

The big knife issue in the UK

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Knife crime is everywhere in the U.K. Mostly young people to young adults commit knife related crimes. Knife crime first started rising in 2011, the situation that led to the issue could be to do with arguments or even for protection. It mostly happens in big groups or maybe even gangs.

Most people have said online that you carry knives for protection, you never know who else has one. From west Mercia police statistics knife crime has gotten worse from 2016 to 2018, but some results from crime with a knife has shown it has decreased. In 2018, knife crime resulting in murder, happened only twice. Possession in the last 3 years has shown that it has reduced in the number of incidents recorded in Herefordshire.



We interviewed a local high school head teacher from Whitecross High School. Mr Knapp said this: “Knife crime is a terrible concern and even in safe communities like Hereford we must be aware of the risks and help young people to make good choices.”

We also collected results from our student survey which asked “would you carry a knife around for protection?” Twenty eight people responded negatively because you will get arrested even if it was for protection.

We also interviewed Mrs Wrigley, asking for her opinion on knife crime. Mrs Wrigley stated: “I personally don’t believe that carrying a knife offers you added protection and will solve the increasingly critical issue that knife crime is becoming. In addition to being illegal, carrying a knife entails that you are putting yourself in a vulnerable position. What our communities across the UK and - more importantly in critical areas - need is a more efficient and legal system in place that only local and national institutions can provide us with.”

Knife crime in the UK needs to be stopped because innocent people are losing their lives. Go to this website to find out more information.

www.met.police.uk/StopKnifeCrime