



Ref: Agenda/TCM –24/02/2026

19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

All Members of the Town Centre Management Committee are hereby summoned to the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting of Biggleswade Town Council that will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade**, commencing at **7:00pm**, for the purpose of considering and recommending the business to be transacted as specified below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karim Hosseini'.

Karim Hosseini  
Interim Town Clerk

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Committee Members:

Cllr. S. Patel (Chairman)  
Cllr. G. Barrett (Deputy Chairman)  
Cllr. M. Foster  
Cllr. M. Knight  
Cllr. M. North  
Cllr. A Skilton  
Cllr. D. Strachan  
Cllr. C. Thomas  
Cllr. J. Woodhead (Ex-officio Member)  
Cllr. D. Albone (Ex-officio Member)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting.

**Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.**

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- a. Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.

If a Member has declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest, they must withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item to which the interest relates. If the Member has been granted a dispensation by the Council, they must still declare the interest but may take part in the discussion and vote.

- b. Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.

This is an interest which is not pecuniary (as defined) but is nonetheless so significant that a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard to be so significant that it would materially impact upon your judgement of the public interest. Upon identification Members can take part in any vote.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the agenda.

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## **5. INVITED SPEAKER**

- a. None.

## **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

## **7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to receive the minutes of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025** at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Minutes of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting held on **28<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

9. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Twining Update**

For Members to receive and consider a written report from the Community Development Manager.

b. **TCM Committee Renaming**

For Members to receive and consider a written report from the Community Development Manager.

10. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Abbot's Walk Refurbishment Works**

Abbot's Walk improvement works are nearing their completion with only the installation of the litter bins remaining to be completed. A reopening ceremony will be arranged in the next few weeks.

b. **Town Centre Vision**

Officers presented a Town Centre Vision report at the BJC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January, outlining a proposed timeline for the vision work to be completed internally, externally, and prepared for public consultation. Members of the BJC agreed the report and commented as follows:

1. The run-in to the CBC Overview & Scrutiny committee is at least 6 weeks, therefore the Officer timelines will need to reflect this
2. That a plan/timeline for making the designs public is also needed as the CBC Overview & Scrutiny committee will be in public and it would be inappropriate for these matters to be discussed publicly for the first time at a meeting at Chicksands.
3. That the Working Group needs to determine exactly how these plans fit in with the 2011 Biggleswade Master Plan.

The next Working Group meeting will take place in March (date to be confirmed). During this meeting, Members and Officers will finalise the wording of the high-level principles and prepare a progress report for the next Town Council meeting.

c. **Community Safety Report**

For Members to note a written report from the Community Development Manager.

d. **Event Calendar**

For Members to note a written report from the Deputy Administration & HR Manager.

e. **Proposed Temporary Speed Restriction – Langford Road, Biggleswade**

For Members to receive information from Central Bedfordshire Council's Street Works Team regarding temporary speed restrictions.

f. **Biggleswade Business Forum**

For Members to note a written report from the Community Development Manager.

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12. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

(Exempt minutes of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025).

(Banking Provision Update).

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.





**MINUTES OF THE BIGGLESWADE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00PM AT BIGGLESWADE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**THE OLD COURT HOUSE, 4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE, SG18 8DL**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. G. Barrett (Deputy Chairman)  
 Cllr. M. Foster  
 Cllr. M. North  
 Cllr. A. Skilton  
 Cllr. D. Strachan  
 Cllr. C. Thomas  
 Cllr. D. Albone (Ex-officio Member)

Mr P Tarrant – Town Clerk & Chief Executive  
 Mr E Bour – Head of Finance  
 Mr I Campbell – Community Development Manager  
 Miss A Green – Committee Clerk

Members of the Public – 0

**Meeting Formalities:**

Following a reminder to meeting attendees that this is a formal meeting, the Chairman advised that members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak during public open session but not at other times. The meeting is being filmed and by being present attendees are deemed to have agreed to be filmed and to the use of those images and sound recordings. The Chairman advised that attendees should not disclose any personal information of individuals as this would infringe the Data Protection Rights of that individual.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

a. **Apologies were received from the following:**

Cllr. S Patel, Cllr. M Knight, Cllr. J Woodhead.

No other apologies were received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

a. **Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item:**

None.

b. **Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item:**

Cllr. Strachan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10b and 10e.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Chairman noted that there were no outstanding actions on the committee's action log. Thanks were extended to both Officers and Members.

#### **4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present, either online or in person.

#### **5. INVITED SPEAKER**

No guest speaker was invited.

#### **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

- a. Cllr. Skilton raised concerns about enforcement of resident permits in BTC owned car parks.

Officers confirmed the issue was noted and would be discussed under item 9C.

- b. Cllr. Strachan raised concerns about the upcoming closure of Lloyds Bank, noting that the local Post Office would be unable to process cheques going to Lloyd's account customers once the Biggleswade branch closes.

He **REQUESTED** that Officers add an item to the November Town Council agenda to address this development and to revisit the potential Banking Hub.

#### **7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. No amendments were made to the minutes.

The minutes were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 and the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes.

#### **8. MATTERS ARISING**

- a. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Town Centre Management Committee Budget Setting**

The Town Clerk provided Members with a summary of the budget-setting report, emphasising that each Committee would have the opportunity to review and consider its own budget, which would then contribute to the formulation of the overall Town Council budget. The Public Land and Open Spaces (PLOS) Committee was the first to undertake this process.

Officers proposed that Members support a standstill budget, in light of the significant precept increases in recent years.

It was highlighted by the Town Clerk, that the tax base is advised to the Town Council by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), and Officers are currently awaiting updated information regarding the growth of the tax base.

The Clerk informed Members that at the time the report presented was written, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was recorded at 3.8% based on August figures, and Officers can now confirm the figure remains unchanged as of September 2025.

The Clerk reiterated that Officers remain committed to identifying cost efficiencies and reductions, having already achieved approximately £150,000 in savings over the past four to five years. The next major area of focus for procurement savings will be the renewal of the Town Council's ICT contract.

Members queried why, given concerns that the tax base does not appear to be growing in line with the town's expansion, there is no mechanism to challenge the figures provided by CBC. The Clerk responded that while concerns can be raised, CBC ultimately determines the tax base and is not obliged to amend it based on local representations.

Members also questioned the exclusion of a £3,000 budget item for mitigating flooding at Rose Lane Car Park. Officers explained that while additional mitigation measures could be implemented, the current level of intervention was considered sufficient at this time.

Members raised the issue of electricity usage by market stalls, noting that some local authorities charge vendors for electricity. Officers acknowledged the suggestion but advised that the current focus is on encouraging greater participation in the market, particularly on Tuesdays. Officers explained that introducing additional charges at this stage might deter new vendors. The matter was deferred for further consideration at the December meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Members also queried the cost pressure associated with the Christmas lights contract, which had increased by approximately £6,000. Officers confirmed that the new contract provides improved coverage and quality, thereby justifying the additional expenditure.

Members raised concerns over the proposed allocation of £8,400 for Biggleswade Day, a new event under consideration. Officers clarified that the event's inclusion in the budget would depend on the level of support expressed by Members.

Some Members expressed reservations about the twinning programme, suggesting that it may not be a current priority for residents and should be reconsidered in the context of other budgetary pressures.

Members also discussed the importance of increasing parking charges in line with CPI, even where the increase is relatively small. It was noted that while such increases may be unpopular, they are necessary to ensure that the Council covers its operational costs. Members acknowledged that the Council is not generating profit from parking and that a review of revenue opportunities is required.

Members **RESOLVED** the following:

- That the Committee supports the proposed cost pressures and growth items, as amended.
- That Officers apply CPI increases consistently across all fees and charges.
- That electricity usage by market stalls be reviewed, and a proposal brought to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- That the twinning budget be deferred pending the presentation of a full paper to Council.
- That the Committee would like Officers to take a bolder approach in reviewing and setting charges for car parking in the Town.

b. **TCM Committee Renaming**

Members considered the report presented by Officers regarding the proposed renaming of the Committee.

Members expressed the view that the proposal was premature, given that the Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation were still under review.

It was requested that when a report is presented at the next TCM meeting, Officers include a list of alternative naming suggestions, rather than presenting a singular option.

Members **RESOLVED** that the renaming of the Committee be deferred until the Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation documents have been finalised.

c. **Parking Update**

The Community Development Manager introduced the report to Members.

Members questioned the necessity of the proposed increase in disabled parking bays. In response, the Clerk explained that the recommendation had come from Central Bedfordshire Council and was based on professional assessments undertaken by their Officers.

