

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 '21 to Dec '24, with a comparison between years and identifying trends.

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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 2021 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-DEC 2024 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Shoplifting	Criminal damage and arson	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Burglary	Drugs	Other crime	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Bicycle theft	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Spelthorne	79	42	24	19	21	17	19	11	7	6	2	2	2	2	252
Guildford	84	35	22	18	25	15	12	7	6	6	2	2	1	1	234
Woking	68	48	19	17	15	15	16	10	5	4	1	3	2	2	224
Runnymede	78	36	23	17	17	18	9	6	6	5	2	2	1	1	220
Waverley	70	34	21	15	12	17	11	9	12	5	2	2	1	1	211
ReigateandBanstead	73	29	20	14	15	12	10	7	6	6	2	1	1	1	197
Tandridge	58	31	16	16	9	13	12	8	6	4	2	0	1	1	176
SurreyHeath	57	28	14	12	13	11	9	8	3	4	1	1	1	1	163
MoleValley	55	28	16	11	13	11	8	7	3	3	1	1	1	1	157
Elmbridge	50	23	14	11	8	12	12	8	4	3	1	2	1	1	151
EpsomandEwell	41	21	11	11	7	10	7	7	2	3	1	1	0	0	123
SURREY	65	31	18	15	14	13	11	8	5	5	2	1	1	1	190

An analysis of the national crime data for Surrey for the full year Jan-Dec 2024 reveals that Elmbridge (*highlighted yellow*) continues to have the 2nd lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey! Previously (2023) it had been 4th lowest, and the 3 boroughs with lower crime rates were more rural.

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% of the total crime. These are also closely related, as often 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 criminal damage (if the activities result in something being damaged). Looking at these 4 crime types combined provides a 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-DEC 2024 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Criminal damage and arson	Burglary	Shoplifting	Drugs	Other crime	Bicycle theft	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Cobham and Downside	69.5	42.2	22.8	18.5	16.3	16.6	7.4	19.4	4.0	4.6	1.5	1.5	1.2	2.8	228.3
Weybridge Riverside	76.0	32.3	21.8	16.6	8.0	12.0	11.1	12.0	4.6	4.6	1.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	203.1
Walton Central	53.6	35.6	23.6	15.9	12.3	15.6	5.1	20.3	5.1	3.1	1.5	1.5	2.1	1.8	197.2
Walton North	77.8	35.1	17.8	16.3	8.9	16.0	1.5	0.6	8.3	5.2	2.2	3.4	0.0	1.8	195.1
Esher	72.6	22.1	20.3	12.3	14.1	18.7	9.5	8.7	3.3	5.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	190.5
Hersham Village	64.6	26.9	20.8	13.8	11.9	12.7	7.3	9.2	5.0	4.6	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.0	180.8
Molesey East	56.3	32.3	14.8	11.4	12.9	11.7	5.8	17.8	3.7	3.4	2.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	175.1
Weybridge St George's Hill	41.5	19.2	12.1	15.9	13.8	12.1	7.9	16.9	5.9	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.3	2.1	155.4
Molesey West	59.2	20.5	15.4	10.8	10.5	12.3	4.9	2.6	9.0	4.6	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	153.3
Walton South	46.7	22.8	12.8	12.1	14.1	10.5	10.3	2.3	5.1	1.5	4.1	1.0	2.1	0.0	145.4
Claygate	41.2	14.6	8.1	9.2	12.3	7.3	11.2	10.8	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.0	122.7
Long Ditton	35.1	14.5	6.5	12.0	10.2	9.8	11.7	0.0	2.2	1.5	2.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	107.7
Hinchley Wd & Weston Grn	29.2	13.1	8.1	2.7	15.4	6.9	12.7	6.2	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	96.9
Oxshott / Stoke D'Abernon	25.1	18.2	5.9	9.0	10.0	2.6	11.8	0.3	1.8	4.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	91.8
Thames Ditton	29.2	10.5	6.5	9.8	10.2	11.4	7.1	0.0	2.2	0.3	2.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	90.5
Oatlands & Burwood Park	21.5	12.0	5.5	3.7	5.8	5.5	7.7	0.0	4.3	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.0	69.8
ELMBRIDGE	50.1	23.4	14.1	12.0	11.7	11.5	8.2	8.0	4.3	3.2	1.8	1.1	1.0	0.9	151.2

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. **However, overall crime increased in Claygate by 4.2%, whilst crime across Elmbridge has decreased by 9.7%, so Claygate has now moved from 2nd to 6th lowest.**

