

# The Claygate Neighbourhood Watch Group

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# Newsletter



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In this edition:

We send regular email details of burglaries and vehicle crimes, courtesy of Elmbridge police. We also have access to the underlying data for all neighbourhood crime, and so below is an update of *all* Neighbourhood crime types from Jan '22 to Jun '25.

, with a comparison between years and identifying trends.

*John Haberfield*

### Crime map review

As before, our crime data is grouped by electoral wards. (*For anyone uncertain of the boundaries of the wards, there's a map at the end of this article*). To provide a reasonable comparison, we have reviewed data in the new format dating back to Jan 2022 and up to the latest available data.

First, to set the scene for crime rates, let's view how Elmbridge compares with the rest of Surrey.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Shoplifting	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Burglary	Drugs	Other crime	Possession of weapons	Bicycle theft	Theft from the person	Robbery	TOTAL
Spelthorne	41	19	11	9	9	8	7	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	119
Guildford	45	16	12	10	9	7	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	115
Woking	41	17	12	10	7	8	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	113
Runnymede	38	17	10	9	9	7	6	4	6	2	1	1	0	1	110
Epsom and Ewell	36	19	9	8	8	7	9	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	109
Reigate and Banstead	37	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	96
Tandridge	30	13	9	7	6	6	6	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	90
Mole Valley	29	14	7	8	7	6	4	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	86
Surrey Heath	30	12	8	7	5	6	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	80
<b>Elmbridge</b>	27	10	7	6	4	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	75
Waverley	21	8	6	5	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	57
SURREY	34	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	94

An analysis of the national crime data for Surrey for the half year Jan-Jun 2025 reveals that Elmbridge (*highlighted yellow*) continues to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey!.

Of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates in previous years (*highlighted orange*) had been Violence & Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour, Public Order, and Criminal Damage & Arson, accounting for 64.7% of the total crime. These are also closely related, as often what would otherwise be an ASB offence could easily become a violence offence (if the suspect pushes someone), or a public

order offence (if the activities intimidate innocent bystanders), or a criminal damage offence (if the activities result in something being damaged). Looking at these 4 crime types combined provides a much smoother crime trend. (*Within Elmbridge, Violence and Sexual Offences were rarely sexual and most violent crimes were common assault.*)

Next, let's compare the crime data for the 16 electoral wards within Elmbridge.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Vehicle crime	Other theft	Shoplifting	Drugs	Burglary	Other crime	Bicycle theft	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Walton Central	34.9	20.0	8.7	12.1	8.2	8.2	18.2	4.9	1.5	1.8	2.8	0.5	1.5	0.0	123.3
Cobham and Downside	33.5	17.5	10.8	14.2	7.4	6.5	10.2	3.1	3.4	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	108.9
Walton North	37.8	14.5	17.5	4.3	5.8	7.1	0.6	6.8	2.2	4.9	1.8	2.5	0.0	0.3	106.2
Weybridge Riverside	35.1	13.5	11.1	3.7	5.8	8.0	3.4	4.9	5.8	2.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	98.5
Weybridge St George's Hill	31.3	8.7	7.9	8.7	5.4	8.7	8.2	2.6	4.1	3.8	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	92.6
Esher	31.8	14.6	10.0	5.4	5.4	5.9	4.1	3.8	3.1	4.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	89.5
Hersham Village	31.9	13.5	5.4	4.2	2.7	4.2	6.9	3.1	2.7	1.5	1.9	1.2	0.0	1.2	80.4
Molesey East	23.1	13.2	8.3	7.4	6.8	5.8	5.2	3.7	1.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.0	79.1
Molesey West	33.8	7.2	6.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	1.3	3.8	2.8	2.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	74.9
Walton South	23.6	6.2	5.9	7.7	11.3	4.4	0.8	5.4	2.8	2.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.5	72.3
Long Ditton	29.2	7.1	7.1	3.4	3.4	1.5	0.3	1.5	3.7	2.2	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	61.2
Hinchley Wd & Weston Grn	15.4	6.2	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.5	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.8	45.8
Claygate	15.0	7.3	5.0	3.5	3.8	1.9	2.3	0.8	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.9
Thames Ditton	16.6	3.7	1.8	4.3	3.7	4.0	0.0	0.9	2.2	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.0	39.7
Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon	12.3	7.4	3.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	0.0	1.3	4.1	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	37.4
Oatlands and Burwood Park	13.5	4.6	1.8	3.1	1.8	1.8	0.0	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	36.0
Elmbridge	26.5	10.4	7.3	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	75.4

