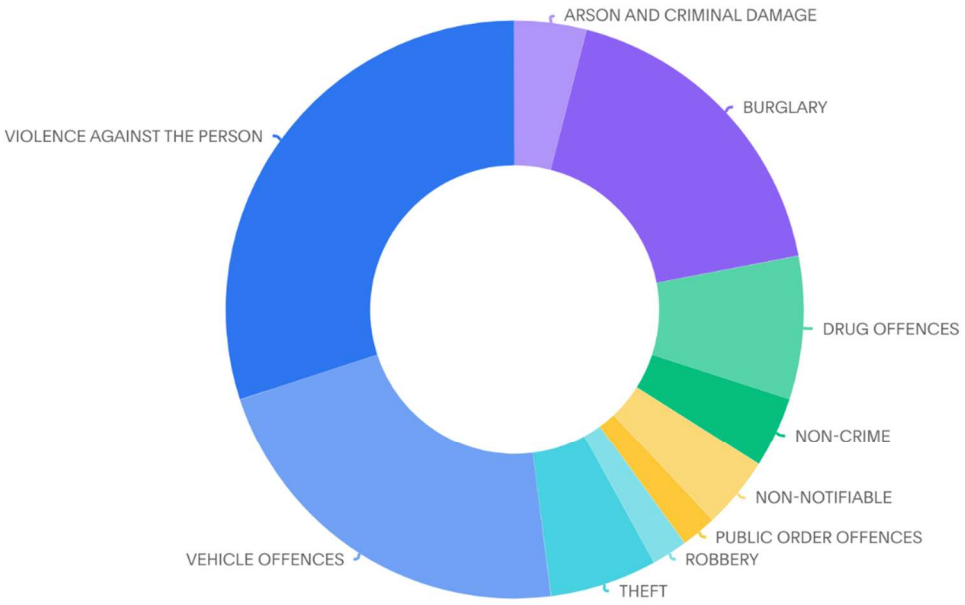
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🚔 October 2026 Crime Update



During October, officers responded to a number of incidents across the ward. Below is a summary of some reported incidents and crime prevention advice for residents.

🏠 Residential Burglary (5)

Properties targeted in:

Brendon Villas / Highfield Road

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Connaught Gardens

Mintern Close

The Larches

Barrowell Green

⚠️ **Most offences occurred while occupants were away from home.**



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🚪 **Attempted Burglary (3)**

Reported in:

Kipling Terrace

New Park Avenue (2 incidents)

✅ **In all cases, suspects were disturbed before gaining entry.**

Crime Prevention Tip: Consider fitting CCTV, a video doorbell or sensor lighting to help deter offenders.

🚙 **Vehicle Crime**

Theft of Motor Vehicle (1)

Rayleigh Road

Theft From Motor Vehicle (10)

Reported in:

Highfield Road

Wentworth Gardens

Barrowell Green

Rylston Road

Firs Lane

Munster Gardens

North Circular Road

Included:

Tool thefts

Stolen registration plates

Catalytic converter thefts

Crime Prevention Tip: Remove valuables from vehicles, lock your vehicle at all times and consider additional vehicle security devices.

🚨 Robbery & Personal Theft

Robbery (1): Great Cambridge Road Underpass

Phone Snatch (1): North Circular Road

Crime Prevention Advice: Be aware of your surroundings when walking in public and avoid displaying mobile phones, cash or other valuables unnecessarily. Keep personal belongings secure and close to you, particularly in busy areas and on public transport. If approached in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, move to a safe, populated area and report any suspicious behaviour via 101, or 999 in an emergency. 📱🔒

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THEFT vs ROBBERY

Know the Difference. Know the Law.

THEFT

Theft is taking someone else's property without their permission and without using force or threat.



EXAMPLE:
Picking a wallet from a pocket, stealing a phone from a table, or shoplifting from a store.

ROBBERY

Robbery is taking someone else's property by using force, violence, or threat of force.



EXAMPLE:
Using a weapon, threatening someone, or using force to take money, a phone, or any property.

