

# Northamptonshire Insights

## Crime and Safety

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### Introduction

This report was produced by Northamptonshire Community Foundation using community mapping and reporting tool Local Insight. This tool has been developed by OCSI and makes use of open data to help councils, funding bodies, charities and community organisations make informed funding and policy decisions. It brings in up-to-date data drawn from the Census, the Department for Work and Pensions, deprivation indices and other sources. This report may also include reference to other sources and data.

Note that data will change regularly as information is updated on Local Insight. This report was correct at the date of publication.

## Definition of Crime

According to Victim Support: 'A crime is a deliberate act that causes physical or psychological harm, damage to or loss of property, and is against the law.'

'There are lots of different types of crime and nearly everyone will experience a crime at some point in their lives. One in five people were affected by crime last year; the equivalent of ten million people. It affects people from all backgrounds, locations and ages.'<sup>1</sup>

## The Impact of Crime on Communities

The impact of criminal activity does not just affect an individual but can adversely affect whole communities. The impact of crime can be devastating including people feeling unsafe to venture outside their own home, the psychological impact of being a victim of crime including anxiety, depression and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and feelings of lost trust in a person's local community and society. The economic impact may include businesses avoid trading in certain neighbourhoods and some may close due to theft and vandalism; property prices may also rise in specific areas or people may experience difficulty selling their home. The Home Office have published their latest edition highlighting the economic and social costs of crime: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-economic-and-social-costs-of-crime>

## Promoting Safer Communities

Northamptonshire Community Foundation funds a range of community groups, charities and projects that aim to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through safer community initiatives. These include victim support initiatives, neighbourhood watch schemes, personal safety programmes, preventative work with young people and projects working with ex-offenders.

## Crime and Safety in Northamptonshire – data box and bar chart analysis

This report looks at the level of recorded crime in Northamptonshire and comparator areas. This is based on data for individual crime incidents published via the [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) open data portal, which has been linked by Local Insight to selected neighbourhoods. Further information on how these crimes and incidents have been categorised, as well as which crimes and incidents have been mapped and why, is available at: [www.police.uk/about-this-site/faqs/#why-are-some-crimes-not-displayed-on-the-map](http://www.police.uk/about-this-site/faqs/#why-are-some-crimes-not-displayed-on-the-map)

The information boxes show counts and rates for the main crime types and anti-social behaviour incidents. The overall crime rate is presented for monthly, quarterly and annual snapshots, with the underlying crime types shown as annual totals.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/what-crime>

Each area is also detailed with an example **community solution** funded by Northamptonshire Community Foundation on behalf of a donor to tackle crime and safety issues.

## Corby

The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June 19-Aug19	All crimes Sep18-Aug19
<b>2,728</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>31,737</b>
13 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	39 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	141.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep18-Aug19	Criminal damage incidents Sep18-Aug19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep18-Aug19
<b>9,380</b>	<b>2,518</b>	<b>7,043</b>
41.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	11.2 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	31.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep18-Aug19	Robberies Sep18-Aug19	Vehicle crimes Sep18-Aug19
<b>2,329</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>3,091</b>
25.5 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	2.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	13.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## Corby: Community Solution: Eden Park Teenage Parents

### Project: Freedom For All

The project delivered the Freedom Programme to all clients especially those that have been affected by domestic abuse and violence. This was to educate clients on healthy relationships. By facilitating this work the group offered support to prevent domestic abuse and for those who have been subject to such violence to support with the recovery and skills for the future to empower clients to avoid such relationships moving forward.

### Impact

11 clients took part in the programme and have gone on to receive additional support relevant to their experience. Such services have been RISE, Social Services, the Police, Women’s Aid, MIND and a general awareness of support in the local area. 5 clients have moved safely on from Eden Park since completing the programme. 4 clients have felt more confident to take part in exercise, leisure and sports activities.

## Daventry

The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June19-Aug19	All crimes Sep18-Aug19
571	1,715	6,969
07 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	22 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	82.5 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep18-Aug19	Criminal damage incidents Sep18-Aug19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep18-Aug19
2,022	586	1,868
23.9 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	6.9 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	22.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep18-Aug19	Robberies Sep18-Aug19	Vehicle crimes Sep18-Aug19
556	31	688
17.0 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	0.4 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	8.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## Daventry: Community Solution: Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (countywide)

### Project: Operation Target

The project enabled the organisation to work more closely with the Police and provide activities to improve crime awareness, vigilance and reporting, promote Neighbourhood Alert messages, and safer communities, and importantly building visibility of Neighbourhood Watch in areas across Northamptonshire and help crime prevention.

Volunteer-led activity supports areas such as a specific street in a town, a housing estate or a whole village or small market town.

### Impact

The group saw an increase in membership of their community safety scheme by 1163 members. 232 people joined as a result of events put in the community such as neighbourhood watch 'pop up shops and local meetings.

## East Northamptonshire

The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June 19-Aug 19	All crimes Sep 18-Aug 19
717	1,926	7,007
08 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	23 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	74.6 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep 18-Aug 19	Criminal damage incidents Sep 18-Aug 19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep 18-Aug 19
2,038	568	1,681
21.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	6.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	17.9 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep 18-Aug 19	Robberies Sep 18-Aug 19	Vehicle crimes Sep 18-Aug 19
505	39	697
13.5 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	0.4 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	7.4 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## East Northamptonshire: Community Solution: Northamptonshire Crimestoppers

### Project: 'Skin Deep' with Solomon Theatre

The project targeted seven schools across East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough to raise awareness around gangs and grooming. The targeted activity also looks to reduce gun crime, anti-social behaviour and arson in the targeted areas. The workshop performances were effective because they allowed the students to ask any questions and raise concerns they have. The performances highlighted the risks of gangs, gun crime, arson, the law, underage sex, anti-social behaviour and the many other issues that are raised throughout the workshop

### Impact

Overall 1490 students took part in the project across the two areas and 840 students fed back that they felt safer in their communities as a result of taking part in the project. 435 students also responded that they felt more confident in being able to reject taking part in a gang if approached.

