

Cumulative Impact Assessment Bridgend Town Centre - SWP report.

South Wales Police have reviewed crime and occurrence levels within the following streets which form part of the cumulative impact area within Bridgend Town Centre.

- Market Street
- Derwen Road
- Wyndham Street
- Nolton Road

The review period includes a 12-month period prior to the covid lock down and a six-month period post lockdown.

Data periods are:

- 1 Feb 19 – July 19 – Pre Covid
- 2 Aug 19- Jan 20 – Pre Covid
- 3 Feb 21 – July 22 – Post Covid

And aims to identify demand from licensed premises within the cumulative impact area.

This report will focus on the Night-time economy period between 18:00 hrs -05.59 hrs and report police demand during these hours.

Night-Time Economy – Recorded Crime (1800 to 0559 hrs)

During the night-time economy, crime incidents increased 34.7% (98 to 132) between the periods Feb -July 19 and Aug 19 – Jan 20. However, there was a reduction in incidents between Feb - July 19 and Feb - July 22 of -33.7% decreasing from 98 to 65 incidents.

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Night-Time Economy – All Occurrences (Crime and Non-Crime, 1800 to 0559 hrs)

During the night-time economy, there was an overall increase in occurrences between the periods Feb to July 19 and Aug 19-Jan 20 of 17.9% (196 to 231 incidents).

Between Feb - July 19 and Feb - July 22 there was a decrease in overall occurrences of -34.7% (196 to 128).

Market Street saw a 13.8% increase in night-time economy occurrences between the periods Feb to July 19 and Aug 19-Jan 20 of 13 occurrences. However, between Feb - July 19 and Feb - July 22 occurrences decreased by 36.2% (34 occurrences).

6 Month Overview - All Crime and Occurrences (Night-Time Economy 1800 to 0559 hrs)			
All Crime and Occurrences	Feb 19 to July 19	Aug 19 to Jan 20	Feb 22 to July 22
DERWEN ROAD	44	34	11
MARKET STREET	94	107	60
NOLTON STREET	19	26	17
WYNDHAM STREET	39	64	40
Grand Total	196	231	128

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6 Month Overview - Recorded Crime (Night-Time Economy 1800 to 0559 hrs)			
All Crime and Occurrences	Feb 19 to July 19	Aug 19 to Jan 20	Feb 22 to July 22
DERWEN ROAD	29	16	5
MARKET STREET	45	69	31
NOLTON STREET	6	13	7
WYNDHAM STREET	18	34	22
Grand Total	98	132	65

Night-Time Economy – Recorded Crime (1800 to 0559 hrs) – Market Street

Violence Against the Person offences accounted for the highest number of total crimes on Market Street as well as the greatest increase in occurrences between the periods Feb - July 19 and Aug 19-Jan 20 (+10).

Drug offences saw the greatest decrease in occurrences on Market Street between Feb - July 19 and Feb - July 22 with -13.

6 Month Overview - Recorded Crime (Night-Time Economy 1800 to 0559 hrs)			
MARKET STREET			
Recorded Crime	Feb 19 to July 19	Aug 19 to Jan 20	Feb 22 to July 22

ASB- Nuisance	3	7	3
Drugs	18	21	5
Violence Against the Person	21	31	17
Sexual Offences	0	1	0
Burglary	0	0	1
Theft & Handling	0	3	2
Damage	2	4	0
Miscellaneous	1	1	1
Domestic Incident	0	0	1
Road Related Offence	0	1	1
Grand Total	45	69	31

The non-notifiable offence of being Drunk & Disorderly has followed the general trend, increasing from 4 incidents in Feb - July 19 to 7 in August 19-January 20 but decreasing to 3 incidents in February - July 22.

6 Month Overview – Non-Notifiable Offence (Drunk & Disorderly) - (Night-Time Economy 1800 to 0559 hrs)			
MARKET STREET			
	Feb 19 to July 19	Aug 19 to Jan 20	Feb 22 to July 22
Drunk and Disorderly	4	7	3

Night-Time Economy – Occurrences per Premises (1800 to 0559 hrs) – Market Street

The greatest number of occurrences committed at licensed premises were seen between August 19 and January 20, with 62 incidents.

The fewest number of occurrences were committed in the February to July 22 period, with 37 incidents. However, this period also saw the highest percentage of incidents committed at licensed premises when compared with the total number of incidents committed across that timeframe, at 61.7%.

The greatest number of occurrences were reported at Premises A, which saw 79 incidents across the three time periods.

6 Month Overview - All Occurrences - Premises - (Night-Time Economy 1800 to 0559 hrs)			
MARKET STREET			
	Feb 19 to July 19	Aug 19 to Jan 20	Feb 22 to July 22
Premises A	27	35	17
Premises B	1	0	0
Premises C	19	25	14
Premises D	0	2	5
Premises E	0	0	1
Total at Licensed Premises	47	62	37

Classification – Official

Total all Occurrences	94	107	60
% Licensed Premises	50.0%	57.9%	61.7%

Key Findings

The number of occurrences in Market Street increased by 10.5% between the periods Feb to July 19 and Aug 19 to Jan 20.

It showed a decrease of 31.5% between Feb to July 19 and Feb - July 22.

The rate of increase in crime occurrences on Market Street was higher during the Night-Time Economy between the periods Feb - July 19 and Aug 19-Jan 20, increasing by 53.3%.

Between the periods Feb to July 19 and Feb to July 22, crime occurrences during the Night-Time Economy reduced by 31.1%.

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- Premises A was the licensed premises with the highest number of incidents.

Peak days/times for offences on Market Street [Feb 22-July 22]

- Sat/Sun 00:00am-04:00am, peaking at 01:00am.

We have seen a 34% increase in crime demand and reporting across all categories of NTE crime/demand detailed within the report pre COVID.

Post COVID, figures are generally lower which is to be expected as we emerged from lockdown.

There is every likelihood that this legacy increase will resume and as such Police will support the continuance of the Cumulative Impact Area to ensure criminal conduct and disorderly conduct is minimised in Bridgend Town Centre.

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