## **Battle of the Neighborhoods**

## How to choose the best neighborhood to live in

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#### Introduction

The objective of this project is to find the best location to move into the Abingdon-on-Thames area. Currently looking to move into the area of Abingdon-on-Thames and would like to take advantage of this project to use it in my favour to help me identify the best and the worst areas to live.

First step is to choose the safest borough by analysing **police crime data**. Also I need to understand the structure of the boroughs so would like to get the **Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA)** for the area of interest. LSOA are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

Finally, then after having defined the area, get data from **FourSquare** to help us choose the best area for supermarket, leisure centres, good schools, parks and restaurants, etc.

Using data science tools, will help us analyse data and focus on the safest borough and explore its neighborhoods and the common venues in each neighborhood.

The success criteria of the project is simple: after having analysed such factors, we would then be able to make the best choice for the family.

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#### **Data**

After having defined our problem, below are the factors that will help us make our decission:

- finding the safest area using crime data statistics
- finding the neaby venues around the preferred areas
- choosing the right neighbourhood within the borough

We will be using the geographical coordinates of Abingdon to plot neighbourhoods in a borough that is safe and in the city's vicinity, and finally cluster the neighborhoods, plot the crime data, get venues and present our findings.

Following data sources will be needed to get the required information:

- **Step 1**: Using a real world data set from Police Data UK, get crime data for last year: A dataset consisting of the crime statistics of each Neighbourhoof in Thames Valley along with type of crime.
- **Step 2**: Gathering LSOA and UK boundary information from Ordonance Survey of the list of boroughs around for Oxfordshire: Borough information will be used to map the crime data data and identify a the boroughs that are best and worst.
- **Step 3**: Adding the dataset from FourSquare with the most common venues and the respective Neighbourhood along with co-ordinates: This data will be fetched using Four Square API to explore the neighbourhood venues and to apply machine learning algorithm to cluster the neighbourhoods and present the findings by plotting it on maps using Folium.

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# Step 1: Using a real world data set from Police Data UK, get crime data for last year

#### **Thames Valley Crime Report**

Properties of the Crime Report

- CRIME ID Crime type
- MONTH Recorded month
- REPORTED BY authority who reported it
- FALLS WITHIN authority responsible
- LONGITUDE GPS longtitude
- LATITUDE GPS latitude
- LOCATION where was the crime
- LSOA code borough code where it falls
- LSOA name borough name where it falls
- GroupedArea Inner Abingdon or Outer Abingdon
- CRIME TYPE type of crime

Data set URL: https://data.police.uk (https://data.police.uk)

## Import all the libraries that are needed beforehand

```
In [1]: import time
        import numpy as np # data vectors
        import pandas as pd # data analysis
        from collections import Counter
        from pandas.io.json import json_normalize # transform json in
        to pandas dataframe
        import matplotlib.cm as cm #plotting
        import matplotlib.colors as colors
        import matplotlib.pyplot as py
        import json
        import requests
        from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim #get lat and long
        from sklearn.cluster import KMeans #clustering
        import folium #visualise map
        import os
        import geopandas as gpd
        import earthpy as et
        from folium.plugins import HeatMap
        import geopandas
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import matplotlib.lines as mlines
        from matplotlib.colors import ListedColormap
        from shapely.geometry import box # Load the box module from s
        hapely to create box objects
        from shapely.geometry import shape
        import earthpy as et
        import seaborn as sns
        from configparser import ConfigParser
```

## **Reading from the Dataset**

Due to the amount of data, for this project, I limited the data for one year to include the year of 2019. Get the CSV file for the Crime data from the Police database data.police.uk

#### Out[2]:

	Crime ID	Month	Reported by	Falls within
0	3d294010dbca88ade8b95964f03d79dae86cbece156e32	2019-08	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police
1	dbcbf4f976221e1e202c7019f2803f9ba80a8e1c8881d9	2019-08	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police
2	95569239a93eb375ef1a30f147975303c0aaa322755be2	2019-08	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police
3	cdb82cca5ab21305455295afad2e04a4f2b4b2066d2709	2019-08	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police
4	f94e1c275753292c47a748c7241c75beb667817009ef96	2019-08	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police

