



SAFER CORNWALL

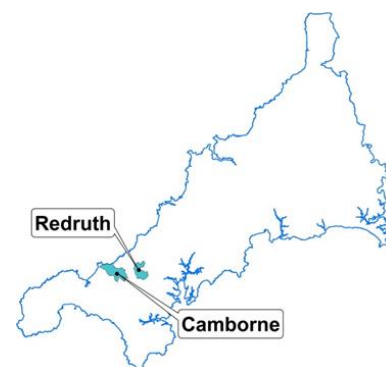
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Safer Camborne & Redruth Town summary 2025



Introduction

This profile provides a **picture of crime and community safety issues** for this area. It compares Camborne and Redruth town areas with the average for other large towns in Cornwall (towns with a population of 10,000 or more), described within this profile as “urban”.



Safer Camborne and Redruth was established in 2016 to facilitate and support a **co-ordinated multi-agency approach to community safety** issues to improve feelings of safety and public reassurance, reduce the risk of harm to residents and protect vulnerable groups. The multi-agency group involves local community and voluntary sector agencies in the work of the partnership and encourages social inclusion and participation through inviting all partners to actively be involved in the problem-solving process and sharing a sense of pride in their towns.

key statistics

 People	Current population of the Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth area is 63,092	18% are aged under 16 16% Cornwall / 19% England 22% are aged over 65 26% Cornwall / 19% England
 Vulnerable groups	29% live in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England	 19% of people have no qualifications 16% in Cornwall 18% across England Education & skills
 Housing	£258,223 is the average house price £341,635 across Cornwall £356,508 across England	 69% of people are in full-time employment 62% in Cornwall 69% across England Economy
 Health & wellbeing	10% of people have a long-term illness that limits activities a lot 9% in Cornwall 7% across England	 17% of households do not have a car 15% in Cornwall 24% across England Access & transport

Except where stated this profile provides information for **the geographical area representing Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth (CPIR) area as defined by [Local Insight \(communityinsight.org\)](https://www.localinsight.org/)** (this also includes Pool and Illogan); comparisons are drawn with the average for other large towns in Cornwall (with a population of 10k or more, also described as “urban”) and Cornwall as a whole.

Cornwall overview

Over the last 12 months we have seen crime rates rise across Cornwall. There were 33,425 crimes reported in the 12-month period ending December 2024. This is an **increase of 11%** and can mostly be accounted for by increases in **stalking** and **harassment** offences, **assaults without injury**, **shoplifting**, **criminal damage** and **public order offences**.

Shoplifting has increased across the country and is at its highest levels for the last 20 years. In Cornwall, we have seen a rise of 23% compared with last year. Responses to this type of crime include Shopwatch radios and bespoke crime prevention training in our larger towns.

Criminal damage makes up 12% of all recorded crime and is a highly visible sign of disorder in communities, which can negatively affect public perceptions of crime and feelings of safety.

Violence makes up a third of all recorded crime and has **increased by 10%** overall, with the majority of the rise coming from **violence without injury** offences. Violence with injury has seen a smaller rise overall and has reduced in some larger towns where there have been targeted initiatives. Reporting of domestic abuse is a key factor. Cornwall sees a greater proportion of crime recorded as **domestic abuse** (36%) and the number of these crimes is still **increasing**, whereas nationally police recorded domestic abuse crimes have started to fall for the first time in a decade.

Safer Cornwall is focusing on **prevention approaches** through local delivery of the Serious Violence Prevention Programme and five-year strategies to tackle **domestic abuse** and **sexual violence** and **violence against women and girls**. These form part of our Strategic Framework to prevent serious violence in Cornwall.

There were 7,844 incidents of **anti-social behaviour** reported to the police in the last 12 months. After a long period of reduction, we are now seeing trends begin to rise again. Across our larger towns, we are starting to see the benefits of targeted initiatives such as **Safer Streets** and **Hotspot Patrols** with some towns seeing lower than average rises.

Understanding crime increases

It is estimated that improvements in crime recording have **increased recorded crime by 8%** providing more opportunities to support victims and keep communities safe.

