



# OPERATION DODFORD

**Report July - September 2019**

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**Crime and Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Leighton Buzzard & Linslade**

*Bedfordshire Police implemented a new crime recording and case management system on 23rd May 2018. New processes associated with this system have led to some data quality issues, principally because of differences in the way that information is captured. The Force is actively working to implement improvement actions which we envisage will improve the quality of our data over time. Therefore the recorded crime data for May 2018 onwards cannot be verified by the Force and there are potentially significant issues with the accuracy of recorded crime data during this period. This should be taken into account when attempting to draw any conclusions around the profile for recorded crime over time.*

Crime Type	Recorded Crime		
	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/07/19 to 30/09/19	Change
Death/Injury by Unlawful Driving	1	0	-1
Violence with Injury	58	51	-7
Violence without Injury	64	77	+13
Stalking and Harassment	44	65	+21
Rape	7	6	-1
Other Sexual Offences	12	6	-6
Robbery	12	22	+10
Burglary - Residential	19	34	+15
Burglary - Other	21	13	-8
Vehicle Offences	97	94	-3
Theft from the Person	8	5	-3
Bicycle Theft	17	22	+5
Shoplifting	77	84	+7
Other Theft	68	52	-16
Arson	4	5	+1
Criminal Damage	100	62	-38
Trafficking of Drugs	2	0	-2
Possession of Drugs	6	5	-1
Possession of Weapons	1	1	+0
Public Order	49	78	+29
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	21	3	-18
Total	688	685	-3

**Area Comparison**

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime		
	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/07/19 to 30/09/19	% Change	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/07/19 to 30/09/19	Change
Leighton Buzzard	6.72	6.97	+3.7%	618	641	+23
Linslade	0.76	0.48	-37.1%	70	44	-26
Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Total	7.48	7.45	-0.4%	688	685	-3

**Area Comparison**

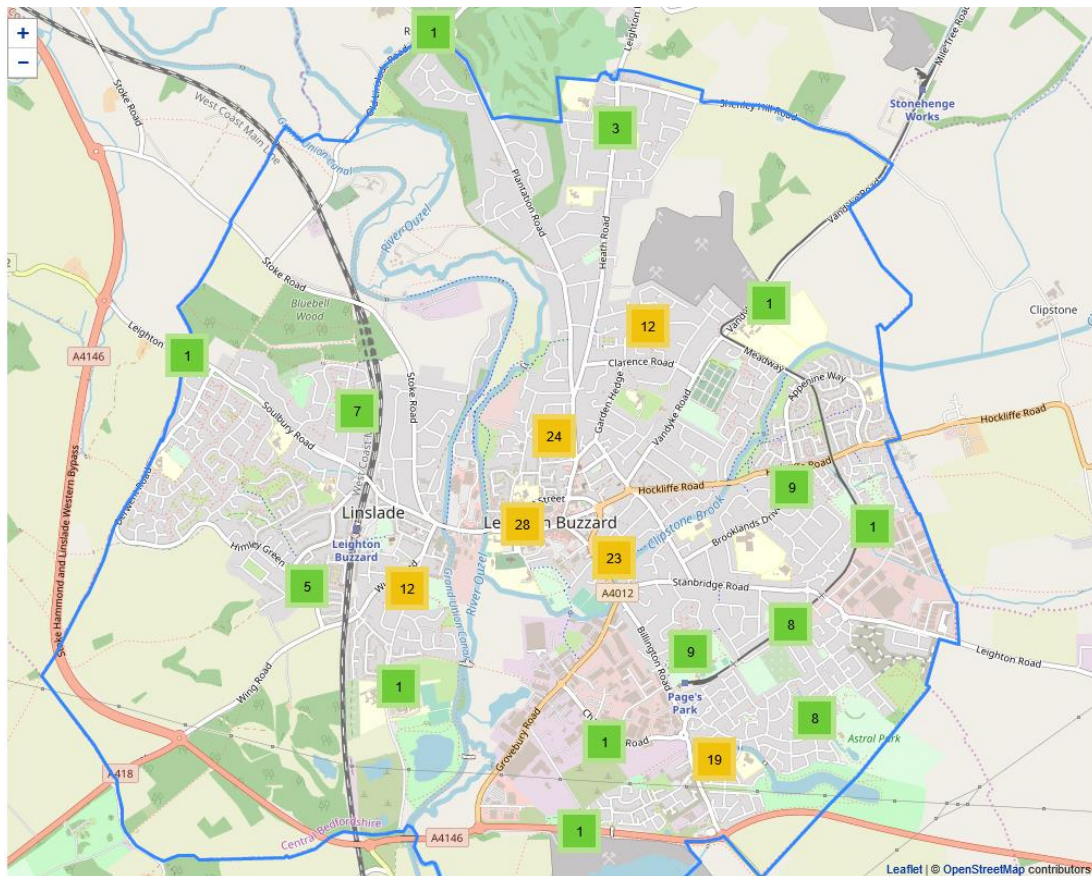
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	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/07/19 to 30/09/19	% Change	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/07/19 to 30/09/19	Change
Luton Borough	63.34	60.47	-4.5%	5827	5563	-264
Central Beds	53.07	48.13	-9.3%	4882	4428	-454
Bedford Borough	44.74	41.54	-7.1%	4116	3822	-294
Unknown Location	2.15	3.64	+69.2%	198	335	+137
Force Total	163.29	153.78	-5.8%	15023	14148	-875

