

# The Oxshott Neighbourhood Watch Group

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# Newsletter



## SPRING/SUMMER 2025

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* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey! Previously (2023) it had been 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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-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

The only difference from the Jan- Jun '24 analysis is that Oxshott has moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime in Elmbridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest. However, this has more to do with Thames Ditton reducing its crime rate and moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest, than Oxshott increasing its crime rate; in fact Oxshott's overall crime rate remains at 61% of the overall Elmbridge crime rate.

**In brief, Elmbridge has a very low crime rate within Surrey, and Oxshott ward within Elmbridge has almost the lowest crime rate.**

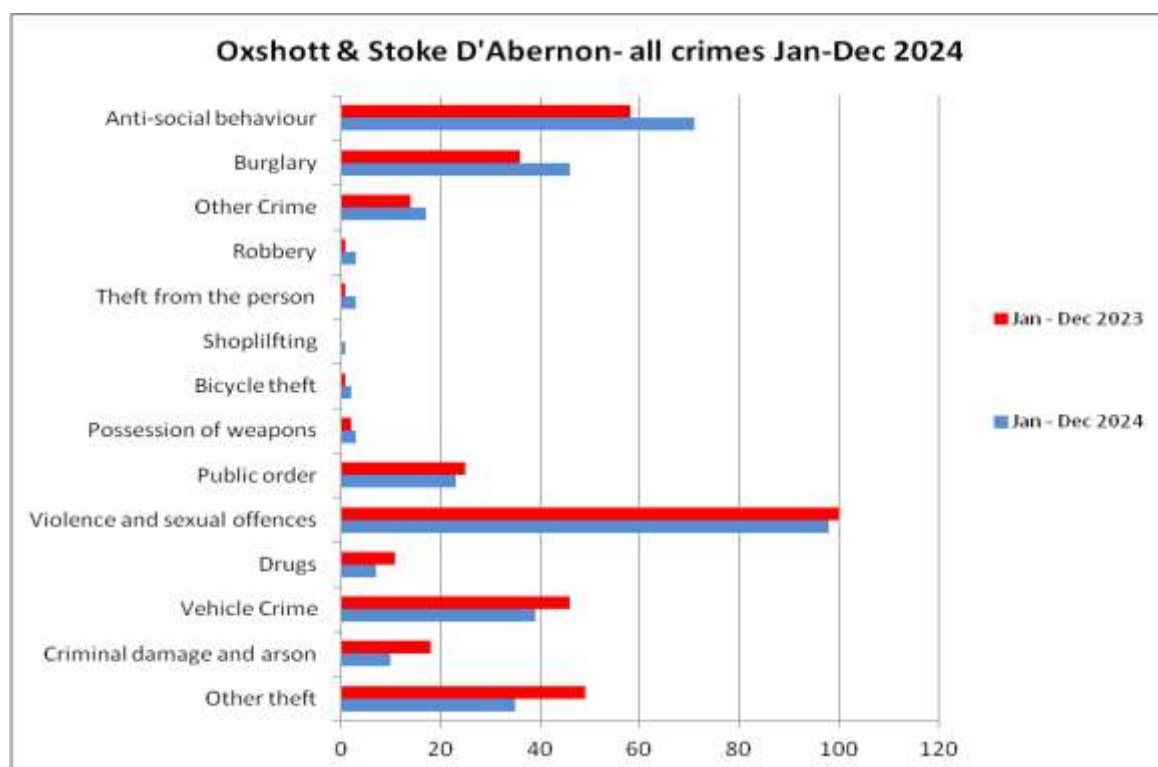
Now, we can compare crime data for Jan-Jun 2024 with the same period in 2023. The following table shows the variation in numbers of crimes with crime types sorted by highest to lowest number of crimes in Jan-Jun 2024. The same figures are given for Elmbridge as a whole.