Devon and Cornwall Police are focused on keeping communities safe and delivering justice for victims through:

- **Improved access for victims** via increased front offices and improvements in 101 call wait times
- Effective **hotspot policing** initiatives
- **Improving response times** to incidents
- **Pro-active operations** focused on serious and organised criminals
- **Securing more positive outcomes** for victims through improved investigation quality

Safer Cornwall continues to provide opportunities for local people to talk to services about the issues that matter and find out what help is available, through community events and drop-in sessions. This aims to increase **confidence to report** and therefore we expect to see an increase in reported incidents as a result, particularly in areas with more persistent issues.

A new [Partnership Plan for 2025-2028](#) was launched in April 2025 setting out plans for the next three years. Safer Cornwall's priorities include ensuring our **public spaces** are safe for everyone, tackling **domestic abuse and sexual violence** and reducing the harms of **drugs and alcohol**. As well as providing an effective response to what is happening now, the Plan aims to prevent issues in the future by addressing the **underlying causes of harm**.

What are the key trends for the Camborne town area?

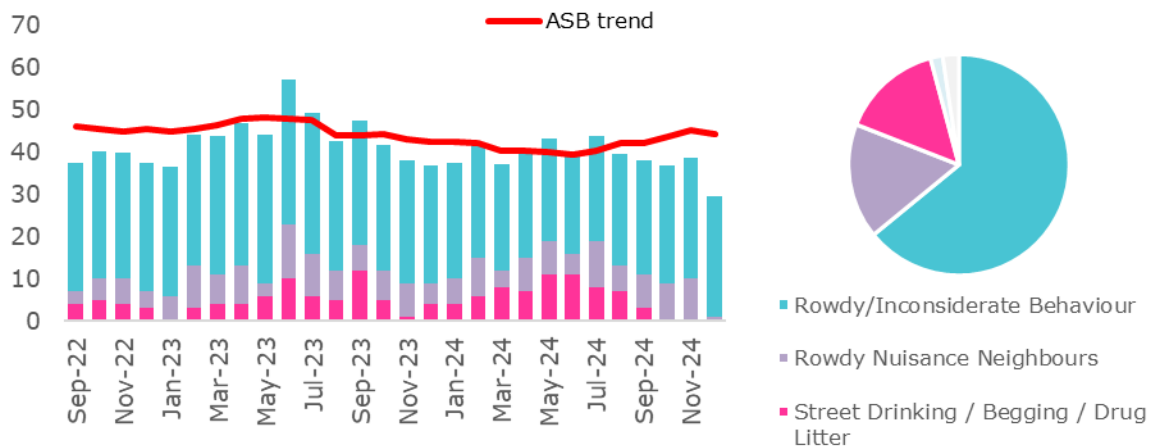
Along with other large towns in Cornwall, the Camborne town area is a hotspot for crime and anti-social behaviour. This is due to the concentration of people who live and gather there. It has a population of just over 24,000.

- The **total crime rate** (102 crimes per 1000 people) **in Camborne is 31% higher than the average** for the other large towns in Cornwall (71 crimes per 1000 people).
- The **volume of crime has increased by 7%** over the last 12 months, which is lower than the increase seen across Cornwall and across the other Safer Towns.
- Crimes of **stalking and harassment have not increased** in the town which opposes the trend we see across the rest of Cornwall where it has increased by 21%. Although it should be noted that the rate of these incidents is still greater than the average rate across the other safer towns.
- Violent crime rates are higher than average in Camborne across all types of violence. Whilst violence with injury has remained consistent in Camborne **violence without injury has increased by 11%.**
- **Domestic abuse** incidents (-20%) and crimes (-19%) have both fallen in Camborne, despite this, rates of domestic abuse remain high for Cornwall. This reduction is in contrast to the rest of Cornwall which has seen a 7% increase in crimes and 4% increase in incidents.
- There has been a **small increase in rape offences** (+19%) which can be attributed to an increase in crimes reported retrospectively. This is where crimes are reported more than one year after they occurred.
- **Vehicle offences** have more than doubled over the past year to 102 crimes over the 12 months ending December 2024. Further analysis reveals that this is due to a clustering of offences linked to a known offender between March and June.
- **Drug offences** have **increased by 26%** (23 offences) over the 12 months ending December 2024. This increase is higher than the average for Cornwall but in line with the average for other Safer Towns. Police reported drug offences tend to reflect the level of proactive police action locally, rather than the level of drug use.

