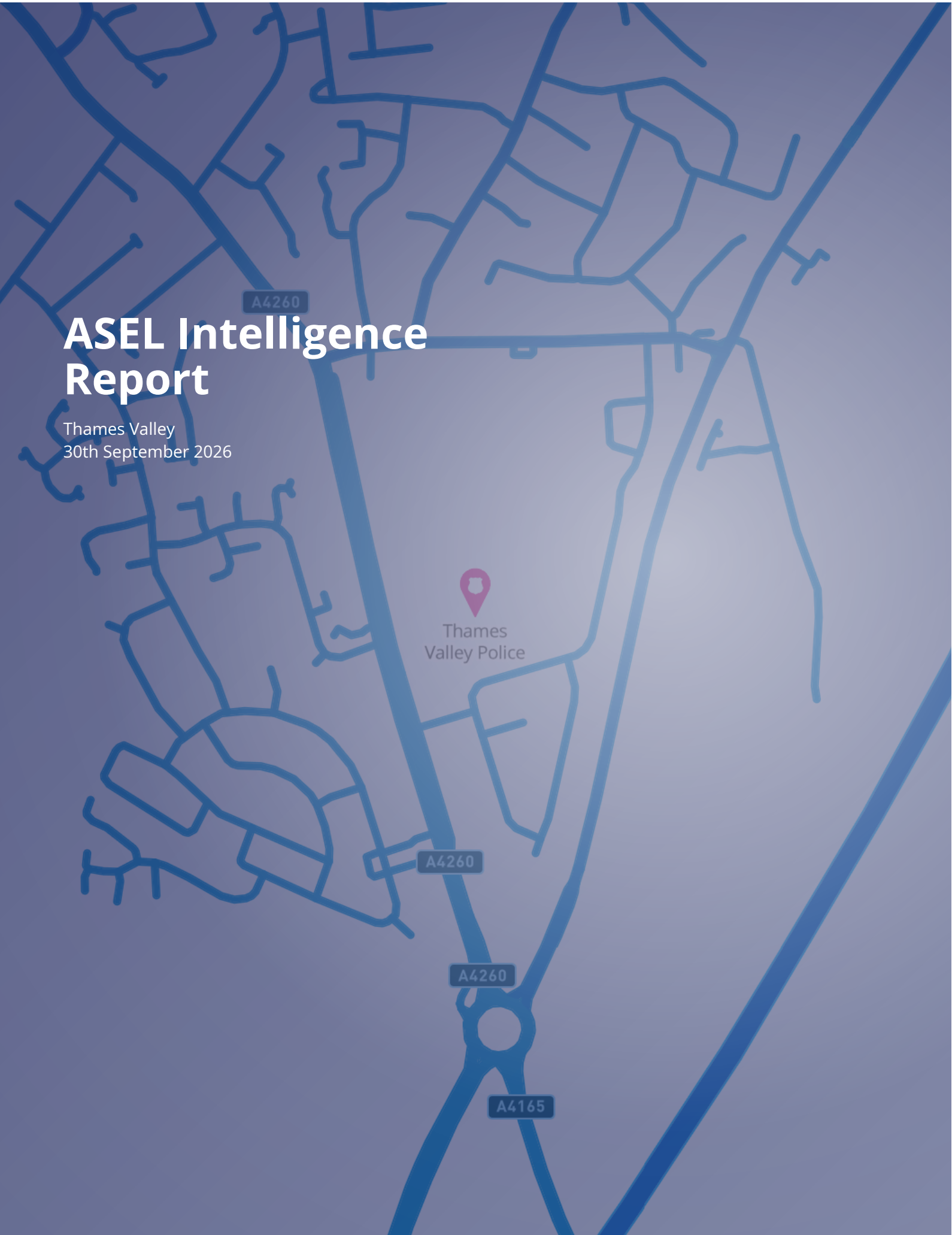
ASEL Intelligence Report

Thames Valley
30th September 2026

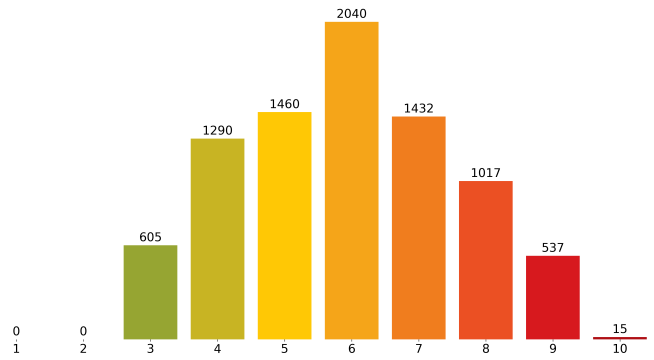


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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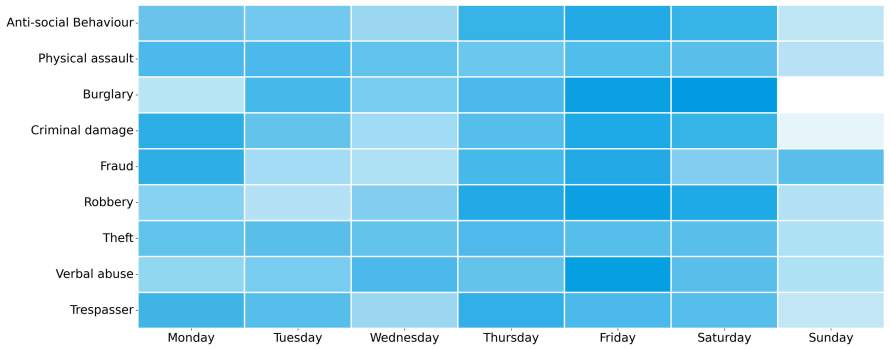

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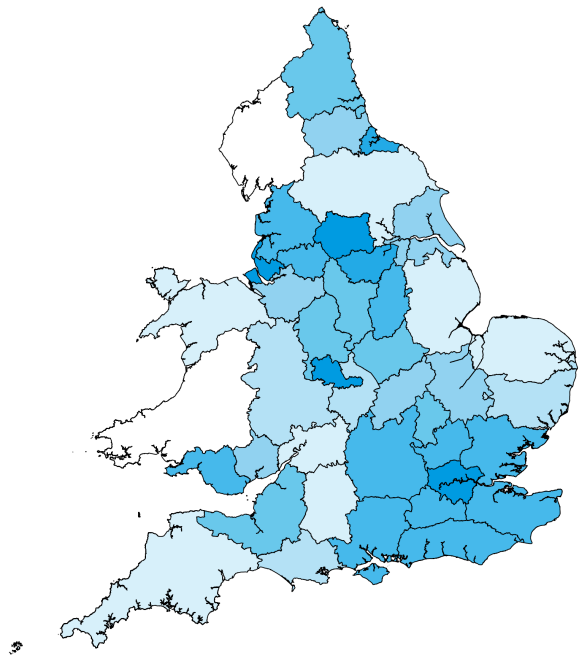

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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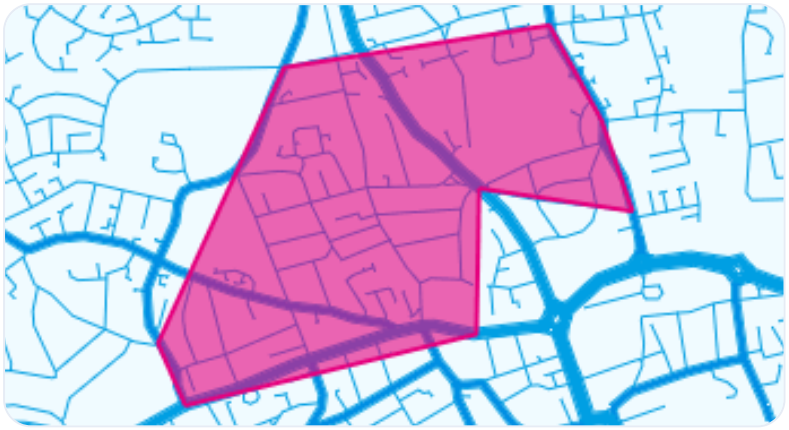
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



Belmont | 9 | High

Holding 1st rank in Thames Valley, Belmont ward faces very high risk in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Burglary', 'Shoplifting', and 'Public order' all scored 10. 'Wellbeing' scores lower at 4, indicating some community vulnerability. Elevated 'Homelessness' risk calls for integrated support. Policing requires focus on crime types with extreme risk and social factors.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Abbey

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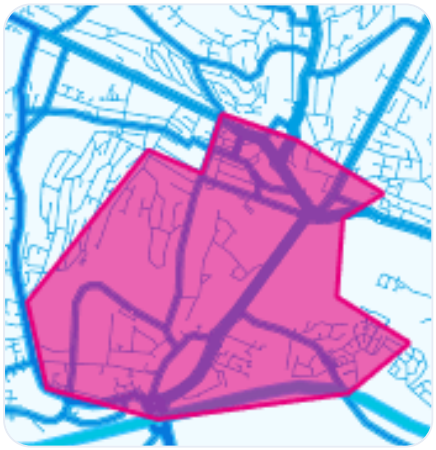

Ranking 2nd in Thames Valley, Abbey ward confronts significant risk with 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Shoplifting' rated at 10, alongside high risks in 'Public order' and 'Anti-social behaviour'. Moderate concerns exist for 'Wellbeing' and 'Homelessness'. This densely populated area demands focused interventions by The Police across multiple high-risk domains.

