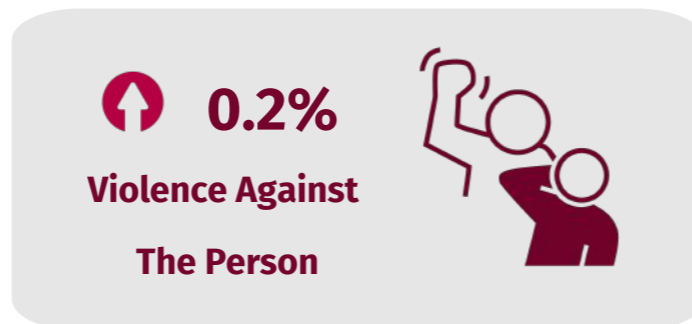
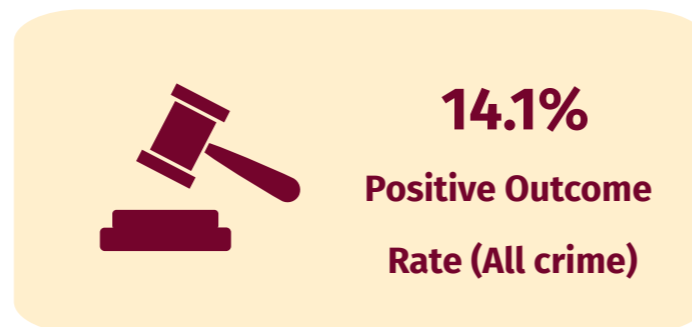




POLICING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Further details (Inc. crime volumes), can be found on page 2 onwards.

CRIME FIGURES 12 MONTHS TO YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022



CRIME	TOTAL CRIMES April 2020 - March 2021	TOTAL CRIMES April 2021 - March 2022	Variance	
All Crime (volumes of victims)	61,373 (51,430)	61,888 (52,448)	+515 (+1,018)	+1.1% (+2.0%)
ASB	15,127	13,939	-1,188	-7.9%
Domestic Abuse	18,755	17,226	-1,529	-8.1%
Knife Crime	718	659	-59	-8.2%
Neighbourhood Crime (residential burglary, personal robbery, theft from the person & vehicle crime)	7,266	6,598	-668	-9.2%
Rape & Other Sexual Offences	2,569	2,960	+391	+15.2%
Violence Against The Person	27,322	27,388	+66	+0.2%



ALL CRIME & POSITIVE OUTCOMES



 **1.1% All Crime**



14.1% Positive Outcomes

[Information on Crime Recording](#)

[Types of Crime Outcomes](#)

[Report A Crime](#)


Overall crime levels nationally have seen a 15.8% increase over the last 12-months (April 2021 - March 2022), with local crime levels increasing by 1.1% over the same period. This is the lowest increase in crime across the country.

14.1% of all crime positively resolved in the county. This is the 8th best recorded nationally in the last 12 months and is up from 11.8% which recorded at the end of March 2021. Some examples of positive outcome types include charge, cautions, penalty notices, community resolution and out of court disposals.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)



 **7.9% ASB Incidents**

[What is ASB?](#)
[Report ASB](#)

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's commitment to delivering early intervention and engagement activities to younger people in the county has been supported by a collaboration between the joint Police and Fire Arson Task Force and the Commissioner's Targeted Youth Service. The initiative launched in January 2022 as part of a 12-week targeted youth programme that educates young people about risk and danger where they engaged with Year 7 students at Kettering Science Academy. Recent arsons in and around Kettering provided real-life examples of the risks and consequences of anti-social behaviour. The teams will continue to roll out a series of events over the coming months.

The growth in police officer levels has allowed the Force to deploy additional officers into neighbourhood policing teams, which has allowed them to undertake a more focused and consistent problem solving approach to ongoing and persistent ASB issues.



