

# Location Area Risk Assessment



Clifton House

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## **Clifton House**

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## **Introduction**

All children, whether they are Looked After by the state or their parents, need to feel safe in the area surrounding their home. Just as any parent would want to their child to live in a safe area so too will a corporate parent who places children in a children's home. Recent public and media attention has focused on the physical environments of children's homes and the ever-changing risks associated with living in villages, towns and cities all round the UK. However, it is not always straightforward to define a 'safe' area. A place that was previously deemed safe can change rapidly and may cause a risk to vulnerable children in particular. Equally, in some individual cases, children may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particularly risky behaviours and this is not managed appropriately.

A home may be located in an area with some local risks, and still be 'safe', if these are managed well, arrangements are made to keep children safe, and careful consideration is taken in particular around placement decisions. Risks associated with the location and the environment surrounding the home must always be considered along with the steps that should be taken to manage, limit, prevent and reduce to possibility of a young person be harmed whilst in a children's home and as mentioned previously, this puts additional emphasis on the placement decisions and in particular the providers matching process.

All Placing Authorities are equally as responsible for assessing local risks and making judgments about a location of a children's home before placing the child and in doing so should ensure that all relevant information about a young person has been shared with a provider to ensure that all risk factors have been considered and discussed. It is not only the risks that are considered when placing a young person in a certain location but also the accessibility for all young people to access external services such as education, health, CAMHS/Therapeutic services and age appropriate activities

Our service Clifton House is located in a small and Town of Sawbridgeworth, 3.8 miles from Harlow, Essex. And 4 Miles south of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. **Sawbridgeworth** is a small, mainly residential, town and also a [civil parish](#) in Hertfordshire, England, The population Sawbridgeworth at the 2011 census was 8,454.

## **Role of the Provider**

Regulation 46 of the Children's Homes Regulations 2015 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: effectively safeguarded, & 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. Taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)©

Although it's difficult to predict the ever-changing local environment and the associated risks that come with change, the homes management have a responsibility to access all potential risks in the local area and implement strategies to limit, prevent and reduce the risk of a young person being harmed. The home's management will implement a Location Risk Assessment which will be kept under review and amended periodically depending on changes to the local environment and taking into account any new risks as these are identified.

As part of the homes responsibility, ensuring that young people have the opportunity to share their views about the homes location, to establish whether they feel safe and to offer feedback on the quality of care and support that they are offered by not only the home but local services too.

It is important for the homes management have a broad understanding of the area in which the home is located and the characteristics of the local environment.

When carrying out a Location Risk Assessment, the home management will need to take into account;

- Whether the location of the home potentially places an already vulnerable child in an area that could continue allowing that young person vulnerable to harm such as being targeted for CSE and/or radicalisation
- Whether the location will allow young people to continue exhibiting offending and anti-social behaviour;
- The suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect; and
- Whether there are environmental factors that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near busy roads.

Location assessments should also take into account any positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to children living in a children's home. For example, assessments could include evidence about opportunities for children to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities, or links with services that could support the child's ethnic or religious identity.

**Popular attractions in the area include:**

**The Lock Climbing Centre (CM20 2QS)**

Place of Interest around 5 miles away

**Pishiobury Park (CM21 0AI)**

Place of Interest around 1 mile away.

**Duxford**

Place of Interest around 10 miles away.

**Hatfield Forest Country Park (CM22 6NH)**

Place of Interest around 5 miles away.

**Hatfield Forest National Nature Reserve (CM22 6NH)**

Place of Interest around 5 miles away.

**Paradise Wildlife Park (EN10 7QA)**

Place of Interest around 15 miles away.

**Henry Moore Foundation (SG10 6DX)**

Place of Interest around 6 miles away.

**Lea Valley Park (Broxbourne) (EN10 6LX)**

Place of Interest around 12 miles away.