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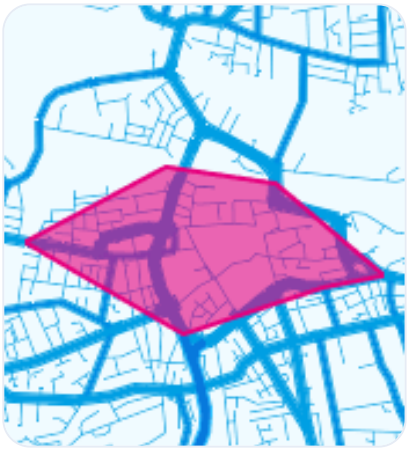

Abbey ward, ranked 3rd in Thames Valley, exhibits extremely high risk levels across all serious categories including 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Shoplifting' at 10. Elevated 'Public order' and 'Vehicle crime' risks are noted. Despite low unemployment, wellbeing is moderate. Policing strategies must address broad high-risk issues intensively.

Park

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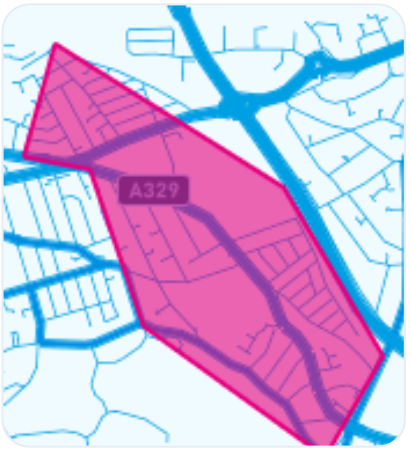

Park ranks 4th highest risk in Thames Valley. There is an extremely likely risk of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', and risks linked to 'Retail parks & shopping centres' and 'Nighttime economy' are also rated highly. Moderate risks include homelessness and wellbeing factors. Policing strategies should prioritise public safety and disorderly conduct.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	9	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	8	
Theft - Theft by Employee	8	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	7	
Public Order - Drug Usage	7	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	7	
Theft - From Service Desk	7	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	7	
Theft - Concealment	7	

Observations

The risk landscape for Thames Valley is characterised by a high likelihood of 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle', which holds the top position with a risk score of 9.0 out of 10, indicating a very strong probability of occurrence. This risk has maintained its high rating compared to the previous month, signalling persistent vulnerability in vehicle security within the region. The objective risk ratings are derived from multiple data inputs including demographic and environmental factors, providing a comprehensive assessment beyond mere incident counts. Following closely are risks related to theft, specifically 'Theft - Self Service Theft' and 'Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)', both rated at 8.0, with self-service theft showing an increasing trend, suggesting growing challenges in retail and service environments where unattended transactions occur.~~Other theft-related risks such as 'Theft by Employee', 'Theft from Service Desk', 'Theft - Steaming Attacks', and 'Theft - Concealment' also feature prominently within the top ten, each with risk scores around 7.0 to 8.0. This clustering highlights a broad spectrum of theft vulnerabilities across different contexts in Thames Valley. Public order risks, including 'Antisocial Behaviour' and 'Drug Usage', both rated at 7.0, remain significant, with drug usage showing an upward trend since last month. This may reflect ongoing social challenges that could indirectly impact community safety and policing priorities.~~The risk of 'Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime' is also notable, rated at 7.0, maintaining a steady level of concern. While these risks do not currently indicate an immediate threat to life, their persistence and trends require ongoing monitoring. The overall stability in most risk scores suggests a consistent risk environment, but the increases in self-service theft and drug usage risks warrant attention as potential emerging issues. Thames Valley's diverse urban and rural mix may contribute to the varied risk profile, with vehicle theft and opportunistic thefts being particularly prominent in suburban and commercial areas.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	2063	2441	
Criminal damage and arson	1241	1335	
Vehicle crime	866	831	
Violence and sexual offences	6726	6929	
Other theft	1277	1396	
Public order	1495	1772	
Bicycle theft	288	338	
Burglary	600	551	
Drugs	414	424	
Shoplifting	1687	1721	
Other crime	373	401	
Robbery	193	220	
Theft from the person	139	206	
Possession of weapons	116	92	

In Thames Valley, the most notable increases are seen in 'Anti-social behaviour' and 'Possession of weapons', reflecting significant rises that could impact public safety. 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Public order' offences also show marked increases, raising concerns given their potential threat to human life. 'Theft from the person' has risen sharply, indicating a growing risk to individuals in public spaces. Conversely, 'Burglary', 'Vehicle crime', and 'Possession of weapons' have decreased, suggesting some improvement in these areas. Crimes such as 'Shoplifting', 'Other theft', and 'Drugs' remain relatively stable with minor fluctuations. The overall pattern suggests a rise in crimes involving direct interaction with victims, which is concerning from a retail security perspective, highlighting the need to monitor these trends closely for public safety implications.

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