



Safer Saltash Year to Date Summary 2023/24

The aim of Safer Saltash is to **improve community safety and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour** by targeting resources to the people and places that need it most within the geographical area, and working with **communities, partners and the business and voluntary sectors** to develop **sustainable solutions**.

Safer Saltash facilitates and supports a coordinated multi-agency approach to community safety issues to improve feelings of safety and public reassurance, reduce the risk of harm to the community and protect vulnerable groups.

Safer Saltash actively involves community members in the work of the partnership and encourages social inclusion and community resourcefulness through being part of the problem-solving process and having a sense of pride in Saltash. Achieving safer communities depends upon everyone working together to find local solutions to local problems.

This group is now in its sixth year and has developed a comprehensive work plan based on the evidence presented in the previous Saltash Town Profile and feedback from the Residents Survey. Safer Saltash has identified the following community safety priorities for the town:



<https://safecornwall.co.uk/safer-saltash/>

Reported Crime

The following information is based on the 12-month period ending November 2023.

There are high percentage increases for arson, bike theft, robbery and theft from the person- although there have been increases the numbers are low meaning that percentage changes are volatile.

The numbers are low, but there has been an increase in rape offences in the town- of these offences 8 are linked to domestic abuse and 6 of those are of a historical nature.

There has been an increase in other theft- this increase is greater than that seen across the rest of Cornwall. Miscellaneous crimes against society have also increased when compared with the previous year.

On the whole crime rates in Saltash are lower than the Cornwall average. The 4% increase in the town can be attributed to the increase in other theft. Violent crimes have remained stabled when compared with the previous year.

Offence Group	Year to Nov-23	Year to Nov-22	Change Number	% Change
Arson	9	1	8	800%
Bicycle Theft	4	1	3	300%
Burglary - Business and Community	10	10	0	0%
Burglary - Residential	6	8	-2	-25%
Criminal Damage	88	92	-4	-4%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	26	14	12	86%
Other Sexual Offences	30	21	9	43%
Other Theft	76	49	27	55%
Possession of Drugs	13	18	-5	-28%
Possession of Weapons	9	9	0	0%
Public Order Offences	49	49	0	0%
Rape	13	9	4	44%
Robbery	3	1	2	200%
Shoplifting	29	32	-3	-9%
Stalking and Harassment	79	99	-20	-20%
Theft from the Person	9	2	7	350%
Trafficking of Drugs	3	7	-4	-57%
Vehicle Offences	23	29	-6	-21%
Violence with Injury	89	95	-6	-6%
Violence without Injury	120	118	2	2%
Grand Total	688	664	24	4%

Safer Saltash Delivery 2023/24

Safer Saltash continues to meet every 4 weeks to ensure that regular dynamic intelligence and updates about emerging community safety, crime and antisocial behaviour across the town is fed in and acted upon.

This year we have;

- continued to address pockets of antisocial behaviour in the town through a balance of support and enforcement measures;
- run 'Bystander' training with staff from the licenced premises,
- targeted work at the Waterside to address specific concerns;
- delivered several environmental visual audits in various locations in the town. These audits involved a number of partners from a raft of different agencies, coming together to assess the physical space and agreeing actions to improve the area in line with situational crime prevention strategies;
- we have worked with civil enforcement partners to focus activity in hotspot locations;

- advocated for the implementation of a live monitored CCTV system in Saltash;
- worked in partnership with the local youth provision organisations and Saltash Community School to bring in improvements for young people and their families and facilitated the sharing of intelligence with organisations responsible for road safety.

During National Hate Crime Week in October 2023, Safer Saltash delivered a 'Say NO to Hate Crime' campaign with over 65 businesses, traders and organisations in the town. Hundreds of windows in Saltash town centre, taxis and community buses are now displaying the Safer Cornwall 'Say NO to Hate Crime' sticker that also contains a QR code to the Devon and Cornwall Police reporting hate crime page. This is the first stage of a wider hate crime initiative that will feature a celebration of diversity event in the New Year that will aim to bring together Saltash residents to celebrate difference through food, music and sport.



PLEASE REPORT IT!