**Top Crime Scene Locations in the Selected Period**  
**01/07/2019 to 30/09/2019**

	Crimes in Period
██████████ Vimy Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER	20
██████████ Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DH	11
██████████ Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DH	10
██████████ Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	9
██████████ Grovebury Retail Park, Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard,	8
██████████ Vimy Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER	7
Pages Park, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4TG	7
██████████ Market Square, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EY	6
██████████ North Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EN	6
██████████ Waterdell, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PL	6
██████████ Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9HH	6
██████████ Millers Close, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3YQ	6
██████████ Churchill Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3ET	5
██████████ Oatfield Gardens, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3YG	5
██████████ Stanbridge Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4FN	5

**Anti-social behaviour April to June 2019**

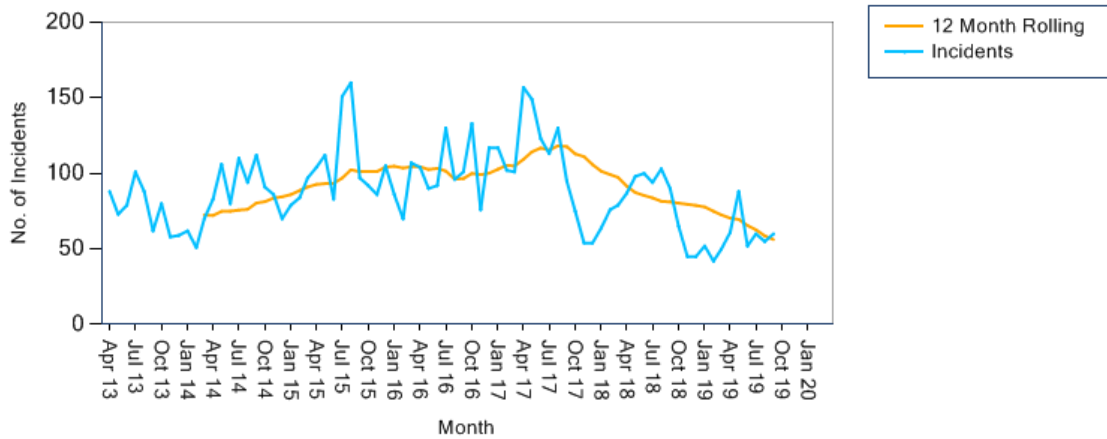
Total reports 153 (-86 on same period 2018)



Highest ASB demand locations:

Location	Postcode	In Period
Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard	LU74TP	6
Pages Park, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard	LU74TG	6
Monarch Way, Leighton Buzzard	LU71BZ	5
██████████ Mentmore Road, Linslade	LU72AF	5
Vimy Road, Linslade	LU71LA	5
Sandhills, Leighton Buzzard	LU73EP	4
Barrow Path, Leighton Buzzard	LU73BJ	3
Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard	LU71RX	3
Market Square, Leighton Buzzard	LU71DN	3
Meadow Way, Leighton Buzzard	LU73XL	3
Parsons Close, Leighton Buzzard	LU71SB	3
Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard	LU71DT	3