**Cineworld (CM20 2DA)**

Place of interest around 2 miles away

**Rileys Pool Hall (CM20 1LS)**

Place of interest around 3 miles away

**Lea Valley- White Water rafting (EN9 1AB)**

Place of interest around 15 miles away

**Rye House- Go Karting (EN11 0EH)**

Place of interest around 6 miles away

**Health Services located near Sawbridgeworth and Clifton House are:**

Bell Street Surgery  
Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9AQ  
01279 603180

Chadwick House Dental Practice,  
Hamstel Road, CM20 1EP  
01279 425640

Specsavers,  
Bishops Stortford,  
CM23 3AT,  
01279 656696

Essex Sexual Health Service  
Community Health Centre  
Harlow  
0300 003 1212  
Open until 17:00

Princess Alexander Hospital,  
Hamstel Road, Harlow,  
Cm20 1QX  
01279 444455

North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
Mental Health Services  
Chelmsford  
01245 546400  
Open until 16:30

### **Key contacts, resources and services**

The Children's home already has links within the local authority in order to consult about any local issues or individual issues with young people. The key links for local services are detailed below and their responses to consultation on the location report.

<b>Local Service</b>	<b>Key Individual and contact details</b>	<b>Details of services</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
LADO/ Designated officer	01992 555420  <a href="http://hertsscb.proceduresonline.com/client_supplied/lado_referral_form.doc">http://hertsscb.proceduresonline.com/client_supplied/lado_referral_form.doc</a>	Any suspicion of abuse or allegation regarding a staff member must be referred to Hertfordshire's designated officer within 1 working day. A phone call can be made to the number listed alternatively, a referral completed worksheet can be accessed at the web address listed.	The homes manager spoke with Hertfordshire's LADO 25.05.19 Regarding the home. There LADO sent a document in which supports dealing with allegations and the thresholds.
HALO (CSE)	Non-Urgent <a href="mailto:hqsafeguarding@herts.police.uk">hqsafeguarding@herts.police.uk</a>  Urgent- 101	A professional referral form can be submitted to Hertfordshire Police (H) to raise concerns regarding child exploitation. The referral process is non-urgent matter following suspicion of abuse or perpetrating behaviour. all urgent matters 101 or Children's services should be contacted.	Halo have visited the home in 2016. Halo were able to advise staff of approaches to take when supporting young people with CSE.

<p>Crime/Missing Person's</p>	<p>Shelley Marshall- Liaison Officer  <a href="mailto:Shelly.Marshall@herts.pnn.police.uk">Shelly.Marshall@herts.pnn.police.uk</a></p> <p>Paul Western- PCSO  Amanda Higham- PCSO</p>	<p>The local MPLO and PCSO's have close links with Clifton house and ensure they come to the home to visit any young people in placement. Clifton House provide the named Police officer with a Pen picture of each young person and details of risks and vulnerabilities. This supports the Police with support the home with missing episodes.</p>	<p>Clifton house has a good working relationship with the police. The police Liaison has been contacted regarding the suitability of the local area and whether there are any concerns/ Crime hotspots which may pose a risk to our Young people. The homes manager receives weekly emails from the Neighbourhood watch regarding crimes in the local area and community events to promote safety.</p>
<p>Local Probation / YOT</p>	<p><b>Nick Smith –</b>  <b>01992 556324</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:nick.smith@hertfordshire.gov.uk">nick.smith@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Any young person that comes to the home that already has involvement YOS and/or commits an offence which Clifton will be support by the local YOT. The homes staff will work closely with the local YOS to ensure that any young person that must attend regular appointments and needs support in fulfilling any court order that's in place.</p>	<p>Currently there are no young people in the home which have YOT involvement</p>
<p>Local Health Services</p>	<p>Victoria Wiltshire</p> <p>Children Looked After and Care Leave Nurse</p> <p>Tel: 01438 843004  Mob: 07584 558 343</p>	<p>The LAC nurse will visit the home to individuals should they require. The nurse is also available to provide information and resources to the staff.</p>	



<p>Access points- Support services for young people in Hertfordshire</p>	<p>Young People's Centre, 14 Northgate End, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2EU</p> <p>This service can be accessed by referral</p>	<p>At the Bishop's Stortford Access Point young people can access information, advice and support on the following; Sexual health including, Advice on general health and relationships, Education and exams including exam pressure, Drugs, substance misuse alcohol, Jobs and careers, Youth work projects and programmes, Benefits and finance, Homelessness and homelessness, Improving resilience, self-esteem and confidence, Relationships including Family and Friendships, Training and apprenticeships and Independent living skills</p>	<p>Access points Support services for young people in Hertfordshire</p>
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# Risk Assessment &

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## **Coronavirus;**

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical are more likely to develop serious illness.