There are a wide range of services and support available to respond to concerns about crime, antisocial behaviour and other issues that impact on community safety;

- **Report a Crime**

Call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger, or if the crime is happening right now. To report non-emergency crime or queries visit www.dc.police.uk where you can access the police's online contact methods – WebChat and Crime Reporting Form. These are available to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If it's not an emergency, you can also report it to the police using

101. **Email** 101@dc.police.uk **Telephone 101** If you are unsure which service you need AskNED the online non-emergency directory can help. Visit www.dc.police.uk/AskNED enter your question, select your location and AskNED will provide you with the answer.

Remember, in an emergency always call 999. If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

- **Report Anti-Social Behaviour**

Antisocial behaviour covers a wide range of acts that can include verbal abuse, vandalism, joyriding, noise nuisance, criminal damage, throwing missiles, underage drinking, engaging in threatening behaviour in groups or harassment of residents or passers-by. To report incidents of antisocial behaviour visit www.dc.police.uk where you can access the police's online contact methods – WebChat and Crime Reporting Form.

These are available to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If it's not an emergency, you can also report it to the police using 101. Email 101@dc.police.uk

- **Tell us if someone is sleeping rough**

If you see someone sleeping rough you can contact Streetlink via www.streetlink.org.uk or **0300 500 0914** (or 999 if they need urgent medical assistance). If you are sleeping rough and need help, contact the Cornwall Housing Options Team on **0300 1234 161** or drop into a Cornwall Council Information Service Office (formerly called One Stop Shop).

- **Report noise nuisance or a licensing complaint**

Noise Nuisance

Neighbour noise (e.g., loud music, barking dogs) can constitute a statutory nuisance if this causes an unreasonable interference to the use and enjoyment of your home. Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/noise for further details, including how to make a complaint to the Cornwall Council's Community Protection team.

Telephone 0300 1234 212 Email publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk

Licences

To find out more about alcohol and entertainment licences or report a licensing complaint please visit: **Online www.cornwall.gov.uk**

Email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk

- **Report Drug Litter, Rubbish & Graffiti**

If you find discarded needles or drug related litter, do not attempt to pick it up. Please report the location to Cornwall Council's Waste Management Team via the webpage www.cornwall.gov.uk/needles or **telephone 0300 1234 141**. To report graffiti, fly tipping, littering, abandoned vehicles and dog fouling please use the "Report It" pages on the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it

- **Report Hate Crime**

Hate crime is the term used to describe an incident or crime against someone because of hostility or prejudice towards their disability, race or ethnicity, religion or belief (which includes non-belief), sexual orientation and gender identity. It's important to report it so that the police can take action. If you or someone else is in danger, injured or offenders are nearby, ring 999. In a non-emergency please call 101. You can also **text 67101** or **email: 101@dc.police.uk** If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have any speech impairment, in an emergency dial **Minicom/Textphone 18001**. If it's not an emergency, report hate crime at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/hate-crime or www.stophateuk.org

- **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**

Anyone can experience domestic abuse or sexual violence – it affects people of all ages, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity and background. There are specialist services available to support you. If you or anyone else is in danger, please call the police on 999 immediately. If you ring 999 but can't talk, make sure the police know you are there by coughing or tapping the handset, or by dialling 55. In a non-emergency please call 101. You can also **text 67101** or **email: 101@dc.police.uk** If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have any speech impairment, in an emergency please dial **Minicom/Textphone 18001**. If it's not an emergency, **dial 18001 101**.

What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is defined as controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse. Our services are delivered to children and young people who are, or have been, intimate partners or are family members. It can take many forms and includes psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse, stalking, so-called 'honour'-based abuse, forced marriage and the illegal practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

Sexual violence and abuse

Sexual violence and abuse is a broad term describing all sexual offences against adults and children. It occurs when the person is forced, coerced or deceived into sexual acts against their will or without their consent. Sexual violence and abuse can happen to anyone in our community. It does not have to be a single act, but can occur as part of a continuum of attitudes and actions.

- **Worried about a child?**

The Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU) provides a multi-disciplinary response to concerns about the welfare or safety of a child or young person in line with statutory guidance from Our Safeguarding Children Partnership for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The multi-disciplinary team also provides advice and guidance to parents and professionals about the wide range of services available to children and families in Cornwall. If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the MARU on **0300 123 1116**.

End of Report

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