

**Local Area Risk Assessment
Blackburn, Wilpshire**

Safe area assessment report

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1. Introduction – Legislative background

Recent public and media attention has focused on the physical environments of children's homes and whether a location is safe. However, it is not always straightforward to define a 'safe' area as a location can change rapidly and may also depend on the vulnerabilities of particular children and other individuals who may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particular risky behaviours.

A home may be in an area with some local risks, and still be safe if these are managed well and arrangements are made to keep children safe, placements decisions should take account of these risks. It is reasonable to assume that no matter how "safe" the local area is deemed, there will always be factors that can present a risk to young people and this is to be expected. Although the home will always remain proactive in reducing risks, it is part of our organisations that we will equip our young people with the right tools and skills to be able to manage these appropriately, with the focus on young people being autonomous and independent people who are able to function in society safely and positively. There may be risks that are considered too high for a specific young person and these considerations and variables will be assessed and mitigated accordingly with appropriate monitoring, assessment and intervention to reduce as much risk to our young people, others and the surrounding community.

Consideration of risks in an area, and what steps should be taken to mitigate them should be part of the placement and planning decision process, the availability of support and services in the local area,

E.g. Education, health etc, as well as risk factors should be considered before the placement is made.

Better equipping children's homes staff to make judgements about local risks, manage challenging behaviour and keep children safe is an important element. Workforce training, support and knowledge is critical to success. The homes location assessment should be kept under review and amended to take into account any new risks identified, this can also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the homes approach to safeguarding and promoting children and young people's welfare.

It will be essential to talk to the children living in the home, about the quality of life in the area to establish whether they feel safe, and to be better equipped to manage any risks they may identify.

The Children's Homes and Looked After Children (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulation 2013 introduced the following changes to the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the Registration Regulations:

Regulation 31 (1A) and (1B) of the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 as amended introduced a requirement in January 2014 for providers or managers to:

- Ensure that premises used for the purposes of a children's home are appropriately and suitably located so that children cared for by the home are:
 - (a) Effectively safeguarded, and
 - (b) Able to access services to meet the needs identified in their care or placement plans;
- Review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises at least once in every calendar year

Location assessments need to address two issues:

- Safeguarding concerns
- Accessibility of local services

It is important as a provider to have a broad understanding of the characteristics of the local area where the home is located, and considerations should be:

- Whether the location of the home influences the potential for an already vulnerable child to be a victim of crime e.g. Targeted for CSE
- Is there a likelihood of children placed in the home becoming drawn into gang crime or anti-social behaviour in the local area
- The suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect
- Are there any environmental factors that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near busy roads

Location assessments should also consider positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to children living there in a children's home, including evidence for opportunities for children to participate in leisure, sporting and cultural activities

2. Accessibility of local services & Amenities in the Area

The nearest train station is Stockport train station and this is 1.2 miles away

The closest NHS GP is:

Brownhill Surgery

790 Whalley New Rd
Blackburn
BB1 9BA

Police station

128 Whalley Road
Langho
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB6 8DD

Langham Road Dental Practise8

2 Langham Rd
Blackburn
BB1 8DP

Wilsphire has plenty of local groups and services that the home can access in the

There is also:

- Local sport teams (Football, Boxing, Rugby, Gymnastics & Dancing)
- Local Gyms
- Swimming clubs
- Horse/Riding school

- Outdoor pursuits (PGL)
- Golf
- Trampoline park
- Chess clubs
- An athletic club with tennis courts, bowling green, cricket and football pitches Children's play area
- Nature reserves and scenic routes for walking, hiking and cycling
- Local scouts and cadet groups with camp sites
- Various places of worship for various beliefs
- Convenience stores
- A post office
- Tea-rooms/cafes serving snacks, cakes and drinks

3. Local schools

Wilpshire has a number of successful primary and secondary schools including academies and colleges that are located within close radius of the home. These schools vary in regard to educational and mental ability so suit our young children's needs and complexities. At Brinscall care, we aim to make the transition of new admissions as smooth and successful as possible. This includes communicating with the local authority and educational co-ordinators to assist with putting in place thorough plans and referrals to surrounding schools as soon as practically possible. The home will liaise continuously with every young person's social worker and obtain as much information as possible before accepting a young person's to ensure there is a good chance the homes surround schools can accommodate for their needs. This will form as part of the young person's pre-admission referral process.

Primary

Salesbury Church of England Primary School

Lovely Hall Lane, Salesbury, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 9EQ](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 3 - 11

Good

Roe Lee Park Primary School

Emerald Avenue, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 9RP](#)

Community School

Ages 3 - 11

Good

St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School

Wilworth Crescent, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 8QN](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 5 - 11

Outstanding

Holy Souls Roman Catholic Primary School Blackburn

Wilworth Crescent, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 8QN](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 5 - 11

Outstanding

Lammack Primary School

Lammack Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 8LH](#)

Community School

Ages 4 - 11

Good

Secondary

Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School

Preston New Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB2 7AD](#)

Academy Converter

Ages 11 - 18

Outstanding

St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington

Elker Lane, Billington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, [BB7 9JA](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 11 - 16

Outstanding

St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy

Duckworth Street, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB2 2JR](#)

Academy Converter

Ages 11 - 18

Good

Our Lady and St John Catholic College

North Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 1PY](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 11 - 16

Requires improvement

Witton Park High School

Buncer Lane, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB2 6TD](#)

Academy Converter

Ages 11 - 16

Good

Blackburn Central High School

Haslingden Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB2 3HJ](#)

Foundation School

Ages 11 - 16

Good

Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School

Shadsworth Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB1 2HT](#)

Free School

Ages 11 - 18

Outstanding

St Bede's Roman Catholic High School, Blackburn

Green Lane, Blackburn, Lancashire, [BB2 4SR](#)

Voluntary Aided School

Ages 11 - 16

Good

Accrington St Christopher's Church of England High School

Queen's Road West, Accrington, Lancashire, [BB5 4AY](#)

Academy Converter

Ages 11 - 18

Good

"The overall school grade in this area is high"

4. Collection of publicly available local data

Wilpshire is a village and civil parish in the county of Lancashire, England. It is 2.5 miles (4.0 km) north of Blackburn, and forms part of the town's urban area, although it's in the Ribble Valley local government district. In the 2001 United Kingdom census, the parish had a population of 2,569,[3] increasing to 2,582 at the 2011 Census.[1]

The village is situated on the A666 Whalley Road, between the Brownhill area of Blackburn and the village of Langho. The local railway station is Ramsgreave and Wilpshire, on the Ribble Valley Line with train services to Blackburn, Manchester and Clitheroe.

Executive summary

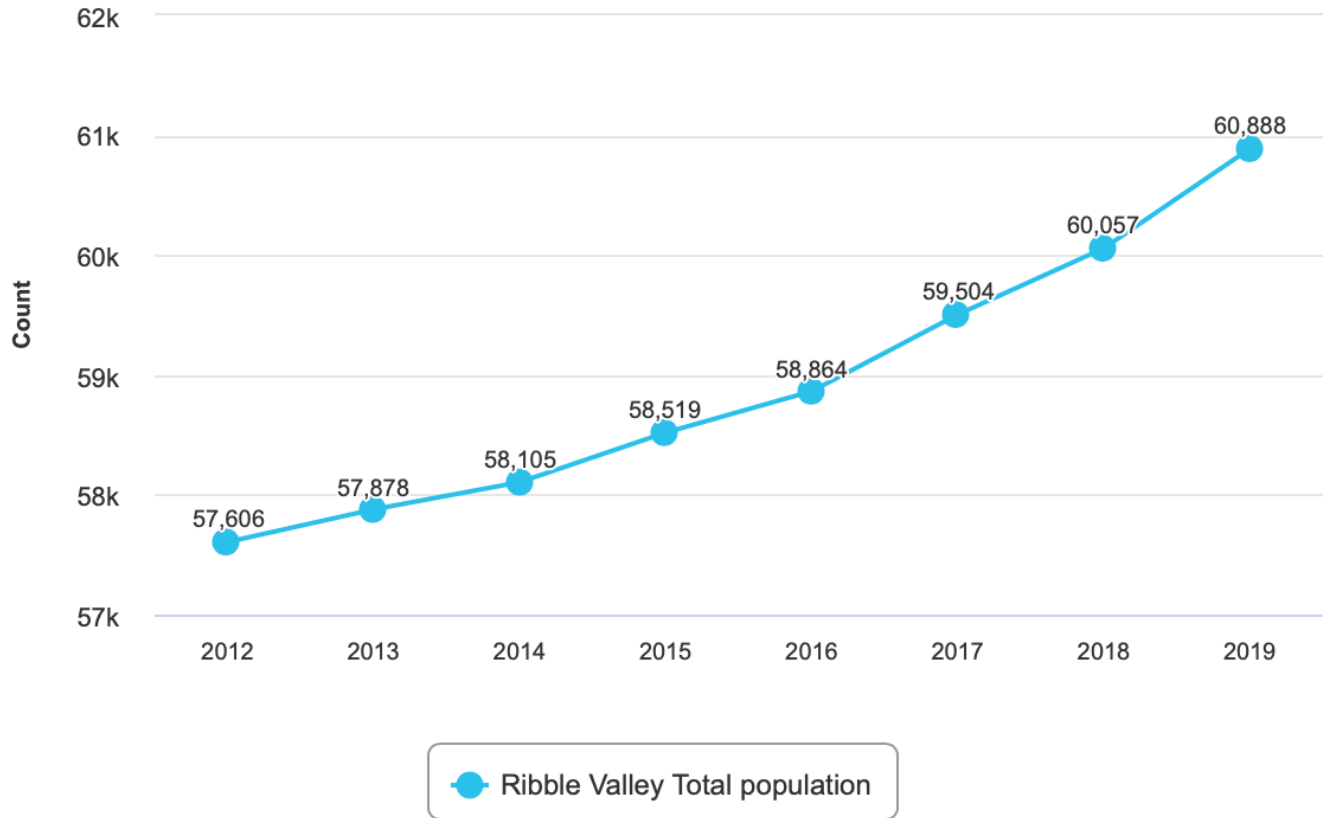
Ribble Valley is a District in the North West region.