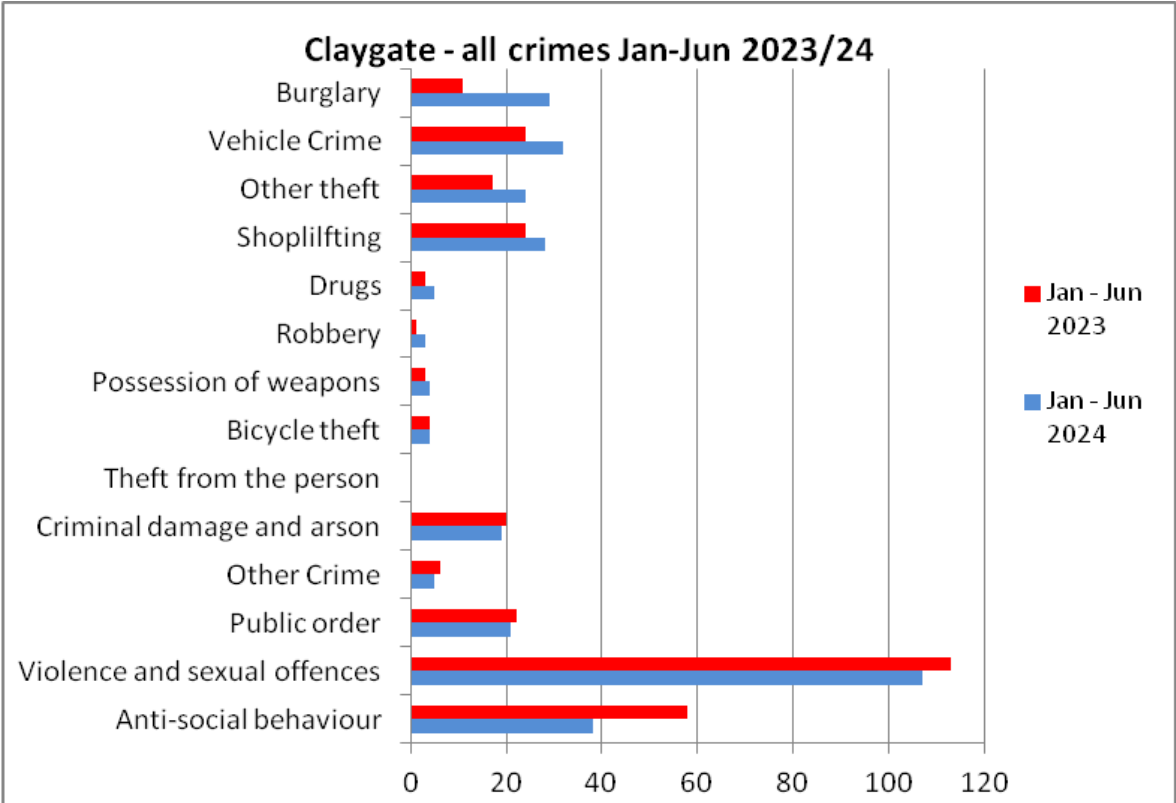
Now, we can compare crime data for Jan-Dec 2024 with the same period in 2023. The following table shows the variation in numbers of crimes with crime types sorted by highest to lowest number of crimes in Jan-Jun 2024. The same figures are given for Elmbridge as a whole.

	CLAYGATE			ELMBRIDGE		
	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Variance	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Variance
Violence and sexual offences	113	107	-5%	2978	2704	-9%
Anti-social behaviour	58	38	-34%	1346	1263	-6%
Vehicle Crime	24	32	33%	859	630	-27%
Burglary	11	29	164%	497	444	-11%
Shoplifting	24	28	17%	370	429	16%
Other theft	17	24	41%	660	650	-2%
Public order	22	21	-5%	863	758	-12%
Criminal damage and arson	20	19	-5%	682	620	-9%
Drugs	3	5	67%	263	232	-12%
Other Crime	6	5	-17%	161	174	8%
Possession of weapons	3	4	33%	70	61	-13%
Bicycle theft	4	4	0%	199	95	-52%
Robbery	1	3	200%	46	52	13%
Theft from the person	0	0	0%	43	46	7%
TOTAL	306	319	4%	9037	8158	-10%

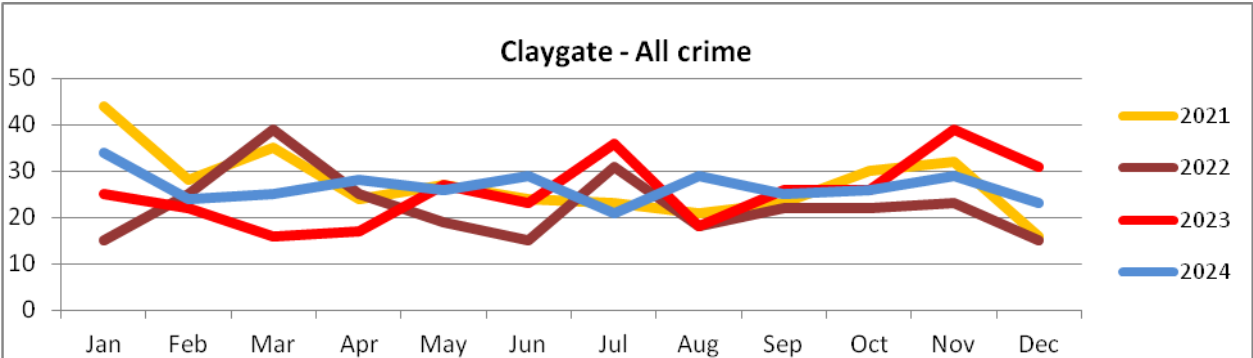
Overall the increase of 4.2% amounts to 13 additional crimes. These are due to increases in burglary (+18), Vehicle Crime (+8) and Other Theft (+7), offset by decreases in Violence & Sexual Offences (-6) and Anti-social Behaviour (-20).