	OXSHOTT				ELMBRIDGE			
	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Variance No.	Variance %	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Variance No.	Variance %
Violence and sexual offences	100	98	-2	-2%	46	52	6	13%
Anti-social behaviour	58	71	13	22%	1346	1263	-83	-6%
Burglary	36	46	10	28%	660	650	-10	-2%
Vehicle Crime	46	39	-7	-15%	863	758	-105	-12%
Other theft	49	35	-14	-29%	859	630	-229	-27%
Public order	25	23	-2	-8%	2978	2704	-274	-9%
Other Crime	14	17	3	21%	370	429	59	16%
Criminal damage and arson	18	10	-8	-44%	199	95	-104	-52%
Drugs	11	7	-4	-36%	43	46	3	7%
Possession of weapons	2	3	1	50%	70	61	-9	-13%
Theft from the person	1	3	2	200%	682	620	-62	-9%
Robbery	1	3	2	200%	161	174	13	8%
Bicycle theft	1	2	1	100%	497	444	-53	-11%
Shoplifting	0	1	1	100%	263	232	-31	-12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>9037</b>	<b>8158</b>	<b>-879</b>	<b>-10%</b>

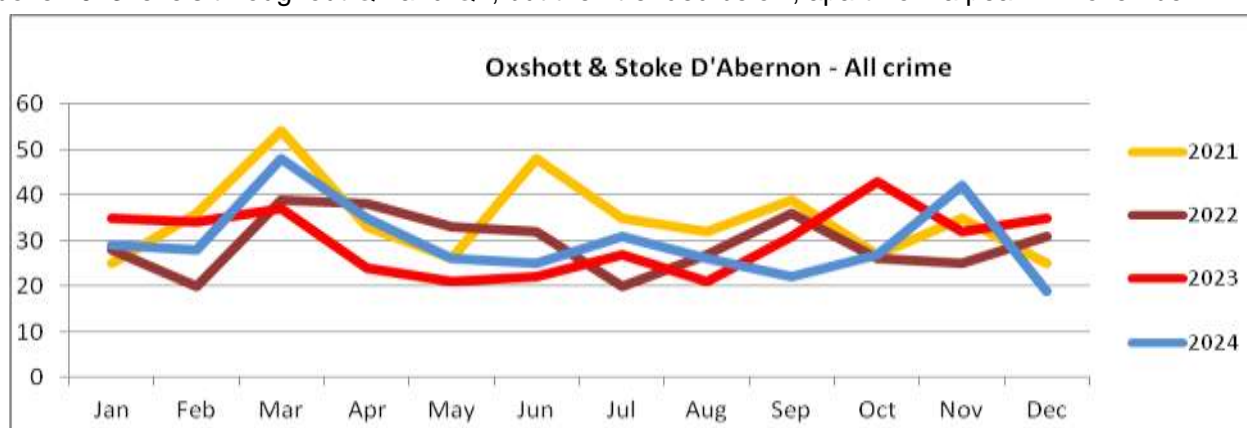
Overall the decrease of 1% in 2024 amounts to 4 fewer crimes. Bearing in mind the explanation above about the close relationship of Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Public Order, and Criminal Damage and Arson, in total these have actually increased by just 1 (a 0.5% increase). However this balance was achieved through an increase of 13 ASB crimes offset by reductions in the other 3 crime types.

The main changes in crime types are burglary with an increase of 10 (28%) balanced by decreases in Other Theft of -14 (-29%) and Vehicle Crime of -7 (-15%). However, despite Oxshott having this 1% decrease in total crime, and the average change across Elmbridge being a decrease of 10%, Oxshott still has the 3rd lowest overall crime rate across the Elmbridge wards.