In 2019 the total population of Ribble Valley was 60,888 people this is an increase of [6 %](#) ([3,282](#)) since 2012, Ribble Valley is now ranked 17 (out of 18 Districts in the North West region) in terms of total population. The main (predominate) component of Ribble Valley population change is Internal Migration Net.

In 2019 Internal Migration Net accounted for 859 people of the overall change followed by International Migration Net which accounted for 133 people. Of the 60,888 people in Ribble Valley, [19.3](#) percent ([11,765](#)) are children aged under 18, [57.0](#) percent ([34,686](#)) are adults aged 18 to 64 and [23.7](#) percent ([14,437](#)) are aged 65 and over; [3.2](#) percent ([1,947](#)) of the resident population are 85 and over. Ribble Valley has a old age dependency ratio (working age population:over 65 population) of [39.9](#) per 100 working age population which is the 13 lowest out of 18 Districts in the North West region and 119 lowest out of all Districts authorities.

Mid-year population estimates by ethnicity have not been produced since 2009, therefore the latest data available is from the 2011 Census that showed that [2.1](#) per cent of the resident population are non-White and [97.9](#) percent are white; the predominate ethnic group in Ribble Valley is residents who are White , followed by residents who are Asian/Asian British representing 97.9 and 1.3 percent of the population respectively.

Total resident population (from 2012 to 2019) for Ribble Valley



Population by broad age group

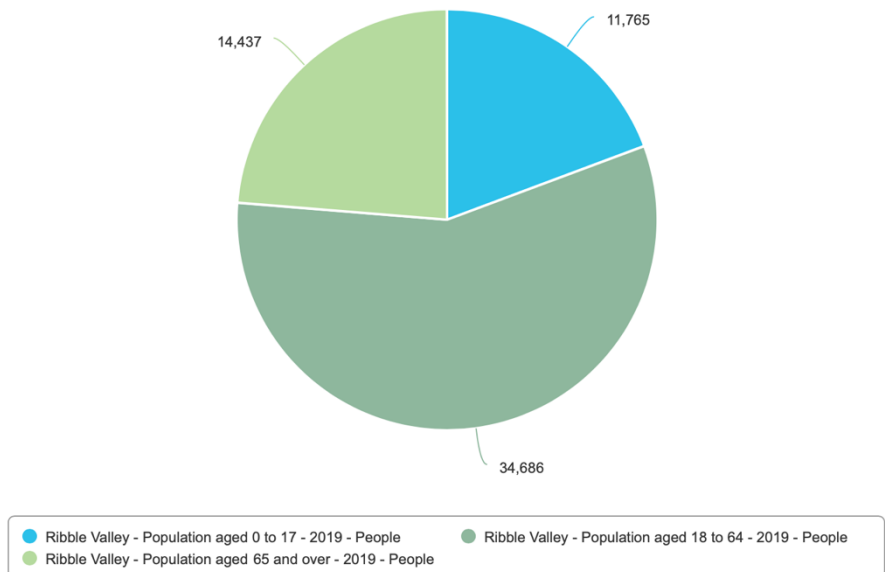
Of the 60,888 people living in Ribble Valley in 2019, 11,765 people (19.3%) were aged 0 to 17, 34,686 people (57.0%) were aged 18 to 64 and 14,437 people (23.7%) were aged 65 and over.

This compares to 21.3% aged 0 to 17, 60.0% aged 18 to 64 and 18.7% aged 65 and over for the North West region as a whole, and 21.4%, 60.2% and 18.4% for England.

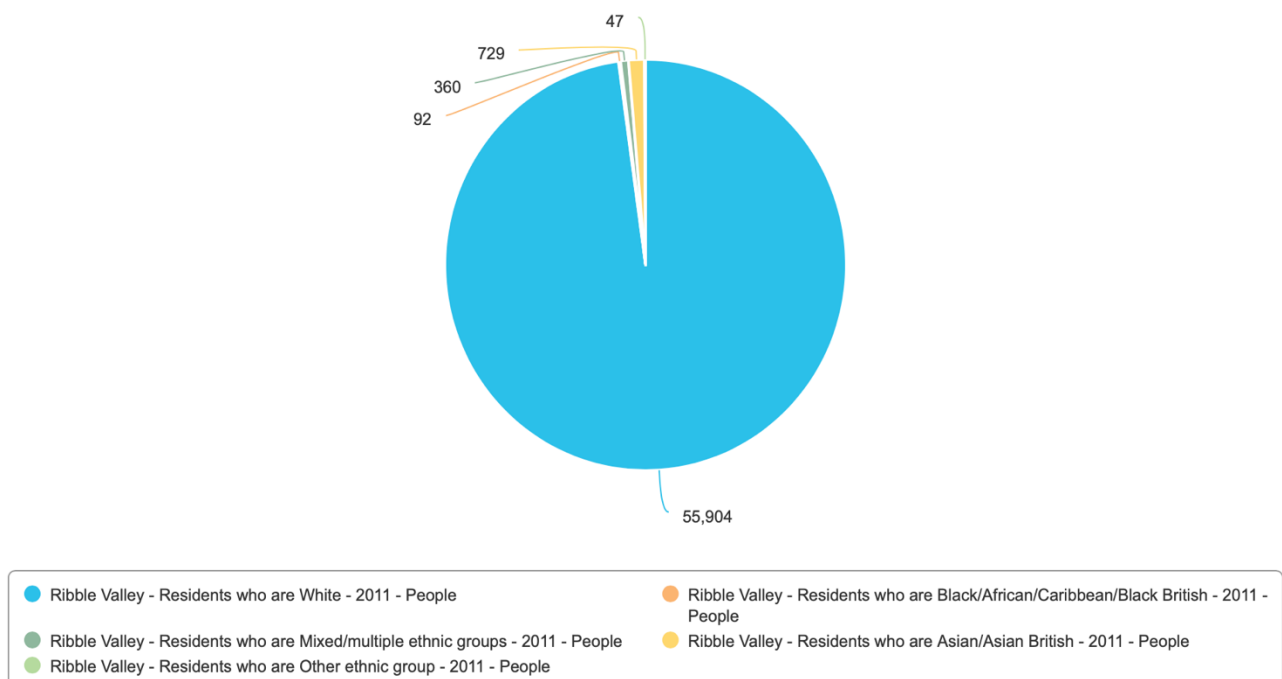
Using the Mid-Year Population estimates - single year of age and sex tables for local authorities the remainder of this section presents charts showing:

- the number aged 0-17, 18-64 and 65 and over
- single year and sex population pyramid
- market research age bands and sex population pyramid

