

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Report

2023-24 Quarter 1 (April to June)



The Housing and Inclusion Committee oversees the Council's Community Safety and Protection services. To assist the Committee in its work, the data below is provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary to inform Councillors about the environment in which our services are provided.



All Crime (Number of Incidents)

Month	Q1 2022/23	Month	Q2 2022/23	Month	Q3 2022/23	Month	Q4 2022/23	Month	Q1 2022/23
Apr	588	Jul	732	Oct	737	Jan	627	Apr	585
May	718	Aug	662	Nov	715	Feb	600	May	603
Jun	726	Sep	604	Dec	663	Mar	624	Jun	678
Total	2,032	Total	1,998	Total	2,115	Total	1,851	Total	1,889
Vs Q4	+10.6%	Vs Q1	-1.7%	Vs Q2	+5.9%	Vs Q3	-14.3%	Vs Q4	+2.0%
Percentage change from Q1 2022/2023									-7.6%

Source: Data provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

All Crime by category

Crime description (10 or more offences)	Q1 2022/23 Count	Q2 2022/23 Count	Q3 2022/23 Count	Q4 2022/23 Count	Q1 2023/24 Count
Arson not endangering life	-	-	-	-	11
Assault (including sexual)	481	463	432	395	447
Blackmail	13	12	16	19	21
Breach of non-molestation order	-	-	-	11	-
Burglary - Business and Community (including attempts)	30	36	33	38	34
Burglary - Residential - Dwelling (including attempts & aggravated)	35	44	58	52	31
Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	-	23	19	10	28
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	-	59	40	41	45
Criminal Damage	174	159	204	205	195
Drugs	54	39	33	32	40
Failure to comply with (Sexual Offence) Notification Order	-	-	-	-	-
Fear or provocation of violence	27	29	27	20	15
Harassment	89	33	34	31	29
Making off without payment	74	82	81	51	52
Motor vehicle crime including theft of/from/interference/unauthorised taking/attempts	221	228	241	165	141

Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	18	-	18	11	10
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	-	10	10	-	-
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional/non-intentional harassment, alarm or distress	15	23	11	12	15
Rape	-	-	-	-	11
Robbery (of Personal or business Property) including attempts	-	-	29	14	13
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	69	64	59	52	40
Stalking - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	15	21	19	17	19
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	-	-	11	11	11
Theft (including attempts)	440	478	583	567	584
Threats to destroy or damage property	-	-	-	-	-
Threats to kill	21	21	16	11	20

Source: Data provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary

-(dash) denotes less than 10 offences of this type recorded in the Quarter

All Crime by ward

Ward	Q1 2022/23 Count	Q2 2022/23 Count	Q3 2022/23 Count	Q4 2022/23 Count	Q1 2023/24 Count
(FA1) Redbourn Ward	78	107	69	70	78
(FA2) Harpenden North Ward	46	46	52	30	34
(FA3) Harpenden East Ward	59	53	34	78	84
(FA4) Harpenden West Ward	155	157	154	141	165
(FA5) Harpenden South Ward	46	27	41	22	24
(FA6) Wheathampstead Ward	62	67	60	43	54
(FA7) Sandridge Ward	36	48	45	32	42
(FB1) Batchwood Ward	100	65	92	76	72
(FB2) Marshalswick South Ward	91	81	108	81	71
(FB3) Marshalswick North Ward	46	51	48	40	65
(FB4) Verulam Ward	104	98	83	92	86
(FB5) St Peters Ward	323	339	342	304	300
(FB6) Clarence Ward	69	85	115	132	125
(FB7) Sopwell Ward	137	156	142	127	138
(FC1) St Stephen Ward	64	73	57	62	50
(FC2) Park Street Ward	160	130	127	141	125
(FC3) Cunningham Ward	102	114	87	69	99
(FC4) Ashley Ward	53	72	59	51	48
(FC5) Colney Heath Ward	96	72	109	86	97
(FC6) London Colney Ward	187	145	220	164	124
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Total	2,024	1,992	2,052	1,851	1,889

Source: Data provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary. **The data is based on 2021 Ward boundaries.** The Police will be updating the information following the 2022 Ward changes. This requires a change to the Police reporting system and reformatted data is not yet available.

Anti-social Behaviour

ASB Type	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23	Q4 2022/23	Q1 2023/24
Environmental ¹	90	134	101	91	106
Nuisance ²	334	388	348	305	419
Personal ³	140	114	118	130	164
Total	564	636	567	526	689
% change from previous year	-12.80%	-18.30%	+16.2%	-8.3%	+22.2%

Source: Data provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

1 Environmental antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or building.

2 Nuisance antisocial behaviour is when a person causes trouble, annoyance or suffering to a community.

3 Personal antisocial behaviour is when a person targets a specific individual or group.

County-wide, All Crime

Data for Q1 (1st April to 30th June 2023) of 2023-2024

Local Authority Area	Population data (June 2022) Rounded.	Number of crimes in Q1 2023/24	Number of crimes per capita (Q1 23/24)	Number of crimes in Q1 2022/23	Number of crimes per capita (Q1 22/23)	Change	% Change
Hertfordshire	1,198,800	17,327	0.014	18,242	0.015	-915	-5.1%
Broxbourne	99,000	1,542	0.016	1,494	0.015	+48	+3.2%
Dacorum	155,100	2,402	0.015	2,415	0.016	-13	-0.5%
East Herts	150,100	1,681	0.011	1,727	0.012	-46	-2.7%
Hertsmere	107,800	1,777	0.016	1,727	0.016	+50	+2.9%
North Herts	133,200	1,363	0.010	1,551	0.012	-188	-12.1%
St Albans	148,200	1,889	0.013	2,047	0.014	-158	-7.7%
Stevenage	89,500	1,549	0.017	1,999	0.022	-450	-22.5%
Three Rivers	93,800	1,000	0.011	1,027	0.011	-27	-2.6%
Watford	102,300	1,931	0.019	2,124	0.021	-193	-9.1%
Welwyn Hatfield	119,900	2,097	0.017	2,035	0.017	+62	+3.0%
<i>Location not specified</i>	-	96	-	96	-	0	-

Source: Crime data provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary. Population figures provided by the Office for National Statistics. Per capita: per 1,000 of the population.

*These figures differ from those provided in the Q4 2021-22 report as they include crimes which took place in the quarter but were discovered or reported after the quarter end.