DOMESTIC ABUSE



8.1% Domestic Abuse

[What is Domestic Abuse?](#)

[Report Domestic Abuse](#)

[Support for Domestic Abuse Victims](#)


One of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner's key priorities has been early intervention, which helps to keep people out of the criminal justice system and provides support to families and young people in Northamptonshire. The Commissioner set up the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) team who work alongside Northamptonshire Police and the local authorities to identify families in difficulty at an early stage and step-in to offer support to prevent issues escalating further. Their work is complemented by four domestic abuse (DA) Support Officers, whose role is to help people in incidents where the police have been called specifically to a domestic incident regarded as low level. Since March 2022, the DA Support Officers have dealt with 1,011 incidents, supporting 1,817 children.

Reducing DA and supporting victims remains a key issue for the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.



KNIFE CRIME



 **8.2% Knife Crime**

[What is Knife Crime?](#)
[Report Knife Crime](#)

The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner has engaged with young people across the county about the efforts he is taking to reduce incidents of crime, particularly involving schoolchildren. This included visiting Glamis Hall in Queensway, Wellingborough, to speak with students from Weavers Academy and Finedon Mulso CE Junior School.


Northamptonshire Police have increased its use of stop search powers and weapons sweeps in hot spot areas of the county under Operation Sceptre. This has seen an increase in seizures for weapons and knives and in turn has supported the reductions in knife crime seen within the county in recent months.



NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME

Op Cracked



 **9.2% Neighbourhood Crime**
(residential burglary, personal robbery,
theft from the person & vehicle crime)

[What is Neighbourhood Crime?](#)
[Report a Neighbourhood Crime](#)

The Minister for Crime and Policing, Kit Malthouse MP, visited Hemmingwell in Wellingborough to get a closer look at how the Safer Streets scheme is improving the lives of residents. More than £400,000 has been invested in the project, which was run by the Office of Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold, and partners North Northamptonshire Council and Greatwell Homes. It has delivered 550 new doors at properties owned by Greatwell Homes to enhance safety, new CCTV coverage has been installed and hundreds of residents have received free home security products. As well as the current project in Hemmingwell, last year's Safer Streets saw similar improvements in parts of Northampton, Kettering and Wellingborough.



RAPE & OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES



 **15.2%** Rape & Other Sexual Offences

[What are Sexual Offences?](#)

[Report A Sexual Offence](#)

[Support for Victims of Rape & Other Sexual Offences](#)

Staff who work at three popular Northampton bars have received training to help them identify sexual harassment and intervene safely. The Picturedrome, The Old White Hart and NB's Cocktail Bar and Club were the first to receive Shout-Up! bystander training, which was delivered by Northamptonshire Rape Crisis and funded by Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold. Shout-Up! means certified venues have sexual harassment policies protecting staff and patrons and have a publicly available procedure for dealing with incidents of sexual harassment. More information regarding Shout-Up! can be found by visiting www.shoutup.org/venues



VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON



 **0.2% Violence Against The Person**

[What is Violence Against The Person?](#)
[Report a Neighbourhood Crime](#)

Several initiatives are underway to help improve the safety of women and girls across the county, particularly in the night-time economy. Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold is working alongside West Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Police among others, on projects that are together supported by more than £800,000 from the Home Office Safety of Women at Night Fund and the Safer Street 3 Fund. Schemes have seen West Northamptonshire Council improving lighting and CCTV on the Racecourse and Beckett's Park. The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner will provide training for staff in licenced premises to help them recognise and offer support if someone is being harassed. This also includes the Safer Nights Out van (SNOvan) which was launched in December 2021 and is located in Northampton town centre between 10pm and 5am on Fridays and Saturdays. More information about the SNOvan can be found [here](#).



National Crime and Policing Measures

For the 12 months ending March 2022

Reduce murder and homicide



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There have been 10 **homicides** within Northamptonshire in the 12 months to December 2021, this is compared to 12 for the baseline period (12 months to June 2019).

How do we compare?