Population - Three broad age groups (2019) for Ribble Valley



Population - ethnicity (2011) for Ribble Valley





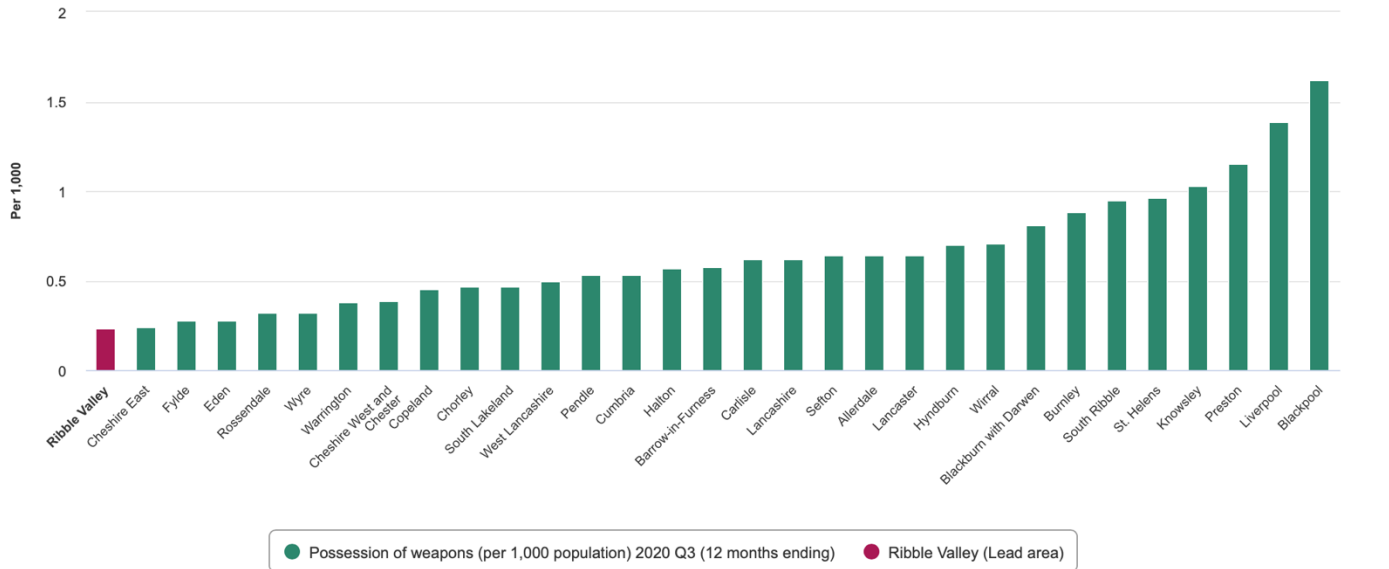
The ethnic group records each person's perceived ethnic group and cultural background. The data covers all people, and shows the detailed 5-way classification of ethnic groups. The latest data available for this measure is Census 2011.

In Ribble Valley in 2011 the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 97.9% , the percentage who identified as Asian or Asian British was 1.3%, the percentage who identified as black or black British was 0.2%, those who identified as mixed race made up 0.6% per cent of the population and those who identified as other ethnic group made up 0.1% per cent of the population.

In the North West region the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 90.2%, the percentage who identified as Asian or Asian British was 6.2%, the percentage who identified as black or black British was 1.4%, those who identified as mixed race made up 1.6% of the population and those who identified as other ethnic group made up 0.6% of the population. This compared to North West where the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 85.4% , Asian or Asian British was 7.8%, black or black British was 3.5%, mixed race made up 2.3% and other ethnic groups made up 1.0% per cent of the population.

Local crime statistics of Wiltshire (Ribble Valley region) and surrounding areas

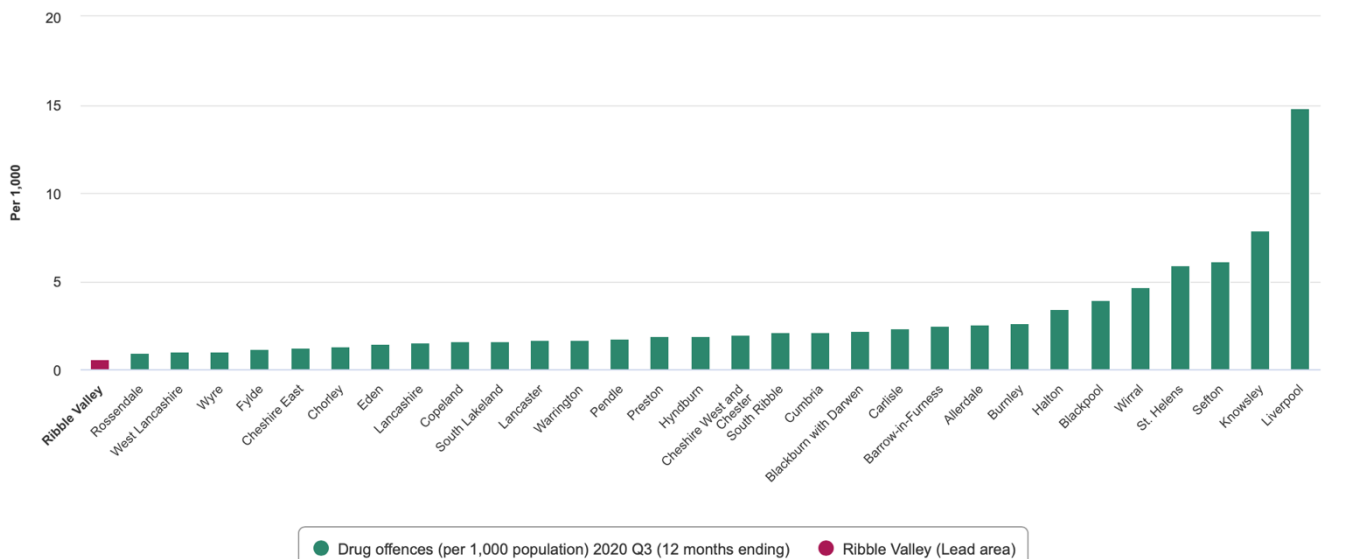
Possession of weapons (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



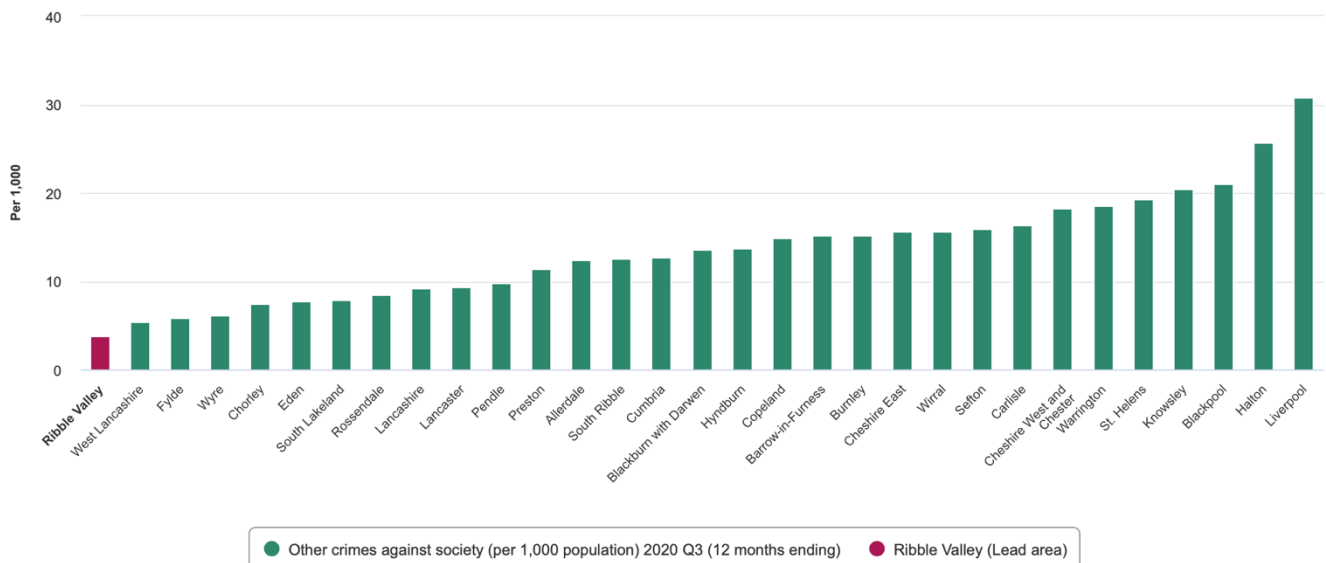
Drug offences

In 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley had recorded 0.62 crimes per 1000 people drug offences this can be seen in the bar chart below. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 0.62 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Liverpool having the largest number at 14.81 crimes per 1000 people offences. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased in the last equivalent period when there were 0.84 crimes per 1000 people.