Members reiterated the importance of retaining paper receipts for parking payments, noting that this had been a specification in the Council's original contract. It was suggested that the cost of providing paper receipts could be offset by using the reverse side for advertising, thereby generating income.

Officers advised that cash payments currently account for only 2–6% of total parking transactions. However, Members emphasised that removing paper receipts would be unfair to users who continue to pay by cash.

The Committee also considered the potential adoption of the Ringo parking app, which would operate in parallel with existing services. Officers noted that the app is reliable and cost neutral.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to establish an informal Working Group, chaired by Cllr. Foster, to review the Council's parking strategy. The Working Group will consider app-based payment options, the provision of disabled bays, and the future of paper receipt provision, with a further report being brought to TCM following the input of the Working Group.

d. **Market Policy Review Report**

Members discussed the Market Policy, with particular focus on the inclusion of wording relating to Martyn's Law.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to amend the proposed wording outlined in Appendix B to state that the Council will comply with the provisions of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act.

It was further **AGREED** that the policy would be reviewed again in July, once Members and Officers have had the opportunity to implement further provisions of Martyn's Law.

Members also **AGREED** that Officers should continue to work in collaboration with Officers from Central Bedfordshire Council and the Market Square Vision Working Group to ensure a coordinated approach.

e. **2026 Schedule of Events**

The Committee reviewed the schedule of proposed events, which included Biggleswade in Bloom, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Christmas Party in the Park, and the Flea Market.

Members expressed their support for the events in principle but emphasised the importance of securing sponsorship in order to minimise the financial impact on the Council. Members also noted discrepancies in the budget figures and requested clarification.

It was noted that some events such as Biggleswade Day may be added to future events programmes.

Members **AGREED** the following:

- To support the proposed events, subject to appropriate costings being provided, discussed and agreed.
- That Officers to actively seek sponsorship to provide additional funding for future BTC events.

f. **CBC Consultation: Defining the High Street Areas for High Street Rental Auctions (HSRAs)**

Members considered the information provided by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) as part of the consultation on defining high street areas.

The Committee welcomed any initiative that encourages occupancy and commercial activity within the town.

However, Members raised concerns about the accuracy and relevance of some of the areas identified by CBC.

Members noted that certain streets included in the consultation are located within the town centre but do not contain any commercial premises. Members agreed that this point should be reflected in the Council's response.

Members also highlighted that Station Road had been omitted from the proposed high street areas, despite containing several commercial premises. It was suggested that Station Road, up to the junction with Back Street, should be included in the defined area.

Further concerns were raised regarding the general descriptions of roads within the consultation.

Members felt that some inclusions, such as The Baulk, were inappropriate, while other areas with more commercial premises - such as Crab Lane, parts of Hitchin Street, and Chapel Field - had been overlooked.

Members also expressed the view that the high street area should not extend beyond the library or further up London Road. However, the Committee welcomed CBC's consideration of other growing areas of the town, such as Kings Reach, in the context of future commercial development.

Members **RESOLVED** that Officers draft a formal response to the consultation, reflecting the comments made by the Committee, and share the draft with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for approval prior to submission to CBC.

## 10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### a. Run the Wade

Members considered the information presented in the report.

Members supported the event but raised concerns about the Town Council incurring costs for a non-Council event.

Following discussion Members **RESOLVED** the following:

- That the Council continues to play a supportive role.
- That Officers seek reimbursement for any costs (e.g. staff overtime) incurred by the Council from the event organisers.

### b. UKSPF 2024-25 Closure

Members discussed the information presented in the report regarding the closure of the 2024/25 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) campaign.

The Community Development Manager informed Members that the current government has launched a new Pride in Place programme to replace the UKSPF campaign.

This new programme will be based on indices of deprivation rankings. Biggleswade doesn't qualify.

Officers will continue to seek alternative grant funding programmes.

During the discussion, Members expressed the view that future deployment of such funding should be more inclusive and accessible to all businesses across the town.

Members **NOTED** the update.

### c. Business Forum Update

Members **REQUESTED** that a report summarising the outcomes of the Social Enterprise Forum be presented to Members at the next Town Council Meeting.

Members **NOTED** the update.

### d. Remembrance Day Update

Members **NOTED** the update.

e. **Christmas Fair and Light Switch-On**

Members considered the information presented in the report. Discussion focused on road closures, safety measures, and communication with businesses and residents.

Members stressed the need to have very clear barriers and signage to ensure that the day runs smoothly and the road closures do not impact those not attending the event.

Members thanked Officers, noting that the event is well-organised and the Committee is supportive of the plans proposed by Officers.

Members **NOTED** the update.

f. **National Rail Improvement Works**

Members expressed concern about delays to the lift installation and requested clarification from Network Rail.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Clerk seek confirmation from Network Rail regarding the operational date of the new bridge and lift.

11. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present, either online or in person.

It was **RESOLVED** to go into the exempt session in view of the nature of the business to be discussed.

12. **EXEMPT**

a. **Exempt minutes of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting 15th July 2025**

No amendments were made to the minutes.

The exempt minutes were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 and the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes.

b. **Market Square Report**

Members received an update from the Community Development Manager.

Members **NOTED** the report.

The Chairman closed the meeting at **8:41 PM**



**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Centre Management (TCM) Committee 24th February 2025**  
**Item 9a: Twinning Report**

**Implications of Recommendations**

**Corporate Strategy: COMMUNITY: The Town Council will:** Ensure that the Town Council continues to operate within legislation, regulation, ethical guidelines and best practice.

**Finance:** Not applicable.

**Equality:** Not applicable.

**Environment:** Not applicable.

**Community Safety:** Not applicable.

## **Background**

A Twinning working group met on Tuesday 20th January 2026 to discuss the merits and principles of any additional Town Twinning compacts. The recommendations were informed by the research findings of a self-funded trip to France in November by Members and Officers and this sets the tone for the nature of the partnership / friendship links in future.

## **Summary**

The premise extending twinning to include Noisy le Roi and Bailly would be that it is at low to no cost and is at community level with BTC playing a facilitating role, inviting community group exchanges and match-making similar organisations, clubs and schools, which could be virtual through TEAMS calls for example.

Any exchanges and other twinning activity would need to be 100% self-funded by councils and third parties. There will be no increase in the 2026-27 or 2027-28 BTC budgets on twinning while development work continues. In the interim period, the Twinning working group will reach out to both the French and German towns to build momentum with several strands, including;

1. Online interaction using more shared twinning content on council websites and social media, heritage, and mayoral meetings
2. Business fora, with either live Teams links or recorded and shared online, to develop an internal business contacts network
3. Two-way community exchanges in the medium term to promote twinning activities.

The three sets of actions build directly from the shared twinning values which are;

- Promoting cultural and commercial links between communities.
- Building strong links and friendships to prevent future conflicts.
- Encouraging human contacts and understanding historical, cultural, and lifestyle similarities and differences.
- Creating mutual benefits for the town and its twinned partners.

Officers request that TCM Members nominate Members to sit on a BTC Twinning Working Group. The latter will meet ad hoc to agree a twinning work plan which will be shared with the French and Germans.

### **Recommendations**

That Members consider the report, and

- enable Officers to share the twinning values, and to deliver the three actions, all set out above, and
- Nominate Members to sit on a BTC Twinning Working Group, for onward Town Council meeting resolution.

Ian Campbell  
Community Development Manager



**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Centre Management (TCM) Committee 24th February 2025**  
**Item 9b: TCM Committee Renaming Report**

**Implications of Recommendations**

**Corporate Strategy: COMMUNITY: The Town Council will:** Ensure that the Town Council continues to operate within legislation, regulation, ethical guidelines and best practice.

**Finance:** Not applicable.

**Equality:** Not applicable.

**Environment:** Not applicable.

**Community Safety:** Not applicable.

## **Background**

At the 15<sup>th</sup> July TCM committee meeting, Members resolved the following:

- Officers are to review the committee's remit and propose a list of suitable names, along with a draft version of updated terms of reference, for Members' approval at the next TCM meeting.
- Following approval by the TCM committee, a recommendation will be brought to the next Full Council.

## **Summary**

Officers have produced the following list of names based on operational and strategic functions

1. Town Management
2. Economic Development
3. Futures
4. Vision
5. Policy & Strategy
6. Regeneration
7. Horizons
8. Community Development
9. Community Development and Planning
10. Place Management
11. Town Management & Development.

Officers recommend using Town Management & Development committee for the renaming. This could cover the town as a whole and is more inclusive of wider work strands including communities and business.