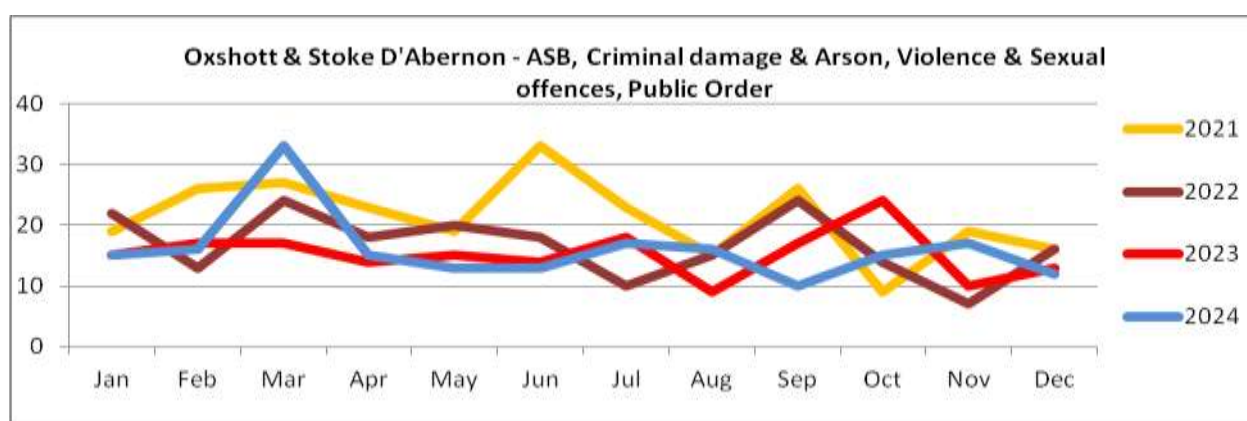
The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between Jan-Dec 2023 and 2024. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.



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 trended above 2023 levels throughout Q1 and Q2, but then trended below, apart from a peak in November.

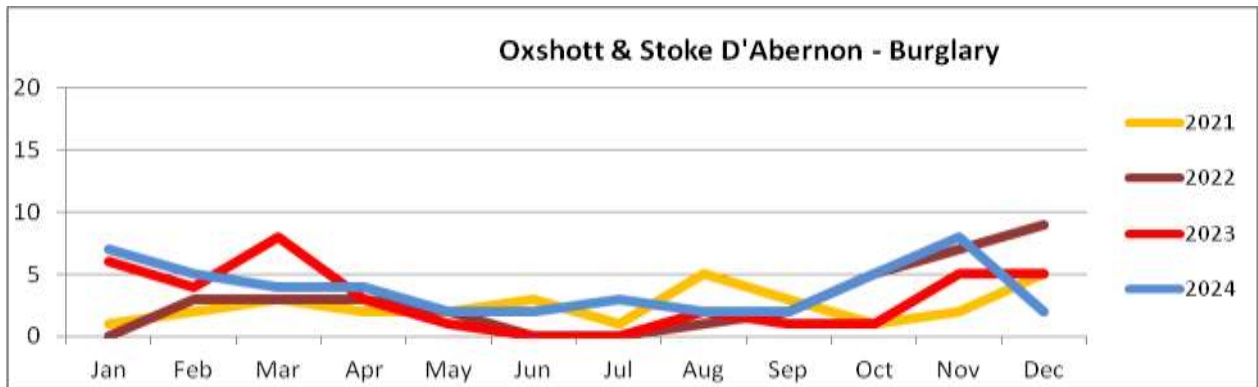


For Elmbridge, in Jan-Dec 2024, Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Public Order, and Criminal Damage and Arson, collectively accounted for 65.5% of the total crime. For Oxshott that figure is 56.4%,

