



## Community safety survey 2023: How can we make Buckinghamshire safer?

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**Close date:** 29 October 2023

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### Overview

**We want to know the community safety concerns where you live or work to help us reduce crime.**

If you are a young person, or know a young person who would like to tell us their views, see our young people's survey at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/youth-voice-safety](https://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/youth-voice-safety).

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board is the local community safety partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services.

### Safer Buckinghamshire

We recently launched the Safer Buckinghamshire Strategy 2023 to 2026. It sets out 5 priorities to reduce crime and increase community safety up to 2026:

- **neighbourhood crime** – working in partnership to tackle crime hotspots and raise awareness of fraud, scams and cybercrime
- **anti-social behaviour** – tackling repeat victimisation and encouraging reporting as well as working with partners to address concerns
- **serious violence** – raising awareness and supporting early intervention / prevention for young people at risk
- **violence against women and girls** – education and training of professionals to increase awareness and increasing confidence in reporting

- **exploitation of vulnerable people** – identifying places where there is an exploitation risk and making sure communities can recognise the signs and report concerns

These priorities come from your responses to last year's community safety survey, a strategic assessment of community safety and other insight.

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board works with local partners and communities to understand concerns and deliver the 5 priorities.

To help do this, we want to know your community safety concerns from the past 12 months:

- the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour in your area
- your experience of reporting crimes
- how safe or unsafe you feel in Buckinghamshire

**We want to hear from people living, studying and / or working in Buckinghamshire.**

### **How to report crime and anti-social behaviour**

The responses to this survey are anonymous. We cannot identify you or contact you about anything you say in this survey.

For information on how to report crime or anti-social behaviour, please go to [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

### **How to have your say**

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-safety-survey](http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-safety-survey)
- complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below

**You can enter in a prize draw to win one of three £100 Leisure Vouchers at the end of the survey.** Full terms and conditions for entering the prize draw are available at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-safety-survey](http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-safety-survey).

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at [sbp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:sbp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

**Please tell us your views by midnight on Sunday 29 October 2023.**

## **What happens next**

In March 2024, the Safer Buckinghamshire Board will decide the next 12 months of partnership activities to help reduce crime. These will be based on:

- **your response to this survey** – impact of crime and anti-social behaviour as well as where you feel safe or unsafe
- **a review of crime and community safety data** – to help make sure we continue to focus on crimes with the highest risk of harm

## **Privacy**

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on [dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

## **Printed survey**

### **Impact of crime and anti-social behaviour**

**1. In the past 12 months, have you been a victim of, witnessed or heard about any of the following crimes in your local area?**

Please tick (✓) all that apply for each crime

|   | Victim of                | Witnessed                | Heard about              | I have not               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adult exploitation – including modern slavery | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arson (setting fire to property)              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burglary of a business                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burglary of a home or property                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

|  | Victim of                | Witnessed                | Heard about              | I have not               |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Child exploitation   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Criminal damage to a home or property                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Domestic abuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fraud / scams (online and offline)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hate crime (race, religion, disability sexuality, gender identity)     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Knife crime  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online crime / cybercrime  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Physical assault or robbery  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural crime – related to farms, farm animals, wildlife, heritage sites | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sexual harassment or assault   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stalking / harassment  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Theft of or from a motor vehicle                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Theft of or from a work motor vehicle                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Theft of personal belongings (pickpocketing)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### **Anti-social behaviour**

Anti-social behaviour is a behaviour that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not in the same household. It can include:

- fear of crime
- concern for public safety
- public disorder
- public nuisance

**2. In the past 12 months, have you been a victim of, witnessed or heard about any of the following anti-social behaviour in your local area?**

Please tick (✓) all that apply for each anti-social behaviour

|   | Victim of                | Witnessed                | Heard about              | I have not               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aggressive begging  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Criminal damage in public areas                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drug dealing / drug use                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drug litter   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Envirocrime – fly-tipping, graffiti, dog-fouling, littering | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neighbour nuisance  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Noise nuisance  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nuisance parking / abandoned vehicles                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Off-road motorbiking  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Street drinking   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other alcohol related disorder / behaviour                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Street racing / car cruising                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**3. Based on the above, how much of a problem do you think crime and anti-social behaviour are in your local area?**

Please tick (✓) one option per community safety issue

|                       | Very big problem         | Fairly big problem       | Not a very big problem   | Not a problem            | I don't know             |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crime                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Anti-social behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**7. How safe or unsafe do you feel in town centres:**

Please tick (✓) one option per time of day

|                 | Very safe                | Fairly safe              | Fairly unsafe            | Very unsafe              | I don't know             | Does not apply           |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| In the daylight | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After dark      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**8. How safe or unsafe do you feel in parks and open spaces:**

Please tick (✓) one option per time of day

|                 | Very safe                | Fairly safe              | Fairly unsafe            | Very unsafe              | I don't know             | Does not apply           |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| In the daylight | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After dark      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**9. Please tell us the reasons for your previous answers:**

If there are any places or times of the day when you feel particularly unsafe in Buckinghamshire, please tell us here.

**10.If you have any other comments about community safety concerns where you live, study or work, please tell us here:**

## **About you**

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details.

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer, or you can skip all the questions.

## **11.Which of the following describe you?**

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in Buckinghamshire
- I work in Buckinghamshire
- I study in Buckinghamshire
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):



## 12. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living and / or working in different areas of Buckinghamshire. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

Your home postcode:

Your work postcode:

## 13. What is your age?

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

## 14. Are you:

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

**15. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?**

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

**16. How would you describe your ethnicity?**

**Why we ask this:** We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British

**More answer options on the next page**

- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below
- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

### 17. How did you find out about this survey?

#### **Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership members:**

The members of the Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership are:

- Buckinghamshire Council
- Thames Valley Police
- Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service
- Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Board
- National Probation Service – Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire
- Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper, radio or TV)
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, Twitter)
- Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety newsletter
- Newsletter from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
- Thames Valley Alert

**More answer options on the next page**

- Neighbourhood Watch
- From Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership staff
- Through working for the Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council or Town Committee
- Other (please give details below):

**If you would like to be placed in the prize draw for one of three £100 Leisure Vouchers, please provide your email address:**

The winners will be drawn at random and contacted by email after this survey closes.

### **End of the survey**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

Please return your completed survey by midnight on **Sunday 29 October 2023.**

You can:

- email it to [sbp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:sbp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- post it to Community safety survey 2023, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

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