The homicide rate in Northamptonshire is 13.2 per million population vs. 11.3 per million nationally.

Reduce serious violence



655

There have been 655* offences involving a **sharp object** and 108* offences involving a **firearm** within Northamptonshire in the 12 months to December 2021, this is compared to 665 (sharp object) 117 (firearm) for the baseline period (12 months to June 2019).

*Most recent available data



108

How do we compare?

Both the knife crime and gun rates in Northamptonshire are above the national average.

Improve victim satisfaction

74.3%

Overall **victim satisfaction** in the 12 months to January 2022 was 74.3%. This compares to 76.7% in January 2021.

Satisfaction levels among **domestic abuse victims** in the 12 months to January 2022 was 90.2%. This compares to 88.5% in January 2021.

90.2%

How do we compare?

National comparative information is currently unavailable.

Disrupt drug supply and county lines



TBC

Awaiting Home Office guidance and Public Health England figures relating to referrals in to **drug treatment** and **drug-related homicides**.

Reduce neighbourhood crime (residential burglary, personal robbery, theft from the person & vehicle crime)



871

There have been 871 **neighbourhood crimes** within Northamptonshire in the 12 months to March 2022, this is compared to 1,687 for the baseline period (12 months to June 2019).

How do we compare?

The neighbourhood crime rate in Northamptonshire is below the national average, with the county recording the biggest reduction (-48%) nationally.

Tackle cyber crime



TBC

National data is currently unavailable for the confidence in the law enforcement response to **cyber crime**. Awaiting Home Office guidance



Northamptonshire Police Performance Against The National Crime and Policing Measures

Reduce murder and homicide



Over the past few years, Northamptonshire Police has worked hard to recruit additional police officers, including experienced detectives, which has allowed a new focus on neighbourhood policing as a means to prevent and detect crime. A report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in 2021 highlighted improvements in its ability to prevent crime at a local level, with a preventative approach to policing knife crime for example. This is a major change programme, with more work to do, but the force are heading in the right direction.

Reduce serious violence



Northamptonshire Police continues its proactive campaign to remove weapons from the streets. A new countywide campaign called Operation Sceptre has been launched. The campaign includes engagement with people in local communities, hotspot patrols, weapons sweeps, use of the knife arch and knife amnesties. Warrants are being executed, as well as the use of covert tactics involving plain clothes officers.

Improve victim satisfaction



Northamptonshire Police run a number of surveys to gain insight around public and victims' views on local policing services. They continue to strive towards providing the best service possible and to support and engage with victims of crime.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner continues to provide support and funding for Voice for Victims and Witnesses (VOICE), who provide free and confidential advice for victims and witnesses.

Disrupt drug supply and county lines



Serious and organised crime such as county lines and child exploitation is a priority for Northamptonshire Police. The Force have recently coordinated in a range of activities designed to disrupt and bring to justice those involved in county lines drug dealing. A recent example saw the seizure of a drugs haul of £78 million being seized by officers from Northamptonshire Police towards the end of 2021. The Class A drugs were discovered in Brackmills, Northampton and is the largest haul in the Forces history.

Reduce neighbourhood crime (residential burglary, personal robbery, theft from the person & vehicle crime)



The latest national data shows Northamptonshire Police recording a 48% reduction in all neighbourhood crime, which is the largest reduction seen in the country. Over the past 2 years, residential burglary in particular has seen a 48% reduction thanks to the help of local campaigns such as Operation Crooked, which ensures that every burglary victim in Northamptonshire is guaranteed a visit from a police officer and the campaign has also seen notable improvements to the quality of investigations and to the forensic process.

Tackle cyber crime



Cyber crime increased during Covid-19, due to people leaving home less often. The Force have a specialist unit which deals with investigations involving fraud, asset recovery and cyber crimes. The dedicated team follow up and advise on all cyber crimes, including interviewing and dealing with young people who are at risk of engaging in cyber crime.