## Kettering

The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June 19-Aug 19	All crimes Sep 18-Aug 19
<b>818</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>10,869</b>
09 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	28 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	107.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep 18-Aug 19	Criminal damage incidents Sep 18-Aug 19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep 18-Aug 19
<b>3,148</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>2,875</b>
31.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	7.9 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	28.4 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep 18-Aug 19	Robberies Sep 18-Aug 19	Vehicle crimes Sep 18-Aug 19
<b>692</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>970</b>
16.7 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	1.2 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	9.6 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## Kettering: Community Solution: Northamptonshire Search and Rescue (countywide)

### Project: Replacement & Upgrade to Digitally secure and GPS enabled Radio Network

There are 1600 missing persons per year across Northamptonshire (around four per day) and the updated equipment has ensured that the search and rescue can more effectively locate missing persons across the county; typical cases include children who may be running away from difficult home circumstances, vulnerable adults such as those living with Alzheimer's and Dementia and despondent individuals due to difficult personal circumstances.

### Impact

The addition of 1 new resource has ensure better support for local police services in tracking down missing persons, taking part in 27 searches and being on stand by for an additional 7.

## Northampton

The overall crime rate is higher than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June19-Aug19	All crimes Sep18-Aug19
2,728	7,970	31,737
13 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	39 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	141.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep18-Aug19	Criminal damage incidents Sep18-Aug19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep18-Aug19
9,380	2,518	7,043
41.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	11.2 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	31.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep18-Aug19	Robberies Sep18-Aug19	Vehicle crimes Sep18-Aug19
2,329	456	3,091
25.5 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	2.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	13.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
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## Northampton: Community Solution: Northampton Street Pastors

### Project: Street Pastor Initiative

The Project aims to being a safe and reassuring presence on the town centre streets for individuals who are taking part in the nightlife entertainment of clubs and pubs. Trained volunteers patrol the town centre at weekends and are available to support those who may experience a traumatic or difficult time if their behaviour, or the behaviour of others, is impacted by excessive alcohol, and at times, use of drugs, and where individuals can be vulnerable to abuse and crime.

### Impact:

The group have helped 392 individuals over the lifetime of the funded project including 69 people who were especially vulnerable to being a potential victim of anti-social behaviour and crime. 1400 community hours were provided by volunteers to support safer communities.

## South Northamptonshire

The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June19-Aug19	All crimes Sep18-Aug19
437	1,354	5,082
05 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	16 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	54.9 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep18-Aug19	Criminal damage incidents Sep18-Aug19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep18-Aug19
1,501	388	1,085
16.2 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	4.2 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	11.7 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep18-Aug19	Robberies Sep18-Aug19	Vehicle crimes Sep18-Aug19
482	30	690
13.4 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	0.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	7.5 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## South Northamptonshire: Community Solution: Service Six

### Project: TARGET - Realtime Talk

The project is TARGET is an ongoing project that has been successfully delivered across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. The project focuses on reducing grooming, exploitation and trading of children and young people online, with already developed close partnership working arrangements with the RISE and CSE Teams, including Northamptonshire and Leicestershire Police.

The programme improves communication between children and parents, leading to better safeguarding, especially in relation to the online world. Children and parents are more likely to talk about online risks with parents being more able to spot potential risks.

### Impact

The group have delivered 196 workshops benefiting 324 parents and children who have taken part.



## Wellingborough

The overall crime rate is higher than the average across England.

All crimes Aug 2019 monthly total	All crimes June19-Aug19	All crimes Sep18-Aug19
850	2,630	9,932
12 per 1,000 population (England average = 09)	36 per 1,000 population (England average = 29)	125.0 per 1,000 population (England average = 106.0)
Violent crimes Sep18-Aug19	Criminal damage incidents Sep18-Aug19	Anti-social behaviour incidents Sep18-Aug19
2,885	902	2,392
36.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 29.6)	11.3 per 1,000 population (England average = 8.8)	30.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 21.7)
Burglaries Sep18-Aug19	Robberies Sep18-Aug19	Vehicle crimes Sep18-Aug19
733	85	725
22.2 per 1,000 households (England average = 16.5)	1.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 1.5)	9.1 per 1,000 population (England average = 7.7)
Source: Recorded crime offences – <a href="https://data.police.uk/">https://data.police.uk/</a> (2019)		

## Wellingborough: Community Solution: Shudan CIC

### Project: Shudan Community Safety Project

The group provided a programme of diversionary and sports activities to young people aged 13-19 years old based at the Hemmingwell Community Centre on the Hemmingwell Estate in Wellingborough. The programme included Self Defence, Martial arts and Boxing sessions. The programme was co-ordinated alongside the local Safe Neighbourhood Team. The area has high incidents of gang crime and drug-related crime.

### Impact

70 young people regularly took part in the activities designed to divert them away from anti-social behaviour and 192 new hours of sports and exercise activities were provided in the area. 45 young people reported that they felt safer in their community as a result of the project.

### Conclusion and recommendation

Overall in Northamptonshire crime rate levels are lower than the national average. However significantly Northampton and Wellingborough have crime rates higher than the national average. Priority should be given to projects directly promoting safer communities in the identified two areas.