The development part of the name would reflect the town's growing status in Bedfordshire with increasing massive strategic changes. There could be more scope for the committee Members to explore the town's growing strategic priorities and how these are captured in current and future proposed developments. This suggestion could be an efficient use of BTC calendar time.

Any change to the current TCM name would need to receive an ongoing Town Council resolution and entail ensuing Officer work to make all changes on all media. Officers would need to draft a fresh Scheme of Delegations for all committees, capturing any areas of delegated overlap between committees.

## **Recommendation**

That Members consider the list of names presented in the report and recommend a proposed name to the next Town Council meeting.

Ian Campbell  
Community Development Manager



**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Centre Management (TCM) Committee 24th February 2025**  
**Item 10c: Community Safety Report**

**Implications of Recommendations**

**Corporate Strategy: COMMUNITY: The Town Council will:** Ensure that the Town Council continues to operate within legislation, regulation, ethical guidelines and best practice.

**Finance:** Not applicable.

**Equality:** Not applicable.

**Environment:** Not applicable.

**Community Safety:** Not applicable.

**Background**

The Town Council has a good working relationship with the Police, the local Community Safety Group, and with the CBC anti-social behaviour team. The Town Council operates several fixed and mobile CCTV units across the town centre which complement the CBC stock of cameras.

**Summary**

This report provides the community safety data for the last quarter, October, November and December 2025, see appendices A, B, and C.

For completeness, Appendix D contains a link to the CCTV reports for the same months as provided by the Herts CCTV website.

**Recommendation**

That Members note the report and associated data.

Ian Campbell  
Community Development Manager

**Appendices:**

Appendix A: October 2025 data

Appendix B: November 2025 data

Appendix C: December 2025 data

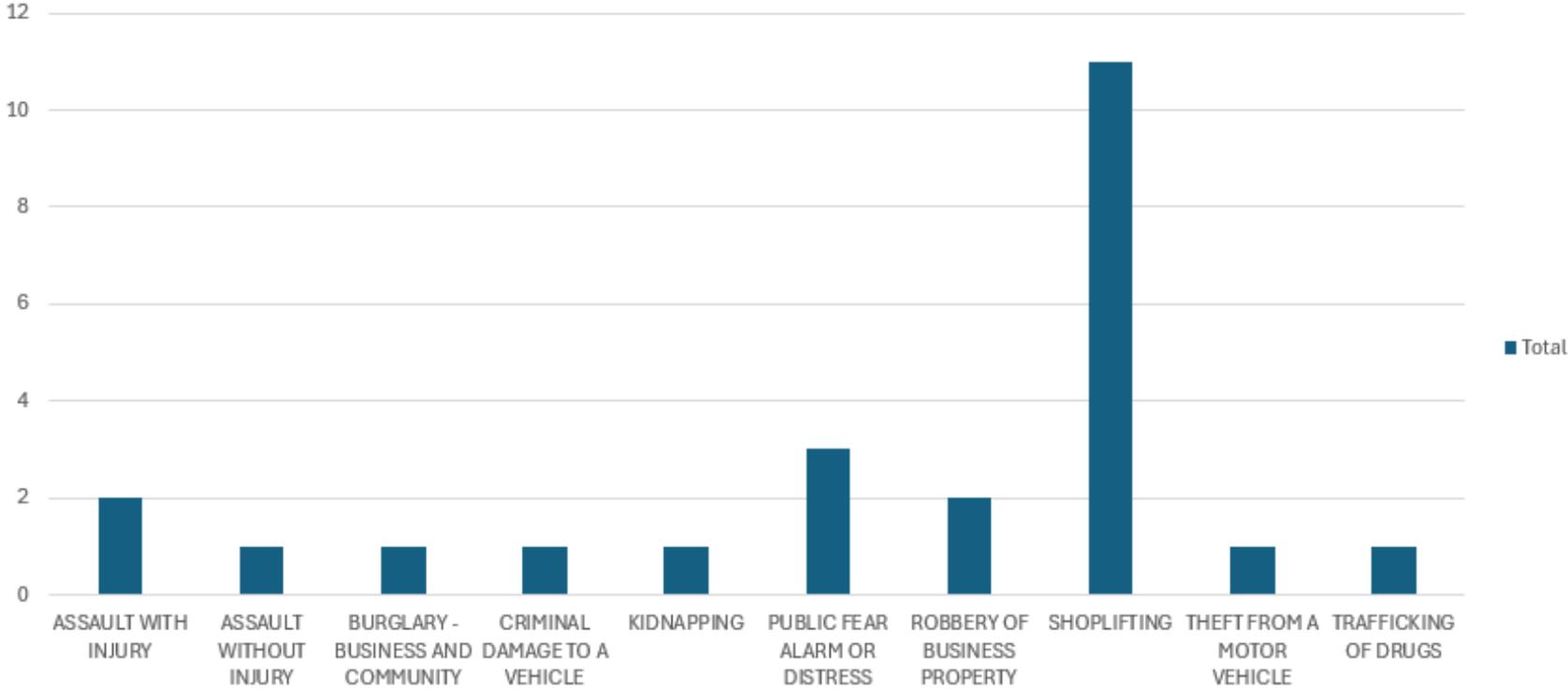
Appendix D: Herts CCTV reports for the same three months, **Management Reports Central Beds | Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership**

**Appendix A: October 2025 Crime Statistics**

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**October 2025 Crimes for Biggleswade Holme Ward**