Drug offences (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Other crimes against society (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West

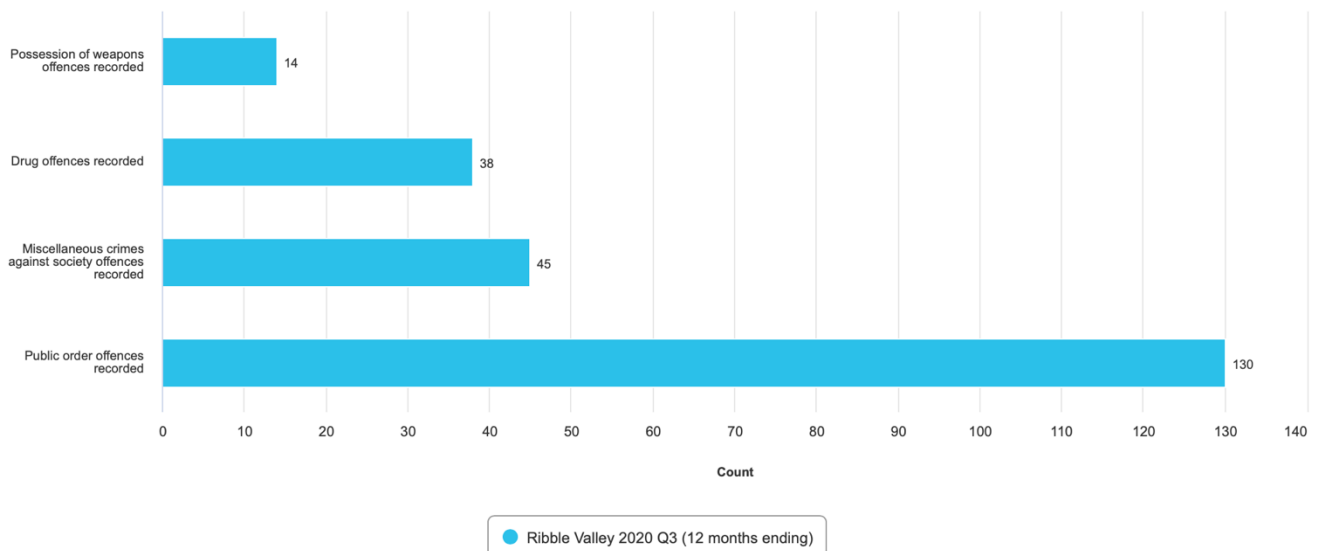


Other crimes against society

Other crimes against society include: drug offences, possession of weapons offences, public order offences and miscellaneous crimes.

In 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley had 3.73 crimes per 1000 people for other crimes against society offences. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 3.73 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Liverpool having the largest number at 30.86 crimes per 1000 people offences. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased since the last equivalent period when there were 4.83 crimes per 1000 people, this can be seen in the bar charts below.

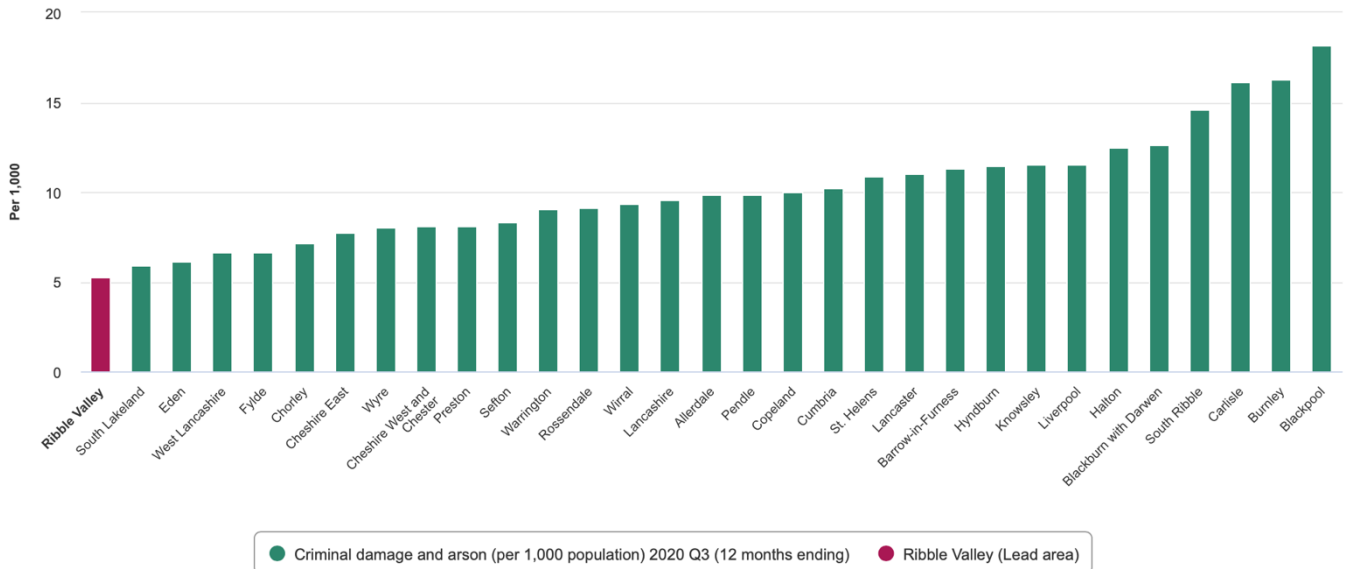
Other crimes against the person offences for Ribble Valley for year ending 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) (count of offences)



Criminal damage and arson

In the 12 months to 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley recorded 5.27 crimes per 1000 people criminal damage and arson offences, this can be seen in the bar chart below. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 5.27 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Blackpool having the largest number at 18.19 crimes per 1000 people offences.

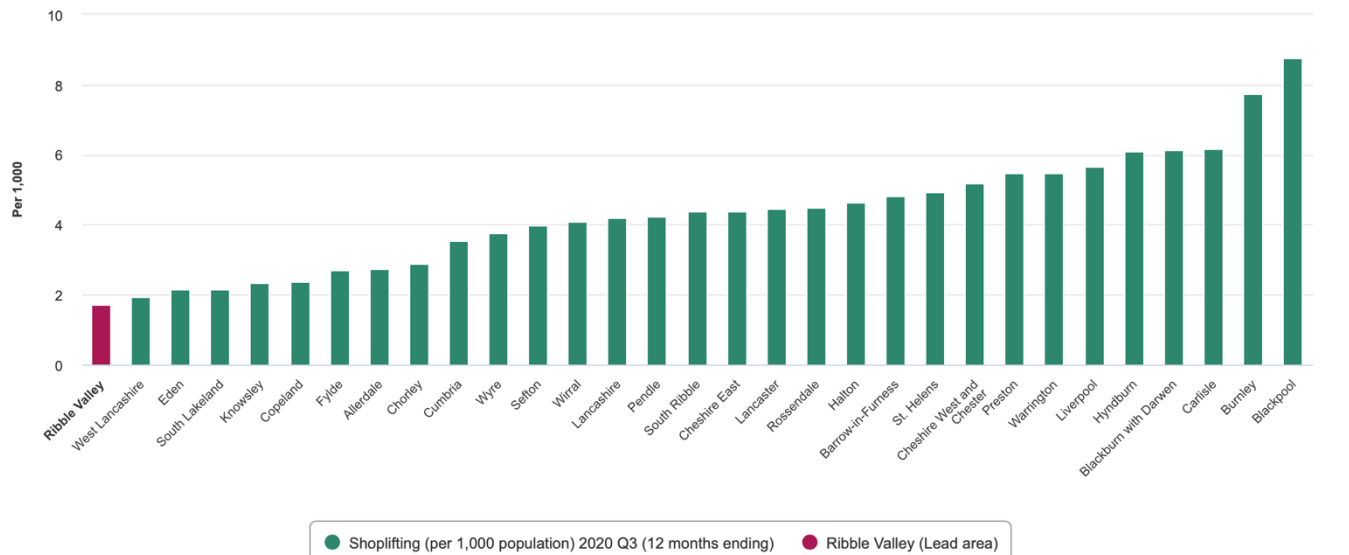
Criminal damage and arson (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Shoplifting offences

Ribble Valley recorded 1.72 crimes per 1000 people shoplifting offences in 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) and this can be seen in the bar chart below. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 1.72 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Blackpool having the largest number at 8.77 crimes per 1000 people offences. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased as in the last equivalent period there were 2.23 crimes per 1000 people.

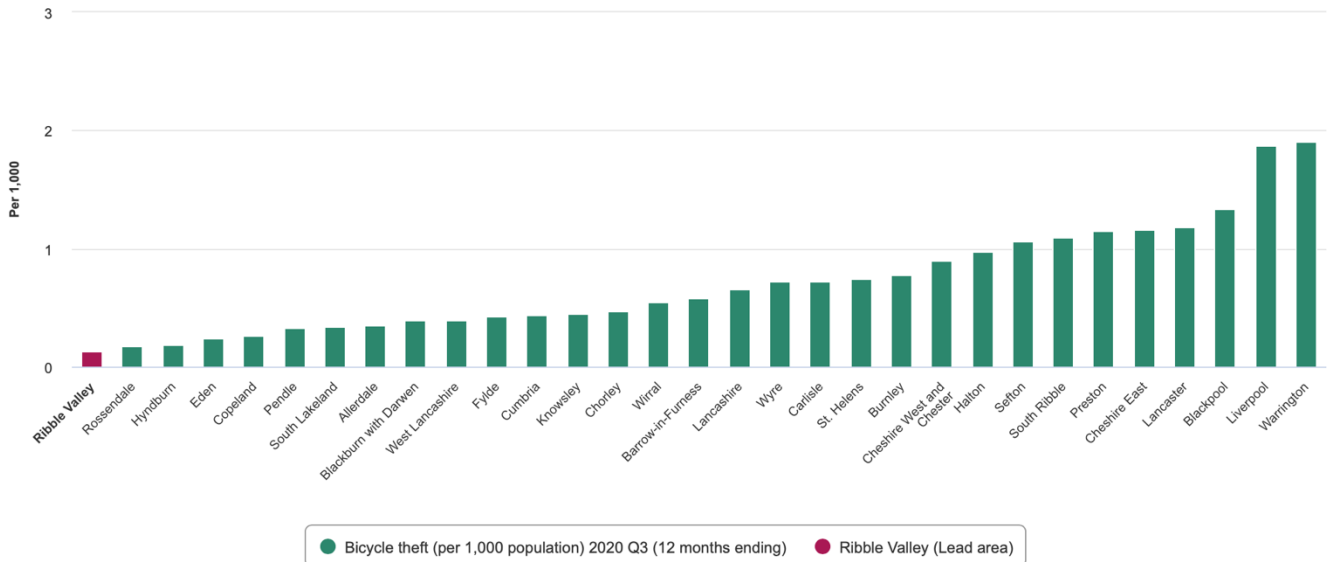
Shoplifting (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Bicycle theft offences

The bar chart below shows up to 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley had recorded 0.13 crimes per 1000 people for bicycle theft offences. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased from the last equivalent period when there were 0.13 crimes per 1000 people. Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 0.13 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Warrington having the largest number at 1.91 crimes per 1000 people offences.

