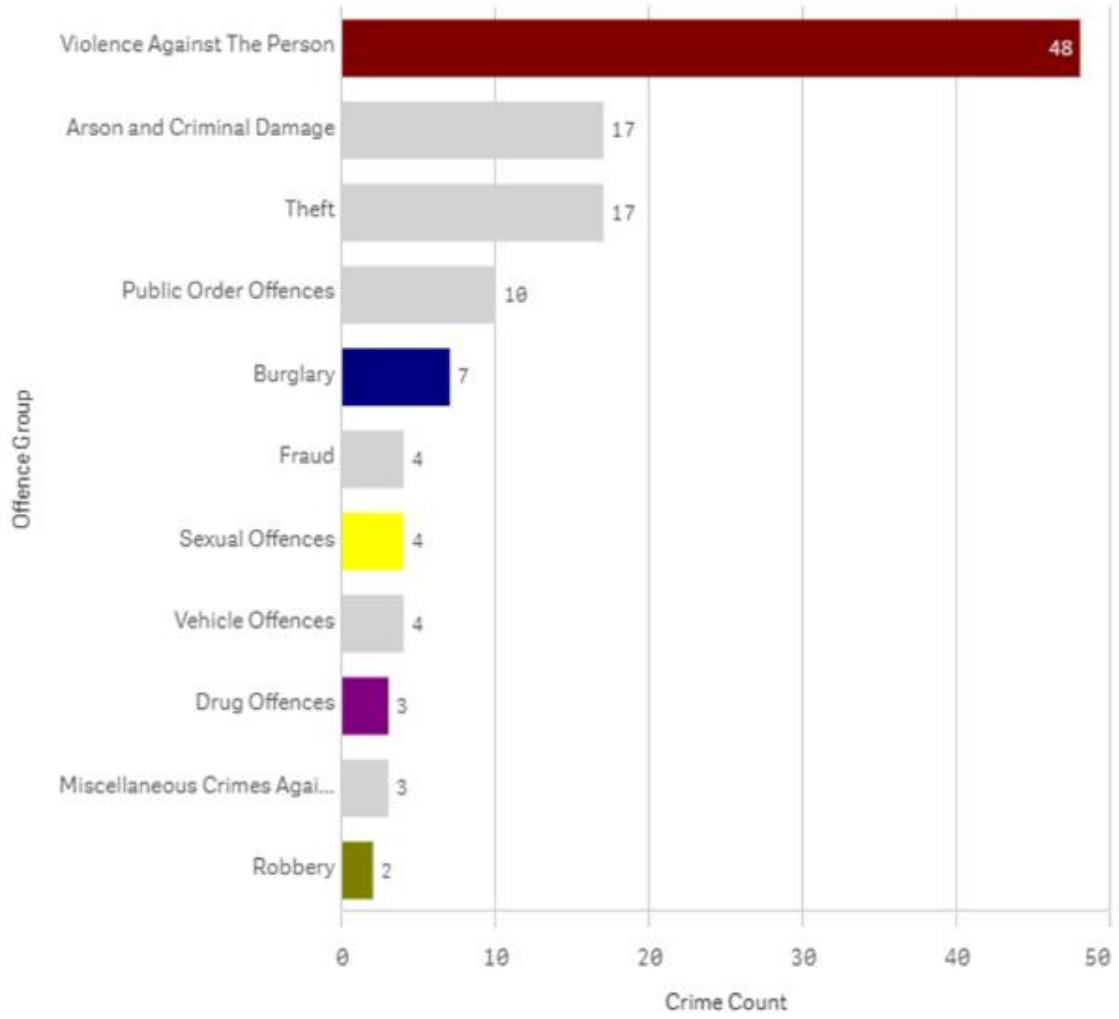


Town Council Crime Report – October 2025

Crime Volume



Overview

The latest crime data indicates that Violence Against the Person remains the largest crime category, with 48 recorded offences. While this figure is significant, analysis shows that the majority of these incidents occurred in domestic settings rather than public spaces.

