

# **The Molesey, Dittons & Hinchley Wood Neighbourhood Watch Group**

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# Newsletter



## SPRING/SUMMER 2026

In this edition:

We send regular email details of burglaries and vehicle crimes, courtesy of Elmbridge police. We also have access to the underlying data for all neighbourhood crime, and so below is an update of *all* crime types from Jan '22 to Dec '25, with a comparison between years and identifying trends.

We lost our Elmbridge NHW website a over a year ago (it had been hosted by OurWatch but they could no longer support it when they changed their underlying web platform). However, we do now have a new website at [elmbridgenhw.org](http://elmbridgenhw.org)

But first, an update on policing in Elmbridge.

*John Haberfield*

### **Borough Commander Update**

I have now been in post for around six months and am proud to represent Surrey Police within the borough of Elmbridge. As part of our ongoing commitment to improve Neighbourhood Policing within the borough, we have recently introduced dedicated named officers for each ward. Locally, your offices are as follows:-

PC Matt Cramp / PC Jasmine Reed – Dittons & Hinchley Wood

PC Jess Waddington / PCSO Matt Whitting – Molesey (East & West)

PC Frank Straw / PCSO Dan Arscott – Walton Central

PC Mark Hodgkins / PCSO Vacancy (Recruitment in Progress) – Walton North/South

PC Stacey Josling / PCSO Clare Harris – Weybridge & Hersham

PC Sanjar Najibi / PCSO Josh Segal – Cobham & Oxshott

PC Emma McConnell / PC Steve Waters – Esher & Claygate

I am also pleased to announce the creation of a new Neighbourhood Enforcement Team (NET) consisting of 1 Sergeant and 6 Police Constables. This team will be operating across North Surrey over the coming months and will be focused on tackling issues that matter most to residents.

### **Burglary**

My key message for this update is around burglary offences. I am acutely aware of the consequences of being burgled which can have a significant and lasting emotional and financial impact on victims. In fact, being burgled is probably one of the worst types of crime you can experience.

Across Elmbridge burglary offences were down 20% last year (2025 vs 2024) which reflects all the hard work undertaken by your local policing teams to identify and bring offenders to justice. The number of burglaries being solved is also increasing – almost doubling from 2024. That said, there is always room for improvement and that is why burglary will remain a focus throughout 2026 for the Elmbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team.

In preparation for the darker nights, when nationally we typically see a spike in burglary offences, we put in place a plan of action which focused on intelligence led patrols and closer working relations with some of our local private security companies. Since the start of November last year, we have seen 11 arrests for burglary offences in Elmbridge. In East Molesey, for example, we recently charged Jamie Bryne, 42, from Feltham with one burglary and two attempted burglaries.

Our focus around burglaries will continue throughout 2026 with the launch of a working group dedicated to improving our response to burglaries. As well as police and local private security companies, I have also invited representatives from Network Rail who are responsible for the management of the local railway

lines. After meeting with residents in Speer Road I am aware that this is a particular concern following 2 homes being burgled where we believe access was gained via the adjoining railway line.

In nearly all cases burglars are gaining access to properties via rear gardens so rear perimeter security is my key advice to residents. The use of a solid fence (1.8 meters in height, Non-Slip) combined with a suitable fence topper is the best deterrent as evidenced recently when we arrested a burglar in Weybridge who was struggling to climb a fence whilst being observed on CCTV. You can locate all the required crime prevention advice on the Secured by Design website:- [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

It doesn't end when we arrest and charge a burglar as I am aware that delays within the criminal justice system are also causing concern for residents. I recently raised the issue with MP Monica Harding who challenged MP Sarah Jones, Policing Minister, in parliament and pushed for faster justice. I meet regularly with Monica and will continue to highlight issues around crime that impacts directly upon local residents.

If you want to locate more information of the Elmbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team, please enter your Post Code on the Surrey Police website:- [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

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**Elmbridge Borough Commander**

## Crime map review

As before, our crime data is grouped by electoral wards. (*For anyone uncertain of the boundaries of the wards, there's a map at the end of this article*). To provide a reasonable comparison, we have reviewed data in the new format dating back to Jan 2022 and up to the latest available data.