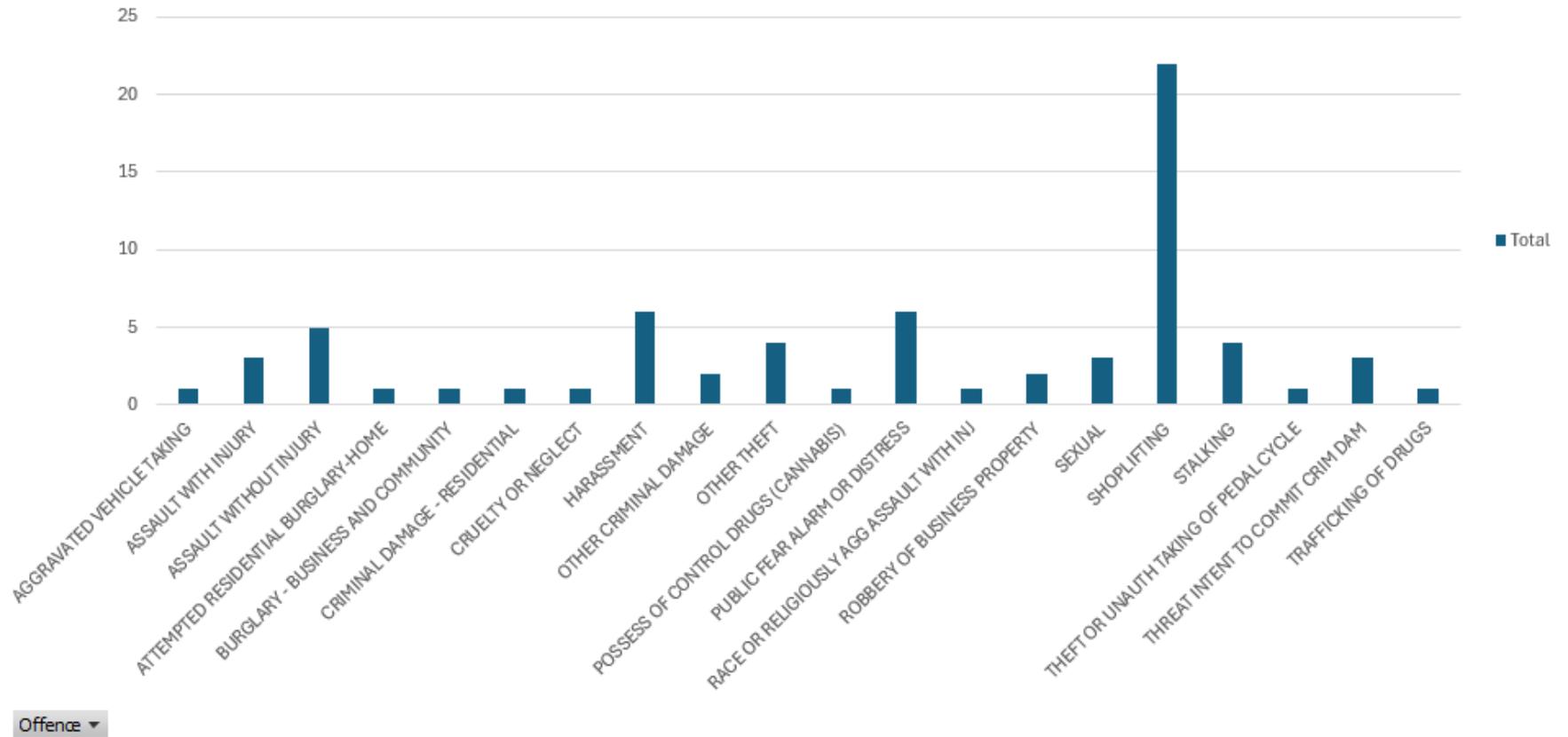


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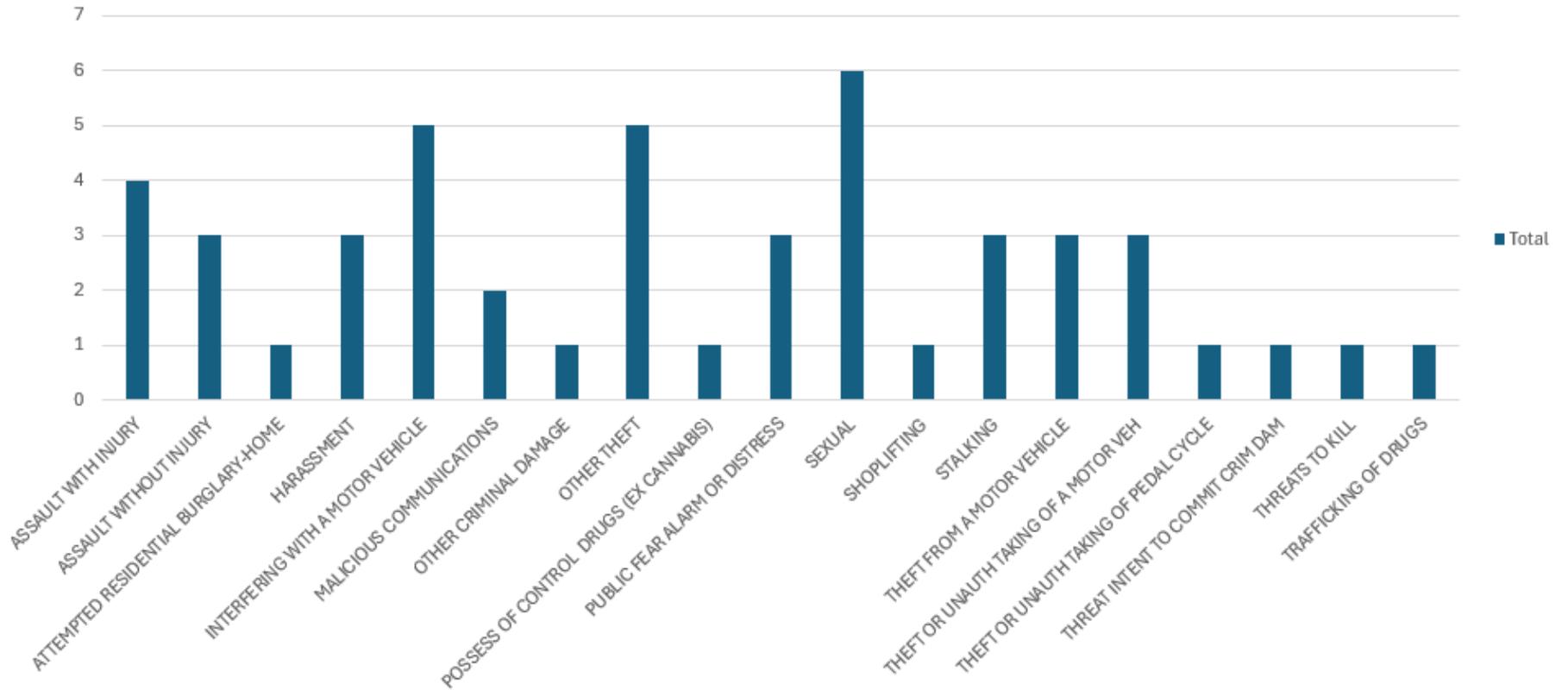


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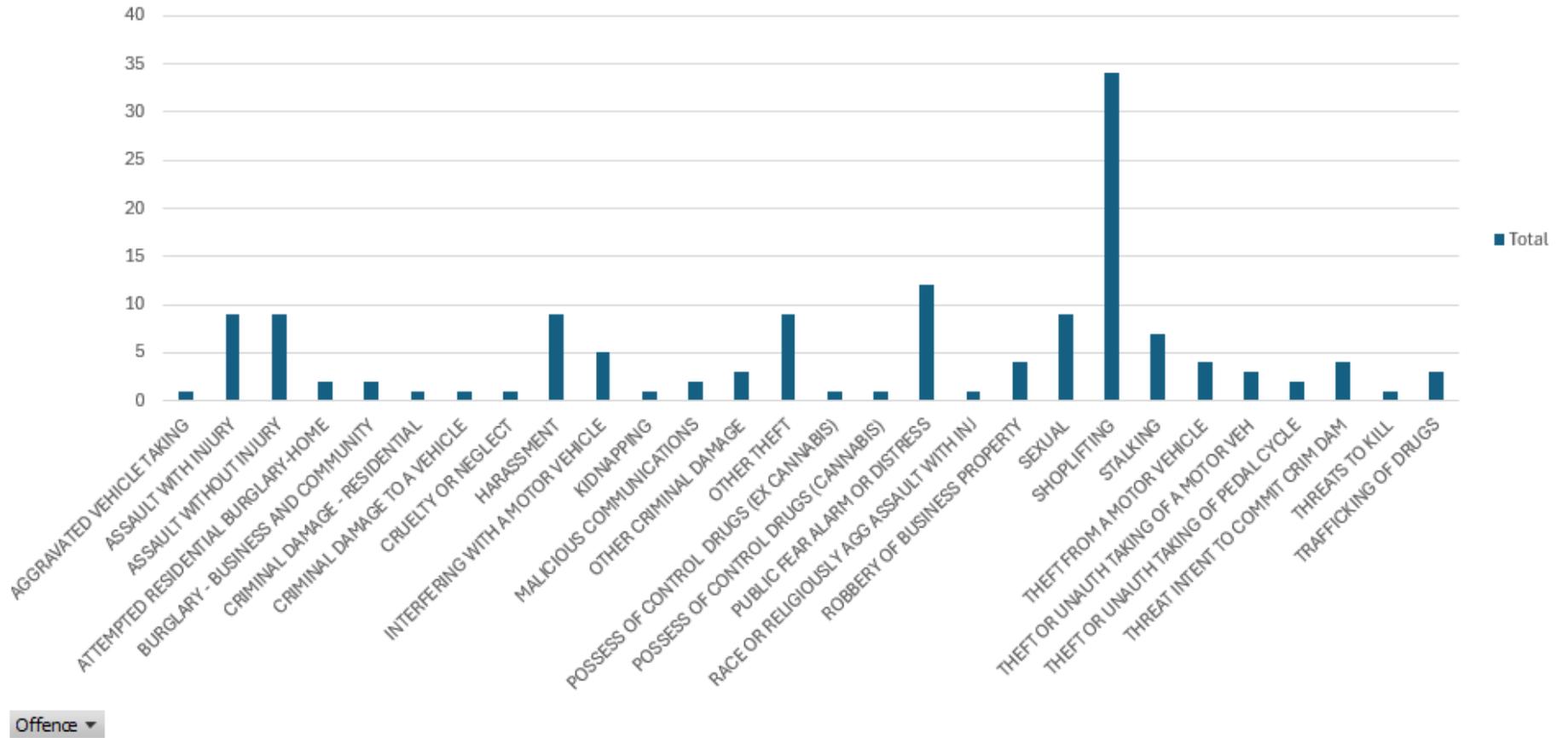