- **Shoplifting offences** have **fallen by 16%** in Camborne and there is a lower rate of shoplifting in Camborne when compared with other urban areas.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour in Camborne has remained stable (-4%) which is in contrast to the trend seen across Cornwall and the other safer towns.

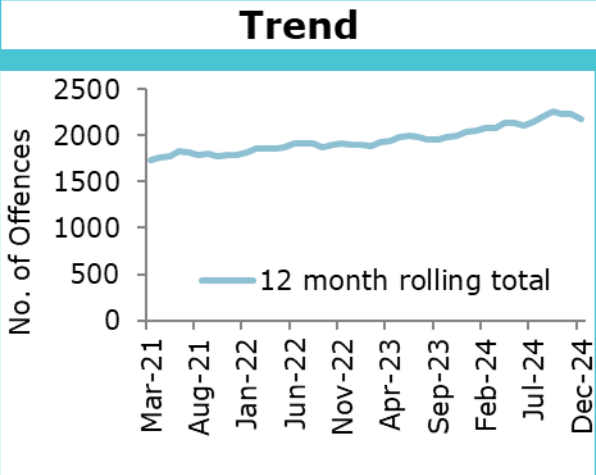


Approximately two-thirds of ASB in Camborne is classed as '**rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour**', 17% 'rowdy nuisance neighbours' and 15% 'street-drinking/begging/drug litter'.

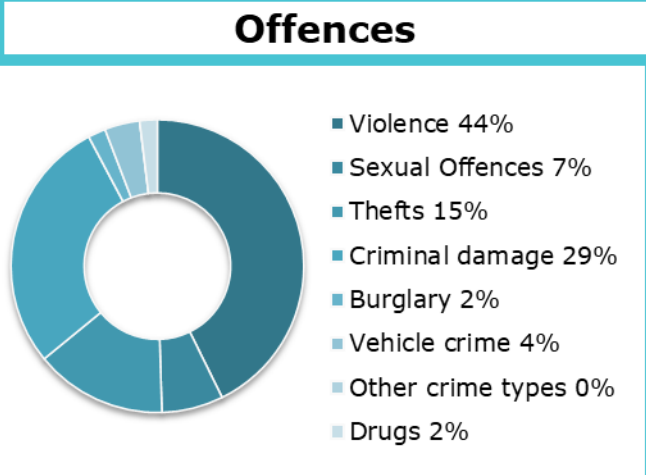
- **Street drinking related anti-social behaviour has increased by 21%** over 12 months while public order offences have reduced by 6%.

Crime / incident type	Trend	Rate per 1000	Year ending Dec 24	Year ending Dec 23	Annual Change	Urban areas	Urban areas trend
All crime	▲	102.7	2,182	2,034	7%	●	▲
Domestic Abuse (total incidents)	▼	30.0	637	799	-20%	●	▶
Domestic Abuse Crimes	▼	19.1	406	500	-19%	●	▲
Non-Crime Domestic	▼	10.9	231	299	-23%	●	▶
Rape	▲	2.1	44	37	19%	●	▲
Other Sexual Offences	▼	3.5	74	80	-8%	●	▲
Stalking and Harrassment	▼	10.6	226	238	-5%	●	▲
Homicide	▶	0.0	0	0	0%	●	▶
Violence with Injury	▶	15.0	319	308	4%	●	▶
Violence without Injury	▲	21.6	459	413	11%	●	▲
Drug Offences	▲	5.2	110	87	26%	●	▲
Possession of Weapons	▶	1.1	24	27	-11%	●	▲
Burglary - Residential	▲	2.6	56	38	47%	●	▶
Burglary - Business and Community	▶	0.7	14	10	40%	●	▲
Robbery	▶	0.8	18	18	0%	●	▲
Vehicle Offences	▲	4.8	102	47	117%	●	▲
Shoplifting	▼	3.1	65	77	-16%	●	▲
Other Theft	▲	7.2	153	111	38%	●	▶
Criminal Damage	▼	12.5	266	296	-10%	●	▲
Arson	▶	0.2	4	7	-43%	●	▼
Public Order Offences	▼	7.6	162	173	-6%	●	▲
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	▲	2.4	50	43	16%	●	▲
Anti-social behaviour incidents	▶	23.8	505	526	-4%	●	▲
Street Drinking/Begging/Drug Litter	▲	3.5	75	62	21%	●	▲
Hate Crime	▼	1.1	24	31	-23%	●	▶
Under 18 Victims of Crime	▲	12.9	274	255	7%	●	▲