#### **Total Crimes in different Locations**

```
In [3]: CSV['Location'].value_counts()
Out[3]: On or near Supermarket
                                              267
        On or near Police Station
                                              235
        On or near Parking Area
                                              187
        On or near Petrol Station
                                              101
        On or near Sports/Recreation Area
                                               90
        On or near Hampden Road
                                                1
        On or near Alfreds Place
                                                1
        On or near Ginge Road
                                                1
        On or near The Pound
                                                1
        On or near Conduit Road
        Name: Location, Length: 1069, dtype: int64
```

#### Creating a pivot table to display the crimes by ward and by type

Out[4]:

Count

	Crime type	Anti- social behaviour	Bicycle theft	Burglary	Criminal damage and arson	Drugs	Other crime	Other theft	Possessic of weapons
_	WARD								
_	Abingdon Abbey Northcourt	171	31	18	98	24	10	39	
	Abingdon Caldecott	104	16	14	65	18	7	28	
	Abingdon Dunmore	35	3	9	14	6	1	2	
	Abingdon Fitzharris	107	15	13	99	96	10	28	1
	Abingdon Peachcroft	56	5	18	18	6	7	12	

Creating a pivot table to display the crimes by major areas and by type

Out[5]:

#### Count

Crime type	Anti- social behaviour	Bicycle theft	Burglary	Criminal damage and arson	Drugs	Other crime	Other theft	Possess of weapor
GroupedArea								
Abingdon Inner	473	70	72	294	150	35	109	
Abingdon Outer	542	54	291	451	128	80	315	
All	1015	124	363	745	278	115	424	

Pandas describe() is used to view some basic statistical details like percentile, mean, std etc. of a data frame or a series of numeric values.

```
In [6]: crime_cat_area.describe()
```

Out[6]:

#### Count

Crime type	Anti-social behaviour	Bicycle theft	Burglary	Criminal damage and arson	Drugs	Other crime	(
count	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	_
mean	676.666667	82.666667	242.000000	496.666667	185.333333	76.666667	2
std	295.029377	36.678786	151.561869	228.941768	81.002058	40.104031	1
min	473.000000	54.000000	72.000000	294.000000	128.000000	35.000000	1
25%	507.500000	62.000000	181.500000	372.500000	139.000000	57.500000	2
50%	542.000000	70.000000	291.000000	451.000000	150.000000	80.000000	:
75%	778.500000	97.000000	327.000000	598.000000	214.000000	97.500000	3
max	1015.000000	124.000000	363.000000	745.000000	278.000000	115.000000	2

Merging the data by area and renaming columns

```
In [7]: crime cat area.reset index(inplace = True)
        crime cat area.columns = crime cat area.columns.map(''.join)
        crime_cat_area.rename(columns={'CountAll':'Total',
                                   'CountAnti-social behaviour':'Antis
        ocial',
                                   'CountBicycle theft': 'Bike Theft',
                                  'CountBurglary': 'Burglary',
                                  'CountCriminal damage and arson':'Cr
        iminal damage',
                                  'CountDrugs': 'Drugs',
                                  'CountOther crime':'Other crime',
                                  'CountOther theft':'Other theft',
                                  'CountPossession of weapons':'Posses
        sion of weapons',
                                  'CountPublic order': 'Public order',
                                  'CountRobbery': 'Robbery',
                                  'CountShoplifting': 'Shoplifting',
                                   'CountTheft from the person': 'Theft
        from the person',
                                  'CountVehicle crime':'Vehicle crime
                                  'CountViolence and sexual offences
         ':'Violence and sexual offences'}, inplace=True)
        crime_cat_area.head()
```

#### Out[7]:

	GroupedArea	Anticopial	Bike	Burglary	Criminal	Druge	Other	Other	Posse
	a. capour li ou	71111000101	Theft	burgiary	damage	Drugs	crime	theft	wea
0	Abingdon Inner	473	70	72	294	150	35	109	
1	Abingdon Outer	542	54	291	451	128	80	315	
2	All	1015	124	363	745	278	115	424	