First, to set the scene for crime rates, let's view how Elmbridge compares with the rest of Surrey

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-DEC 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Shoplifting	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Burglary	Drugs	Other crime	Possession of weapons	Bicycle theft	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Spelthorne	81	38	23	19	17	16	12	8	9	7	2	2	2	2	238
Guildford	88	35	23	19	20	15	9	6	7	5	2	3	2	2	235
Epsom and Ewell	75	38	19	17	18	15	18	10	8	5	2	3	2	2	232
Woking	84	36	23	18	18	16	8	7	6	5	2	3	2	1	230
Runnymede	76	33	21	17	17	16	10	7	12	5	2	1	2	1	221
Reigate and Banstead	76	29	18	16	13	12	10	7	7	6	2	1	1	1	198
Tandridge	58	32	18	16	10	14	12	7	8	4	1	0	1	1	182
Mole Valley	57	30	15	14	13	11	7	9	6	4	1	1	1	1	170
Surrey Heath	59	26	15	13	11	12	7	5	4	7	1	1	1	1	162
<b>Elmbridge</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>156</b>
Waverley	43	18	11	10	8	9	5	6	2	3	1	0	1	1	117
<b>SURREY</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>192</b>

An analysis of the national crime data for Surrey for the full year Jan-Dec 2025 reveals that Elmbridge (*highlighted yellow*) continues to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey!

Of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates in previous years (*highlighted orange*) had been Violence & Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour, Public Order, and Criminal Damage & Arson, in 2025 increasing and accounting for 68.5% of the total crime.

These are also closely related, as often an ASB offence could easily become a violence offence (if the suspect pushes someone), or a public order offence (if the activities intimidate innocent bystanders), or a criminal damage offence (if the activities result in something being damaged).

Looking at these 4 crime types combined provides a much smoother crime trend. (*Within Elmbridge, Violence and Sexual Offences were rarely sexual and most violent crimes were common assault.*)

Next, let's compare the crime data for the 16 electoral wards within Elmbridge.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-DEC 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Shoplifting	Drugs	Burglary	Other crime	Bicycle theft	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Walton Central	74.4	40.5	22.1	19.2	14.6	11.5	44.4	11.0	6.4	3.6	4.1	1.8	3.8	1.0	258.5
Cobham and Downside	71.4	53.2	24.9	26.5	16.0	16.6	24.0	5.5	8.0	4.3	0.0	0.9	1.2	1.5	254.2
Weybridge Riverside	78.2	30.8	22.5	13.5	15.4	11.7	13.8	7.4	9.5	4.9	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.5	215.4
Walton North	79.1	26.5	23.4	12.9	14.8	8.9	3.1	13.8	5.2	8.6	3.1	4.9	1.2	3.4	208.9
Weybridge St George's Hill	58.5	23.8	13.6	16.9	17.7	10.3	14.1	5.4	10.0	5.1	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.3	181.0
Esher	64.6	27.7	17.9	9.7	11.0	7.7	8.2	7.4	7.4	5.9	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.8	173.3
Molesey East	52.3	27.1	17.5	14.5	11.1	12.0	9.5	5.2	6.8	3.1	2.2	2.5	1.5	0.0	165.2
Molesey West	76.9	18.7	14.1	7.4	13.8	6.7	2.6	6.7	4.9	4.6	1.3	2.8	0.5	0.8	161.8
Hersham Village	62.3	23.8	15.4	10.0	10.0	5.4	10.8	7.3	5.0	4.6	2.3	1.9	0.8	1.5	161.2
Walton South	53.3	15.4	12.6	13.3	9.2	16.7	2.3	11.3	5.4	5.1	2.1	1.5	0.0	1.0	149.2
Long Ditton	53.2	13.8	11.1	8.3	4.3	9.8	1.5	3.4	5.2	3.7	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	117.8
Claygate	33.5	16.5	10.8	6.5	4.6	6.9	3.5	3.1	6.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.3
Oxshott / Stoke D'Abernon	27.7	16.2	7.2	3.3	5.1	5.6	0.3	2.6	9.2	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.0	82.1
Hinchley Wd & Weston Grn	26.5	11.2	6.2	6.5	5.4	8.8	4.6	5.0	2.7	2.3	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.8	81.9
Thames Ditton	28.6	9.2	5.5	7.4	7.4	10.8	0.0	1.8	4.0	1.5	2.8	0.6	0.6	0.0	80.3
Oatlands and Burwood Park	26.5	10.8	5.2	6.2	4.9	4.6	0.0	5.2	3.7	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.6	0.0	72.9
ELMBRIDGE	55.0	23.1	14.5	11.5	10.6	9.7	9.2	6.5	6.4	4.1	1.8	1.6	1.0	0.9	156.0

For almost all of the 14 crime types our NHW regional wards (Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, and Hinchley Wood & Weston Green) remain in the lower half of the table of high to low crime rates.