Burglaries and Vehicle Crimes have decreased across Elmbridge in 2024, however Claygate has the highest increases of all wards in both.

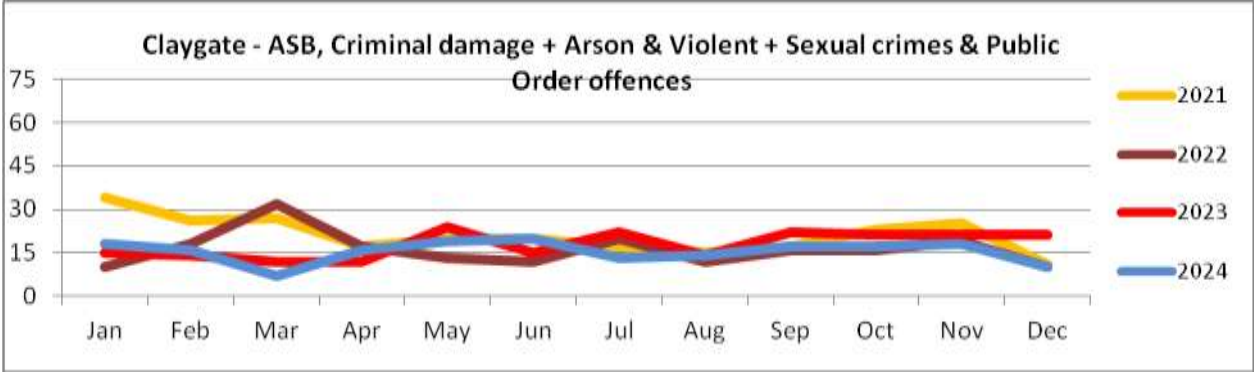
The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between Jan-Dec 2023 and 2024. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.



Of course, this only reflects the overall total for Jan-Dec 2024. 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 above 2023 levels throughout Q1 and Q2, although closer or lower after April.

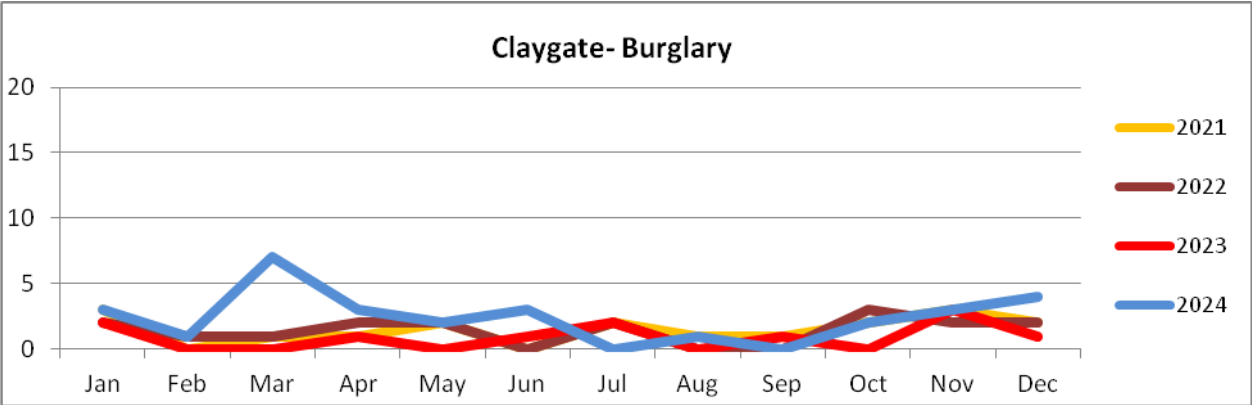


For Elmbridge, in Jan-Jun 2023, Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Public Order, and Criminal Damage and Arson, collectively accounted for 65.5% of the total crime. For Claygate that figure was 69.6% and in 2024 it is now 58.0%, The '24 trend is very close to that of '23, but the total is down by 28 (13%).

