

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Road Safety update – Melksham Area Board

6 November 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



• #FATAL5 education



Drink diving

In England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for driving is 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood or 35 µg per 100 ml of breath). In Scotland, the limit is lower at 50 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood (or 22 µg per 100 ml of breath). Factors such as weight, age, metabolism, and food intake affect how alcohol is processed, making it difficult to predict how much you can drink and stay under the limit. Alcohol takes time to leave your system; common remedies like coffee or showers do not speed this up. You can still be over the limit the next day, risking your license if you drive. Alcohol impairs driving ability, and the safest choice is to avoid drinking entirely if you plan to drive.

There is no way to know how much you can drink and stay under the limit, since it can depend on your weight, age, metabolism, the amount of food you've eaten and other factors.

It's impossible to get alcohol out of your system quickly, it always takes time. A shower, a cup of coffee or other ways of 'sobering up' may make you feel better but won't remove the alcohol from your system.

If you've been out drinking, you may still be affected by alcohol the next day and could lose your licence if you drive and are still over the legal limit.

Alcohol affects everyone differently and any amount can impair your ability to drive. The only safe option is to avoid alcohol completely if you're driving as even 'just one drink' could put you over the limit. **If you're driving, don't drink any alcohol at all.**

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Risks and physical effects

The biggest risk you take when driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is the risk of causing a collision.

Driving under the influence of drink or drugs is extremely dangerous and can affect your driving in numerous ways, such as:

- ability to judge speed and distance
- reaction and coordination skills
- blurry or impaired vision
- drowsiness
- aggression
- erratic behaviour
- panic attacks and paranoia
- hallucinations
- nausea
- dizziness
- tremors

Alcohol and drugs can also create a false confidence which can lead to an increase in risk-taking behaviour, which puts your life and the lives of others in danger.

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Drug driving

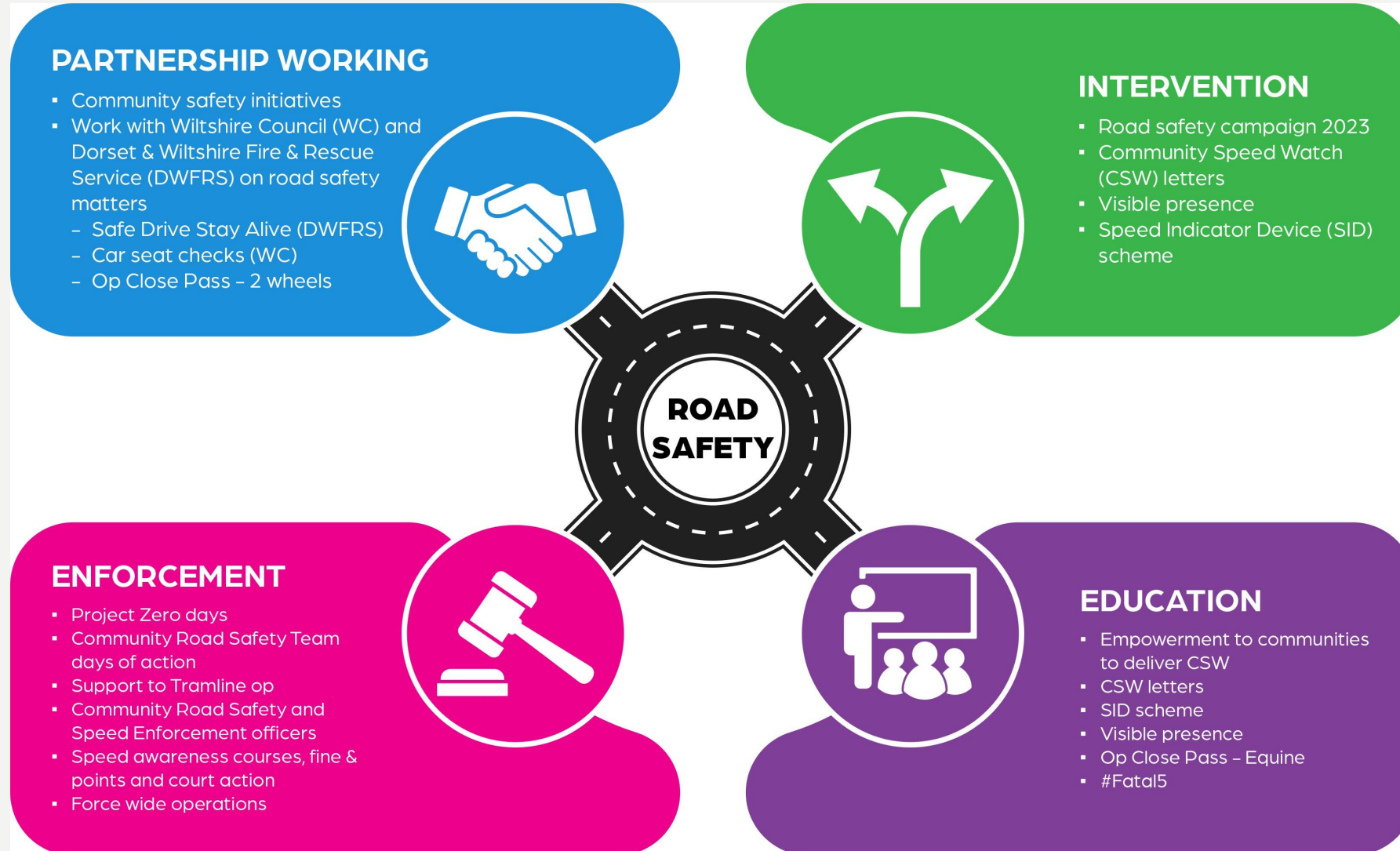
It's an offence to drive with any of 17 controlled drugs above a specified level in your blood. This includes [illegal and legally prescribed drugs](#).