West Molesey, compared to 2024, slipped slightly by rising from 9<sup>th</sup> highest to 8<sup>th</sup>, as Hersham Village improved and dropped from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, East Molesey remained at 7<sup>th</sup> highest.

Long Ditton slipped slightly by rising from 12<sup>th</sup> highest to 11<sup>th</sup>, as Claygate swapped from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Hinchley Wood & Weston Green improved slightly from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> as Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon rose from 14<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

For comparison, the average rate of all crime across Surrey was 192.1 crimes per 1,000 households.

For Elmbridge it was 156.0, and for our wards it varied from 165.1 (Molesey East) down to 80.3 (Thames Ditton). In summary, Elmbridge has a very low crime rate and, apart from Molesey, our wards within Elmbridge have even lower crime rates.

Now, we compare crime data for '25 with '24.

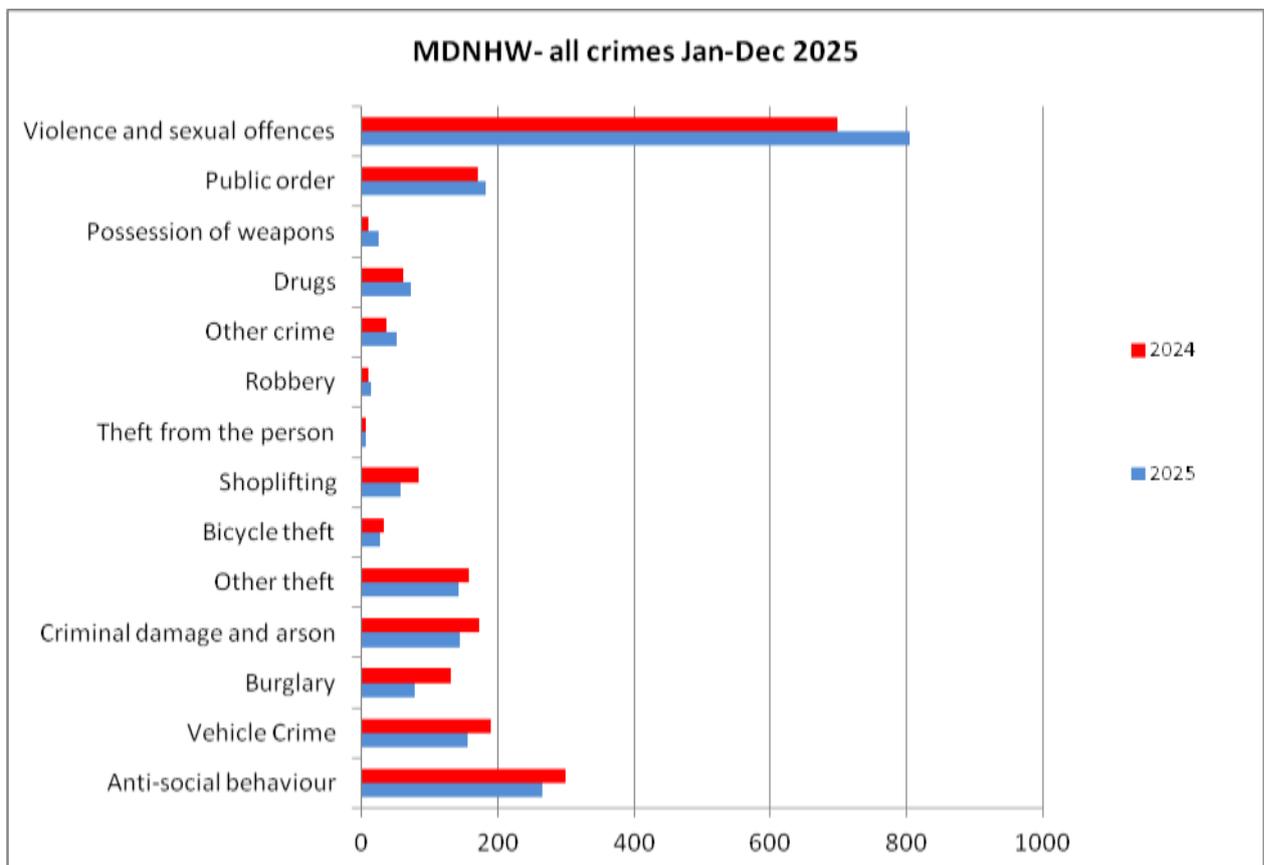
The table columns below show, by ward, the variation in numbers of crimes between '24 and '25, with crime types sorted from highest to lowest (top to bottom) for our region as a whole. The next column shows, the same figures for the whole of Elmbridge.