#### Merging the data by ward and renaming columns

```
In [8]: crime cat ward.reset index(inplace = True)
        crime cat ward.columns = crime cat ward.columns.map(''.join)
        crime_cat_ward.rename(columns={'CountAll':'Total',
                                   'CountAnti-social behaviour': 'Antis
        ocial',
                                   'CountBicycle theft': 'Bike Theft',
                                  'CountBurglary': 'Burglary',
                                  'CountCriminal damage and arson':'Cr
        iminal damage',
                                  'CountDrugs': 'Drugs',
                                  'CountOther crime':'Other crime',
                                  'CountOther theft': 'Other theft',
                                  'CountPossession of weapons':'Posses
        sion of weapons',
                                  'CountPublic order': 'Public order',
                                  'CountRobbery': 'Robbery',
                                  'CountShoplifting': 'Shoplifting',
                                   'CountTheft from the person': 'Theft
        from the person',
                                  'CountVehicle crime':'Vehicle crime
                                  'CountViolence and sexual offences
         ':'Violence and sexual offences'}, inplace=True)
        crime_cat_ward.head()
```

#### Out[8]:

	WARD	Antisocial	Bike Theft	Burglary	Criminal damage	Drugs	Other crime	Other theft	Possessic weapoi
0	Abingdon Abbey Northcourt	171	31	18	98	24	10	39	
1	Abingdon Caldecott	104	16	14	65	18	7	28	
2	Abingdon Dunmore	35	3	9	14	6	1	2	
3	Abingdon Fitzharris	107	15	13	99	96	10	28	
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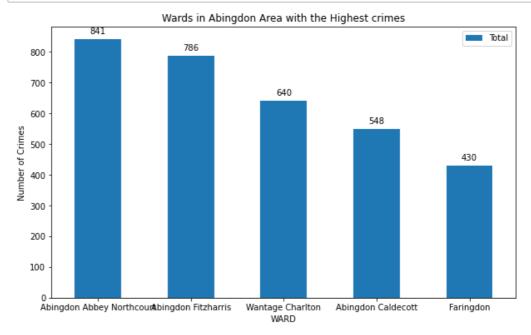
#### Sorting the data by crimes per ward

Out[9]:

	WARD	Antisocial	Bike Theft	Burglary	Criminal damage	Drugs	Other crime	Other theft	Possess weapo
	Abingdon O Abbey Northcourt	171	31	18	98	24	10	39	
	3 Abingdon Fitzharris	107	15	13	99	96	10	28	
2	Wantage Charlton	145	2	17	72	18	6	35	
	1 Abingdon Caldecott	104	16	14	65	18	7	28	
	9 Faringdon	53	3	20	40	21	6	31	

Five neighborhoods with highest crime

```
In [10]: per_neigh = crime_neigh_top5[['WARD','Total']]
         per neigh.set index('WARD',inplace = True)
         ax = per neigh.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6), rot=0)
         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Crimes')
         ax.set xlabel('WARD')
         ax.set title('Wards in Abingdon Area with the Highest crimes
         ')
         for p in ax.patches:
             ax.annotate(np.round(p.get_height(),decimals=2),
                          (p.get x()+p.get width()/2., p.get height()),
                          ha='center',
                          va='center',
                          xytext=(0, 10),
                          textcoords='offset points',
                          fontsize = 10,
                         )
         plt.show()
```

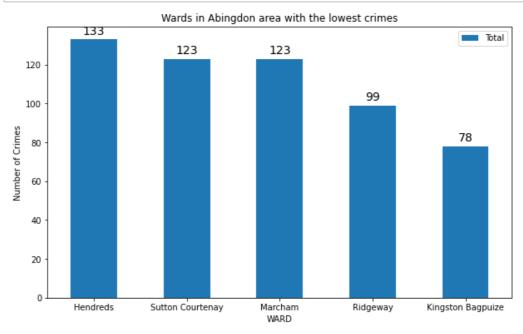


#### Five Neighborhoods with lowest crime

Out[11]:

	WARD	Antisocial	Bike Theft	Burglary	Criminal damage	Drugs	Other crime	Other theft	Possessi
11	Hendreds	13	2	10	14	4	1	16	
18	Sutton Courtenay	15	2	3	10	2	4	4	
14	Marcham	5	2	3	19	4	1	9	
15	Ridgeway	14	0	10	15	2	1	7	
13	Kingston Bagpuize	7	2	1	5	0	0	8	

```
In [12]: per neigh = crime neigh low[['WARD', 'Total']]
         per neigh.set index('WARD',inplace = True)
         ax = per neigh.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6), rot=0)
         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Crimes')
         ax.set xlabel('WARD')
         ax.set title('Wards in Abingdon area with the lowest crimes')
         for p in ax.patches:
             ax.annotate(np.round(p.get_height(),decimals=2),
                          (p.get_x()+p.get_width()/2., p.get_height()),
                          ha='center',
                          va='center',
                          xytext=(0, 10),
                          textcoords='offset points',
                          fontsize = 14,
                         )
         plt.show()
```