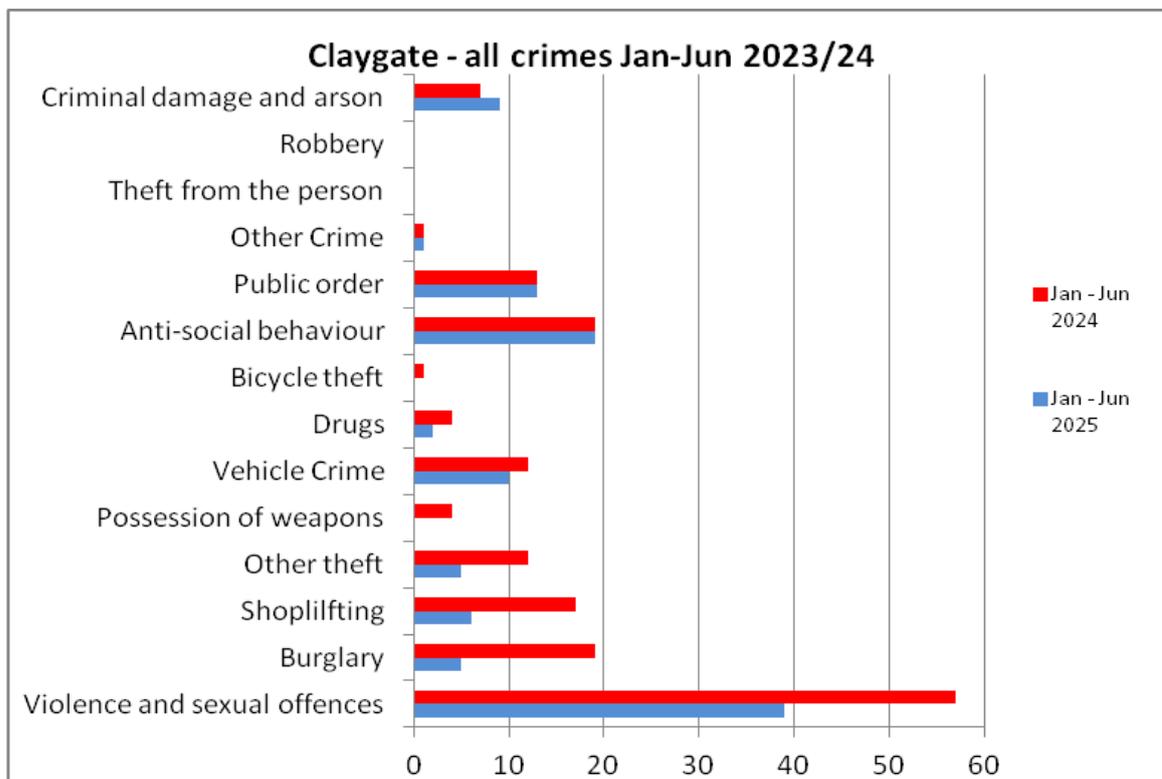
Elmbridge has a very low crime rate within Surrey, and Claygate ward within Elmbridge is in the lower half of the table of total crimes. Plus, crime is decreasing in Claygate in 2025, and has now moved from 7<sup>th</sup> lowest to 5<sup>th</sup> lowest ward in Elmbridge..

Now, we can compare crime data for Jan-Jun 2025 with the same period in 2024. The following table shows the variation in numbers of crimes with crime types sorted by highest to lowest number of crimes in Jan-Jun 2025. The same figures are given for Elmbridge as a whole.