The final 2 columns show the actual number for MDNHW of each crime in 2025, and the % of each compared to the total. Our region had a 1.8% decrease in overall crime in 2025 compared with 2024, whilst Elmbridge had an increase of 3.2%.

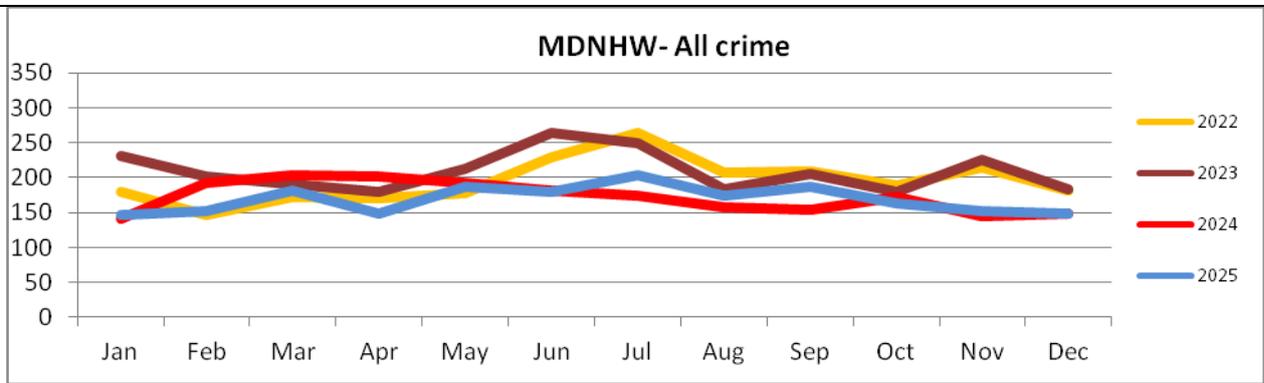
Some wards fared better than others with an overall increase in Molesey East (predominantly in violence and other theft) and Long Ditton (predominantly in Violence and Public Order) The other wards all have an overall decrease,.

Molesey, Dittons & Hinchley Wood (MDNHW Region) Variance in crimes Jan-Dec 24/25	Molesey West	Molesey East	Thames Ditton	Long Ditton	Hinchley Wood & Weston Green	MDNHW Region	Elmbridge	MDNHW Total Crimes Jan-Dec 2025	MDNHW % of Total Crimes 2025
Violence and sexual offences	69	-13	-2	59	-7	106	265	805	39.8%
Anti-social behaviour	-7	-17	-4	-2	-5	-35	-17	265	13.1%
Public order	-5	9	-3	15	-5	11	25	182	9.0%
Vehicle Crime	-15	-3	2	-1	-17	-34	-105	155	7.7%
Criminal damage and arson	-19	9	-13	-5	-1	-29	3	144	7.1%
Other theft	12	-1	-8	-25	7	-15	-79	142	7.0%
Burglary	0	3	-10	-21	-26	-54	-100	78	3.9%
Drugs	-9	5	-1	4	12	11	119	73	3.6%
Shoplifting	0	-27	0	5	-4	-26	69	58	2.9%
Other crime	0	-1	4	7	4	14	45	51	2.5%
Bicycle theft	-1	-1	2	-3	-2	-5	0	27	1.3%
Possession of weapons	7	6	-1	0	2	14	26	25	1.2%
Robbery	0	2	1	0	1	4	4	14	0.7%
Theft from the person	1	-3	0	0	2	0	5	6	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>2025</b>	

The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between 2024 and 2025. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.