ASB long-term trend



## **Dodford Results**

**Current tasking is weekly market day patrols on Tuesday and Saturdays (single officer or PCSO 09:00 – 13:00 and 12:00-16:00 / 13:00 – 17:00 alternate weeks), to disrupt and detect anti-social behaviour.**

### **Market day patrol intention**

- Provide high visibility policing in the town centre and Market.
- Patrol the shops.
- Make licensed premises checks in the town centre.
- Monitor the taxi ranks, and deal with any offences.
- To seize alcohol and cigarettes from minors and alcohol in designated areas.
- Stop check younger children and enquire as to truancy.
- To ensure that the shoppers who come to the town centre and shop keepers and their staff feel safe whilst going about their business whilst deterring shoplifting in the retail establishments.
- To deter and move on street drinkers within the town centre area.
- To challenge and document antisocial behaviour and parking.
- To visit and patrol Parsons Rec & Pages Park to deter/ detect antisocial behaviour.

### **Total hours worked and outcomes**

**RESTRICTED**

Month	Hours worked	Footbeat (hours)	Incidents Attended / of note	People stopped	Vehicles Stopped	Arrests
July 2019	52	50.5	<p>13<sup>th</sup> – Carnival presence supported. CCTV of thefts viewed in two shops. Offenders identified and investigations updated.</p> <p>Dealt with complaint of homeless person using alleyway to defecate (resulting in the issue of a CPNW).</p> <p>Supported traffic wardens in moving-on vehicles ticketed parking on double yellow lines North Street.</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> – criminal behaviour order (CBO) breach statement submitted in relation to individual banned from town centre seen walking down high street.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> - male stopped inhaling lighter fluid and can seized. Shop that sold identified and advised not to sell to this person.</p> <p>Taxis moved on from outside of ranks Lake Street.</p> <p>Youths moved on from cycling in Waterborne Walk and multi-storey car park.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> – three known shoplifters followed out of town. CBO breach statement submitted (presence in town centre).</p>	21	1	-
August 2019	55	52.5	<p>13<sup>th</sup> – alcohol seized from street drinker (CBO breach evidence provided).</p> <p>Several cars sent back that drove past barriers on High Street.</p> <p>7 taxis moved-on from Lake Street.</p> <p>Youths and cyclists moved-on from Waterborne Walk and the multi-storey car park.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> – Two vehicles moved from parking illegally North Street. Registered owners sent warning letters. Known shoplifter followed out of town.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> – Two suspected shoplifters stopped and followed out of shop and then town centre.</p> <p>Alcohol suspected to be used for street drinking seized from three individuals and disposed.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> – suspected shoplifter stopped and checked, found to be in order.</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> – 4 suspected shoplifters followed out of town centre.</p> <p>Further CBO breach evidence obtained (with CBC to progress court date).</p>	7	15	-
September 2019	52	49.5	<p>10<sup>th</sup> – 7 vehicles and taxis moved on from double yellow lines Lake Street and North Street.</p> <p>Issues with individual aggressively demanding refunds in a shop. CCTV reviewed and offender identified (community protection notice warning being drafted).</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> – vehicle moved blocking market stalls &amp; ticket issued by traffic warden.</p> <p>Person suspected wanted in relation to a robbery sighted and chased out of town (made good escape, arrested later that evening).</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> – suspected child shoplifters intercepted and moved out of town.</p> <p>Suspected adult shoplifter stopped and moved out of town.</p> <p>Suspected stolen items found behind shops and recovered to stores believed to have been taken from.</p> <p>CCTV reviewed of theft from shop and offender identified, investigation updated.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> – group of suspected teenage shoplifters deterred from shop and monitored leaving town.</p> <p>Known shoplifter stopped and left town.</p>	12	8	-

**Additional information**

Park patrols added from May – no reported issued.