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Young People Involved Summer Riots

More than a dozen children were arrested by South Yorkshire Police following riots in July, including incidents outside a hotel in Manvers.

An investigation has revealed that one in six people arrested nationwide during the unrest—which erupted after the fatal stabbings of three girls in Southport on July 30—were under the age of 18.

The summer saw widespread rioting and disorder, primarily driven by right-wing protestors reacting to the Southport tragedy. One of the most high-profile flashpoints was outside a hotel in Manvers, near Rotherham.

Authorities acted swiftly, with police and courts making numerous arrests and pressing charges against those involved. An investigation by RADAR compiled data on arrests by police force, along with suspects' ages and offences committed.

A Freedom of Information request to South Yorkshire Police, submitted on November 22, revealed that 140 arrests were made in connection with the summer riots—19 of those arrested were between 10 and 17 years old. *Some individuals may have been counted multiple times if they were arrested more than once.*

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Safeguarding Adults Certification (3 hours)

Safeguarding Children (4 hours)



National Arrest Figures

Across 32 police forces, 1,233 arrests were made, including 219 involving minors. The most common reasons for arrest were:

- 133 cases of public disorder and rioting
- Six offences against property
- Four offences against individuals
- Four offences related to police, courts, or prisons
- Three firearms, shotgun, or offensive weapon offences
- Three miscellaneous offences
- Two theft-related offences

(Single arrests could involve multiple charges.)



Calls for a Long-Term Solution

Jabeer Butt, CEO of the Race Equality Foundation, acknowledged that arrests and prosecutions helped restore order but emphasised that they do not offer a "long-term solution."



"The underlying issues that led to Islamophobic disinformation being spread—resulting in some concluding that violence was an appropriate response—must be addressed," he said.

He called for national and local action to combat racism, regulate systems that amplify disinformation, and put an end to political scapegoating of migrants and minorities for public service failures.

Local Crime Rates - Most reported crimes during December 2024.

Rotherham Central

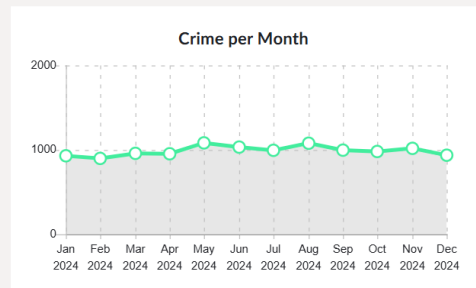
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	338
Anti-social behaviour	125
Shoplifting	74
Criminal damage and arson	70

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



Sheffield City Centre

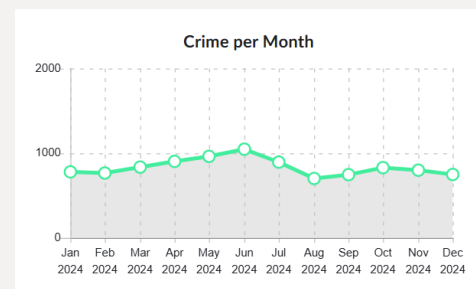
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	230
Anti-social behaviour	93
Shoplifting	78
Public order	60

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



POLICE.UK

To find your local crime rates visit:

<https://www.police.uk>

Doncaster Central

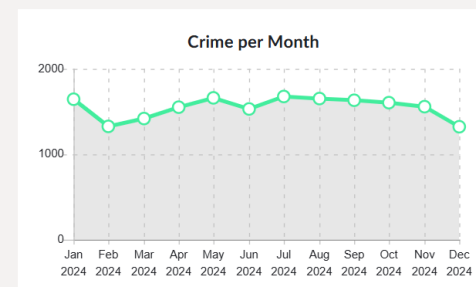
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	482
Shoplifting	132
Anti-social behaviour	125
Criminal damage and arson	115

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



Barnsley Central

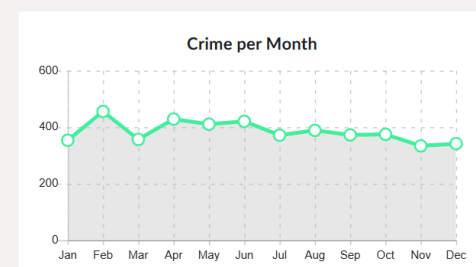
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	110
Shoplifting	50
Public order	39
Anti-social behaviour	28

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



Crime Rates in other areas

Hull - Holderness

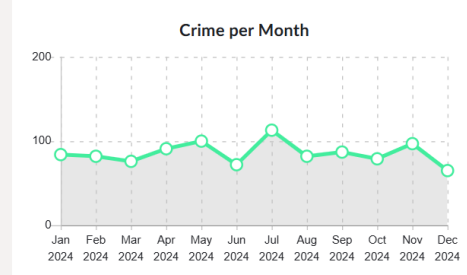
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	24
Other theft	7
Criminal damage and arson	6
Anti-social behaviour	5