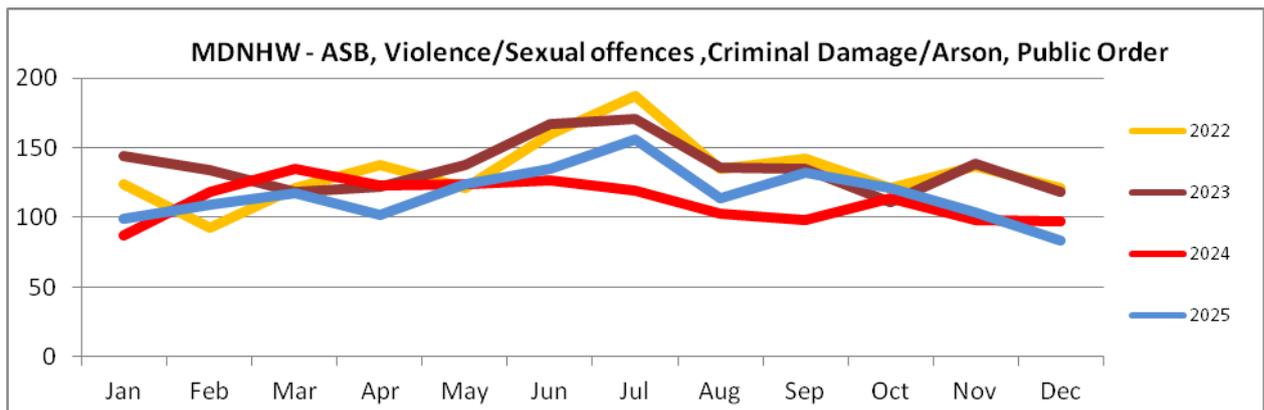


For a better idea of annual trends we need to look in comparison to previous years' crime rates. Although the overall crime rate started similar to last year, it then trended downwards, below 2024 levels until May, then slightly above July to September, then tracking close to 2024 levels again. But overall, some 1.8% less than 2024.



In 2025, across Elmbridge, of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates were Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Criminal Damage and Arson, and Public Order, collectively accounting for 66.8% (two thirds) of the total crime.

You see here, for these same crime types for our region, the same trend as with total crime, suggesting that this is one main factor in that trend. They also account for 68.9% of the total regional crime.



Molesey West has tracked below 2024 levels for 3 of these crime types, but above for violent crimes throughout 2025. Overall a 9% increase across the combined types.

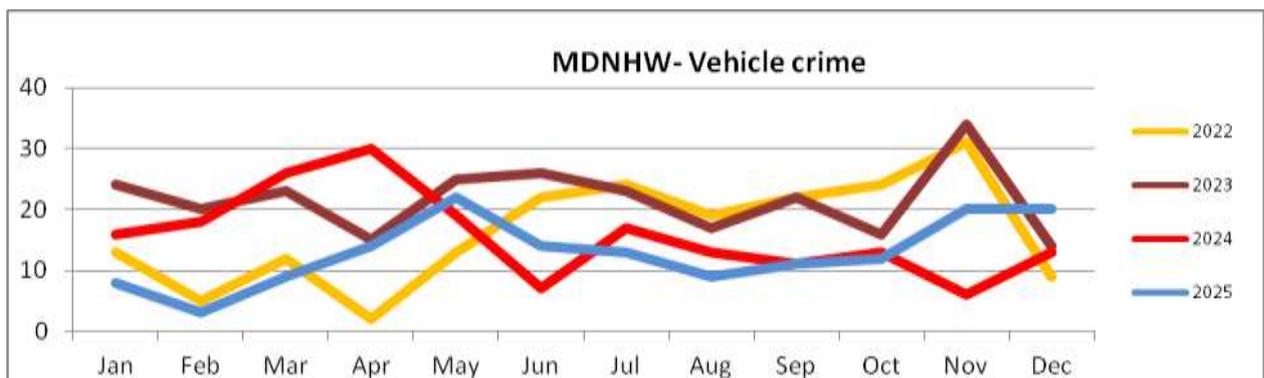
Molesey East has also tracked below 2024 levels for 3 of these crime types, but above for criminal damage throughout May to September 2025. Overall a 1% decrease across the combined types.