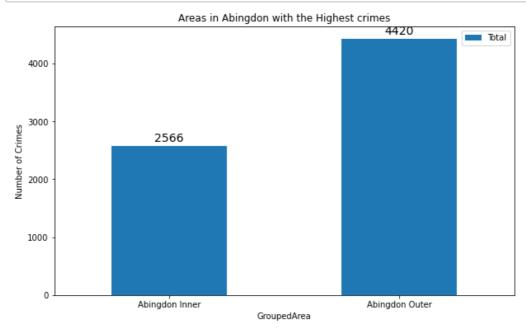
#### **Abingdon Areas with Highest Crime**

```
In [13]: crime_only = crime_cat_area.drop([2])
    crime_only
```

Out[13]:

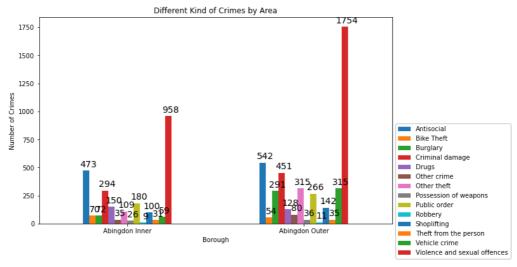
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0	Abingdon Inner	473	70	72	294	150	35	109	
1	Abingdon Outer	542	54	291	451	128	80	315	

```
In [14]: per_area = crime_only[['GroupedArea','Total']]
         per area.set index('GroupedArea',inplace = True)
         ax = per area.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6), rot=0)
         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Crimes')
         ax.set xlabel('GroupedArea')
         ax.set title('Areas in Abingdon with the Highest crimes')
         for p in ax.patches:
             ax.annotate(np.round(p.get_height(),decimals=2),
                          (p.get_x()+p.get_width()/2., p.get_height()),
                         ha='center',
                         va='center'
                         xytext=(0, 10),
                          textcoords='offset points',
                          fontsize = 14,
                         )
         plt.show()
```



#### Different types of crimes recorded in both areas

```
In [15]: | #area df = crime only[['GroupedArea']]
         #area df = area df.sort values(['GroupedArea'], ascending = T
         rue, axis = 0)
         abi_ws = crime_only[['GroupedArea','Antisocial','Bike Theft
         ','Burglary','Criminal damage','Drugs','Other crime','Other t
         heft', 'Possession of weapons',
                            'Public order', 'Robbery', 'Shoplifting', 'The
         ft from the person', 'Vehicle crime', 'Violence and sexual offe
         nces']]
         abi ws.set index('GroupedArea',inplace = True)
         ax = abi ws.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6), rot=0)
         ax.set ylabel('Number of Crimes')
         ax.set_xlabel('Borough')
         ax.set title('Different Kind of Crimes by Area')
         for p in ax.patches:
             ax.annotate(np.round(p.get height(),decimals=3),
                          (p.get_x()+p.get_width()/3., p.get_height()),
                          ha='center',
                          va='center',
                          xytext=(5, 10),
                          textcoords='offset points',
                          fontsize = 14
             ax.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.00, 0.5))
         plt.show()
```



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## Part 2: Gathering LSOA and UK boundary information from Ordonance Survey of the list of boroughs around for Oxfordshire

In order to understand the boroughs, so we will get first get the shapefile for the UK Boundary from the Ordonance Survey. The way the boundaries are structured is by what is called the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA)

#### Get the shapefile for the UK Boundary from Ordnance Survey website

```
In [16]: | data = gpd.read_file('Sectors.shp')
           ox_index = data[data.name == "OX"].index
           ox_geom = data.loc[ox_index,'geometry']
           ox geom.head()
Out[16]: GeoSeries([], Name: geometry, dtype: geometry)
           shapefile = gpd.read file("Sectors.shp")
In [17]:
           shapefile.head()
Out[17]:
               name
                                                      geometry
           0 AB10 1 POLYGON ((-2.11645 57.14656, -2.11655 57.14663...
           1 AB10 6 MULTIPOLYGON (((-2.12239 57.12887, -2.12279 57...
           2 AB10 7 POLYGON ((-2.12239 57.12887, -2.12119 57.12972...
           3 AB11 5 POLYGON ((-2.05528 57.14547, -2.05841 57.14103...
           4 AB11 6 POLYGON ((-2.09818 57.13769, -2.09803 57.13852...
```

