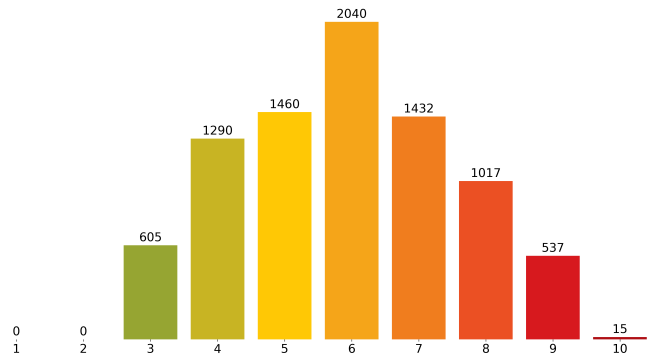


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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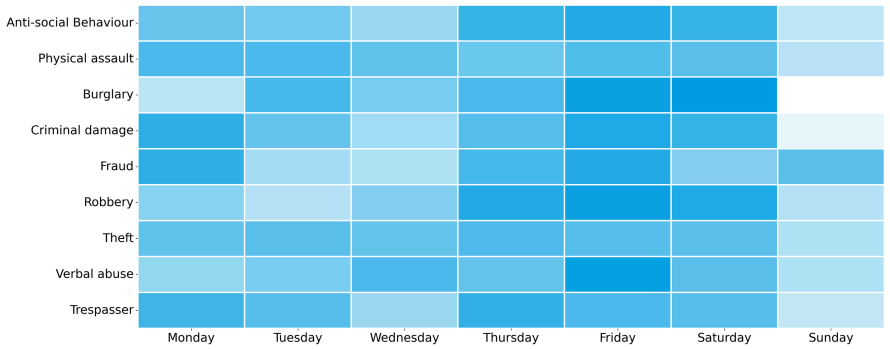

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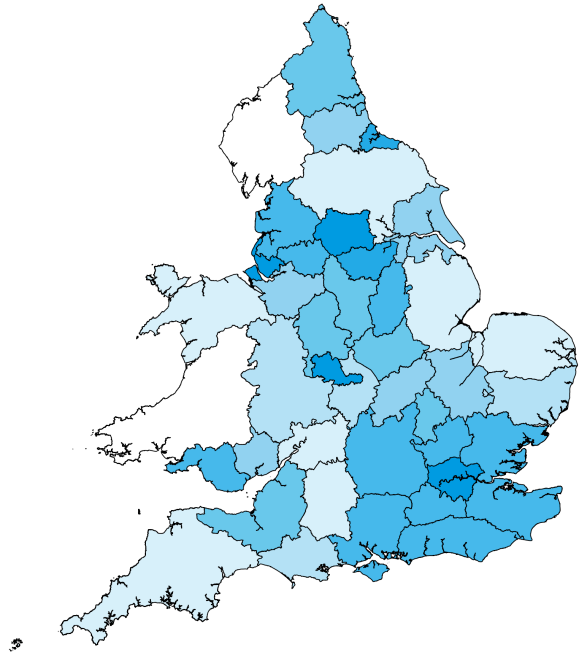

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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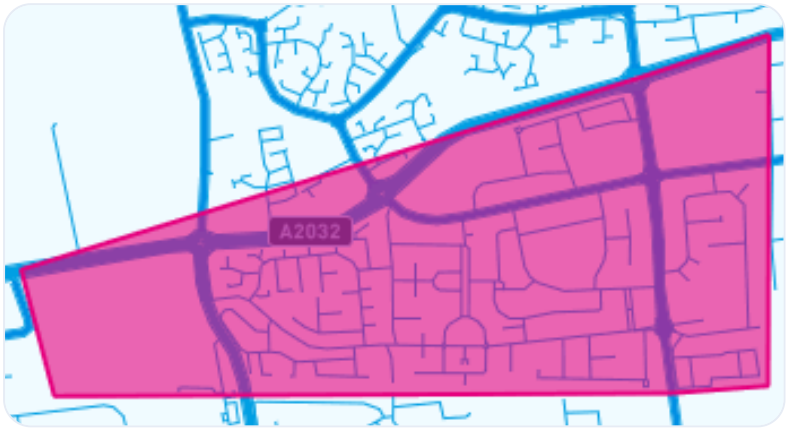
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