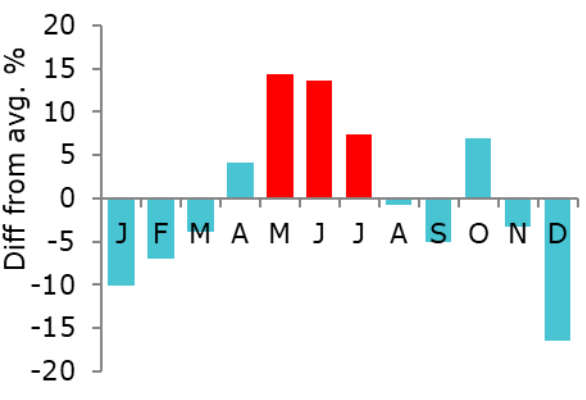
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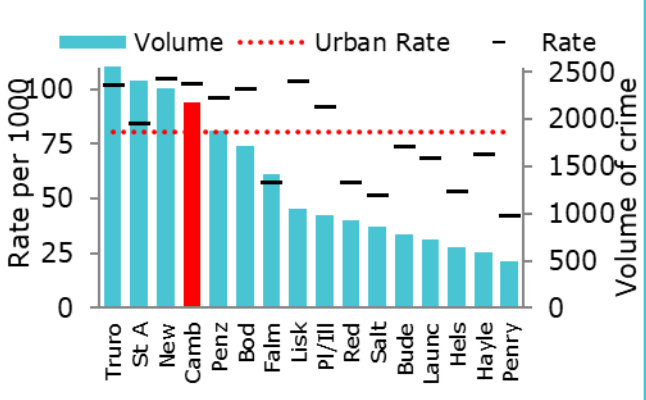
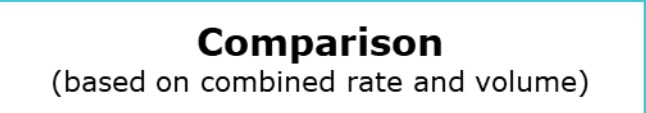
There has been a 7% increase in crime in Camborne over the 12-month period ending December 2024.



44% of all crime in Camborne relate to violence which is significantly higher than the Cornwall average. There are higher proportions of criminal damage in Camborne, whereas drug offences and theft were much lower.



Crime is higher in Camborne during the Summer months of May to July and much lower in December.



Camborne has the fourth highest volume of crime for towns across Cornwall.
The rate (taking into account number of people) is also higher than average.

