BIKE THEFT REPORT

Cowley, Oxford

Police data to **September 2026** · issued 6 November 2026

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43
bikes reported stolen in the 12 months to September 2026

-33%
change on the 12 months before (64 thefts)

87%
of concluded cases closed with no suspect identified

15
places to lock a bike mapped; 0 secure (lockers, sheds, hangars)

See the live figures and every bike rack on the map: **rackfox.app/uk/oxford/cowley** ›

WHERE

Where bikes are stolen in Cowley



Fewer thefts — More thefts

43 police-recorded thefts in 12 months; named: the streets with the most

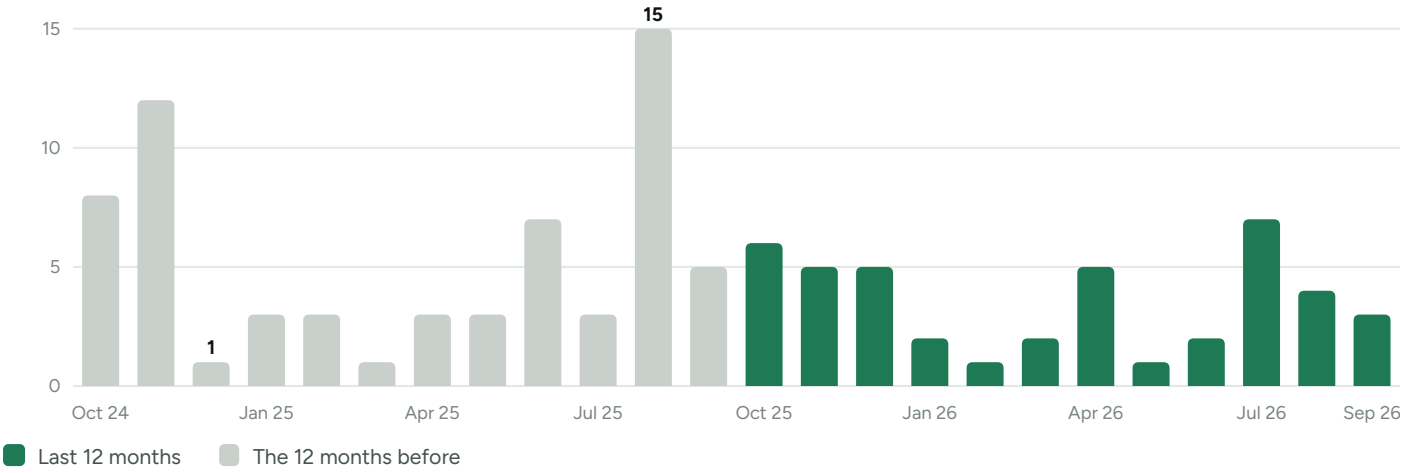
RANK IN OXFORD
7 of 24
districts by bike thefts; city total 907

BUSIEST MONTH
August
adding up every year since 2023

MOST THEFTS NEAR
St Omer Road
4 recorded in 12 months

WHEN

Bike thefts per month



WHAT KIND OF PLACE

Where bikes are stolen

PLACE	THEFTS
Car parks	9
Supermarkets	9
Shopping areas	7
Colleges and universities	1
Sports and leisure centres	1

Streets with the most recorded thefts: St Omer Road (4), Banjo Road (2), Cornwallis Close (2), Eleanor Close (2), Rymers Lane (2).

SUPPLY

Bike parking

MAPPED IN OPENSTREETMAP	COUNT
Places to lock a bike	15
Spaces (at least)	260
Covered	2
Secure: lockers, sheds, hangars, staffed	0
In the city's highest-theft quarter	12

METHOD

About the data

Thefts. Police-recorded bicycle thefts from data.police.uk (Home Office and police forces), published monthly about two months behind. The police move each crime to the nearest of a fixed set of anonymous points on a street or public place, so places are approximate. Only thefts reported to the police are counted. Known gaps: Greater Manchester Police has not supplied data since July 2019; British Transport Police (railway stations) has not supplied data since early 2025.

Parking. Places and capacity mapped by volunteers in OpenStreetMap; some racks list no capacity, so space counts are a minimum. A place's risk compares police-recorded thefts within 150 m over 12 months with every other bike parking place in the city. Counts are not adjusted for how many bikes are parked or ridden in an area, so busy centres show more thefts. A lower risk is not a guarantee.

More. Method: rackfox.app/uk/guides/how-rackfox-rates-bike-theft-risk · live figures: rackfox.app/uk/oxford/cowley · sources and licences: rackfox.app/data

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