

# Contextual Safeguarding



*Contextual safeguarding identifies that no child or young person should be seen in isolation from the environment around them.*

## What is contextual safeguarding?

Contextual safeguarding, recognises that as young people grow and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of their family. For example, in school or college, in the local community, in their peer groups or online.

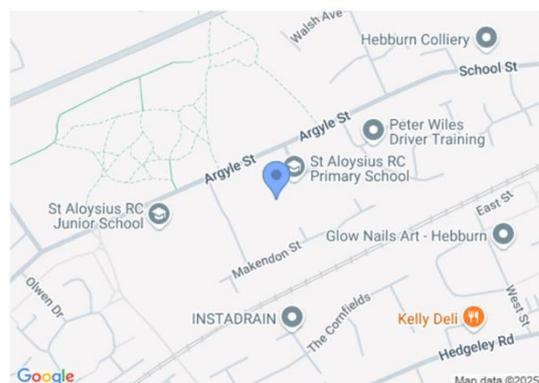
Children and young people may encounter risk in any of these environments. Sometimes the different contexts are inter-related and can mean that children and young people may encounter multiple risks. Contextual safeguarding looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and young people and help to keep them safe. It's an approach that's often been used to apply to adolescents, though the lessons can equally be applied to younger children, especially in today's changing world.

## Understanding our environment

St. Aloysius's safeguarding policies and procedures set out our organisation's commitment to protecting children and young people, how we will keep them safe and how to respond to concerns. St. Aloysius is, of course, one of the contexts in which young people will spend their time. But not all the risks that young people face will happen within our school and that's where contextual safeguarding comes in. The children and young people we work with will be affected by, and may be exposed to harm in, different environments. And their experiences may also influence the way they behave and live their lives in other situations.

## Work with others in our community

There's no escaping the fact that schools are under huge pressure; resources are tight and the risks that young people face are changing. It can be difficult to know what to do, but by working together with others in our local area, as well as with parents, families and local residents, we help keep children and young people safe and act swiftly when they're not.



## How do we approach Contextual Safeguarding within St. Aloysius?

Our comprehensive *Safeguarding Across the Curriculum* document documents the full coverage of our safeguarding curriculum. We regularly review the local crime statistics and share this with parents and staff; this ensures that our curriculum can be, and is, regularly adapted to support the needs of the children.

# September 2025

In total, there were **203** incidents reported in September 2025.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **near the metro or in recreation areas**

ON OR NEAR STATION ROAD 8 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR SPORTS/RECREATION AREA 8 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR LAKE VIEW 6 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR SOUTH TERRACE 4 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR HOLLY AVENUE 4 REPORTED CRIMES

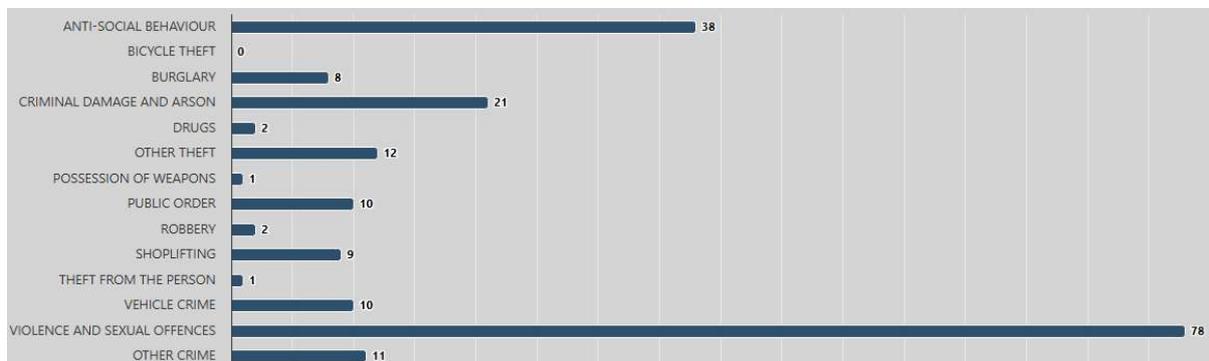
ON OR NEAR WINDSOR CRESCENT 4 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR JUBILEE COURT 4 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR ALBERT STREET 4 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR QUARRY ROAD 3 REPORTED CRIMES

ON OR NEAR EDWARD STREET 3 REPORTED CRIMES



Our curriculum covered ensuring that the children understand the local area; we teach this through looking at maps so that children know where the metro lines are, main roads and safe places to cross. Some classes walk the local area with staff to understand the area in greater depth. Older children, who are allowed to walk home, talked about the safe routes to and from school.

# October 2025

In total, there were **219** incidents reported in October 2025. This is a rise of 16 from last month, but a drop of 28 from last year.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **near the metro or in recreation areas**, which is similar to last year.

The most prevalent Crime type in NE31 1BQ during this period was **Violent Crime**, accounting for **72 incidents** or **32.9%** of all recorded crimes. Understanding the prevalence of different Crime categories helps residents and local authorities identify key areas requiring attention and resources.