The world health organisation states People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. Coronavirus disease is highly contagious.

The Staff and young people in the home may be exposed to this virus when accessing the local area, mixing with friends or family and accessing shops. Young people may choose to ignore the guidance and advice set out by the Government in relation to asymptomatic testing, increased hand hygiene, self- isolation and wearing face coverings in crowded spaces.

### **Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: CORONAVIRUS**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Coronavirus;

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**Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: CORONAVIRUS**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

## **Road;**

The road located at the end of the drive way (Springhall Lane) is a potential risk due to being a narrow lane leading to a small housing estate located behind the home.

Although the road/ Lane is not a busy, it is the only road leading to small housing estate consisting of several homes located behind Clifton House, Springhall Lane leads to a larger road (East Drive) which has a higher volume of traffic. East Drive is a 30 mph road through a residential speed calming area. The young people's access to East drive is located on a bend, therefore the potential risk of harm would be moderate if any young person were to attempt to access the road, especially if their behavior was reckless and such that they were not using the road with safety in mind.

If any young person that were to access the road during the daylight hours, they would find a steady stream of traffic that could potentially be driving at speeds around 30mph. The road has adequate visibility and street lighting during the Night. Located at the end of East Drive is London Road which has a speed limit of 40mph and receives a greater volume of traffic.

The home will potentially accommodate young people with a history of missing behaviour and mental health instability and on occasions this may cause them to possibly attempt to leave the premises to access the road in order to become missing or have time and space away from the home. As the young people who are initially accommodated at Clifton are very likely to be unfamiliar with the local area, the risks associated with the local road (steady flow of traffic, located on a bend) and this will increase the risk of harm caused by the location of the road.

### **Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: ROAD**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Upon arrival to the home, staff will support young people to become familiar with the local area and the risks it presents, young people will be informed about the dangers of the road.

All young people that come into Clifton, initially will not access the local area independently. Young people are permitted to access the area independently; staff will ensure that the young people have a good understanding of road safety and knowledge of the local area and amenities.

Prior to accommodating any young person at Clifton House, the Location Risk Assessment will be sent to the placing authority for review on all the potential risks.

As part of the home's robust matching process, the home's management will consult with the placing authority to assess the possibility of a young person accessing the road to leave the placement and place themselves at risk by using the road in a way that would be deemed risky. The home's management will request any information about any historic concerns/incidents that would suggest that a young person would potentially place themselves at risk using the road and if there was evidence that the young person had a good awareness of road safety. All the information gathered will contribute to any decisions around the refusal or acceptance of a referral.

If a young person were to leave the home without support or permission to do so independently, the home will ensure that the young person is followed and encouraged to use the footpath, thereby placing themselves at risk. Should a young person leave the home and access the road, adequate visibility and speed restrictions in the area should allow for the young person to be visible to traffic. During Night hours the road has street lighting and although young people will be less visible, the street lighting should allow a young person to be seen.

With the home not securing its doors during the day, the likelihood of a young person having an opportunity to access the road will be higher than at night but this will also be during the hours when the staffing levels are higher meaning that there are more staff to work with, support and prevent a young person from potentially placing themselves at risk. Due to the nature of the home, the staffing levels have increased to 1-1 during the day/ evening. Staff levels decrease to 2 sleeping in rooms at 11pm. Although the reduction in staffing can prove some risk, all external doors are secured and the additional staff remain at the home until all young people are settled. Should an incident occur during the night whereby a young person manages to leave the home, 1 member of staff will follow the young person and an on-call member of staff will be called immediately to support.

Each young person will have an Individual Missing risk assessment that staff will follow. Each young person is believed to be potentially engaging in risk taking and/or missing behaviour. Staff will have instructions on how to manage the risk, work with their colleagues and any external services. The aim is to have the young person returned home safely at the earliest opportunity.

Any and every-time a young person attempts to access the road to engage in risk taking behaviour, whether that be to abscond, cause disruption, self-harm or even exhibit extreme attention seeking behaviour, staff will follow on foot and/or in a company vehicle in order to minimise the risk and encourage the young person to return safely to the home.