Thames Ditton trended near or below 2024 levels on all 4 crime types, overall 12% below 2024 levels.

Long Ditton, throughout 2025, had an increase (+15) in Public Order offences and a large increase in Violent crimes (+59), leading to an overall increase of 31% across the combined types.

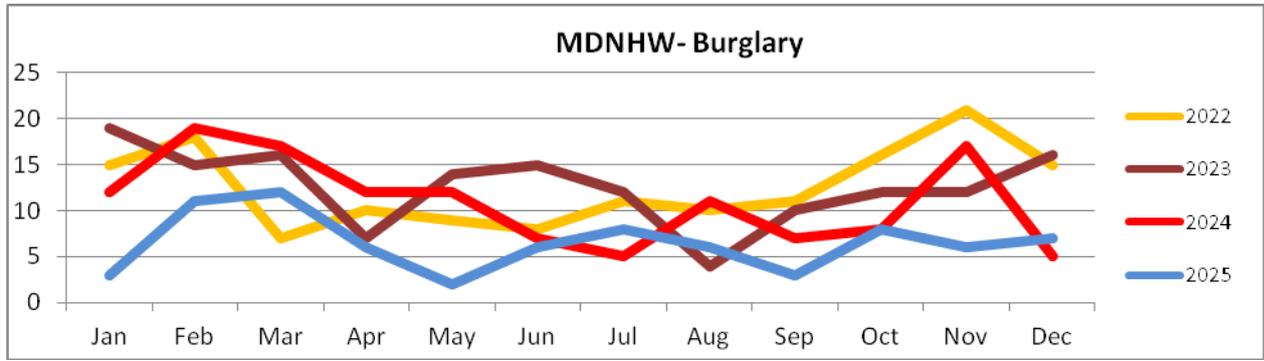
Hinchley Wood & Weston Green had a reduction in all 4 crime types, with an overall decrease of 12%.

The crimes that have the most impact on victims are Vehicle Crime and Burglary, accounting for 7.7% and 3.9% respectively of the total crime in 2025 (although both lower than in 2024).. Vehicle crime is still the 4<sup>th</sup> most frequent crime in our region, but thankfully in total 18% below the 2024 level.



Burglary has reduced in total by 40.9% compared to 2024. Molesey East had a small increase during

July – October (+3) but otherwise all other areas had decreases.



The other 8 crime types account for the remaining 19.5% of all crime, and only 4 of those show an increase in 2025 compared to the 2024.

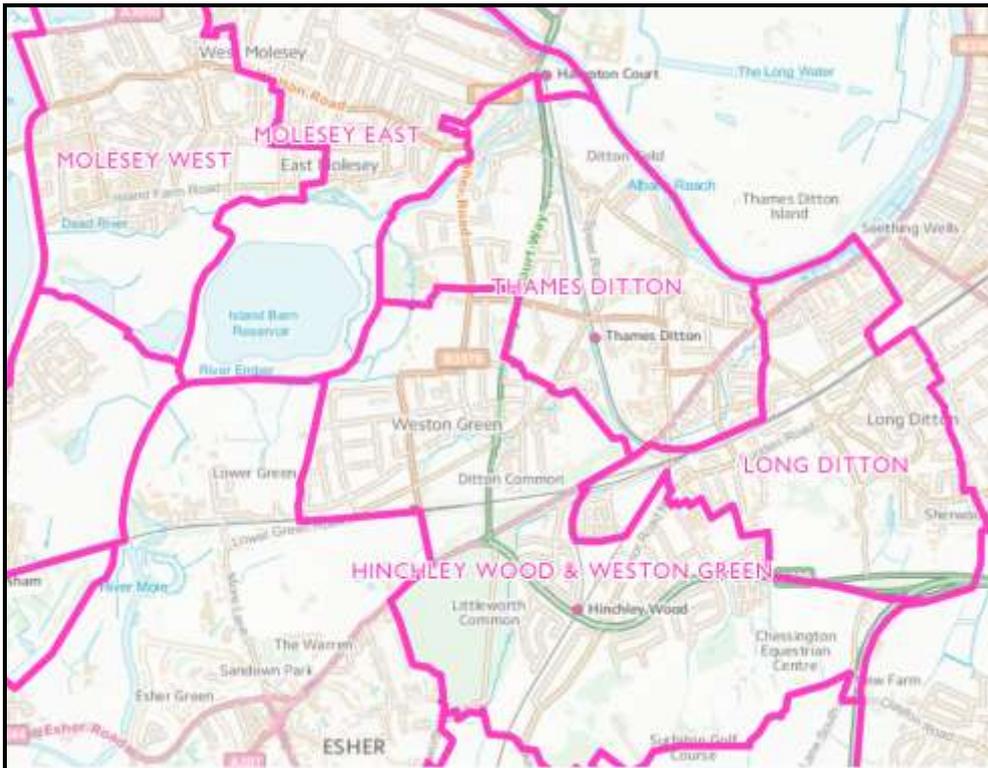
Drugs, accounting for 3.6% of total crime with an increase of 18% (+5 in East Molesey, +4 in Long Ditton but +12 (mostly in Jun – Aug) in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green).