Crime incidents were distributed across **108 distinct locations** throughout NE31 1BQ, with an average of **2.0 crimes per location**. The highest concentration of crimes was recorded at **On or near Jarrow Bus Station** with **10 incidents**, making it a notable Crime hotspot in the area.

## Top 3 Crime Types in NE31 1BQ

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Violent Crime  
32.9% of total

**37**

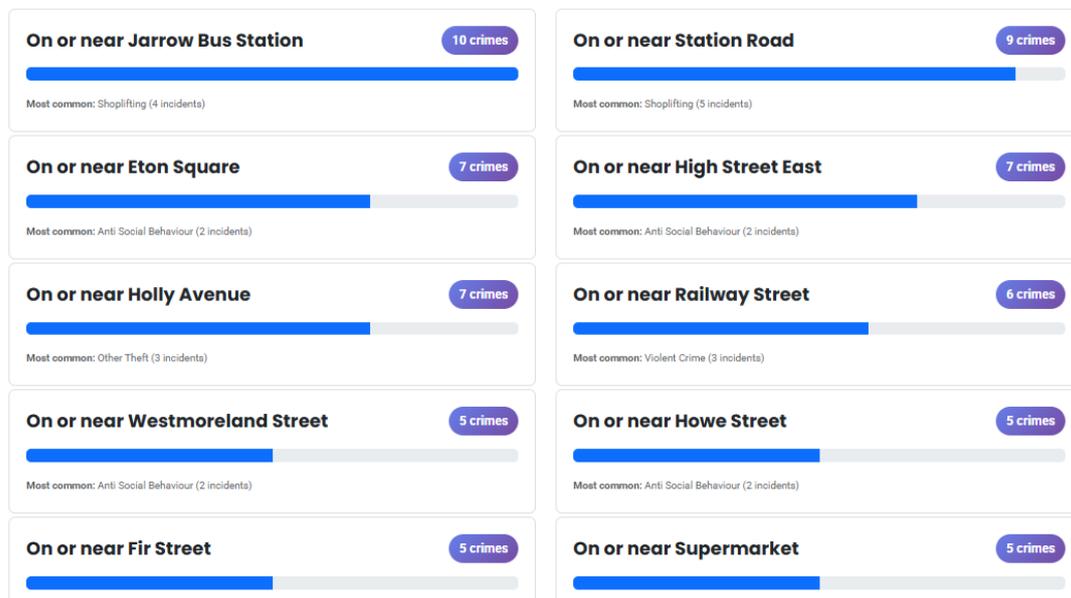
Anti Social Behaviour  
16.9% of total

**26**

Criminal Damage Arson  
11.9% of total

## Crime Hotspots (Top 10)

Highest Crime incident areas in NE31 1BQ



This month, our curriculum identified where Jarrow Bus Station was as this was the first time that this area has been identified as a key crime area. Using map work, the children looked at the crimes committed compared to the locations. The children talked about why numbers may fluctuate over months and years.

# November 2025

In total, there were **196** incidents reported in November 2025. This is a fall of 23 from last month, and a drop of 44 from the same month last year.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **near the shops and metro**, which is similar to last year.

The most prevalent Crime type in NE31 1BQ during this period was **Violent Crime**, accounting for **94 incidents** or **48.0%** of all recorded crimes. Understanding the prevalence of different Crime categories helps residents and local authorities identify key areas requiring attention and resources.

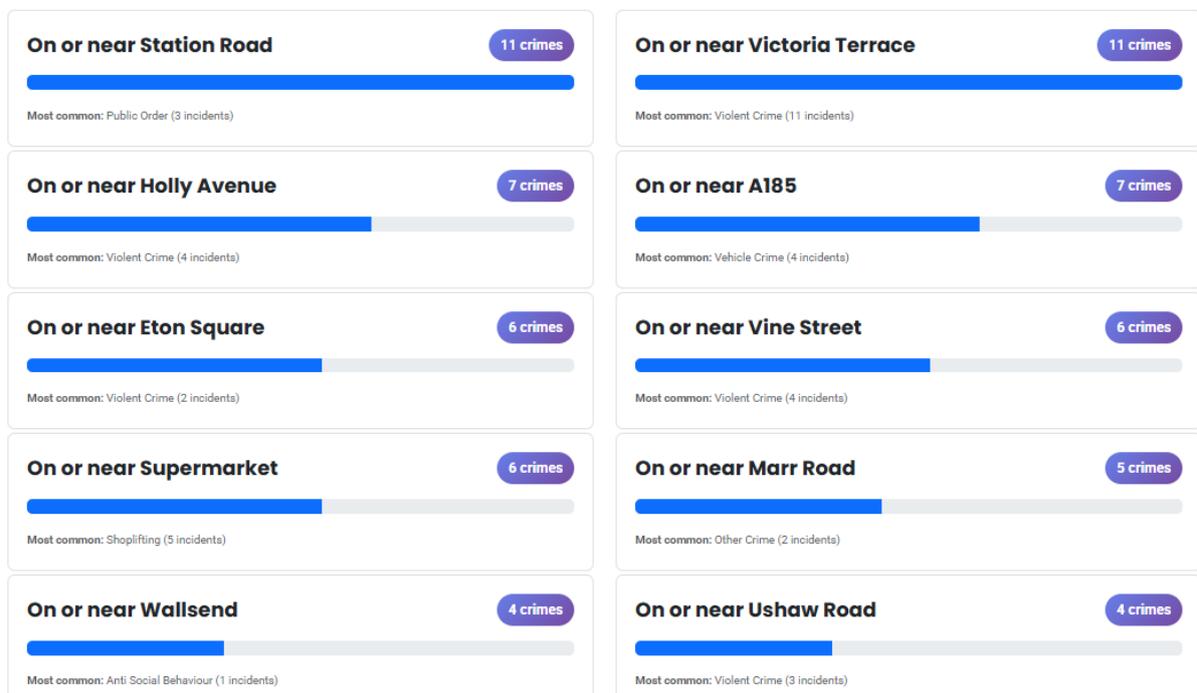
Crime incidents were distributed across **99 distinct locations** throughout NE31 1BQ, with an average of **2.0 crimes per location**. The highest concentration of crimes was recorded at **On or near Station Road** with **11 incidents**, making it a notable Crime hotspot in the area.