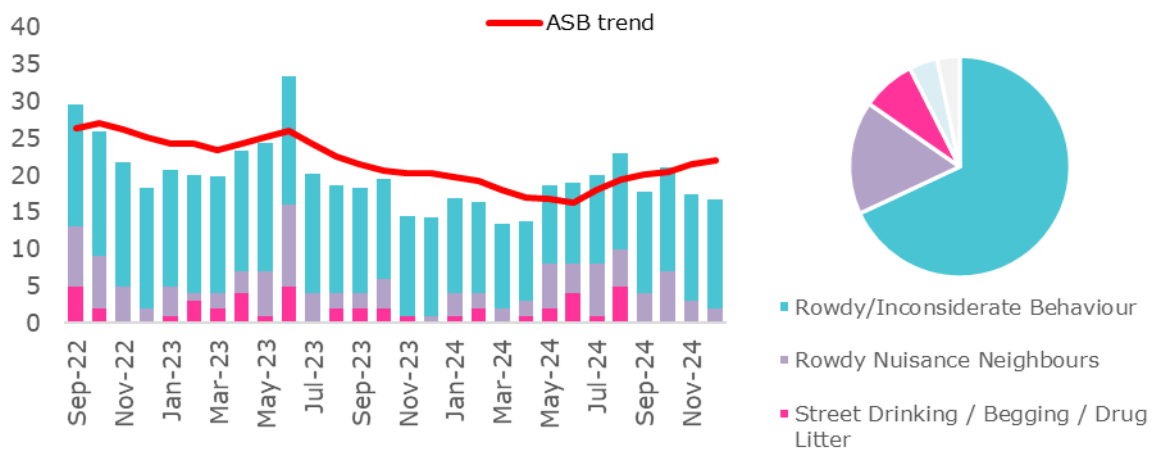
Redruth

The rate of crime in Redruth is much lower by comparison and the overall crime trend in Redruth has **remained stable** when compared with the previous year. This is in contrast with the increasing trend seen across Cornwall and other Safer Towns.

- Most crime types in Redruth have **remained consistent** over the last 12 months with rates of crime tend to be lower than the average we see across the other Safer Towns.
- There has been a reduction in reported **domestic abuse** incidents and crimes (-17% and -6% respectively), which is opposes the increasing trend we see Cornwall.
- There has been a small rise (+ 17 crimes) in **violence with injury** in Redruth. Although this opposes the trend, we see across Cornwall the rate of offences is still lower when compared with the urban area average.
- There has been an increase in **business and community burglary** in Redruth (+ 11 offences). Rates of this type of crime are **higher** than the urban average. Further analysis shows that this is not due to a clustering of offences.
- **Hate crime** has increased by 10 crimes over this year. Numbers of these incidents remain small and the rate of incidents is lower than the Safer Town average.
- **Criminal damage** offences have fallen by 20% or 26 crimes over this 12-month period. The rate of these offences are also lower than the urban area average.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour incidents in Redruth have reduced by 6% (-16 incidents). This opposes the increasing trend that we see across Cornwall.

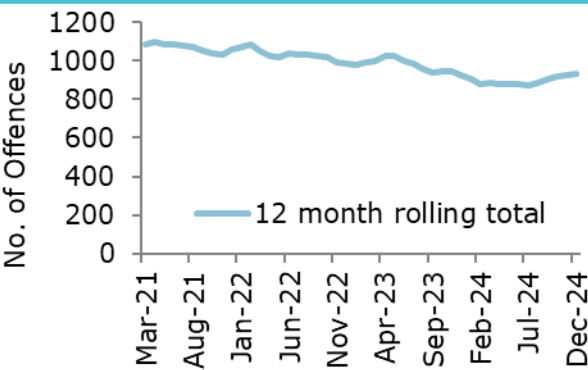


The biggest proportion of these incidents are classed as 'rowdy/ inconsiderate behaviour', 8% are street drinking related anti-social behaviour.

Crime / incident type	Trend	Rate per 1000	Year ending Dec 24	Year ending Dec 23	Annual Change	Urban areas	Urban areas trend
All crime	▶	57.0	932	923	1%	●	▲
Domestic Abuse (total incidents)	▼	23.4	382	463	-17%	●	▶
Domestic Abuse Crimes	▼	15.3	250	266	-6%	●	▲
Non-Crime Domestic	▼	8.1	132	197	-33%	●	▶
Rape	▶	1.1	18	22	-18%	●	▲
Other Sexual Offences	▶	1.9	31	33	-6%	●	▲
Stalking and Harrassment	▶	8.2	134	130	3%	●	▲
Homicide	▶	0.0	0	0	0%	●	▶
Violence with Injury	▲	9.7	159	142	12%	●	▶
Violence without Injury	▶	9.7	159	154	3%	●	▲
Drug Offences	▼	1.2	20	28	-29%	●	▲
Possession of Weapons	▶	0.7	12	15	-20%	●	▲
Burglary - Residential	▶	0.7	12	11	9%	●	▶
Burglary - Business and Community	▲	1.1	18	7	157%	●	▲
Robbery	▲	0.6	9	3	200%	●	▲
Vehicle Offences	▼	1.0	17	31	-45%	●	▲
Shoplifting	▶	3.9	63	62	2%	●	▲
Other Theft	▲	4.6	75	67	12%	●	▶
Criminal Damage	▼	6.5	106	132	-20%	●	▲
Arson	▶	0.2	3	1	200%	●	▼
Public Order Offences	▲	3.5	58	48	21%	●	▲
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	▲	2.0	32	24	33%	●	▲
Anti-social behaviour incidents	▼	14.7	241	257	-6%	●	▲
Street Drinking/Begging/Drug Litter	▶	1.2	19	22	-14%	●	▲
Hate Crime	▲	1.0	16	6	167%	●	▶
Under 18 Victims of Crime	▲	7.9	130	119	9%	●	▲