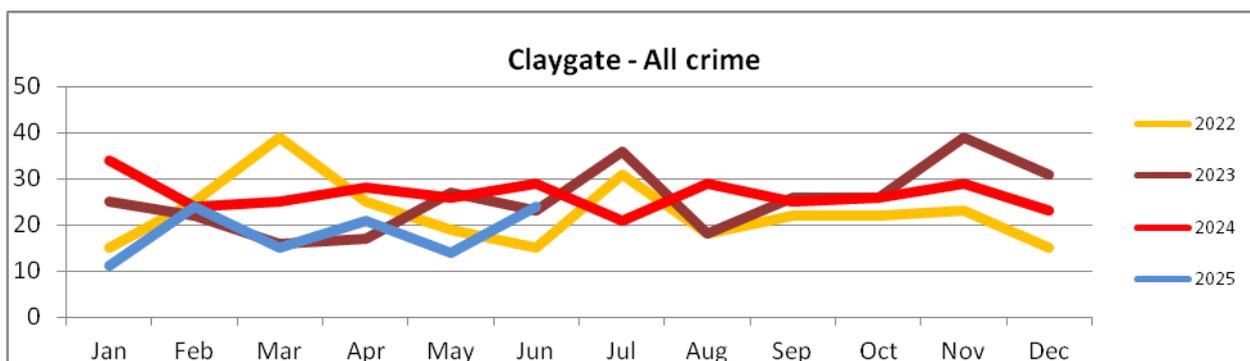
	CLAYGATE			ELMBRIDGE		
	Jan-Jun 202	Jan-Jun 2025	Variance	Jan-Jun 2024	Jan-Jun 2025	Variance
Violence and sexual offences	57	39	-32%	1395	1430	3%
Anti-social behaviour	19	19	0%	674	561	-17%
Public order	13	13	0%	367	395	8%
Vehicle Crime	12	10	-17%	362	281	-22%
Criminal damage and arson	7	9	29%	299	316	6%
Shoplifting	17	6	-65%	212	222	5%
Burglary	19	5	-74%	251	159	-37%
Other theft	12	5	-58%	331	278	-16%
Drugs	4	2	-50%	108	178	65%
Other Crime	1	1	0%	93	122	31%
Possession of weapons	4	0	-100%	28	44	57%
Bicycle theft	1	0	-100%	46	47	2%
Robbery	0	0		22	21	-5%
Theft from the person	0	0	0%	18	15	-17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>4206</b>	<b>4069</b>	<b>-3%</b>

Overall the decrease of 34% amounts to 57 fewer crimes. These are almost entirely due to decreases in shoplifting and burglary (but both experienced large increases in Jan-Jun '24) and Violence offences.

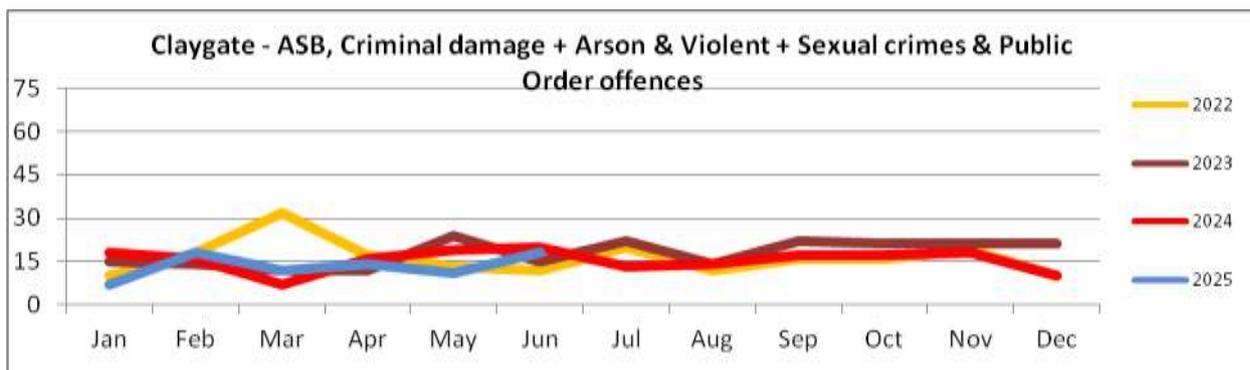
The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between Jan-Jun 2024 and 2025. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.