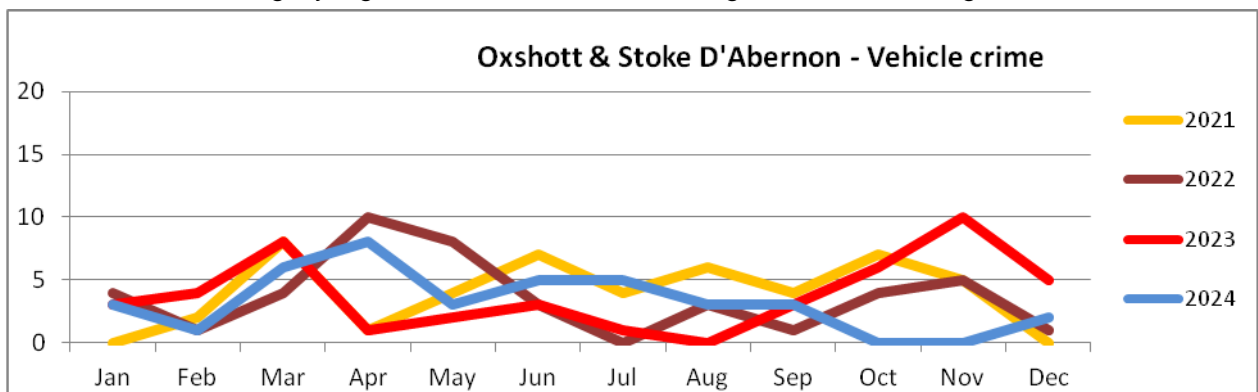


The crimes that have the most impact on victims are Burglary and Vehicle Crime, accounting for 12.8% and 10.9% respectively of total crime in Jan-Dec 2024 in Oxshott.

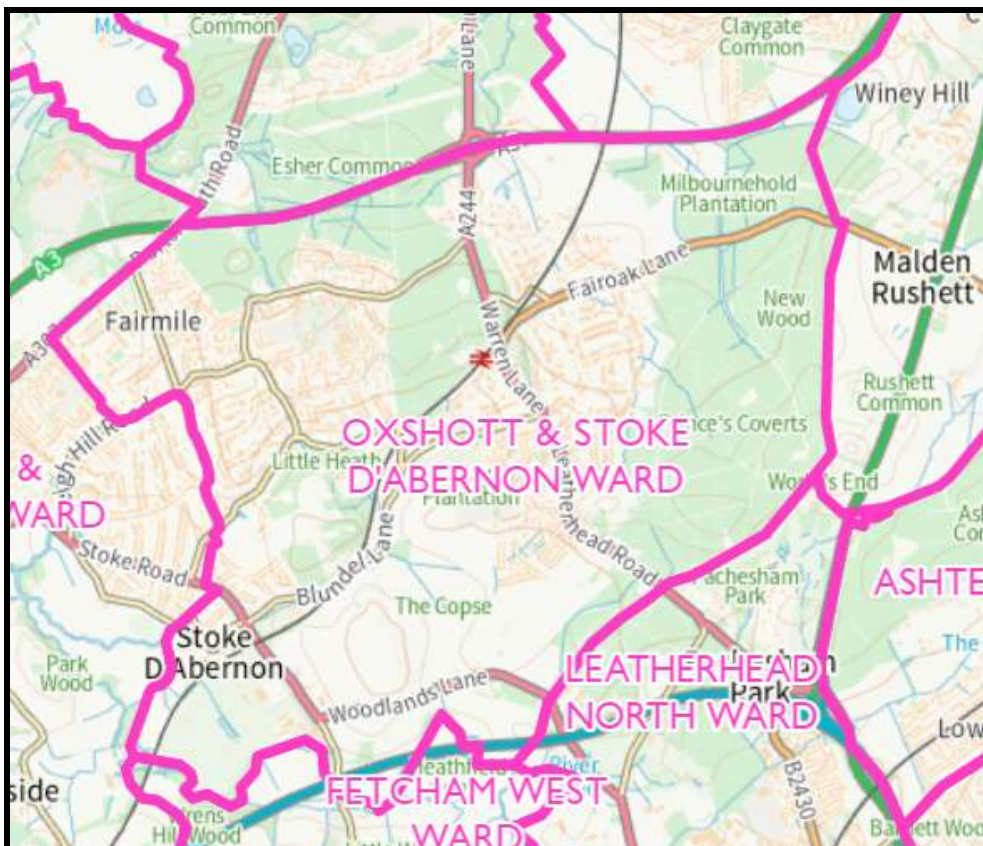
Although these are relatively small numbers, Burglary in Oxshott had an increase (10) in Jan-Jun 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. However, the chart reveals that the trend has been tracking close to but slightly above 2023 levels, apart from peaks in Oct-Nov.



These are percentages of an already low overall crime rate, so these are small numbers; nevertheless, the Vehicle Crime rate has reduced by 15% (7 fewer crimes).. You can see from the chart that the trend started similar to, but slightly higher than in 2023, but trending downwards throughout 2024.



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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