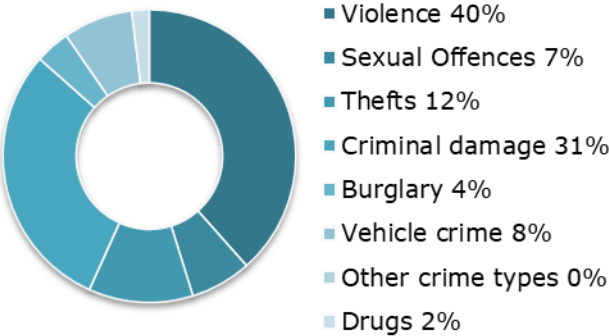
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Trend



Overall crime in Redruth has stayed the same (+1%) during the 12 months ending in December 2024.

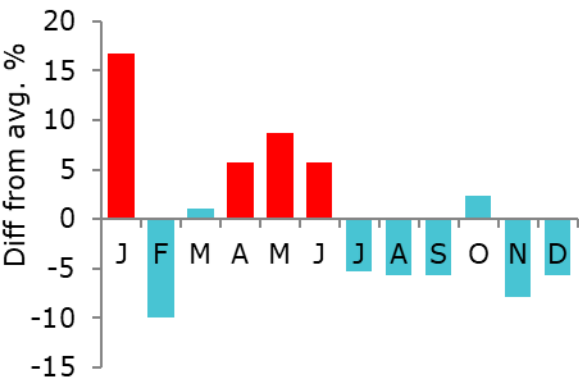
Offences



40% of all crimes in Redruth are violent offences which is higher than the Cornwall average. Thefts in Redruth are much lower than average but vehicle crime and criminal damage are higher.

Seasonality

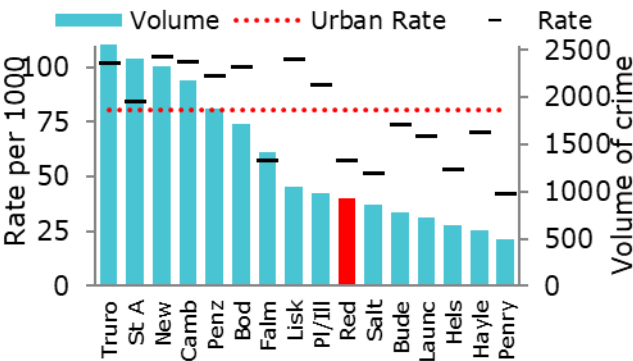
(based on a 3 year average)



There are higher levels of crime in Redruth in January as well as between April and June.

Comparison

(based on combined rate and volume)



The volume and rate of crime in Redruth is lower than the urban average in Cornwall.

What residents think

As part of the update of our new Partnership Plan, we invited local people to “Have Your Say” about the **community safety issues that matter** on a day-to-day basis in the local area and what could be done to improve things.

Our **on-line survey** was available via Cornwall Council’s [Let’s Talk Cornwall](#) in July and August 2024. We also held some **face-to-face engagement events** in the summer.

Across Cornwall, 63% of people said they **felt safe** during the day in their local area. 52% of respondents in Cornwall **felt very unsafe or fairly unsafe** after dark in their local area, which indicated a deterioration in feelings of safety from the 2023 survey (41%).

- There was a significant increase in responses to the survey in 2024 from residents living in Camborne. 59% of respondents in Camborne said they **felt very unsafe** in their area after dark which is a substantial increase on the 24% in 2023.
- 41% of respondents living in Redruth said they **felt very unsafe** after dark compared with 10% in 2023.

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