Some benchmarking of Crime Statistics shows we have the lowest crime rates in Tees Valley, and better than all but one than the national picture. (Lowest figures highlighted)

	Middlesbrough	Hartlepool	Redcar and Cleveland	Stockton	National
Overall crime rate per 1000 population	108.6	77.8	67.6	59.4	72.0
Violent crime per 1000 population	23.5	18.3	13.1	12.1	16.1
Burglary per 1000 population	13.1	8.6	7.4	7.0	9.1
Vehicle crime per 1000 population	18.0	11.7	11.5	9.5	12.2
Total theft per 1000 population	42.0	27.9	23.3	22.8	27.0
Criminal damage per 1000 population	20.5	17.2	17.2	12.6	11.4
Drug offences per 1000 population	5.8	5.0	3.1	2.8	4.1

SOURCE: Tees Valley Unlimited 05.12.12