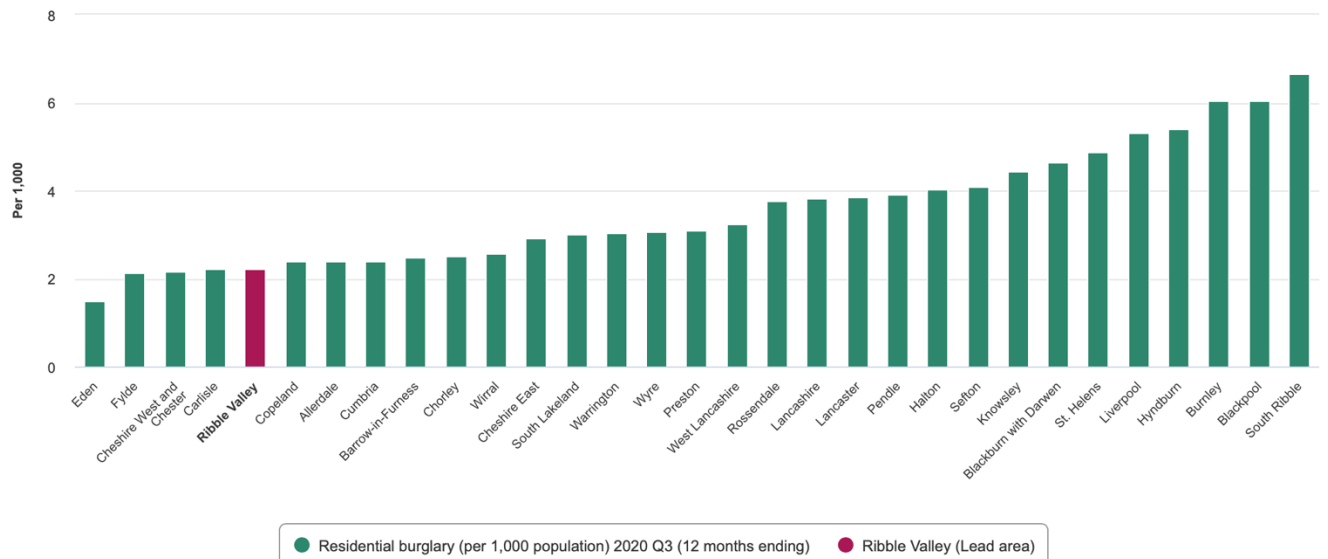
Bicycle theft (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Residential burglary in a dwelling

The bar chart below shows in 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley recorded 2.23 crimes per 1000 people for residential burglary offences. Ribble Valley was ranked 5 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Eden had the lowest number of offences 1.48 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with South Ribble having the largest number at 6.66 crimes per 1000 people offences. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased from 3.61 crimes per 1000 people in the last equivalent period.

Residential burglary (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West

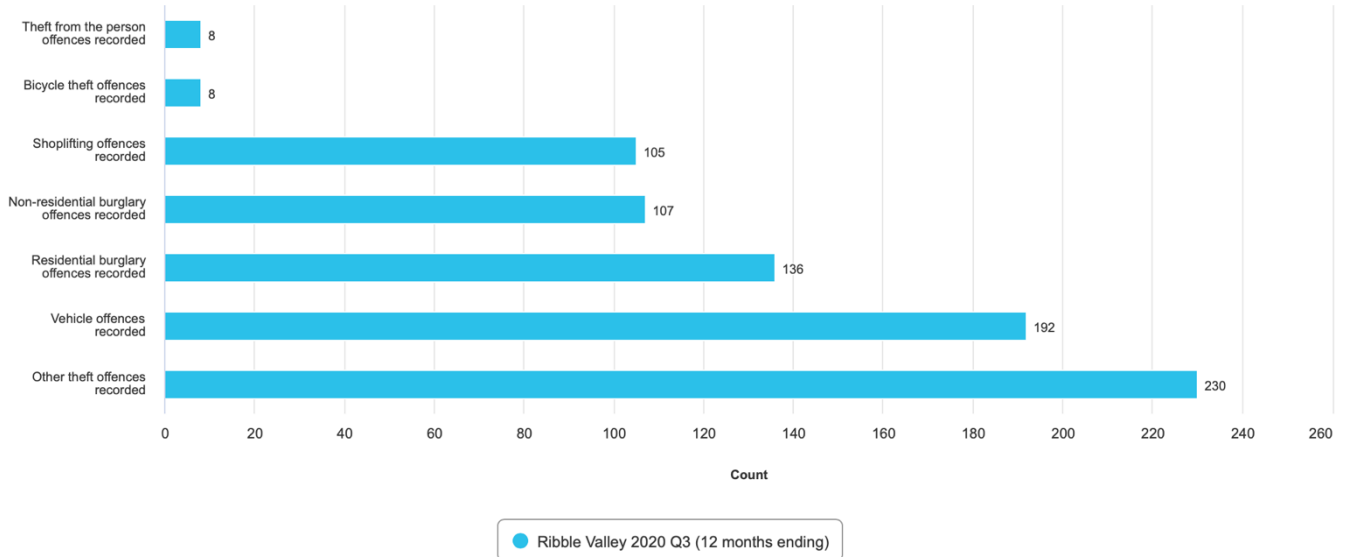


Theft

Theft includes residential and non-residential burglary, vehicle offences, theft from the person, bicycle theft, shoplifting and all other theft offences.

In 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) Ribble Valley recorded 12.91 crimes per 1000 people for theft offences per 1,000 population, this can be seen in the bar charts below. Ribble Valley was ranked 3 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. Copeland had the lowest number of offences 11.73 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Blackpool having the largest number at 42.35 crimes per 1000 people offences. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased from 17.90 crimes per 1000 people in the last equivalent period.

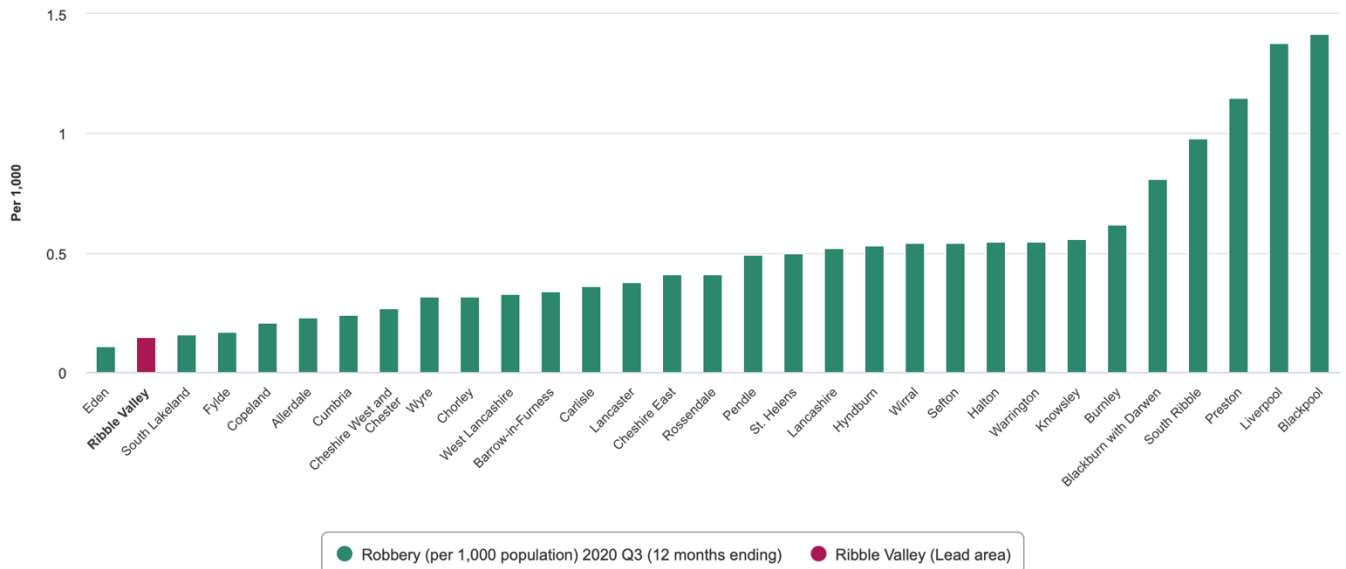
Theft offences in Ribble Valley for year ending 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) (count of offences)



Robbery

The bar chart below shows the number of robbery offences per 1,000 population recorded in Ribble Valley in 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) was 0.15 crimes per 1000 people. Ribble Valley was ranked 2 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has increased from 0.11 crimes per 1000 people in the last equivalent period.