Other Crime, accounting for 2.5% of total crime, with an increase of 38% (+4 in Thames Ditton, +7 in Long Ditton and +4 in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green).

Possession of Weapons, accounting for 1.2% of total crime, with an increase of 127% (+7 in West Molesey, +6 in East Molesey, and +2 in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green).

Robbery, accounting for 0.7% of total crime, with an increase of 40% (+2 in East Molesey, +1 in Thames Ditton, and +1 in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green).

### From Ordnance Survey Election Maps



#### *Election wards*

It wasn't possible to capture the full map of our NHW region, but the northern border of Molesey West and Molesey East wards is the river Thames.

To see this map on-line, go to:

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/election-maps/gb/>

zoom in to your area, click on the 'BOUNDARY' button, scroll down and select 'Wards / District Wards' and click the 'Show names' button.

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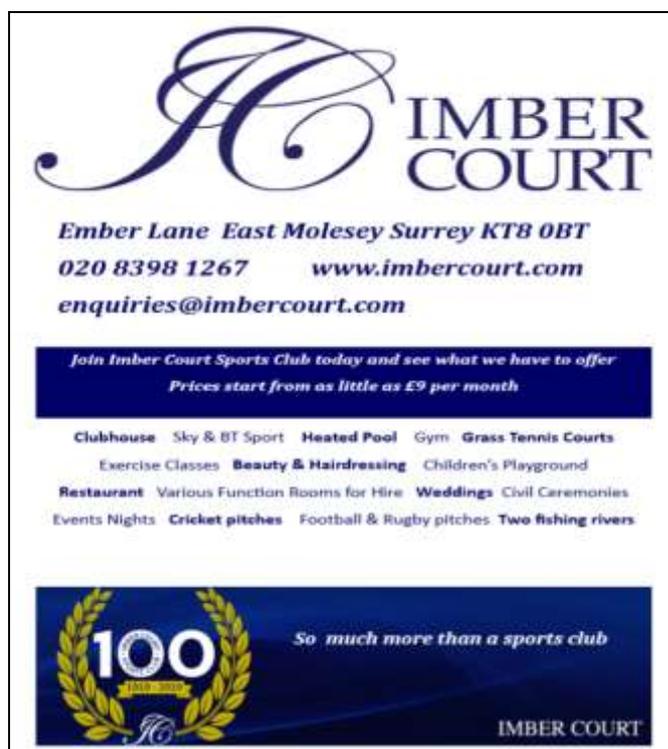
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• **Remember** Lock your car at all times when parking, and don't leave valuables on view

• **Remember** leave lights on in your property if you're going to be out after dusk; as many properties targeted appeared unoccupied

• **Remember** Most burglars enter a premises from the rear, and many burglaries take place during the day



doors because they can't open them from the inside, and have to leave through a window

• **Remember** Double check all windows and doors are securely locked before leaving home; on winter evenings keep lights on when out

• **Remember** Make sure sheds and gates are locked, and outside bins are not left where burglars could use them as a stepping stone.

• **Remember** If your vehicle is "keyless", keep the key in a "Faraday" pouch or metal tin and keep keys AWAY from front door or kitchen window