The limit set for each drug is different, and for illegal drugs the limits set are extremely low. They aren't zero to rule out any accidental exposure (eg from passive smoking).

You should always check with your doctor or pharmacist if you're unsure about whether your prescription or over-the-counter medication will affect your ability to drive.



• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• Traffic surveys – Melksham since 2022 to July 2024

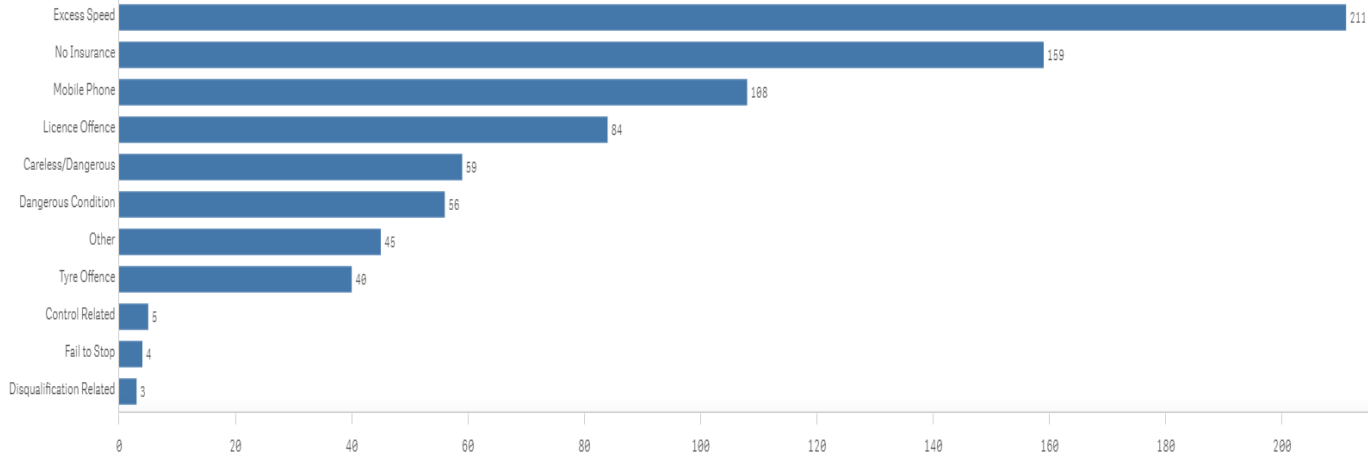
Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Beanacre-Westlands Lane	No further action	15/04/2024	30	31.7	Trowbridge	Melksham
Berryfield - C395 Semington Road	No further action	07/12/2023	30	32.3	Trowbridge	Melksham
Great Hinton - Main Street	No further action	15/04/2024	30	22.6	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - C400 Pathfinder Way	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	37.6	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Eastern Way	No further action	19/02/2024	40	43.6	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Eastern Way - WEST	No further action	15/04/2024	40	37.5	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Eastern Way EAST	No further action	15/04/2024	40	44.8	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Sandridge Common A3102	No further action	15/04/2024	40	43.7	Trowbridge	Melksham
Steeple Ashton - C19 Ashton Common	Speed education	15/05/2023	30	36.7	Trowbridge	Melksham
Steeple Ashton - C232 Sandpits Lane	No further action	07/12/2023	60	38.4	Trowbridge	Melksham
Steeple Ashton - Common Hill	Speed education	08/05/2022	30	37.89	Trowbridge	Melksham