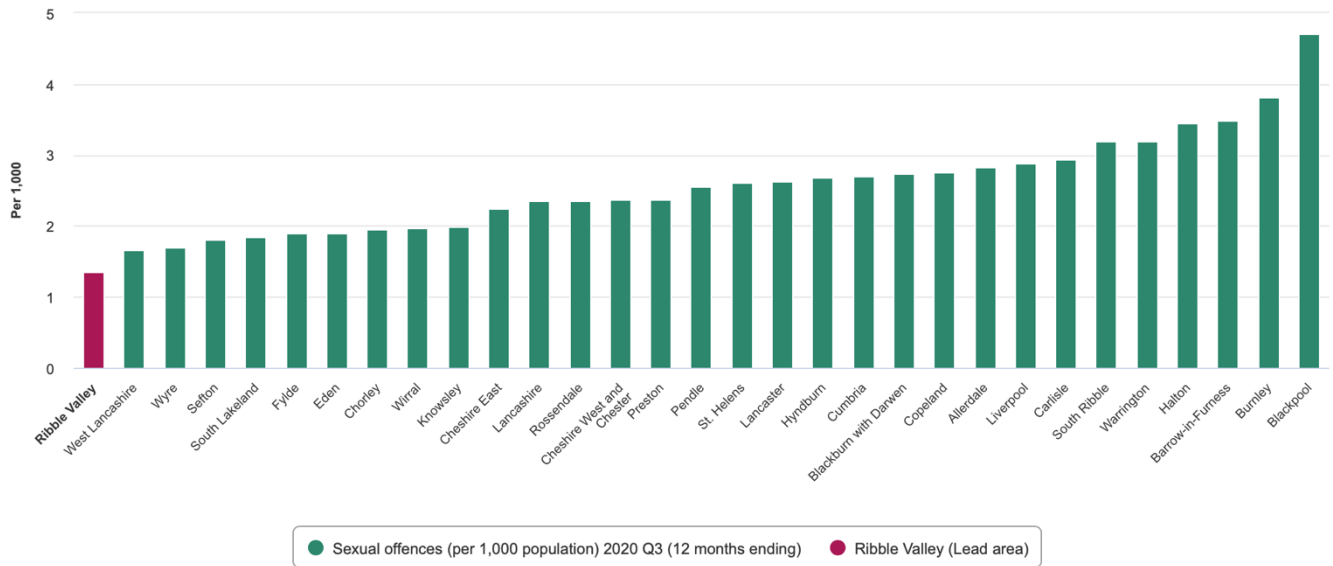
Robbery (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Sexual offences

Ribble Valley had 1.35 crimes per 1000 people sexual offences in 2020 Q3 (12 months ending). Ribble Valley had the lowest number of offences 1.35 crimes per 1000 people in this quarter with Blackpool having the largest number at 4.70 crimes per 1000 people offences. Ribble Valley was ranked 1 out of 41 in All local authorities in North West, this can be seen in the bar chart below. The number of offences in Ribble Valley has decreased from 1.79 crimes per 1000 people in the last equivalent period.

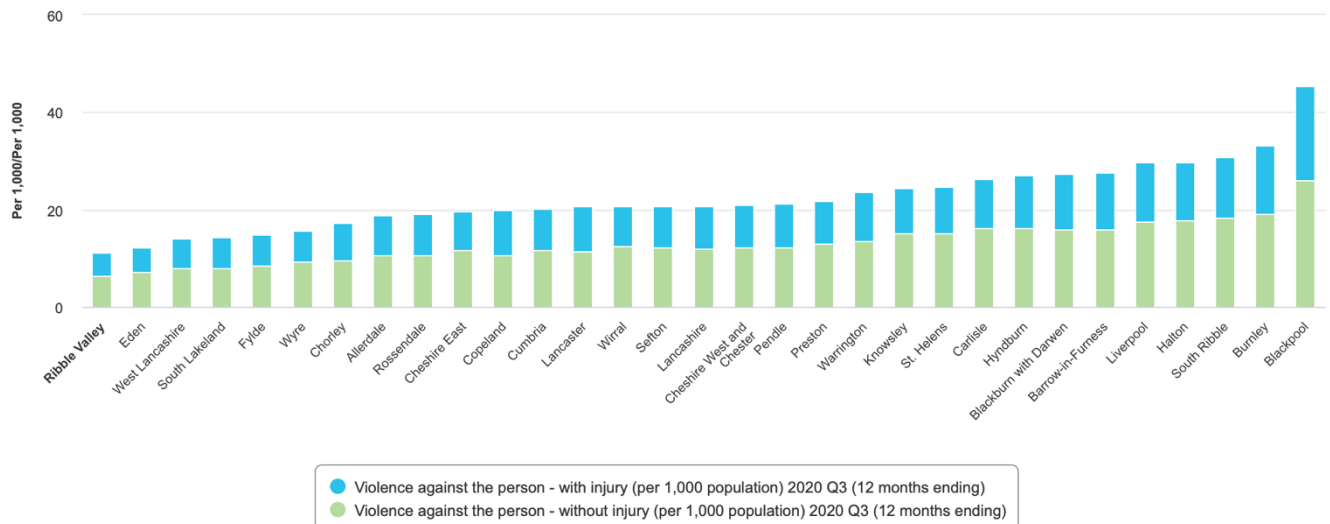
Crime - Sexual offences for Ribble Valley & All local authorities in North West for year ending 2020 Q3 (12 months ending)