Of course, this only reflects the overall total for Jan-Jun 2025. For a better idea of annual trends we need to look in comparison to previous years' crime rates. First, we see that the overall crime rate confirms the trend below 2024 levels throughout Q1 and Q2, although closer by June.

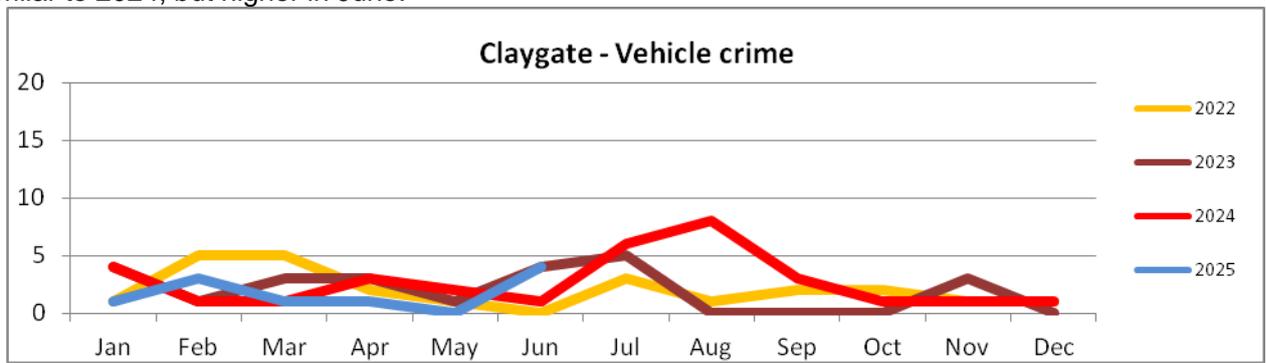


For Elmbridge, in Jan-Jun 2025, Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Public Order, and Criminal Damage and Arson, collectively accounted for 66.4% (two thirds) of the total crime. For Claygate that figure was 57.8% in 2024 it is now 73.4%. However, this is a result of only one of these 4 crime types reducing in Claygate whilst 7 other crime types have reduced. The trend continues to track close to the low 2024 levels.

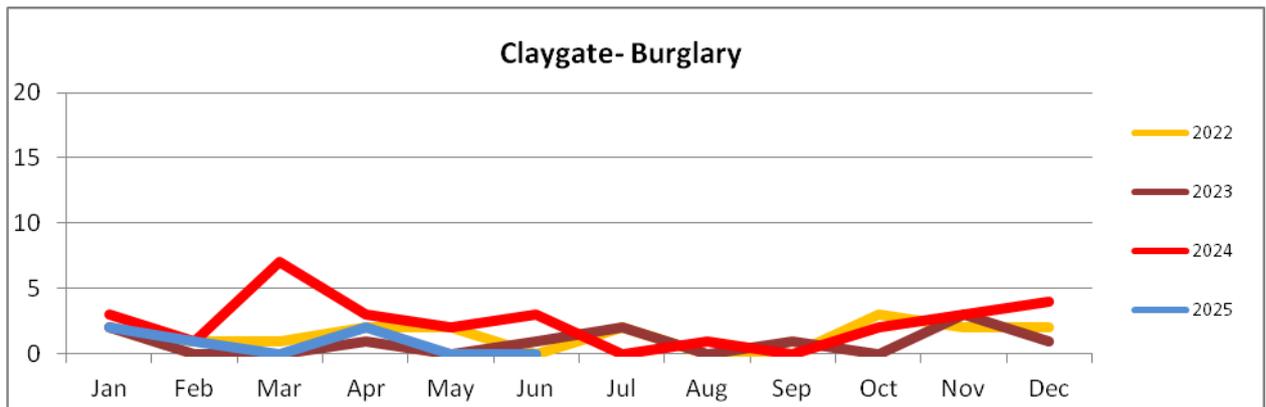


The crimes that have the most impact on victims are Vehicle Crime and Burglary, accounting for 9.2% and 4.6% respectively of total crime in Jan-Jun 2025 in Claygate.

