



Eastbourne town centre – Review of crime/ASB data

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Scope:

The purpose of this document is to provide a breakdown of recorded crime and ASB data for Eastbourne town centre (see map opposite). This data will be compared to the rest of Eastbourne as part of the review process of the cumulative impact strategy. All data will be exported for the rolling year period of February to January for the last three years (2016 – 2019).

All data will be exported using the iBase system searching for the crime data using HO Crime Type, including focus on public place violent crime (excluding domestic related offences). ASB incidents will be identified via NSIR group qualifier *anti-social behaviour*.

Caveats and limitations:

- All Niche crime data has been exported using the *Date Actual From* rather than the *Input Date* as used by within performance reports published by the Corporate Development Department. This can sometimes lead to the figures in this report being slightly different to information provided by the Performance Team.
- For the purpose of this report town centre crime will be any offence recorded within the Police Beat of *Devonshire - EE1002* (see map opposite) rather than the Neighbourhood of *Town Centre*. Data quality checks for Eastbourne crime data over the last rolling year (February 2018 – January 2019) has showed that approx. 30% of all recorded crime had no Neighbourhood recorded in offence location data fields.
- Anti-social behaviour incidents have been identified using the NSIR Qualifier, this qualifier is manually selected by the call taker at the time of incident recording and therefore the search criteria used may not capture all incidents which are ASB related.

Crime and incident data:

The breakdown of crime data by Police Beat area over the latest rolling year period of February 2018 – January 2019 shows 30% of all recorded crime in Eastbourne occurred within Devonshire Police Beat. The main crime type recorded was Violent Crime, responsible for 51% of all crime in this location. Devonshire also recorded the highest proportion of violent crime (29%) out of the nine police beat areas in Eastbourne. Over the last 12 month period, the total number of overall violent crime offences

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in Devonshire has increased (+126). However, the breakdown of Violent Crime and Violence against the Person offences recorded as Public Place (excluding Domestic) shows offences have reduced compared to the previous 12 month period. The three main crime types remain as:

- i. **ABH (193 offences)** - Time and date analysis shows that this crime type is linked to the night time economy, peaking during the early hours of Saturday and Sunday between 0100-0400hrs. The main hotspot area in the town centre is within the area of Cameo Nightclub/Langney Road, with a secondary hotspot area around McDonalds Restaurant/Terminus Road.



- ii. **Assault without injury (161 offences)** - Time and date analysis shows that this crime type is linked to the night time economy, peaking during the early hours of Saturday between 0200-0300hrs. The main hotspot area within the town centre is within the area of Cameo Nightclub/Langney Road, with secondary area around the location of McDonalds Restaurant/Terminus Road



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- iii. **Public fear, alarm or distress (155 offences)** - Time and date analysis shows that this crime type peaks during the week on Monday, Thursday and Friday, with key time of 1400-1500hrs. The main hotspot area within the town centre is around McDonalds Restaurant/Terminus Road.



Incident data for reports of anti-social behaviour and incidents flagged as being alcohol related show that the overall number of incidents reported in Devonshire over the last 12 months have reduced as well as the percentage of these types of incidents occurring in the area compared to the rest of Eastbourne.

Table 1 and 2: Total crime by HO Crime Type in Devonshire vs Eastbourne District - including breakdown for violent crime and % in area

Table 1: Devonshire			
HO Crime Type	Feb18 – Jan19	Feb17 – Jan18	Feb16 – Jan17
Burglary	125	130	102
Criminal Damage	253	281	236
Drug Offences	99	99	95
Fraud & Forgery	19	24	25
Other Offences	61	63	41
Theft & Handling	697	810	692
Violent Crime	1287 (29%)	1161 (30%)	961 (28%)
i. Robbery	30 (30%)	25 (33%)	25 (37%)
ii. Sexual Offences	65 (24%)	65 (24%)	46 (21%)
iii. Violence against the Person	1192 (30%)	1071 (30%)	890 (29%)
TOTAL	2541 (30%)	2568 (29%)	2152 (33%)

Table 2: Eastbourne District			
HO Crime Type	Feb18-Jan19	Feb17 – Jan18	Feb16 – Jan17
Burglary	425	579	467
Criminal Damage	1111	1316	1086
Drug Offences	270	274	311

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Table 2: Eastbourne District			
HO Crime Type	Feb18-Jan19	Feb17 – Jan18	Feb16 – Jan17
Fraud and Forgery	110	127	153
Other Offences	210	206	167
Theft & Handling	2020	2390	2094
Violent Crime	4403	3926	3417
i. Robbery	101	75	67
ii. Sexual Offences	273	268	220
iii. Violence against the Person	4029	3583	3130
TOTAL	8549	8818	7695

Table 3: Public Place related violent crime - excluding domestic related offences

Rolling Year	Devonshire (% of total crime across the district)			Eastbourne District		
	Public Place Violent Crime	Public Place Violence against the Person	Violent crime linked to licenced premise	Public Place Violent Crime	Public Place Violence against the Person	Violent crime linked to licenced premise
Feb18 – Jan19	683 (32%)	635 (33%)	109 (52%)	2103	1934	209
Feb17 – Jan18	723 (35%)	670 (35%)	113 (49%)	2092	1938	231
Feb16 – Jan17	599 (33%)	562 (33%)	123 (60%)	1830	1714	205

Table 4: ASB incidents with NSIR Qualifier – anti-social behaviour

Rolling Year	Devonshire	Eastbourne District	% in area
Feb18 – Jan19	686	2422	28%
Feb17 – Jan18	920	3083	30%
Feb16 – Jan17	817	2715	30%

Table 5: Incidents containing 'alcohol' qualifier tag

Rolling Year	Devonshire	Eastbourne District	% in area
Feb18 – Jan19	312	739	42%
Feb17 – Jan18	445	1022	44%
Feb16 – Jan17	476	1153	41%

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