If in extreme circumstances a young person is placing themselves and/or staff at risk then staff have no option but to restrain a young person as a safety measure and/or contact the emergency services for assistance.

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: ROAD

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

**M11;**

The M11 Motorway is situated 1.5 miles away from the home.

With a highspeed motorway running close to the home, there are obvious high risks and consequences the potential of harm if a young person was to access the M11 carriageway.

Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: M11

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2		3			5

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Although there are obvious risks of harm that must be considered with the M11 being so close to the home, the access to the carriageway is restricted by fencing, barriers and hedges that separate the roads, farmland and countryside surrounding the M11. With the by closest junctions access being at Junction 7 for Harlow (6 miles away) and at Junction 8 for Birchanger (7 miles away) reduces the risk significantly as there is no easy access to the carriageways.

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: M11

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
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High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		1		2		3

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

**Local Transport Links;**

There is a local Train station located 0.8 miles away from the home with direct links to London street, Cambridge and Stratford. Trains from this station run approximately every 40 mins between hours of 7am and 11pm. There is a local town bus service that travels through Sawbridgeworth between Bishop Stortford and Harlow which are larger towns with larger populations.

The train station is manned at all times, although there is a level crossing which allows access to train tracks.

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: Local Transport Links**

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Initiating SureCare’s matching process and formulating an initial risk assessment in collaboration with the placing authority, family (if appropriate) and any other relevant professionals, will assist the manager in making an informed decision as to whether the home’s location and transport links associated risks will impact or encourage young people to become missing, absent without permission or potentially cause harm. The home’s staff will be fully aware of the local bus and train routes and the home’s risk assessment and missing protocols will reflect the actions that staff will take if a young person were to attempt to access local transport. As mentioned previously, staff have company vehicles which allow staff to follow any buses and attend any local train stations in an attempt to prevent and reduce the chances of any harm coming to a young person.

The home has a good working relationship with the local Missing Person’s Liaison Officer and Hertfordshire Police and will work closely in partnership with them to reduce the risk of harm coming to our young people.

**Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: Local Transport Links**



Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		1			1	2

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

**Access to Towns;**

The home is situated in the small town of Sawbridgeworth and within 4 miles from the large Harlow and Bishop’s Stortford. Both towns have larger populations, more shops with later opening times and transport links that are accessible till approximately 11.45pm.

The closest shops are in Sawbridgeworth, where there is a small supermarket, 2 newsagents and several restaurants, pubs and takeaway venues.

Naturally, the home will have to consider that when conducting the matching process, that about a young person spending time in the local villages and larger towns mentioned could be a risk. The risk of harm and exposure to negative influences will need to be considered prior to the commencement of the placement along with how the more time is spent in these areas may expose a young person to be exposed to crime and anti-social behaviour as well as potentially be a young person subject to CSE.

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: Access to Towns & Villages**

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Whilst maintaining a balance of encouraging social skills and educating young people on potential risks at the home will prior to any placement commencing have an initial RAMP in place that outlines risks and vulnerabilities of each young person.

Any young person that is accommodated at Clifton will be initially on 1:1 supervision out in the community until such time that all the homes management, placing authority and family (where appropriate) are satisfied that a young person is able to be trusted to manage their behaviour in the community on their own and not place themselves at risk of harm.

All arrangements for young people having "free time" away from the home will be discussed with all the professionals involved, with the family (where appropriate) and with the young person to ensure that the young person feels that they have contributed to the decision making, that they are aware of the expectations placed upon them and understand the reasons for certain decisions made.

Once any arrangements are in place it will be the homes duty to frequently monitor the arrangements around a young person's unsupervised time and ensure that this "free time" is being used in a way that ensures that the young person remains safe from harm.