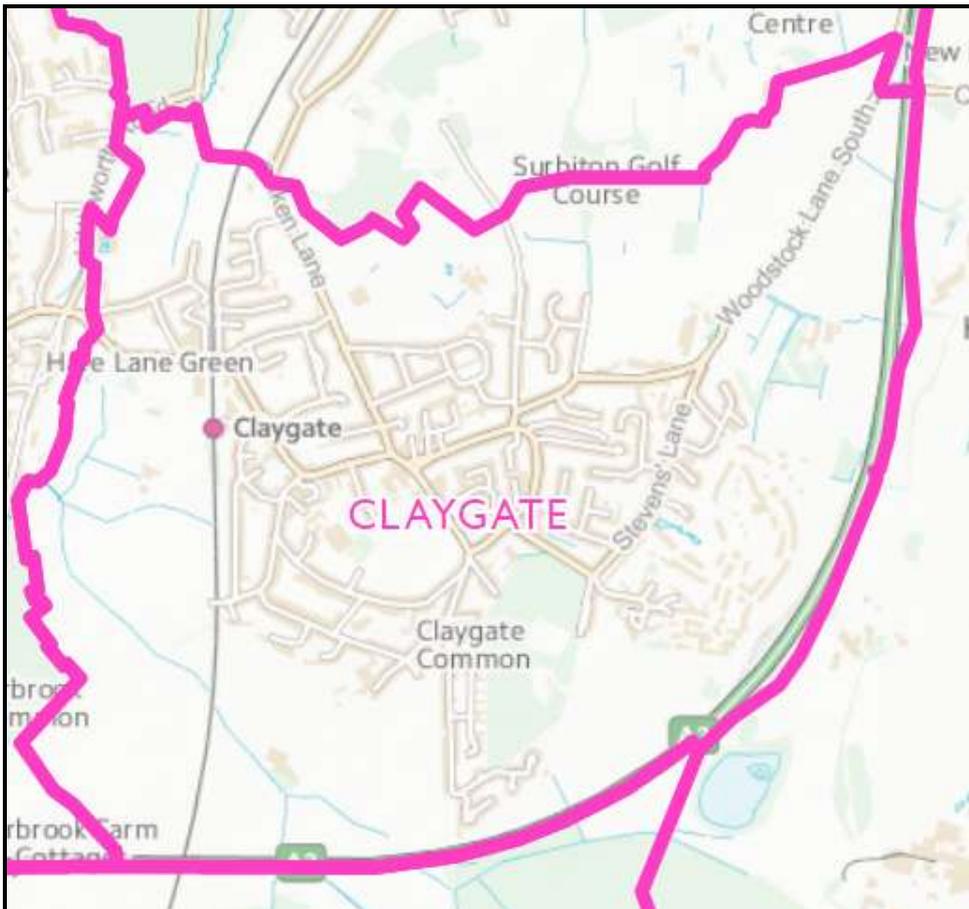
The Vehicle Crime rate has reduced slightly, by 17% (2 fewer crimes). The chart shows the trend is similar to 2024, but higher in June.



Burglary in Claygate had a high decrease (-14) in Jan-Jun 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. The chart reveals that the trend has been tracking consistently below the '24 levels.



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## Keep Them Out!

- **Remember** Lock your car at all times when parking, and don't leave valuables on view
- **Remember** leave lights on in your property if you're going to be out after dusk; as many properties targeted appeared unoccupied
- **Remember** Most burglars enter a premises from the rear, and many burglaries take place during the day



- **Remember** Burglars hate security deadlocks on doors because they can't open them from the inside, and have to leave through a window
- **Remember** Double check all windows and doors are securely locked before leaving home; on winter evenings keep lights on when out
- **Remember** Make sure sheds and gates are locked, and outside bins are not left where burglars could use them as a stepping stone.
- **Remember** If your vehicle is "keyless", keep the key in a "Faraday" pouch or metal tin and keep keys AWAY from front door or kitchen window