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Crime in Dorset¹

Welcome to **ourcommunities** bitesize research bulletin on crime in Dorset. This edition will include a local perspective on a national issue using data to build a picture of crime across the County and identify priority areas.

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Numbers
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2,321

Domestic abuse incidents
In Dorset last year

1 in 8

of all anti-social incidents
across Dorset occur in
Melcombe Regis

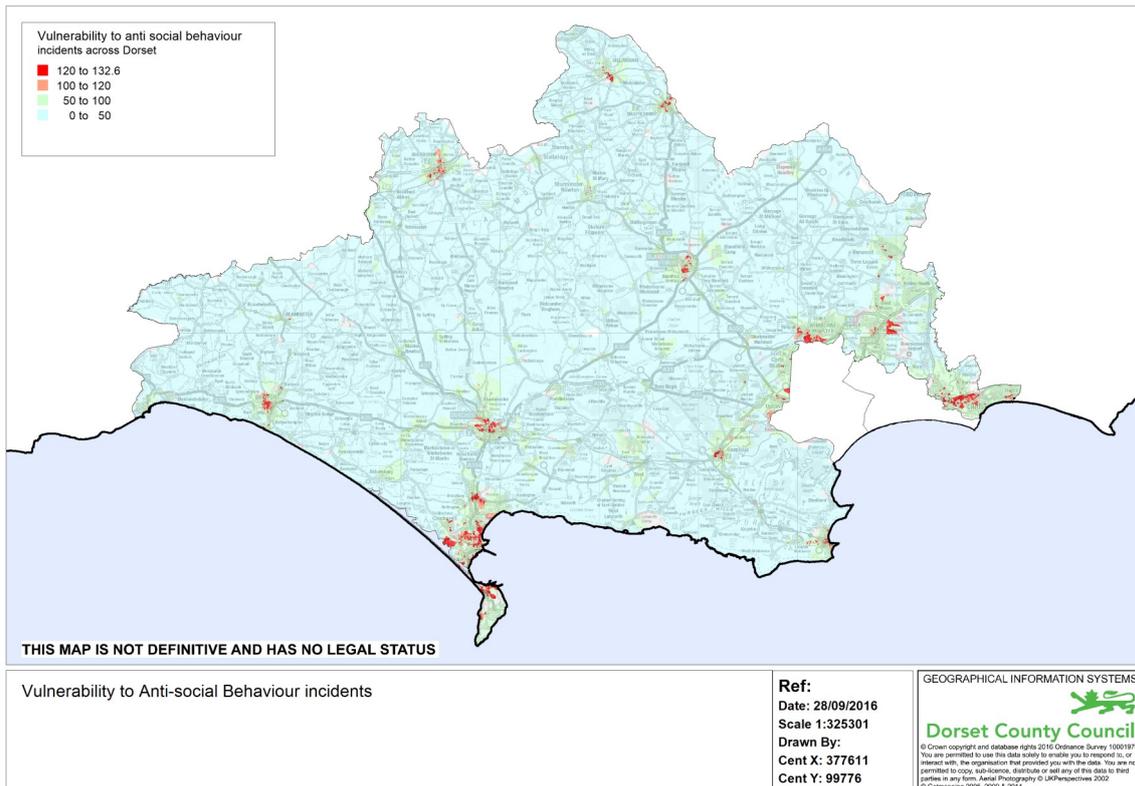
Priorities - ASBO incidents, Domestic and Sexual Abuse

- 9,071 anti-social behavioural incidents across Dorset in 2015/16
- Weymouth & Portland highest rate of ASB
- Anti-social behaviour incidents falling across Dorset
- 70% of anti-social incidents classified as nuisance
- 394 serious sexual offences in Dorset last year
- Reporting of Sexual Violence incidents increasing
- Historic cases constitute many of the reports
- Weymouth & Portland has the highest rates of Sexual Offences
- 2,321 domestic abuse incidents in Dorset last year
- Domestic abuse crime increasing
- Weymouth has highest rates of domestic abuse
- No correlation between domestic abuse and socio-economic factors



Other Crime Facts

- Total Crimes have risen over the last two years in Dorset
- Purbeck has the lowest level of crime
- Burglary and robbery have fallen over the last three years
- Crime in Dorset rises over the summer months
- 83% of residents surveyed across Dorset said that they felt safe walking alone after dark
- 96% said they felt safe at home after dark
- Nationally, crime in Dorset is consistently low
- Last year, Dorset ranked as the 9th lowest county in the country for crimes
- Violence against a person is twice the rate in Weymouth & Portland than for Dorset
- Theft from a Vehicle is lower in Weymouth & Portland than Dorset as a whole



Identifying those at risk from anti-social behaviour

To identify those at most risk we need to identify areas where anti-social behaviour offences are most likely to occur and the types of household more likely to be affected. Using Experian MOSAIC data, a risk index has been created to identify areas with a high vulnerability to anti-social behaviour offences across the Dorset County Council area. As would be expected many of these fall within the town centres of our County.

The index included variables measuring police data and extrapolating this information to determine the location of households that are likely to report public order incidents. This data can be repeated for a number of different crime types: Burglary, Robbery, Criminal Damage, Drugs Crime, Shoplifting, Vehicle Crime, Violent Crime and public order offences. When matched with police incident data for anti-social behaviour in the County, a strong relationship emerges and should enable our community safety partners to target resources effectively.

What can be done?

The data and research that has been undertaken here can be used to help identify households potentially at risk. Each 'crime type map' could enable resources to be targeted at the people and places that need them the most.

This work should also be utilised in future research and help to inform and prioritise service delivery and early intervention initiatives.

Like more info?

A more detailed report looking into vulnerability to different crime is to be made available soon. For more information:

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