There are numerous non-invasive and intrusive monitoring strategies that the homes staff can use to monitor a young person's behaviour, safety and "free time" such as;

- Regular communication with a young person before, during and after any "free time" to monitor their movements
- Work closely with the young person's family, friends and any relevant people at clubs or activities to gather important information about how the young person is whilst away from home
- Staff noticing a change in patterns of behaviour; for example, a young person begins to act differently at home and not presenting as they usually do, that a young person has some new belongings that cannot be explained and sensitively exploring why a 10-minute train journey has taken longer than expected

Staff will record and report in a timely manner any concerning patterns of behaviour, sudden changes in how a young person is presenting as well as any concerns around CSE, gangs and/or radicalisation. Homes staff will work with all professionals and external services in order to protect a young person from harm and frequently consult with the relevant services to monitor any ongoing risks

Details of local crime statistics are included.

**Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: Access to Towns & Villages**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

**Anti- Social behaviour;**

Within Sawbridgeworth there are several locations in with youths are known to socialise, with low level anti-social behaviour and minor criminal activity. There is a possibility that young people coming in to the home may be drawn to seeking out friendships and peer groups and may find themselves engaging in risk taking or anti-social behaviour. They're some hotspots around Sawbridgeworth, and in the larger towns of Harlow and Bishopstortford where drugs, particularly cannabis are known to be used.

These hotspots include;

Local cemetery (CM21 9AD) located 0.5 miles away.

Bullfields park (CM21 9DF) Located 0.8 miles away.

Harlow Town Centre (CM20 1AN) Located 4.5 miles away.

Castle Gardens/ Skate park (CM23 2AY) 6.5 miles away.

Harlow Town park (CM23 2QQ) 4 Miles away.

Please find crime statistics located at the end of this report.

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: Anti Social Behaviour**

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

Young people that come in to Clifton House are supported to maintain previous relationships (if appropriate). Young people are encouraged to form positive relationships and networks to their social and emotional well-being.

Young people are encouraged to access groups and youth clubs locally. Young people's friends are monitored and the young people in our care's wellbeing is observed before and after any contact.

Young people that arrange to leave the home to meet friends are encouraged to remain in contact with the home and share who they are meeting and their location with staff. Before young people are permitted to leave the home to access the local area independently. Permission must be sought from the local authority and where necessary parents/ families. Professionals and families must be satisfied that the young person has the ability to keep themselves safe and manage their behaviour. Young people are supported to take age appropriate risks in order to prepare them for future independence.

As stated previously, The home has 2 company vehicles, whilst a young person is accessing the local area, community staff may travel to known local hotspots.

All young people that are permitted to access the local community have an individual 'Access to the local area' Risk assessment. This outlines any risky behaviours, vulnerabilities and control measures in place.

1 of the young people currently in the home do not access the local area independently due to their needs and vulnerabilities.

**Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: Anti-Social behaviour**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

## **River Stort;**

The River Stort is a river in Essex and Hertfordshire, England. It is 24 miles (38 km) long and flows south of the village of Langley to the River Lea at Hoddesdon. The River Stort runs through Sawbridgeworth and neighbouring towns Harlow and Bishop's Stortford.

The river averages a depth of between 4- 8ft. The River Stort is used by Canal boats and is accessible by foot. The river is not deemed appropriate for swimming.

The River is accessible by foot (0.5miles) and has a footpath running alongside it. There is potential that a young person may access the River either unintentionally or intentionally. The footpath surrounding the River in places is uneven which can pose a potential risk. There is grass verge located between the water and the footpath. The Foot path is lit by street lighting in some areas.

In order to access the River during dark hours, Young people must walk through a lane and field. There is no street lighting in these areas which can make passing difficult.

### **Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: River Cam**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>

### **Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will under manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

With much of the river not being accessible in Widdington itself due to the river running through and running alongside the railways lines that are all surrounded by fencing, the risk of a young person accessing the river would be low.

### **Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: River Cam**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Risk Assessment - Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;**

**Other risk factors**

- Neighbours are currently having construction work being completed on their property which may access during free time/missing episodes.
- Young people may significantly injure themselves which staff may not know about.