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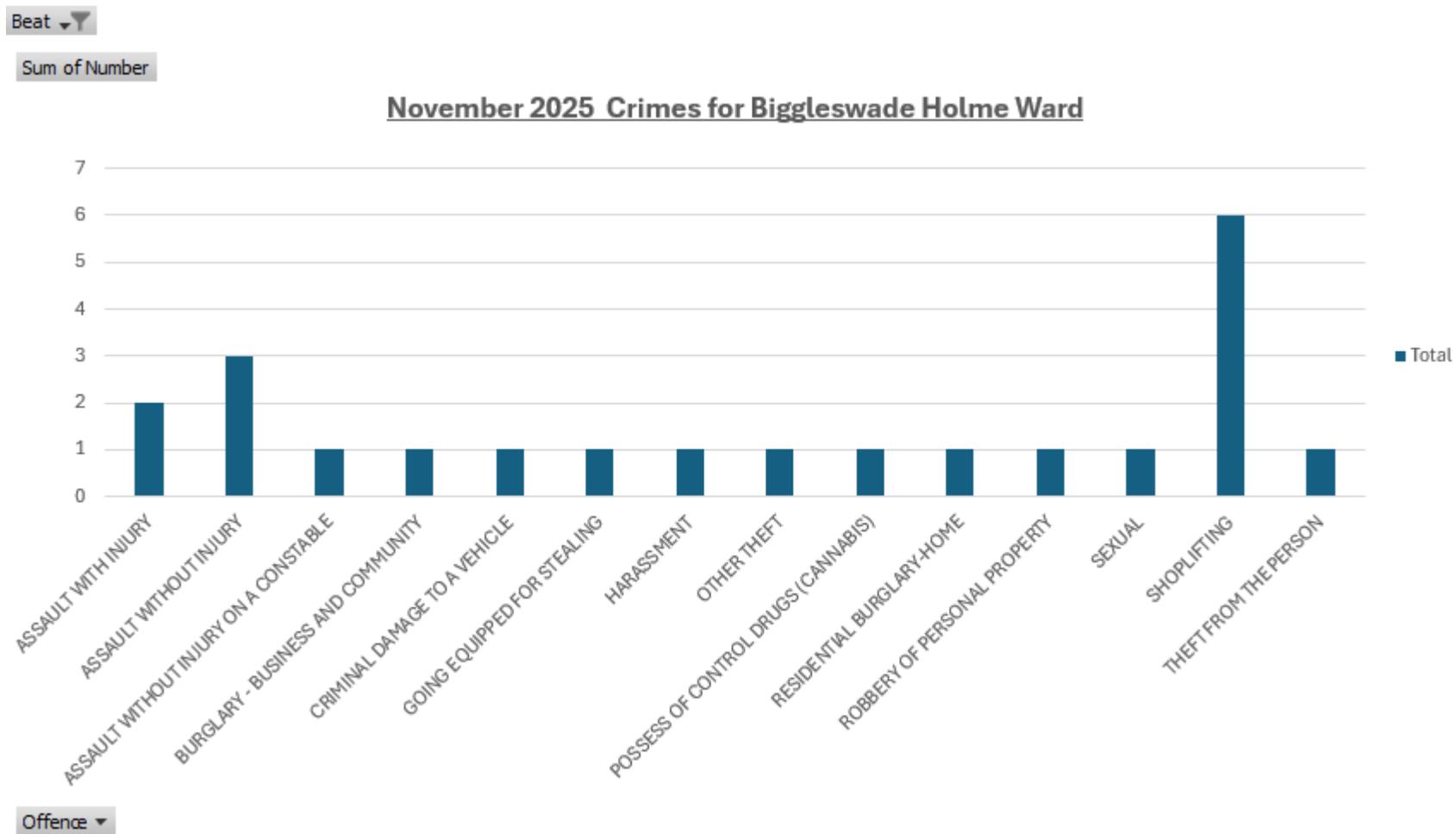
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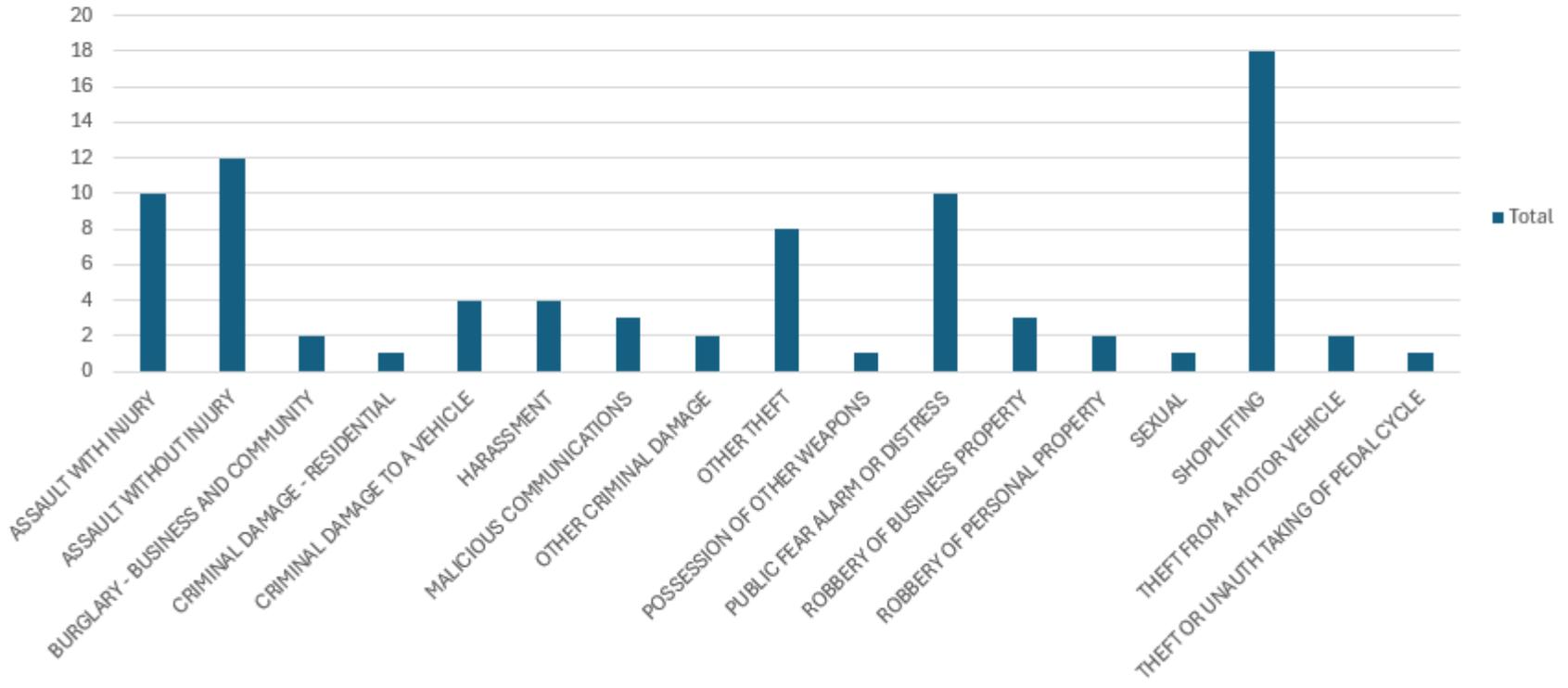
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### November 2025 Crimes for Biggleswade Ivel Ward