Grouped the boundary data and the crime data to make an array to be displayed later in the map

```
In [18]: #use only for LSOA grouping
         Grouped = pd.DataFrame({'Value' : CSV.groupby( ['LSOA code
         ']).size()}).reset index()
         temp1 = Grouped.to numpy()
         newdf = pd.DataFrame(data=temp1, index=None, columns=["LSOA c
         ode", "Value"])
         #print(newdf)
         #merge right to get back LSOA and one 'central' lat/long
         df3 = CSV.drop duplicates(subset='LSOA code', keep="first")
         #newdf.insert(2, 'Latitude', newdf['LSOA code'].map(df abiC.s
         et index('LSOA code')['Latitude']))
         Temp = newdf.merge(df3, left on='LSOA code', right on='LSOA c
         ode', how='right')
         #Temp.drop_duplicates(subset="LSOA code",keep="first", inplac
         e=True)
         Temp['Latitude'] = Temp['Latitude'].astype(float)
         Temp['Longitude'] = Temp['Longitude'].astype(float)
         Temp['Value'] = Temp['Value'].astype(int)
         #Making a simple table for values as with the dataframe foliu
         m wasn't happy
         Mapme = Temp[['Value', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']].copy()
         Mapme.head()
```

#### Out[18]:

	Value	Latitude	Longitude
0	34	51.673533	-1.269892
1	108	51.675202	-1.260667
2	100	51.661178	-1.284287
3	102	51.659692	-1.289920
4	130	51.663491	-1.290685

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Part 3: Adding the dataset from FourSquare with the most common venues and the respective Neighbourhood along with coordinates

#### **Define Foursquare Credentials and Version**

```
In [19]: address = 'Abingdon-on-Thames, United Kingdom'
    geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="abi_explorer")
    location = geolocator.geocode(address)
    latitude = location.latitude
    longitude = location.longitude
    print('The geograpical coordinates of Abingdon-on-Thames, United Kingdom are {}, {}.'.format(latitude, longitude))
```

The geograpical coordinates of Abingdon-on-Thames, United Kingdom are 51.6714842, -1.2779715.

#### Now we are going to get data from FourSquare

```
In [20]: parser = ConfigParser()
    _ = parser.read('Credentials.cfg')
```

#### Used a parser file to hide credentials and confidential information

Get the venues for the latitude desired

Out[22]: 'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/explore?&client\_id=GOI 03BVANIMQZ54ZM0T5XJTFQSHWG43CDOWVLGVKDZFRXMUA&client\_secret= G5CADWKCNYVXYY54Z1ARDUINRHBAKSCAHFCV3HMPH00BVUZH&v=20180604& 11=51.6714842,-1.2779715&radius=1000&limit=100'

```
In [23]: results = requests.get(url).json()
```

```
In [24]: # function that extracts the category of the venue from Fours
    qure json response
    def get_category_type(row):
        try:
            categories_list = row['categories']
        except:
            categories_list = row['venue.categories']

    if len(categories_list) == 0:
        return None
    else:
        return categories_list[0]['name']
```

<ipython-input-25-561c05f0fdd1>:3: FutureWarning: pandas.io.
json.json\_normalize is deprecated, use pandas.json\_normalize
instead

nearby venues = json normalize(venues) # flatten JSON

#### Out[25]:

	name	categories	lat	Ing
0	Crown and Thistle	Pub	51.669604	-1.280457
1	The Nags Head	Pub	51.668649	-1.279253
2	Costa Coffee	Coffee Shop	51.670426	-1.281812
3	The Broad Face	Pub	51.669315	-1.280289
4	Waitrose & Partners	Supermarket	51.672038	-1.279792

```
In [26]: print('{} venues were returned by Foursquare.'.format(nearby_
venues.shape[0]))
```

24 venues were returned by Foursquare.