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: OTHER**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>4</b>

**Risk Management – Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;**

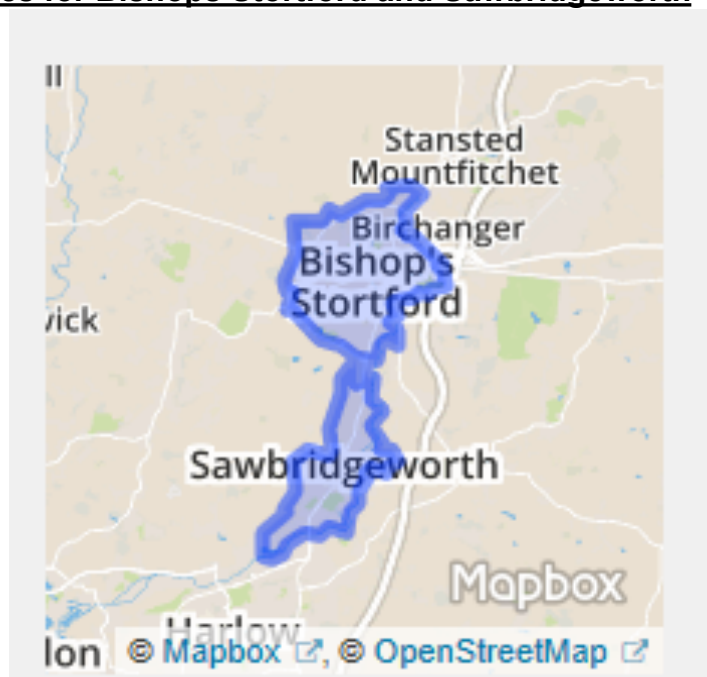
The Neighbours property has security fencing around to ensure no one is able to get onto the property.

The young people have not misused their free time or engage in any anti-social behaviours.

**Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: OTHER**

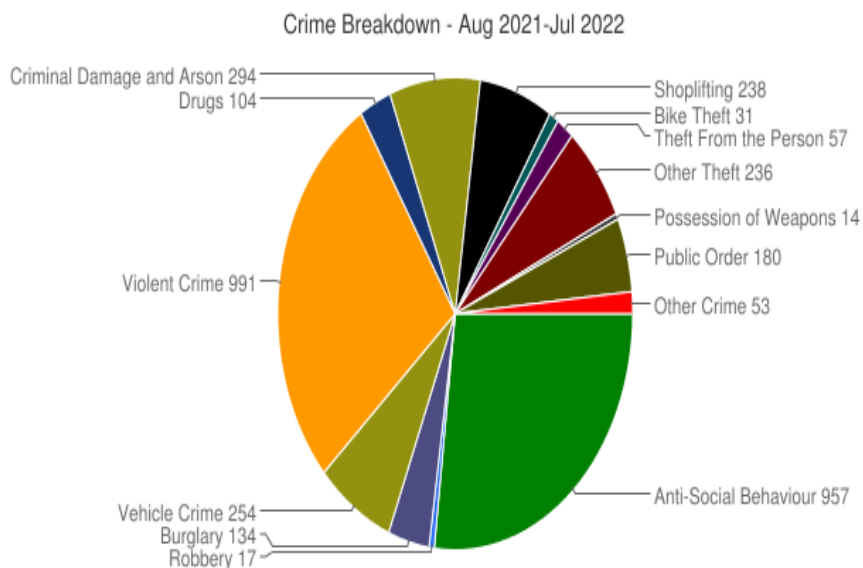
Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		<b>1</b>				<b>4</b>

**Detailed statistics for Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth**



The following table and graphs show you crime and ASB breakdowns and trends for Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth.

ASB	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle	Violent	Shoplifting	CD&A	Other	Theft			
Drugs	Bike Theft		Theft From the Person		Weapons		Public Order				
Other	Total										
Jul 2022	80	7	0	8	71	13	24	18	13	3	4
1	15	5	262								
Jun 2022	106	9	1	16	96	16	30	16	7	3	6
4	12	8	330								
May 2022	70	11	4	31	74	17	21	21	14	2	5
3	11	6	290								
Apr 2022	92	6	1	19	82	25	39	19	5	1	5
2	23	1	320								
Mar 2022	70	11	0	37	87	10	28	26	6	0	8
1	13	4	301								
Feb 2022	55	5	0	35	68	20	21	21	5	0	2
0	10	2	244								
Jan 2022	68	19	1	7	76	24	24	20	8	1	4
1	13	9	27								





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To be reviewed: **(will be sooner if there are any significant changes/events)**