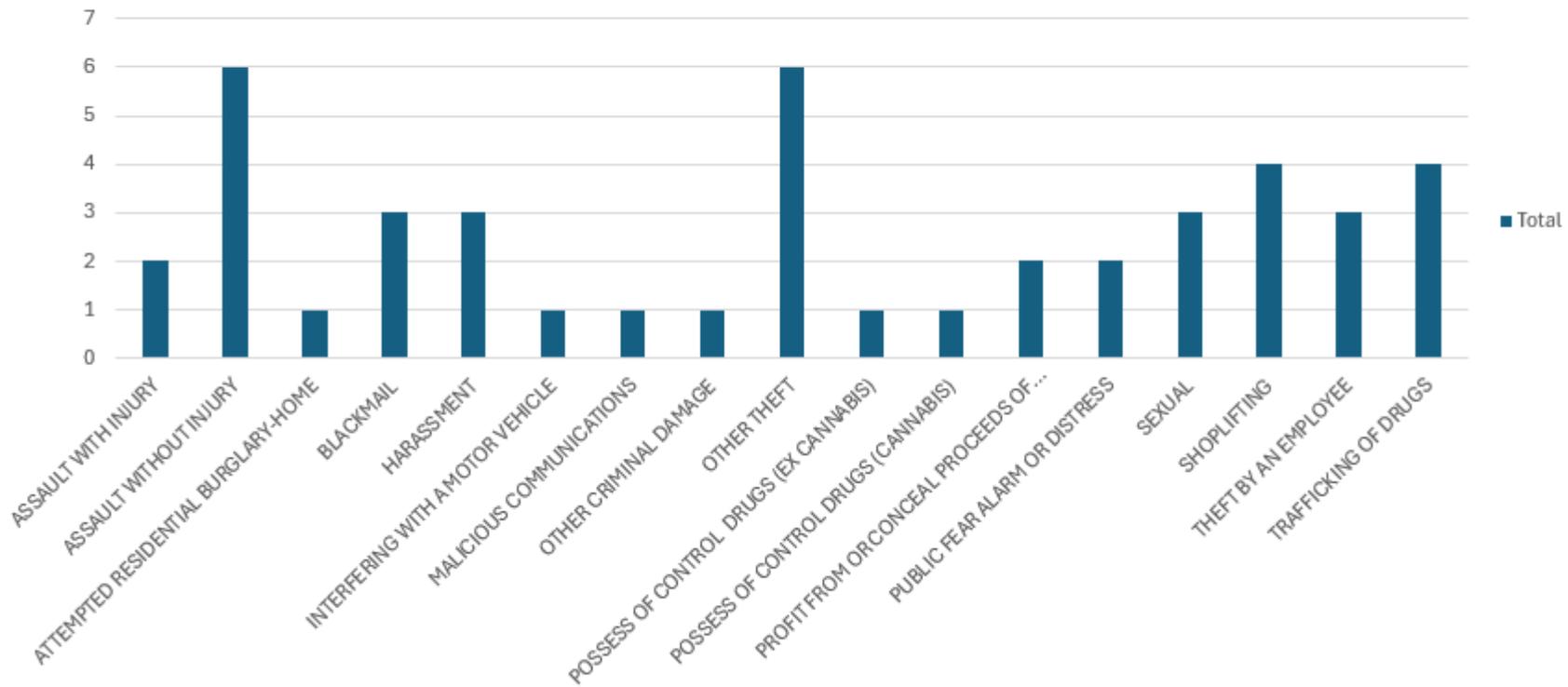


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### November 2025 Crimes for Biggleswade Stratton Ward

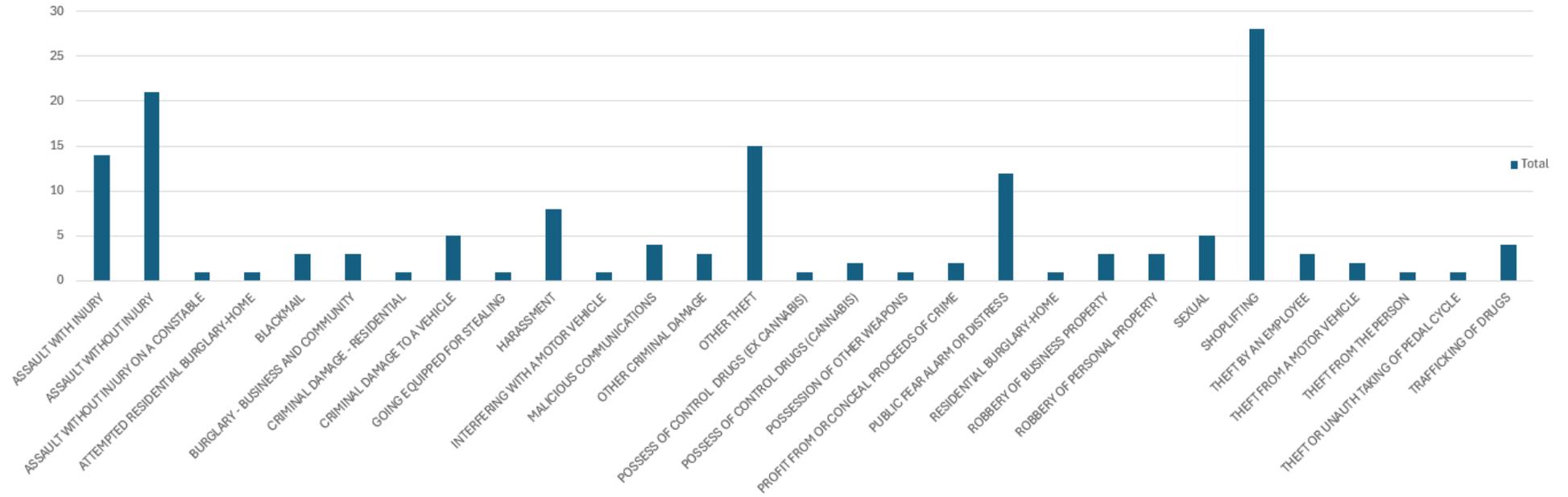


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### November 2025 Crimes for Biggleswade (All)



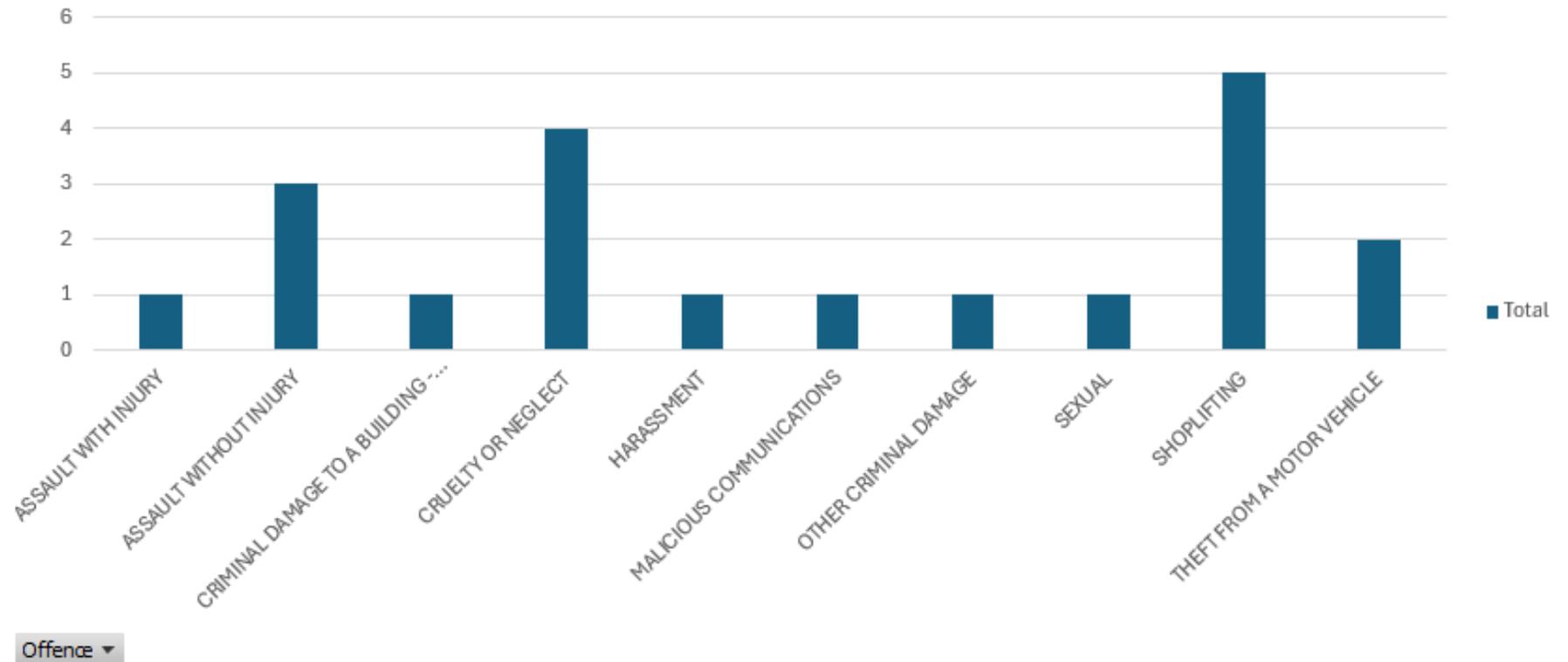
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### Appendix C: December 2025 Crime Statistics