### Out[27]:

	name	categories	lat	Ing	geometry
0	Crown and Thistle	Pub	51.669604	-1.280457	POINT (-1.28046 51.66960)
1	The Nags Head	Pub	51.668649	-1.279253	POINT (-1.27925 51.66865)
2	Costa Coffee	Coffee Shop	51.670426	-1.281812	POINT (-1.28181 51.67043)
3	The Broad Face	Pub	51.669315	-1.280289	POINT (-1.28029 51.66931)
4	Waitrose & Partners	Supermarket	51.672038	-1.279792	POINT (-1.27979 51.67204)
5	Chaba	Thai Restaurant	51.670013	-1.283104	POINT (-1.28310 51.67001)
6	The Kings Head & Bell	Pub	51.669603	-1.281333	POINT (-1.28133 51.66960)
7	The Brewery Tap	Pub	51.669936	-1.286519	POINT (-1.28652 51.66994)
8	Abingdon Lock	Canal Lock	51.670538	-1.269276	POINT (-1.26928 51.67054)
9	ASK Italian	Italian Restaurant	51.670432	-1.284324	POINT (-1.28432 51.67043)
10	PizzaExpress	Pizza Place	51.670651	-1.281020	POINT (-1.28102 51.67065)
11	Dil Raj	Indian Restaurant	51.670179	-1.284381	POINT (-1.28438 51.67018)
12	Java&Co	Café	51.670439	-1.281238	POINT (-1.28124 51.67044)
13	Throwing Buns	Tea Room	51.670161	-1.281673	POINT (-1.28167 51.67016)
14	ВР	Gas Station	51.673320	-1.280400	POINT (-1.28040 51.67332)
15	Boots	Pharmacy	51.670591	-1.282602	POINT (-1.28260 51.67059)
16	Greggs	Bakery	51.670566	-1.282471	POINT (-1.28247 51.67057)
17	The Narrows (Wetherspoon)	Pub	51.670291	-1.283370	POINT (-1.28337 51.67029)
18	WHSmith	Stationery Store	51.670857	-1.282824	POINT (-1.28282 51.67086)

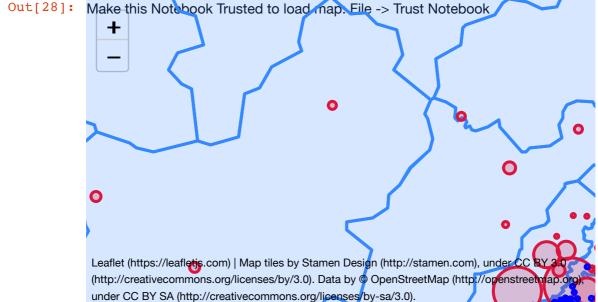
geometry	Ing	lat	categories	name	
POINT (-1.27867 51.67069)	-1.278674	51.670692	Park	Abbey Gardens	19
POINT (-1.28134 51.67059)	-1.281345	51.670588	Coffee Shop	R&R	20

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## **Mapping and Analysis**

This part will allow us to explore more about the neighbourhood, venues and the crime around the area of interest by plotting it on maps using Folium and perform exploratory data analysis.

```
In [28]: abi map = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom sta
         rt=12, tiles='stamenterrain')
         #add the boundary first
         boundary = folium.features.GeoJson(shapefile)
         abi_map.add_child(boundary)
         # Add crime to the map one by one sized by the grouping info
         for i in range(0,len(Mapme)):
            folium.Circle(
                #popup=Mapme.iloc[i]['Value'],
                location=[Mapme.iloc[i]['Latitude'], Mapme.iloc[i]['Long
         itude']],
                radius=Mapme.iloc[i]['Value']*1.5,
               fill=True,
               color='crimson',
                fill color='crimson'
            ).add_to(abi_map)
         #add foursquare venues
         for j in range(0,len(nearby venues)):
            #print([nearby_venues.iloc[j]['lat']])
            folium.Circle(
                popup=nearby_venues.iloc[j]['categories'],
                location=[nearby_venues.iloc[j]['lat'],nearby_venues.il
         oc[j]['lng']],
               radius=50,
                fill=True,
               color='blue',
                fill_color='blue'
             ).add_to(abi_map)
         abi map
```



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#### Conclusion

Using a combination of crime data from Police Data UK grouped per ward, together with the boundary areas and the common venues data from FourSquare helped visualise both to take an informed decision.

By visual inspection, as expected, there are more venues in the Abingdon Inner area but also more crime too.

Also, we can see that the outer Abingdon has fewer crimes and it is therefore safer to move to. The limitation of fewer venues, is not prime concern for our family and as we are willing to compromise to have to travel a bit.