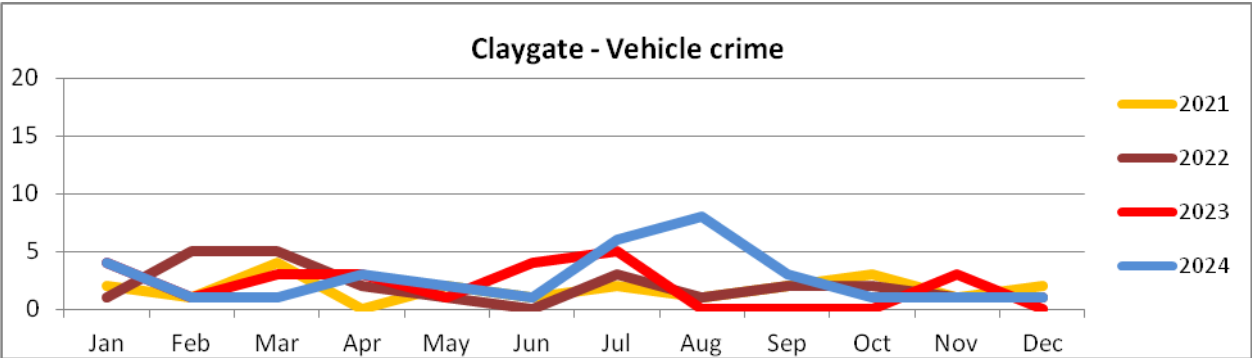


The crimes that have the most impact on victims are Burglary and Vehicle Crime, accounting for 9.1% and 10.0% respectively of total crime in 2024 in Claygate.

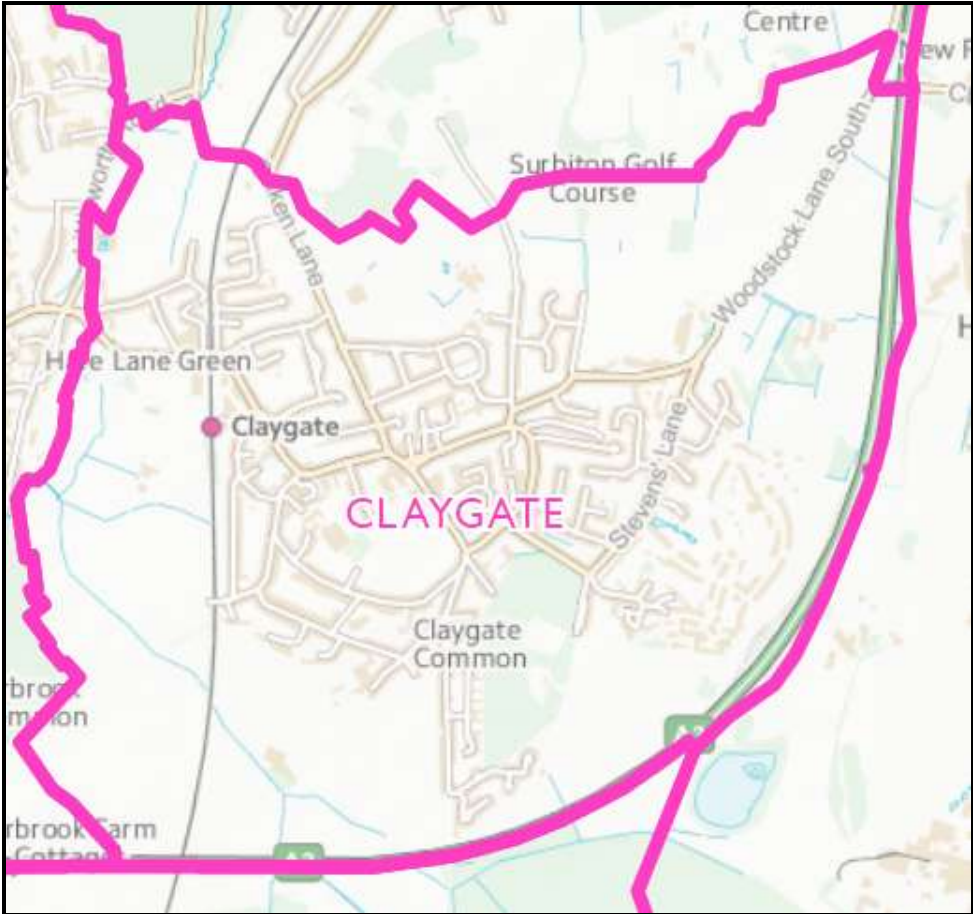
Burglary in Claygate had a high increase (+18) in 2024 compared to 2023. The chart reveals that the trend has been tracking similar to but a little above '23 levels, but with a significant peak (7) in March '24.



The Vehicle Crime rate has increased, by 10.0% (+8 crimes). The chart shows the trend is similar to 2023, but with significant increases in July and August.



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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