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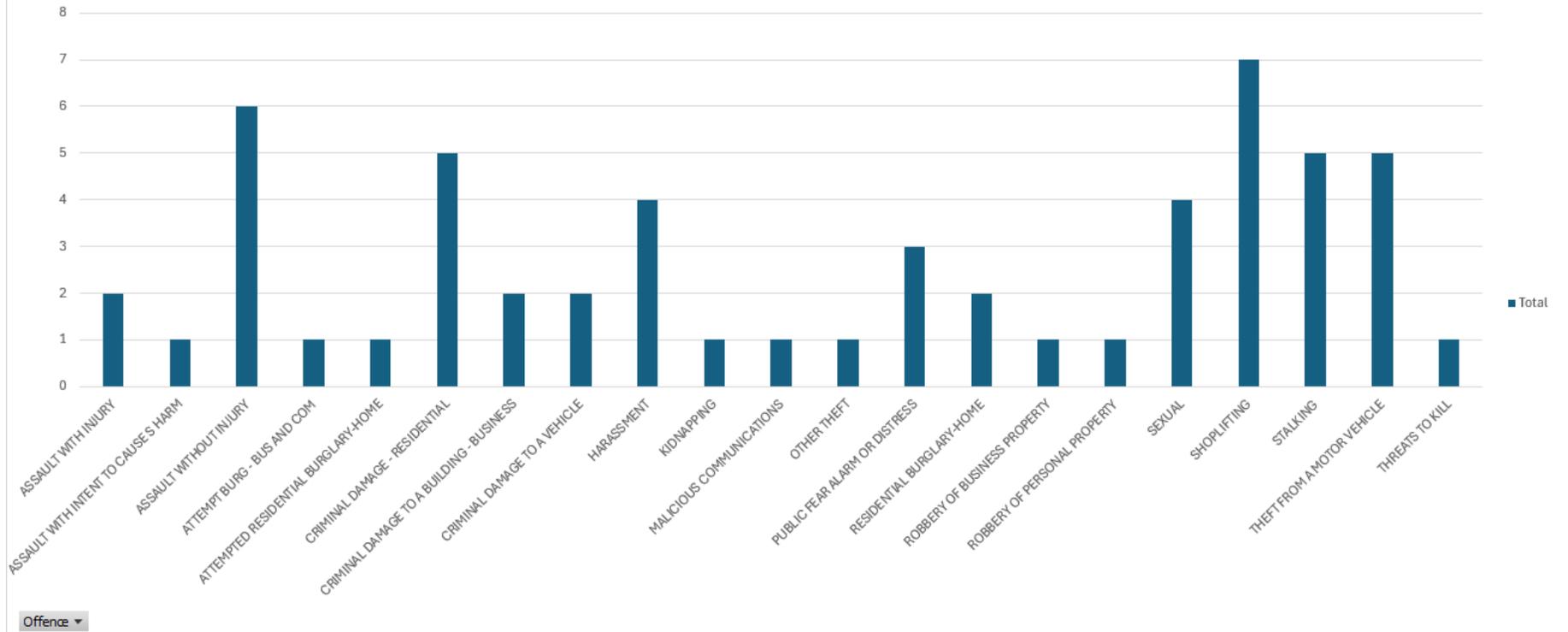
#### December 2025 Crime for Biggleswade Holme Ward



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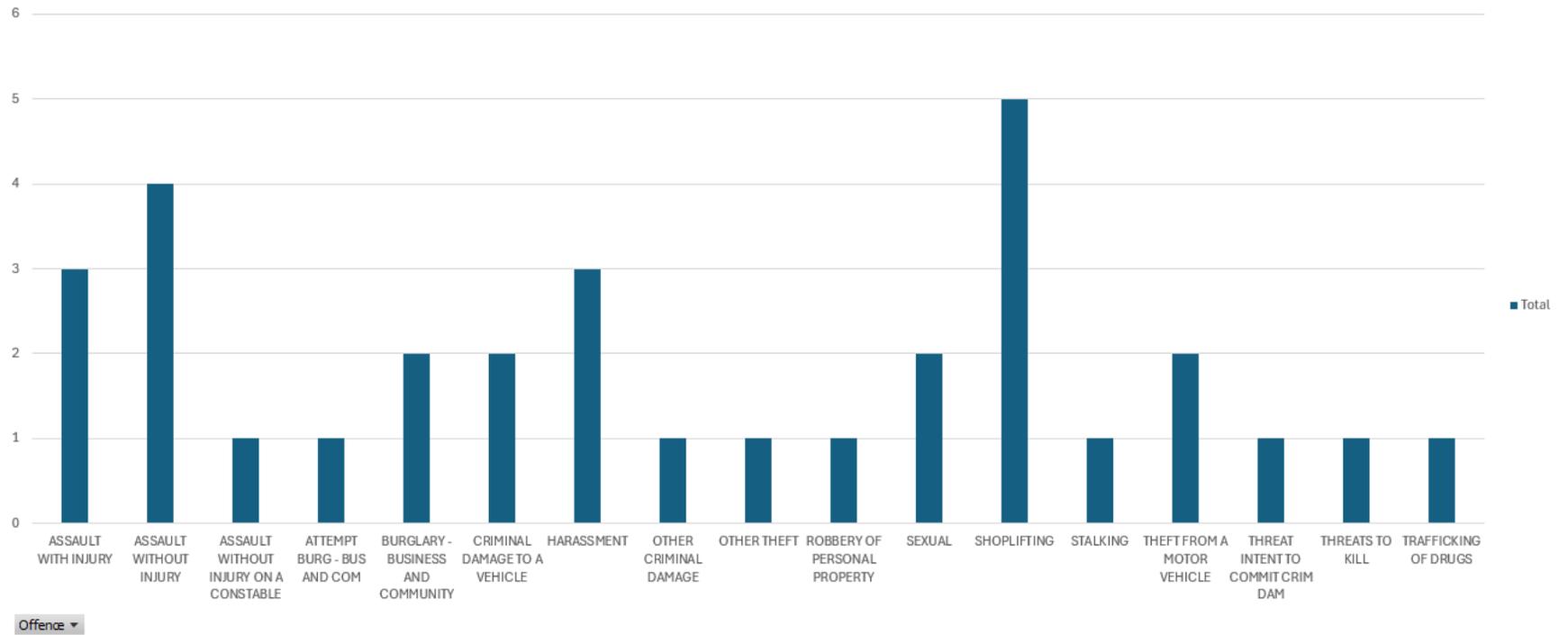
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### December 2025 Crime for Biggleswade Stratton Ward

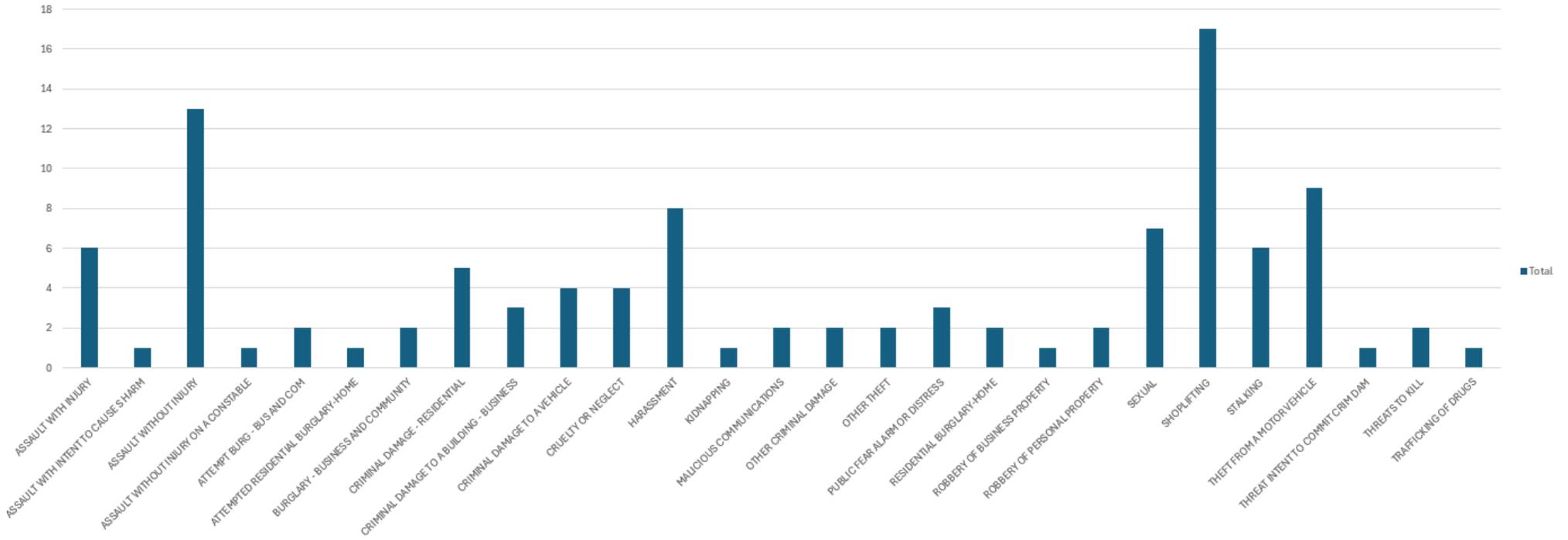


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**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Centre Management (TCM) Committee 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Item 10d: Event Calendar**

**Implications of Recommendations**

**Corporate Strategy: COMMUNITY: A town to be proud of.** Work closely with the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sectors to build a strong community.