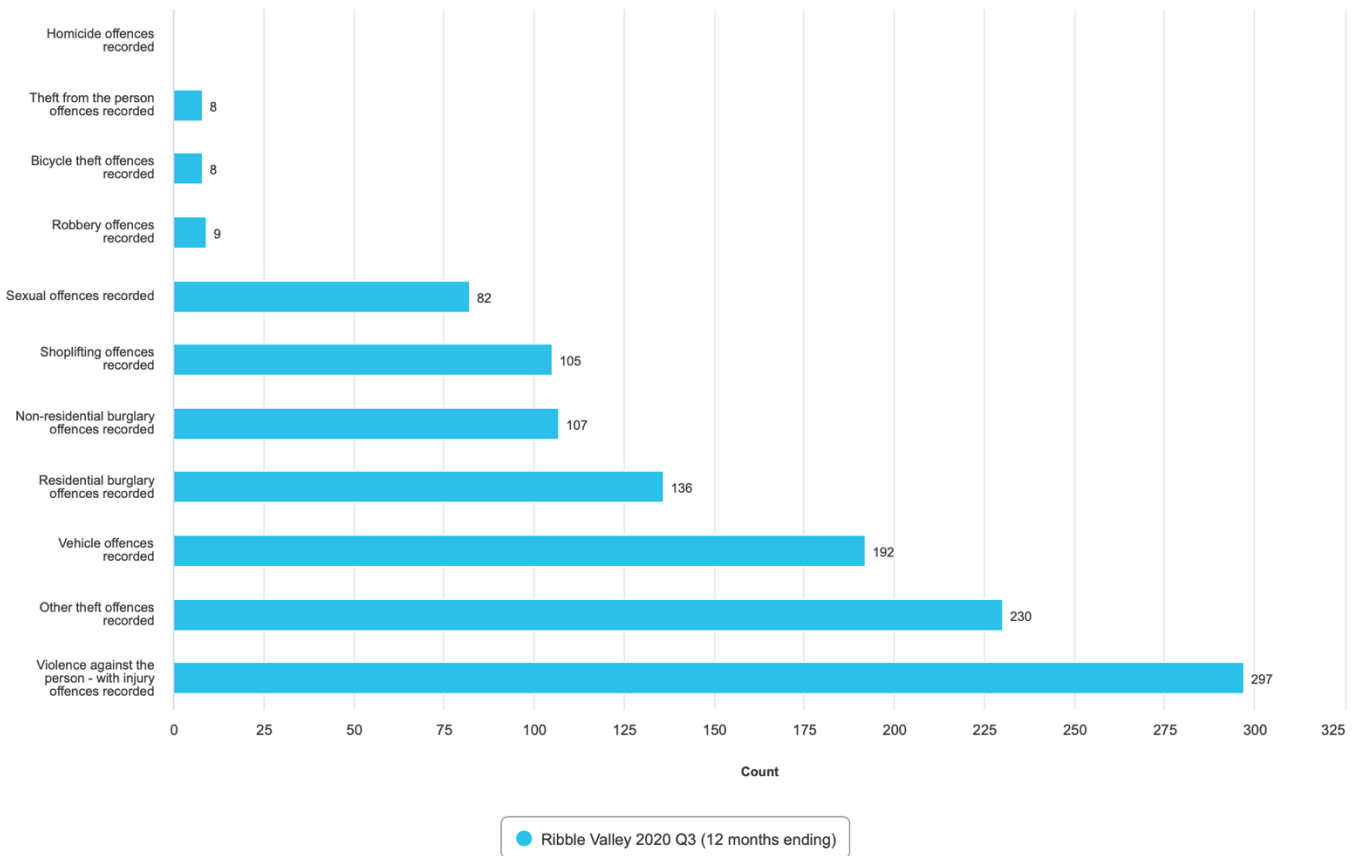
Violence against the person

The bar chart below shows violence against the person recorded crime per 1000 persons for Ribble Valley, in 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) 15.90 crimes per 1000 people were recorded. 4.88 crimes per 1000 people were with injury and 6.34 crimes per 1000 people without injury.

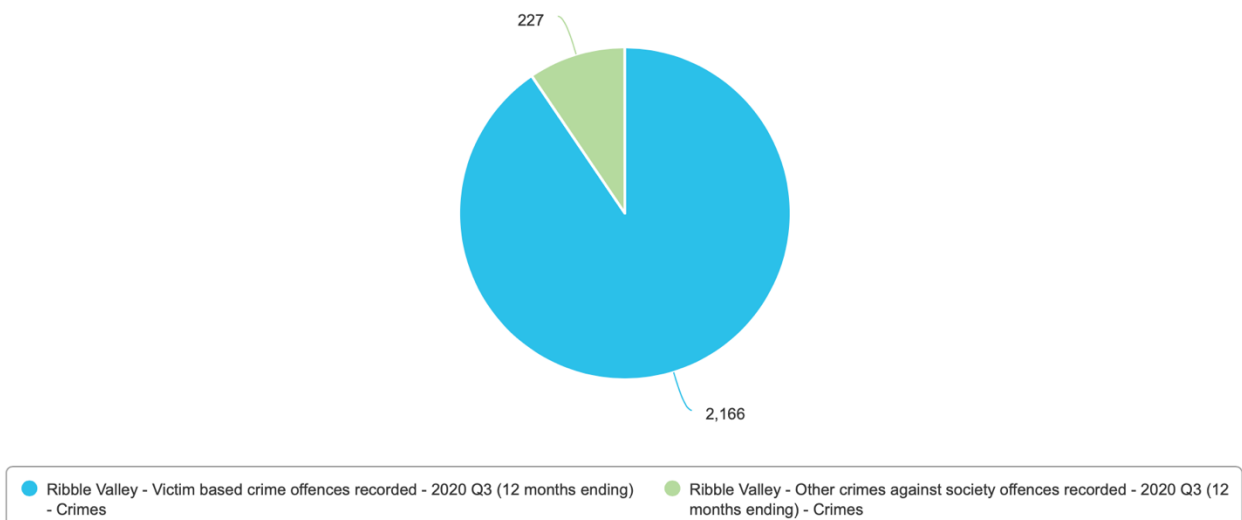
Violence against the person - with injury and without injury for Ribble Valley & All local authorities in North West for year ending 2020 Q3 (12 months ending)



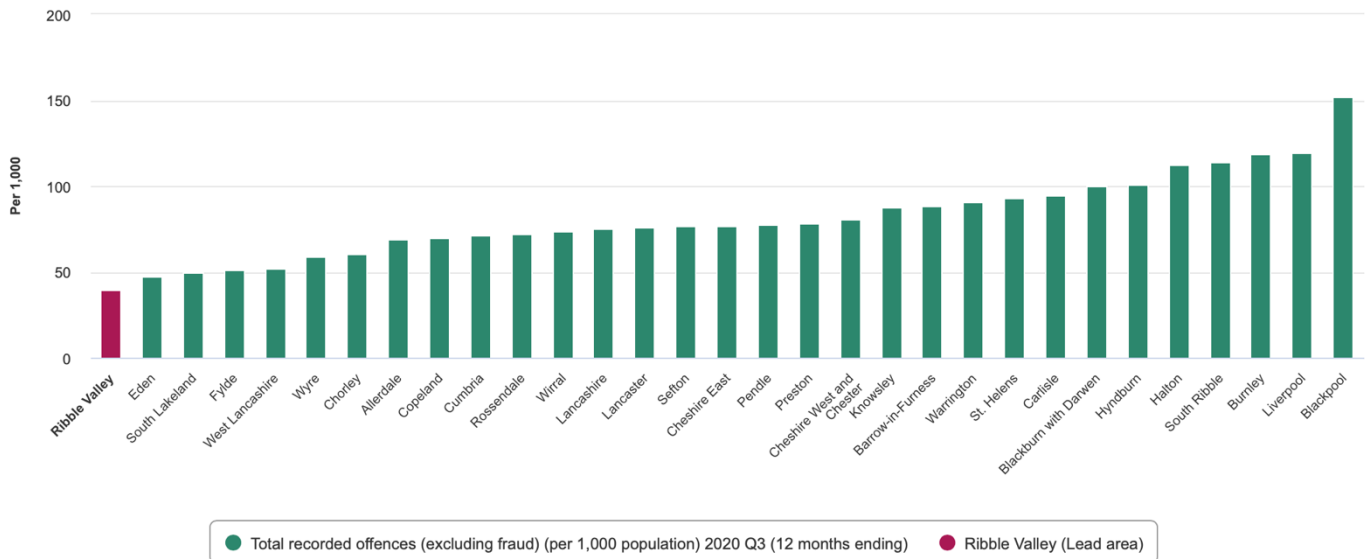
Victim based crime for Ribble Valley for year ending 2020 Q3 (12 months ending) (Offences)



Victim based crime offences recorded (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) & Other crimes against society offences recorded (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for Ribble Valley



Total recorded offences (excluding fraud) (offences per 1,000 population) (2020 Q3 (12 months ending)) for All local authorities in North West



Source of data: <https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/view/lga-research/lga-research-report-demographic-report?mod-area=E07000124&mod-group=AllLainRegion&mod-type=comparisonGroupType>

Local government association – website <https://lginform.local.gov.uk/>

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Sergeant

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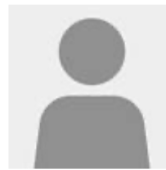
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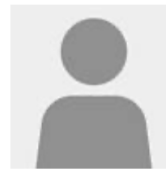
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Local Policing in the Ribble Valley operates a policing model where the Constables work across the whole area dealing with incidents that are reported around the clock and the Community Support Officers have direct responsibility for each ward.

5. Consultation with appropriate services

The key links for local services are detailed below and their responses to consultation on the location report.

LOCAL SERVICE	KEY INDIVIDUAL AND CONTACT DETAILS
Lancashire county council	https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/
Safeguarding (including MFH, CSE)	Children.cypsafeguarding@lancashire.gov.uk Tel: 01772 536954
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	Tim Booth 01772 536694 Tim.booth@lancashire.gov.uk
Police team	Clitheroe and Whalley: 01200 458766 Ribble Valley Rural: 01200 458734 PCSO Nigel Keates https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/ContactAnOfficer/Create?collarNumber=1443&firstName=Nigel&lastName=Keates
Local Probation/YOT	Lancashire Youth Offending Team Tel: 01772 532047
Local School	Virtual School Headteacher - Audrey Swann 01772 531853 Audrey.Swann@lancashire.gov.uk
Local Health	LAC Designated Nurse – Louise Burton, Designated Lead Nurse Safeguarding Tel: 01772 536954
CSE team	Katie Chatburn-Smith Katie.Chatburn-Smith@lancashire.gov.uk 07753832714
Substance misuse	Louise Walmsley louise.walmsley@wearewithyou.org.uk 07879602251

CSE safeguarding team/sexual health	Nicolle Entwistle Nicolle.Entwistle@lancashire.gov.uk 07796384925
MFH team	PC Dave Hogan MFH Coordinator South david.hogan@lancashire.police.uk
Education	Helen Bond Employment Officer - Employment and Support Team Virtual School for Children Looked After Helen.Bond@lancashire.gov.uk 07827 886010

6. Safeguarding concerns

Awaiting information from external agencies once application is being processed.