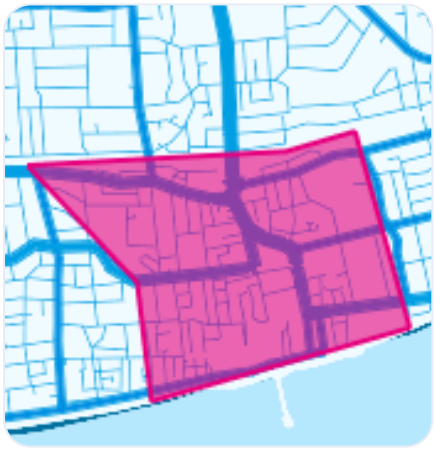
Castle | 9 | High

Castle ranks 1st in Sussex for risk. Policing highlights extremely likely risks of 'shoplifting', 'drugs offences', 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', and 'anti-social behaviour'. Moderate risk factors include 'wellbeing' and 'student population' with partial risk on homelessness. High population density and extensive nightlife enhance complex policing needs.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Central

9 | High



Central in Sussex is 2nd for regional risk. The Police note extremely likely risks in 'shoplifting', 'drugs offences', 'anti-social behaviour', 'violence and sexual offences', and 'criminal damage and arson'. Moderate risks feature 'wellbeing' and partial for 'homelessness'. This ward's significant retail and nighttime economy require ongoing vigilance to mitigate these threats.

Castle

9 | High

Castle ranks 3rd in Sussex policing. It shows extremely likely risk of 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', 'shoplifting', and 'public order'. Moderate risk is noted for 'wellbeing'. High density of retail and nighttime economy venues contribute. The risk of 'anti-social behaviour' and 'possession of weapons' is also extremely high.

St Mary's

8 | Moderate

St Mary's ranks 4th in Sussex with moderate overall risk. It exhibits an extremely likely risk of 'violence and sexual offences', 'shoplifting', and 'public order'. There is moderate risk related to 'homelessness' and 'wellbeing'. Despite fewer retail and junction facilities, risks for 'vehicle crime' and 'drugs' remain prominent.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Theft - Theft by Employee	8	
Public Order - Drug Usage	8	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	8	
Trespassing - In Hours	8	
Public Order - Riot	8	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	8	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	7	
Public Order - Protest	7	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	7	

Sussex Faces Persistent Risks from Theft by Employees and Public Order Challenges Amid Stable Risk Trends

Observations

The risk landscape in Sussex is characterised by a cluster of high likelihood risks, with scores predominantly at 8 out of 10, indicating a significant probability of occurrence. These risk scores are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data inputs, providing an objective measure of the likelihood rather than incident volume. The highest ranked risk is 'Theft - Theft by Employee' with a score of 8.0, maintaining its position as the top risk with no change in trend from the previous month, suggesting ongoing vulnerabilities in internal security and asset protection within organisations.~~Public order risks also feature prominently, with 'Drug Usage', 'Riot', 'Rough Sleepers', and 'Protest' all appearing in the top ten risks. Notably, 'Public Order - Drug Usage' holds the second rank with a stable risk score of 8.0, reflecting persistent challenges related to substance misuse and its impact on community safety. The presence of 'Public Order - Riot' and 'Protest' risks, both scoring 8.0 and 7.0 respectively, highlights the potential for civil unrest, which may be influenced by socio-political factors within the region. The risk of 'Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime' and 'Physical Assault' also remain significant, ranked third and eighth, underscoring ongoing concerns regarding community tensions and personal safety.~~The risk of 'Trespassing - In Hours' has shown a slight upward trend, indicating an increasing likelihood of unauthorised access during operational hours, which could have implications for both public safety and property security. Meanwhile, 'Theft - Self Service Theft' and 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle' maintain steady risk scores, reflecting continued threats to personal and commercial property. Overall, the risk profile for Sussex suggests a stable but multifaceted threat environment, with particular emphasis on internal theft, public order disturbances, and violence-related risks. The absence of significant upward trends in most categories may indicate effective mitigation or stable conditions, but the persistent high scores warrant ongoing attention.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	3707	4328	
Criminal damage and arson	1049	1106	
Vehicle crime	490	599	
Violence and sexual offences	4681	5046	
Other theft	884	887	
Public order	1205	1350	
Bicycle theft	111	137	
Burglary	311	298	
Drugs	339	387	
Shoplifting	1409	1628	
Other crime	248	312	
Robbery	130	160	
Theft from the person	81	111	
Possession of weapons	203	201	

In Sussex, the most significant increases between last month and this month are seen in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Anti-social behaviour', and 'Shoplifting', all showing notable rises both in absolute numbers and percentage terms, which is concerning given the direct threat these pose to public safety and retail environments. 'Vehicle crime' and 'Robbery' also display marked increases, indicating a broader rise in aggressive or opportunistic criminal activity. Conversely, 'Burglary' and 'Possession of weapons' have slightly decreased, suggesting some stability or improvement in these areas. Crimes such as 'Other theft', 'Criminal damage and arson', and 'Public order' offences remain relatively stable, with only minor fluctuations. The upward trend in offences directly impacting individuals, especially 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Shoplifting', highlights a pressing concern for personal safety and retail security, warranting close monitoring.

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