

Blackburn with Darwen:

Blackburn Town Centre – Crime and anti-social behaviour
overview for Public Space Protection Order

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Blackburn Town Centre – Overview of crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents for Public Space Protection Order

Incident data extracted from force systems – Covering December 2020 to August 2023. Class codes used: All ASB: 470 Personal, 471 Nuisance, 472 Environmental.

Offence data extracted from Connect, for all crimes recorded from December 2020 to August 2023.

Data extracted for the current PSPO area within Blackburn town centre – shown outlined in red below:



Overview:

Anti-social behaviour:

From December 2020 to August 2023 there have been **1,500** ASB incidents recorded within the current PSPO area.

- 79.3% of all ASB incidents were recorded under the call class “Nuisance”, 20% under “Personal” and 0.7% were “Environmental”.

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of incidents per month for each of the years in the period:

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	38
2021	45	42	35	44	44	55	62	51	51	49	47	63	588
2022	45	39	58	51	58	54	50	53	57	48	49	31	593
2023	33	26	46	34	38	31	38	35	-	-	-	-	281
Total	123	107	139	129	140	140	150	139	108	97	96	132	1,500

Crime:

From December 2020 to August 2023 there have been **4,056** crimes recorded within the current PSPO area.

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of crimes recorded per month for each of the years in the period:

Year/month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	58
2021	84	68	105	104	150	94	154	165	149	152	148	116	1,489
2022	112	99	163	155	135	118	105	137	123	145	130	102	1,524
2023	97	142	127	108	104	124	154	129	-	-	-	-	985
Total	293	309	395	367	389	336	413	431	272	297	278	276	4,056

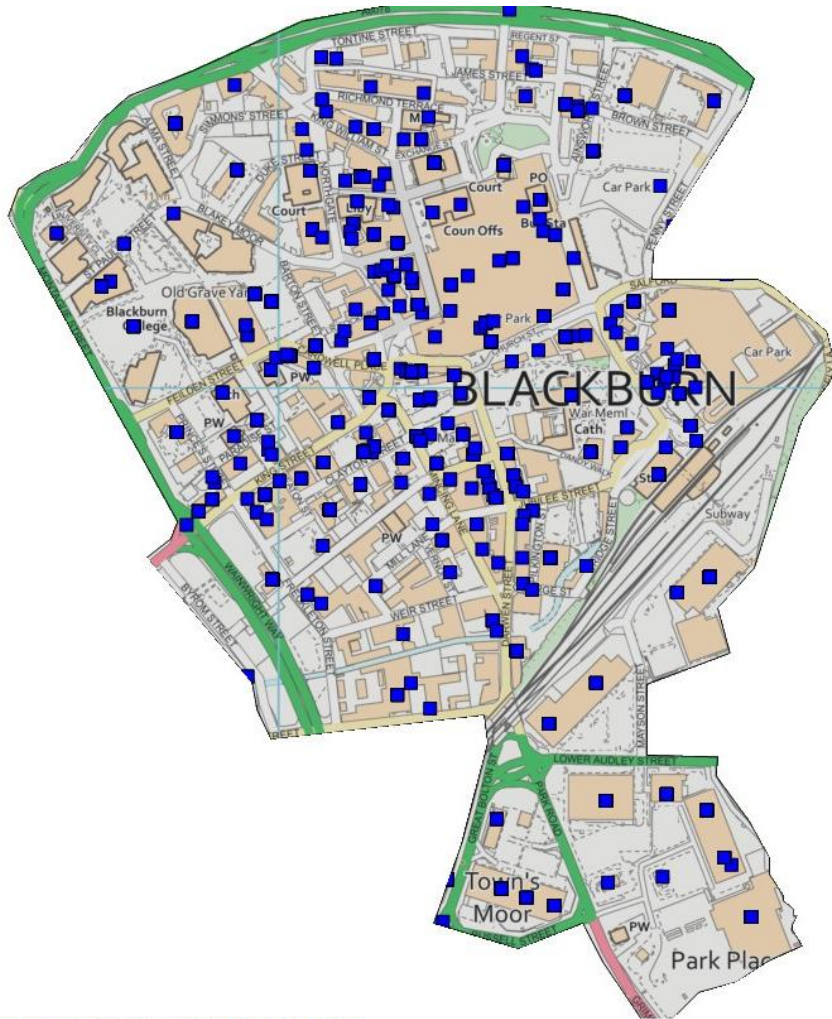
Theft offences accounted for 38% of all crime recorded within the PSPO area in Blackburn town centre, followed by violence against the person offences (30%) and public order offences (10.5%).