7. Risk assessment and risk management

OVERALL RISK RATING



low



MEDIUM



HIGH

Risk factors/ risk heightening factors	Risk management strategies/ protective factors	Probability of harm occurring	Extent of current harm/hazard	Overall risk rating
Crossing the road maybe a risk to young people if they do not cross safely.	The home is quite set back from the road and has an electronic gate too which covers the extent of the driveway. This will further safeguard the children and staff. Young people are competent to cross the road and can go independently. If they are not, they will be supported by a member of staff. Otherwise, the road does not pose a risk to their day to day activities unless otherwise stated during admission process. The home is set back a good distance from the home and is also has a gates which can restrict direct to the road of chosen.			



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Dark road leading to the home	There is sufficient lighting to enable young people and staff to walk safely and out of the home.			
Being involved in ASB	All young children are assessed on a individual basis and therefore will have appropriate risk management strategies put in place to minimise and manage any concerning behaviour or patterns. The home communicate well with the community police team, attend local PACT meetings to increase their knowledge and resources with managing any behavioural concerns and also are trained in dealing with and reducing challenging behaviour. There are processes in place that aim to reduce any concerning escalating behaviours and these decisions are made for the safety. The Wilpshire area has a very low level of ASB so this also reduces the probability of this being an issue.			
MFC/Railway lines	The home is within a mile walk of the closest railway line Because the home is located within walking distance to the train station, the home will be in direct correspondence with the Transport police. The home will have robust MFC strategies and protocols in place which will be tailored and refined overtime to maximise safeguarding and reduction to risk.			
Local schools being full capacity	The home is staffed sufficiently with experienced members of staff who each have access to the company vehicle. This will allow the home to facilitate for further travelling if necessary. There are a healthy number of schools in the area already, plus we have access to schools further afield which are still within a close driving range.			
Risk factors/ risk heightening factors	Risk management strategies/ protective factors	Probability of harm occurring	Extent of current harm/hazard	Overall risk rating- LOW
Individual plans	Each young person has their own set of plans which consists of; Health, Education, Placement, Contact, Missing From Home, Risk Management Plans, Independence and if relevant a Transition plan. These plans are important tools to help us measure our young person's progress and also highlight areas where supportive interventions maybe required			
Individual Risk assessments	All young people who are admitted the House will have their own risk management plans and procedures. These are specifically tailored to each young person and all staff are trained to follow the strategies which help			



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	minimise and manage certain risks. These plans are updated on a regular basis, so they reflect the young persons present behaviour and all staff are made aware of this by having signed sheets to evidence they have read and understood the potential risks presented to or from our young people.			
Young person using Bus Passes/Travel/Mobile	Our young people will be assessed on an individual basis which will include variables such as their social skills, self-awareness of dangers, independence, safety, understanding, appropriateness and level of supervision. At the home we focus on equipping our young people becoming independent and preparing them for leaving care with the correct skills and confidence so they can manage tasks such as gaining a bus pass or using a mobile phone. Although this is the aim it sometimes appropriate to take things slowly in order to have them be successful in managing using the bus or mobile phones safely and appropriately. This will be discussed upon admission and as and when thereafter to make sure all young people have the equal opportunity to use either a bus or mobile independently. These implementations are monitored and reviewed regularly to ensure that the most is being done at all times to meet the young people's specific needs, outlined in their individual care plan.	●	●	●
Awareness of young people plans when they are out alone	Before young people leave the home staff will try and gain as much information as possible from them before they leave the home. Staff agree times of contact/duration of times in which they will contact the young person and explain expectations that they are to answer. Details of where the young person frequents will be updated and logged in their Missing From Home, contact and free time plan if one is put in place. Staff will ensure they have young persons number and also make sure young people have theirs. If a young person has friends who they frequently spend time with the home will work towards establishing a professional relationship with them and gaining as much contact details as possible such as parents mobile numbers and addresses so we can create a safer network of contact methods to keep in contact with our young people. If staff have concerns of a young person spending time out in the community they collate as much information before they leave and agree a plan which highlights agreed times of welfare calls, drop	●	●	●



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	<p>off and pick up times (if using home vehicle) and also trying to ascertain who they are spending their time with.</p> <p>Because all young children come with behaviours and risks which vary so much in degrees, plans/risk assessments and strategies that are imposed will also vary. Because of this, each young person will have slightly different protocols implemented.</p>			
Options of transport and collection in homes vehicle	<p>All children have the right and privilege of using the homes vehicle. These can be used to access education, health appointments, legal meetings, family visits, important appointments, activities and shopping. However, there may be times when the vehicles may be inaccessible. There are times when things take priority so we will always aim to make these appointments work. What the home does want to advocate more is every young people's independence. We understand that some people can rely too heavily on the use of home vehicles and it can become an expectation to use it every day because it is there. This has a long-term detrimental impact on a young person leaving care as they may not have access to consistent means of travel. However, due to being like any other home there are appointments and times which will result in the car not being made available. Considering the above, it is up to the home staff to evaluate circumstances of the home at the time and assess whether use of the homes vehicle is necessary. The home will always do their best to meet the needs of our young people and work with them to be able use public transport if its deemed safe and appropriate at the time.</p>			
Up to date contact list of family, friends and associates	<p>All admissions details of family, friends and associates are recorded and stored in their respective plans. Any changes or additions are also updated when these changes or updates arise. These updates are shared with the team, implemented into their contact/missing from home and care plans.</p>			
List of people regarded as a risk to young person	<p>People who are considered a risk to our young people are inserted clearly on their risk management plans, missing from home plan and also essential info sheet.</p>			
CSE	<p>The home have contacted Lancashsire safeguarding team to obtain more information about this risk. We have also sought details for the homes specific police team including the PCSO's as these are</p>			

	essential teams that will support and aid the home to safeguard and promote the safety of our young people and surrounding community.			
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The team are trained to a high level with the aim to consistently meet every need of the young people we admit into our home. Where there are areas identified that the young people require more support the manager will sought and provide the required training needed to increase the quality of care and support for the young people at the home. Below is a training table of what training the home staff team receive. This list isn't exhaustive.

Introduction to Residential childcare (Trauma inform, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Childhood development)
Positive Behaviour Management (Team- Teach)
Missing from home
Child sexual exploitation
First aid Level 3
Safeguarding advanced
COSHH Children's Homes
Equality and Diversity Children's Homes
Fire Safety Children's Homes
Food Safety and Hygiene Advanced Children's Homes
General Data Protection Regulation Children's Homes
Health and Nutrition Children's Homes
Health and Safety Advanced Level Children's Homes
Infection Control Children's Homes
Manual Handling Children's Homes
Medication Advanced Children's Home
Radicalisation and Extremism Children's Homes
Reporting and Recording Advanced Level Children's Homes
Risk Management and Safer Caring Children's Homes
Level 4 Diploma in for Residential childcare provided if employee hasn't already obtained it.
Level 5 Diploma in leadership and management (Children and family's manager)
The company focuses on continuous professional development and therefore sought and arrange further training relating to the services, young peoples and staff's specific needs.

8. COVID Local Lockdown

During the recent pandemic of Coronavirus this was managed on a world wide basis which can be referred to in the Business Contingency Plan however, with the numbers now decreasing restrictions have been eased but there have been minor spikes in different local areas surrounding Southport.

The map below shows the areas in and around Wilshire This indicates with the size of the green dot how significant or minor the area is of COVID cases. Also, the map at the side highlights what local areas are allegedly looking at going into local lockdown.

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/view/lga-research/covid-19-case-tracker-area-quick-view-1?mod-area=E08000014&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

<https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/wellbeing/health/36-cities-local-lockdown-548615>

The home will take every precautions to make sure that everyone is keeping themselves safe as all the staff are from different areas surrounding the home. All staff have been provided with a face mask to wear when going out of the home, these masks are personal to them and they are their responsibility to keep clean. We have disposable masks available for staff, young people and potential visitors and every visitor will have their temperature checked. There are multiple cleaning and sanitation areas in the home and rigorous routines and systems will be implemented to ensure the home and staff are following up to date advice and guidelines.

The will have an update and thorough Business continuity Plan which will mirror risk assessments that will actively focus on reducing the risks in the home and wider community.

For details around the COVID pandemic see the link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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9. .Agencies and services

GP	Brownhill Surgery 790 Whalley New Rd Blackburn BB1 9BA
Dentist	Langham Road Dental Practise8 2 Langham Rd Blackburn BB1 8DP
Optician	Ideal eyecare- 783 Whalley New Rd, Blackburn BB1 9BE 01254 433720
LAC Nurse	Louise Burton
LADO	Tim Booth
MFC/CSE	Lancashire EDT
Fire Safety Officer	Lancashire Fire and Rescue - Neil Aspey
Police team	Ribble Valley- Nigel Keates 01200 458734
Safeguarding/MASH	Lancashire children's safeguarding Partnership
Education Virtual Head	Audrey Swann
Community Centre	Blackburn Youth Zone Jubilee St, Blackburn, BB1 1EP 01254 292000



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