KEY DIFFERENCES

THEFT		ROBBERY
USE OF FORCE No force or threat is used.	VS	**USE OF FORCE** Force, violence, or threat of force is used.
VICTIM'S AWARENESS Victim is usually unaware during the act.	VS	**VICTIM'S AWARENESS** Victim is aware and often confronted.
NATURE OF THE ACT Usually done in secret and without confrontation.	VS	**NATURE OF THE ACT** Usually done openly and may involve confrontation.
LEGAL CONSEQUENCE Generally a less severe offense.	VS	**LEGAL CONSEQUENCE** Generally a more serious offense with harsher punishments.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.
BOTH THEFT AND ROBBERY ARE CRIMES.

If you witness a crime, report it to the police.

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📦 **Other Thefts (2)**

Parcel theft in Munster Gardens

Theft of delivered goods in Connaught Gardens

Reminder: Where possible, use secure delivery options or nominate a trusted neighbour to receive parcels.

🔨 **Criminal Damage (2)**

Two criminal damage reports recorded in Ash Grove.

👮 **Violence Against the Person (14)**

Common Assault/Battery: 9

ABH: 2

Harassment: 1

Cruelty to Children/Young Persons: 1

Malicious Communications: 1

Thank you to everyone who continues to report suspicious activity. Information from residents helps officers identify patterns, direct patrols and keep our neighbourhood safe.

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COMMON ASSAULT (S39 OFFENCES ACT 1861)

Intentional or reckless application of force to another person without causing actual bodily harm.

EXAMPLES:
- Pushing, shoving
- Slapping
- Grabbing
- Spitting

Summary only offence
Max penalty: 6 months imprisonment and/or fine

BATTERY (S47 OFFENCES ACT 1861)

Intentional and unlawful application of force to another person which causes actual bodily harm.

EXAMPLES:
- Punching
- Kicking
- Hitting with an object
- Any deliberate physical attack causing injury

Either way offence
Max penalty: 5 years imprisonment

ACTUAL BODILY HARM (ABH) (S47 OFFENCES ACT 1861)

Where the assault or battery results in actual bodily harm, more than transient or trifling injury.

EXAMPLES:
- Cuts, bruising, swelling
- Fractures
- Black eyes
- Loss of teeth

Either way offence
Max penalty: 5 years imprisonment

GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM (GBH) (S18 OFFENCES ACT 1861)

Really serious bodily injury or injury endangering life, causing serious long-term harm or permanent disfigurement.

EXAMPLES:
- Fractures (serious or multiple)
- Stabbing
- Head injuries
- Serious burns
- Injuries causing loss of sight, hearing or limb

Either way offence
Max penalty: Life imprisonment

WOUNDING / CAUSING (GBH) (S20 OFFENCES ACT 1861)

The unlawful and malicious wounding or infiicting GBH on another person.

EXAMPLES:
- Stabbing
- Cutting
- Shooting
- Causing serious internal injury

Either way offence
Max penalty: Life imprisonment

INTENT TO CAUSE (GBH) (S18A OFFENCES ACT 1861)

Intending to cause GBH to another person, even if no injury is caused.

EXAMPLES:
- Threatening with a weapon
- Serious premeditated attack
- Attempts to cause serious harm

Either way offence
Max penalty: Life imprisonment

KEY POINTS

- The level of offence depends on the intent and the level of injury caused.
- All these offences are taken seriously by police.
- Victims will be safeguarded and supported.
- Always report violence – you can make a difference.

REPORT IT

In an emergency always dial	For non-emergencies dial	Or report online via your local police website
999	101	

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If you or someone you know has been affected by violence, support is available. Speak to police or visit your local support services.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

Edmonton Police Station
462 Fore Street,
Edmonton N9 0PW

999 – **URGENT** attendance required – Response time of under 15mins.

101 - Police required but not as an emergency response and also to report crime, you can also report crime online at **www.met.police.uk** by clicking the Report button.

If anyone would like a crime prevention survey please email us at **highfield@met.police.uk**

Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Advice:
https://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention
Access practical advice on protecting your home, vehicle, business, and personal property, along with the latest crime prevention guidance from the Metropolitan Police.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Based at Edmonton Police Station your Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) on **Highfield ward** are:

- **PS Ozal Mehmet** – Police Sergeant
- **PC Andrew Palmer** – Police Constable
- **PC Husam Ahmed** – Police Constable
- **PCSO Apollonia Tanner** – Police Community Support Officer
- **PCSO Victoria Calaby** – Police Community Support Officer
- **PCSO Jolanta Kurzynska** – Police Community Support Officer

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