**Finance:** Approved by RFO. Funds to be sourced from existing budgets and sponsorship.

**Equality:** Not applicable.

**Environment:** Not applicable.

**Community Safety:** Not applicable.

**Background**

The Events Calendar comprises of Biggleswade Town Council (BTC) led events as well as those organised by others which the Council are supporting. All the events are advertised on our website and social media accounts; posters are placed in the noticeboards and adverts placed in free websites and publications.

The events include both civic and non-civic events. The list below however does not include specialist markets which are currently being discussed. It also does not include the Bigg Eats events (usually the last Thursday of the month) as yet as the dates and artwork are being finalised.

Sponsorship is being sought for BTC led events. However, there is no definite sponsors as yet. Discussions however have been held with various businesses.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Confirmed Date</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>
Mayor's Civic Service	BTC	22 March 2026	N/A
Churches Together Easter Open Air Service	Biggleswade Churches Together	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	N/A
Tractor Run	Young Farmers Clubs	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	N/A
Easter Party in the Park	BTC	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Not confirmed
Bedford Clanger comp	BTC	TBC	TBC
Well-Dressing Victorian Fountain	BTC	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	N/A
Run the Wade + Sport Festival	Jones Fitness	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Not confirmed
Duck Race	Carnival Comm	14 June 2026	Not confirmed
Biggleswade Carnival/ Biggleswade Day/International Day	Carnival Comm		TBC
Charter Fair	James Harris	18-21 June 2026	N/A
Trains at Trinity	Andy Buckley	27 June 2026	
Biggleswade in Bloom	BTC	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Not confirmed
Business Forum	BTC	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Not confirmed
Mayor's Xmas Card comp	BTC	TBC	
Shuttleworth Steam & Country Fayre	Shuttleworth	18-20 Sept 2026	
Heritage Open Day	Bigg History Society	18-19 Sept 2026	
Vintage Bus Rally & Running Day	John Hammond	20 Sept 2026	
Oktoberfest	TBC	25 Oct – 1 Nov	TBC
Remembrance Sunday	BTC/RBL	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	N/A
Armistice Day	BTC/RBL	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	N/A
Christmas Light Switch on	BTC	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	TBC
Reindeer in the Square/Craft Market	BTC	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	TBC

A link to the BTC events current calendar can be found [here](#).

**Recommendations:**

For Members to note the calendar.

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Deputy Administration & HR Manager



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For your information

**Proposed Temporary 40mph Speed Limit Restriction – Langford Road, Biggleswade**

I have a request for a Temporary 40mph Speed Limit Restriction at the above location to enable safe ingress & egress into site compound. Details are listed in the schedule below and having assessed the application I am satisfied the request is justified.

The restrictions are to be in operation only when the necessary signs are erected on site. The Legal Order will be made to cover an 18 month period. Access may be allowed from time to time according to local signing.

If you have any observations, you wish to make I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

Streetworks Team

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**Road:** Langford Road, Biggleswade

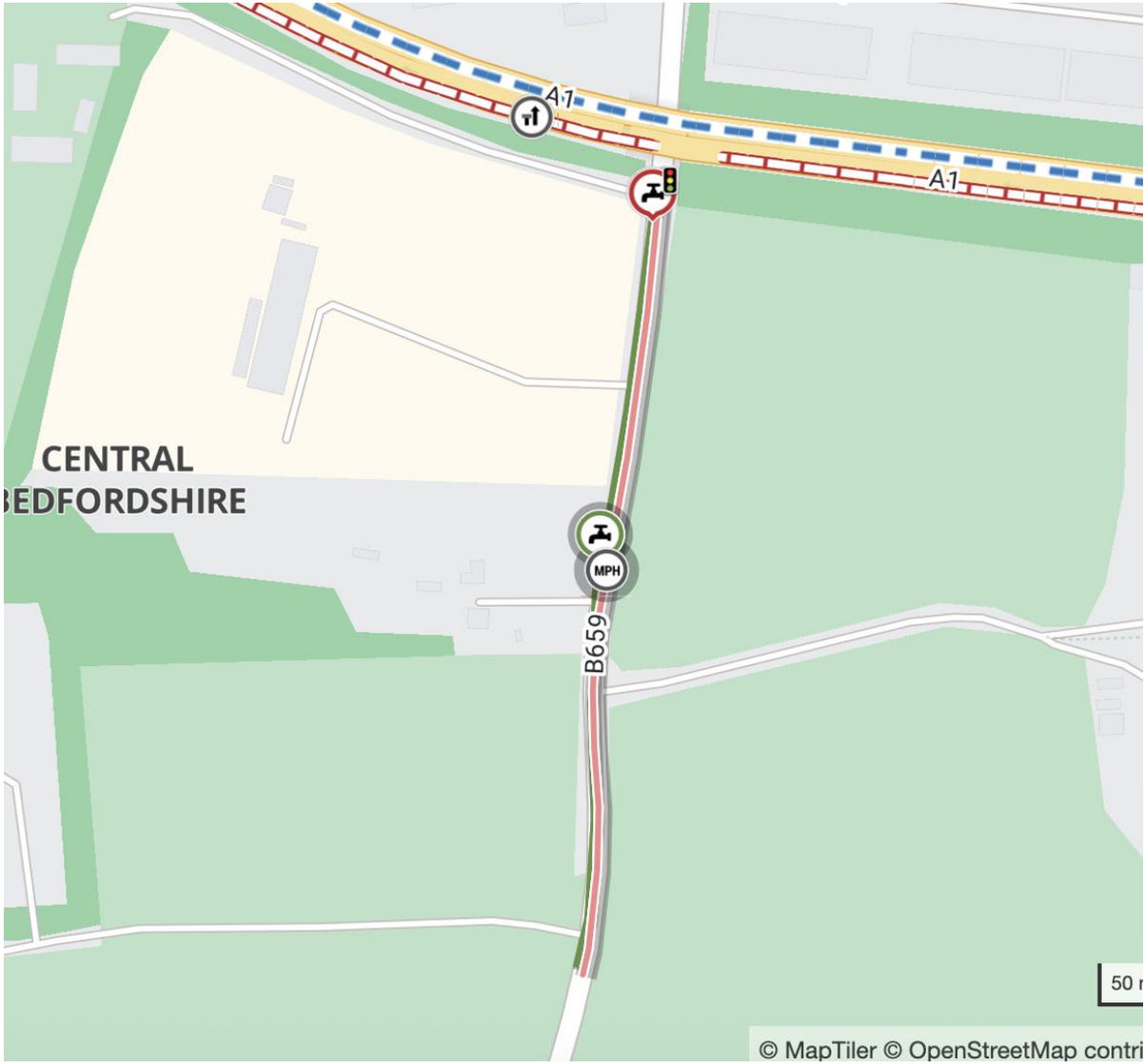
**Application from:** Anglian Water - 08457145145

**Reason:** enable ingress & egress into site compound

**Length affected:** 100m south of Eldon Way to 135m south of Cow Close

**Date:** The speed restriction will be in place from 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 to 26 February 2027

**NB. The applicant will be responsible for taking down all Central Bedfordshire Council public notices immediately after the works requiring the Order have been completed.**





**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Centre Management (TCM) Committee 24th February 2025**  
**Item 10f: Business Forum Event Report**

**Implications of Recommendations**

**Corporate Strategy: COMMUNITY: The Town Council will:** Ensure that the Town Council continues to operate within legislation, regulation, ethical guidelines and best practice.

**Finance:** Not applicable.

**Equality:** Not applicable.

**Environment:** Not applicable.

**Community Safety:** Not applicable.

## **Background**

The Town Council has held business forum events in 2024 and 2025. The third forum has been arranged for Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm in Page Hall at the Orchard Community Centre. The local MP has confirmed his attendance.

## **Summary**

Officers are drafting an agenda for the forum which will feature a live online stream with the towns of Bailly, Noisy le Roi, and Ehlensee. The agenda will focus on the following key items;

- *Social enterprise round-up*
  - Ivel Valley Community Energy
  - Preen new premises
  - CBC Business team vacant shops fund
  - Community Hub
- *Business*
  - Warburtons
  - Hela Brands
  - Tritax Big Box
- *MP Richard Fuller*
- *Infrastructure Changes over the next 25 years+*
  - Public transport connections
  - East-West rail
  - Black Cat interchange update
  - Anglian Water- Hitchin Street mains and future capacity
- *Launchpad Biggleswade*
  - Project Hawking, greater Tempsford, Universal studios
  - Major housing developments Land East, Land North etc
  - Biggleswade as a spring-board base for future developments, career paths, skills, apprenticeships, etc, drawn from the town to the town.

## **Recommendations**

That Members note the report and enable Officers to contact businesses and organisations to source participation and keynote speakers.

Ian Campbell  
Community Development Manager