The table below illustrates the breakdown of all crime recorded from December 2020 to August 2023 by crime category.

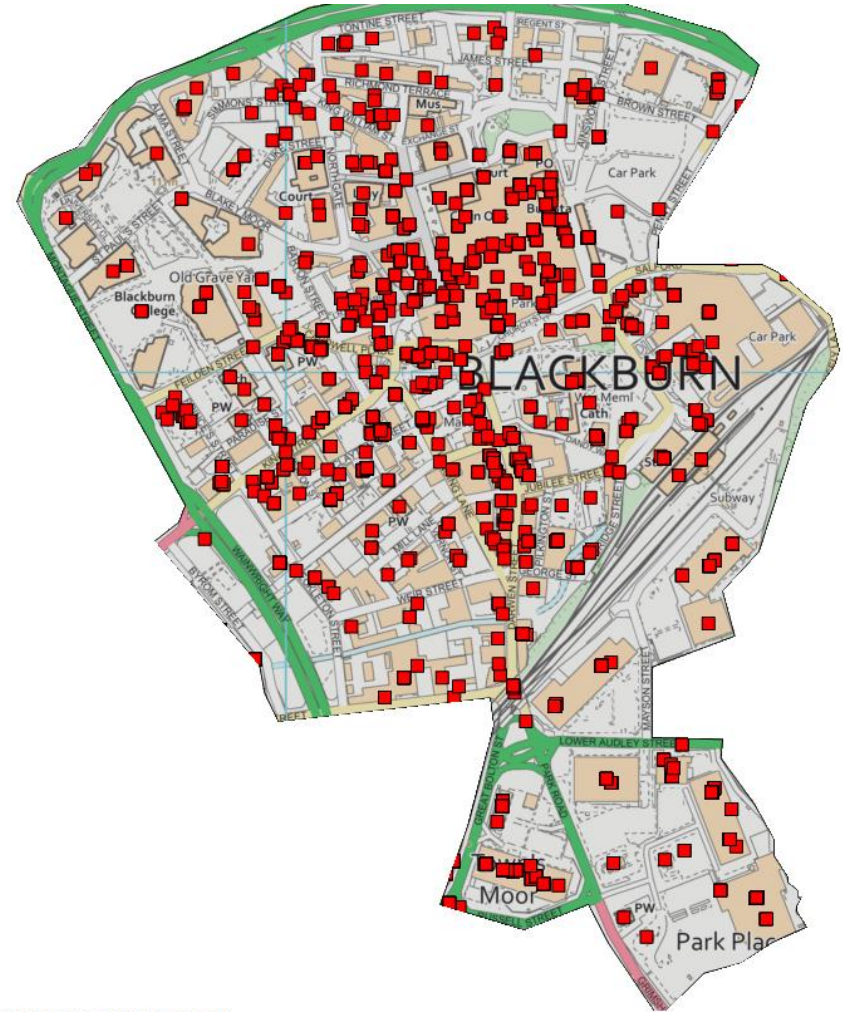
Crime group	Number of offences
THEFT	1,540
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	1,218
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	427
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	280
BURGLARY	122
DRUG OFFENCES	111
VEHICLE OFFENCES	106
SEXUAL OFFENCES	90
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	64
ROBBERY	52
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	45
OTHER	1
Total	4,056

Location maps:

Maps of ASB incidents (1st map, blue dots) and crime (2nd map, red dots) in Blackburn town centre PSPO area: December 2020 – August 2023.



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