Violence Against the Person (VAP)

There were 48 VAP offences recorded. Of these, 10 incidents occurred in public spaces, including 4 harassment cases, 2 dog bites, and 4 assaults. Among the assaults, there was 1 road rage incident, 2 domestic-related assaults that occurred in public, and 1 report of youths fighting where no incident was found upon arrival. The remaining 38 offences were primarily domestic abuse within dwellings, including harassment and physical assaults.

Criminal Damage

A total of 17 criminal damage offences were reported. A significant proportion of these were domestic violence-related. Seasonal impact was observed due to Halloween, with multiple reports of pumpkins being smashed. There were also a few incidents of vehicle damage, but these appear to be isolated with no evidence of a linked series, given the wide geographic spread and differing timings. Monitoring will continue for any emerging patterns.

Theft

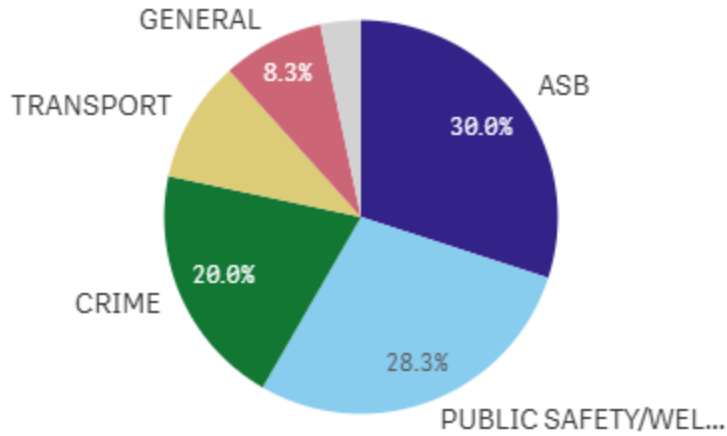
There were 17 theft offences reported, which were wide-ranging in both location and type. Items stolen included garden ornaments, parcels, mobile phones, and e-scooters. No specific trends have been identified across these incidents. A positive observation is the very few shop thefts reported, suggesting good compliance and/or effective deterrent measures in retail environments.

Key Insight

VAP is the largest crime category, but public space violence remains low. Most incidents are linked to domestic settings.

Harassment offences can include ASB-type behaviours, such as repeated door knocking, when they meet the threshold for harassment.

Call Type

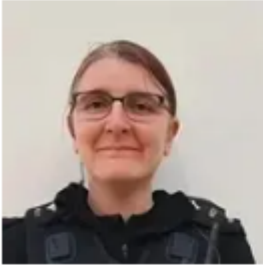


The overall calls for October include a range of categories, with Public Safety being a notable component. This category primarily covers concerns for welfare and mental health-related incidents, reflecting the ongoing need for multi-agency collaboration and support for vulnerable individuals.

Anti-Social Behaviour

I have reviewed the ASB, the majority being neighbour disputes rather than on-street incidents. There are certain addresses in deep conflict that call in several times a day about one another, therefore exaggerating the ASB statistics currently.

The team covering Burnham and Highbridge:



Jen Atkinson

Neighbourhood Sergeant



Harry Long

Neighbourhood Constable



Craig Dunbar

PCSO

School Link Officer for:

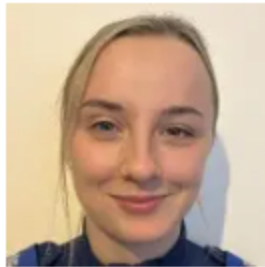
Berrow Primary, Churchfield Church School, St Andrew's Primary, St Joseph's Primary, The King Alfred School, West Huntspill Primary

Wider members of my beat team who often come to assist on the Burnham/Highbridge beat:



Emily Cable

Neighbourhood Constable



Millie Hale

PCSO



Jeremy Pidgeon

PCSO