

## **Crime figures and trends for Boscombe West 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2007/07**

Source – Neighbourhood Policing Programme, Dorset Police

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ALL CRIME	DOWN 18% OVER THREE YEARS	
VIOLENT CRIME	DOWN 8%	“
ASSAULT	DOWN 13%	“
ROBBERY	DOWN 11%	“
ALL VEHICLE CRIME	DOWN 12%	“
DWELLING BURGLARIES	DOWN 43%	“
COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES	DOWN 24%	“
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	DOWN 20%	“

### Other relevant issues

#### **BOSCOMBE HAS LOWER THAN (BOURNEMOUTH) AVERAGE OF VIOLENT CRIME, CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND VEHICLE CRIME**

Over 50% of households in Boscombe are in the private rented sector and poor security features in these dwellings assist domestic burglary levels

Although assault figures etc are decreasing, Boscombe West has the highest level of recorded domestic related violent crime in Bournemouth. This is of course a serious matter but it does mean that the perception that the streets of Boscombe West are not safe is not strictly accurate as most of these incidents are “behind closed doors”, carried out by people known to the victim.

Crime trends show a decrease in Boscombe but are increasing in other electoral wards. Although these figures are clearly very reassuring and show a very positive trend, paradoxically the fear of crime in the area has gone up. It is therefore important to get this message across to reassure residents of the area

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