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



Leeds City

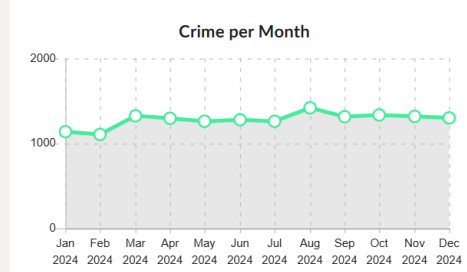
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	367
Shoplifting	263
Other theft	140
Public order	118

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



Bradford City

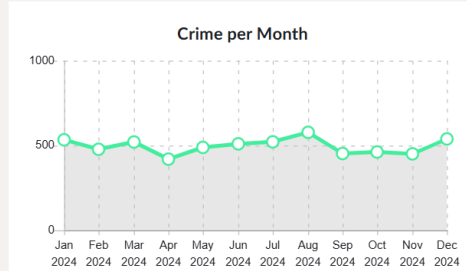
Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes during Dec 2024

Violence and sexual offences	193
Shoplifting	63
Public order	61
Other theft	48

Crime levels overview

Crime for last year



QR Code Scams

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the deceptive use of Quick Response (QR) codes to trick individuals into disclosing personal information or downloading malicious software. These scams take advantage of the convenience and widespread use of QR codes commonly found in advertisements, restaurant menus, and public notices by replacing legitimate codes with fraudulent ones that redirect users to fake websites.

What are the potential risks? Let's delve into this topic:

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely to display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud - and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

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Understanding British Values

British values form the foundation of society in the United Kingdom, promoting a sense of identity, respect, and social harmony. These values are essential in shaping communities and ensuring individuals contribute positively to society.

The UK government has outlined five key British values:

Democracy – The right to have a say in how the country is run, including free and fair elections, active participation in decision-making, and respecting different opinions.

The Rule of Law – Everyone, regardless of status, must follow the law. Laws protect individuals, maintain order, and ensure justice.

Individual Liberty – People have the freedom to make choices, express opinions, and live as they wish, as long as they respect others and the law.

Mutual Respect – Recognising and appreciating different perspectives, backgrounds, and beliefs, ensuring a tolerant and inclusive society.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs – Encouraging understanding and acceptance of diverse religions and worldviews, promoting peaceful coexistence.

Why Are British Values Important?

These values help build a fair, inclusive, and cohesive society where individuals can thrive. They encourage respect for others, protect freedoms, and ensure that diversity is celebrated rather than feared. Schools, workplaces, and communities uphold these values to create a positive environment for all.

By embracing British values, people contribute to a society that values fairness, respect, and unity, ensuring a strong and inclusive future for generations to come.



Message from YTP's Safeguarding Team

As we dive into the new year, safeguarding remains at the heart of creating a safe and supportive environment for all. Whether you're at work, in training, or out in the community, being aware of safeguarding issues helps you stay safe and look out for others.

Spotlight: Online Safety in the New Year

Cybersecurity is a key focus for 2025. With so much of our lives happening online, staying safe on the internet is more important than ever. Here are some tips:

Protect your personal information: Use strong passwords and avoid sharing private details on social media.

Beware of scams: If an email or message seems suspicious, don't click any links. Verify the sender first.

Report cyberbullying: If you or someone you know is experiencing online harassment, speak up and report it.

Remember, online actions can have real-world consequences. Stay vigilant and think before you click!



Mental Health Awareness: Don't Bottle It Up

The winter months can be tough on mental health. If you're feeling low, anxious, or overwhelmed, it's important to reach out for support. Your workplace or training provider may have resources available, and organisations like Mind and Young Minds offer confidential advice. Look out for free wellbeing workshops being offered in the Yorkshire area this month!

Current Issue: County Lines Awareness

County lines exploitation remains a significant concern across the UK, including here in Yorkshire. This involves criminal networks using vulnerable individuals to transport and sell drugs. Signs someone might be involved include:

- Frequent unexplained absences from work or training.
- A sudden change in behaviour or appearance.
- Possession of expensive items they can't explain.

If you suspect someone may be at risk, contact your safeguarding officer or report your concerns anonymously via Crimestoppers.

Top Tip: Know Your Safeguarding Officer

Your safeguarding officer is your first point of contact for any concerns or questions. Make sure you know who they are and how to get in touch. If you're unsure, ask your manager. Our designated safeguarding lead at YTP is Rebecca Lynn and the team are available around the clock on 07523 915666.

Useful Contacts

Childline: 0800 1111 (Free, confidential support for under-18s)

Samaritans: 116 123 (Free 24/7 helpline for anyone in distress)

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 (Report crime anonymously)

Mind: www.mind.org.uk

Together, we can create a safer and more supportive community for everyone. Stay informed, stay safe, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need help. Have a great spring!

Your Safeguarding Team