## Top 3 Crime Types in NE31 1BQ



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Older children discussed why they thought that violent crime was significantly up compared to last month and identified what constitutes violent crime.

The curriculum covered why arson is possibly a significant crime and how that links with anti-social behaviour.

# December 2025

In total, there were **175** incidents reported in December 2025. This is a fall of 19 from last month, and was in line with the same month last year.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **near the shops and metro**, which is similar to last year.

The most prevalent Crime type in NE31 1BQ during this period was **Violent Crime**, accounting for **82 incidents** or **46.9%** of all recorded crimes. Understanding the prevalence of different Crime categories helps residents and local authorities identify key areas requiring attention and resources.

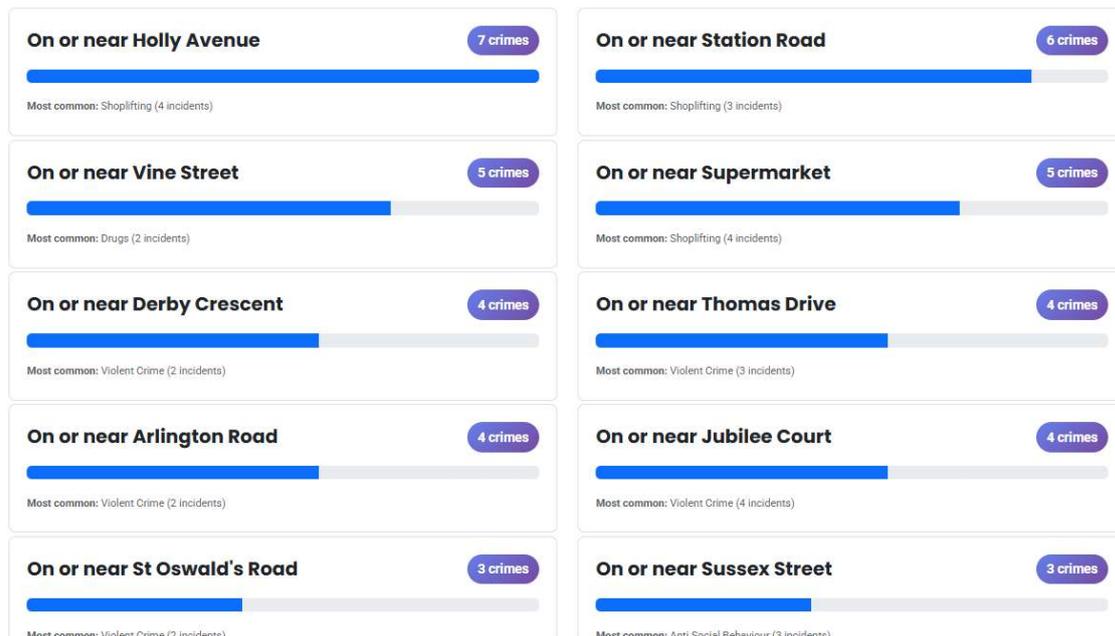
Crime incidents were distributed across **101 distinct locations** throughout NE31 1BQ, with an average of **1.7 crimes per location**. The highest concentration of crimes was recorded at **On or near Holly Avenue** with **7 incidents**, making it a notable Crime hotspot in the area.

## Top 3 Crime Types in NE31 1BQ



## Crime Hotspots (Top 10)

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As part of the curriculum this month, the children learnt that shoplifting rises significantly at Christmas due to a combination of high-volume crowds, overstretched staff, and increased desperation or want for high-value goods. Stores are busier and harder to monitor, allowing for opportunistic theft, while organised groups target expensive, easily resold items like perfume, spirits, and electronics.

The children will develop a further understanding of Want Vs Need in their Financial Literacy lessons.

January 2026

This information is not released yet.