



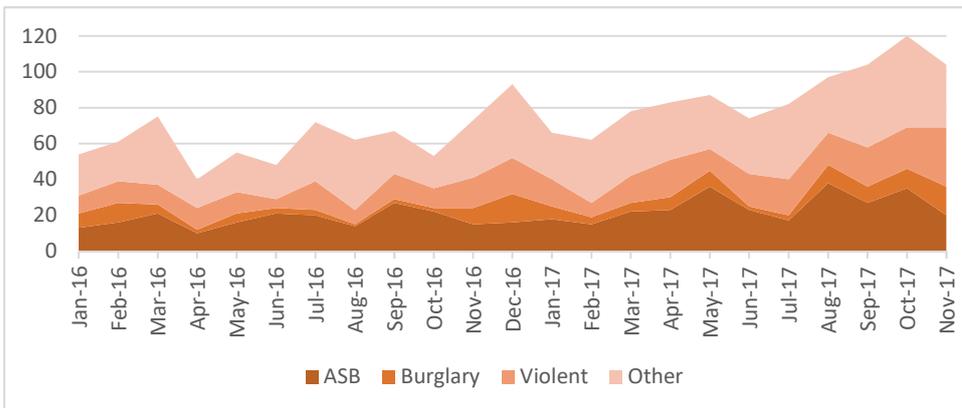
Saffron Walden Labour Party Crime Update

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FACTS AND FIGURES

As Tories cut police, crime soars 45%



Saffron Walden saw its overall reported crime rate soar 45 percent in January-November 2017 with 957 reported crimes, according to the UK Crime Stats website.

The largest contributor to crime was anti-social behaviour (ASB) with 274 reported incidents, nearly 29 percent of the total and over five per week in the town. The ASB rate climbed 40.5 percent compared to the same period in 2016.

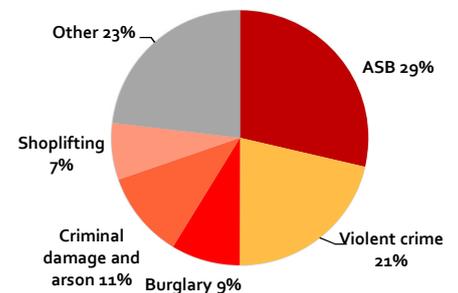
Saffron Walden has also seen an upsurge in violent crime, rising 60.2 percent over the January-November period to over 200 incidents. Representing 21 percent of reported crime, violent incidents are the second biggest source of crime in the town.

The third biggest contributor to Saffron Walden's crime wave over the period was burglary with 83 incidents, up 63 percent and representing nine percent of total crime.

Essex police have warned that burglary gangs are operating in the area, but residents and shop-owners are increasingly alarmed at the growing spate of break-ins.

Charity shops, the golf club and homes have all been prime targets for burglars. A lack of police numbers has meant suspects shown in CCTV images have not been arrested and brought to justice. All criminal incidents in the town are handled over 20 miles away in Braintree.

CRIMES BY CATEGORY IN SAFFRON WALDEN



KEMI BADENOCH: WHERE ARE OUR POLICE?

Saffron Walden MP Kemi Badenoch stated last year that if crime figures rose in Saffron Walden, the town would get more police resources. Instead, our community has had to pay more tax for fewer police as Tories have implemented real terms cuts in spending under their austerity agenda. Uttlesford and Saffron Walden parish council have had to stump up the money for a PCSO who has far fewer powers to tackle crime.

Saffron Walden is one of the communities targeted for cuts under the Tories as Essex reduces the number of police stations in the county from 80 to 30 in a bid to save the force £63 million between 2017 and 2020.