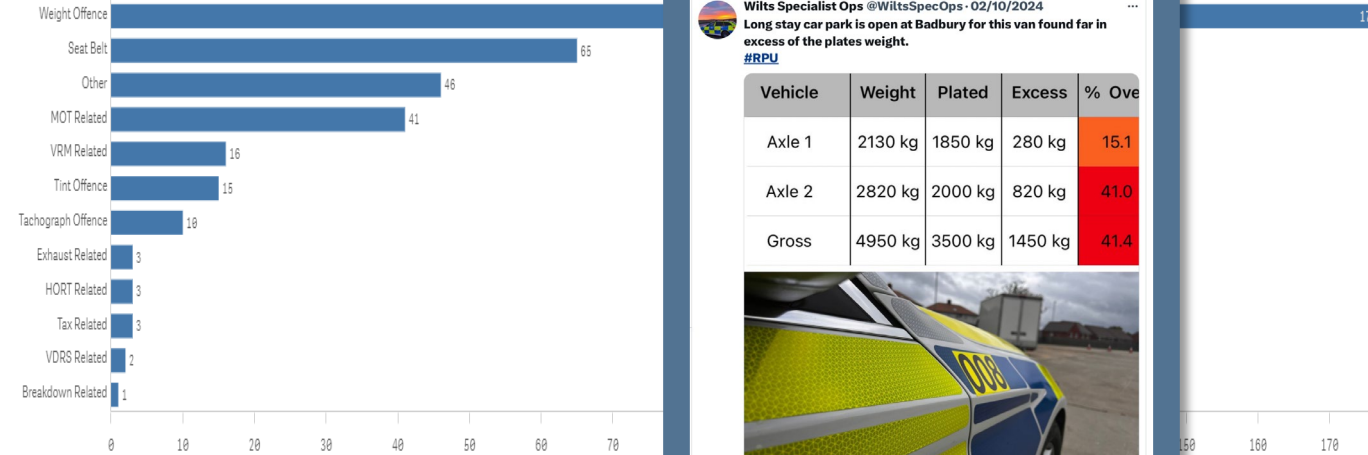
• Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering **August to October** issued over **1344 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences. The most common offences they are coming across are as follows:

Activity - Endorsable offences



Activity - Non-Endorsable Offences



Wilt's Specialist Ops @WiltSpecOps · 20/10/2024
Selection of speeders from around the County today.

Wilt's Specialist Ops @WiltSpecOps · 19/10/2024
#RPU stopped the transit in Chippenham today after 3 children were seen sharing 2 seats in the front. The MOT expired in 2023 and 2 tyres under the legal limit. Vehicle prevented from moving pending suitable seats for the children and new boots for the van.

Wilt's Specialist Ops @WiltSpecOps · 02/10/2024
Long stay car park is open at Badbury for this van found far in excess of the plates weight.
#RPU

Vehicle	Weight	Plated	Excess	% Ove
Axle 1	2130 kg	1850 kg	280 kg	15.1
Axle 2	2820 kg	2000 kg	820 kg	41.0
Gross	4950 kg	3500 kg	1450 kg	41.4

Wilt's Specialist Ops @WiltSpecOps · 27/09/2024
#RPU stopped this driver who was using their phone. He initially tried to say it was a scratch card. He has won a trip to court, where he might lose his licence as he already has 6 points **#Fatal**

Wilt's Specialist Ops @WiltSpecOps · 24/09/2024
#RPU stopped this van near Marlborough this morning. MOT & tax expired, several defects & driver not on the insurance **#reported** **#OffToCourt** **#FullHouse** **#DriveInsured**

X Untaxed
Tax Due
1 April 2024

X MOT
Expired
16 May 2024

Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to 22 October 2024

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

15,227.00
No. Speed awareness co...

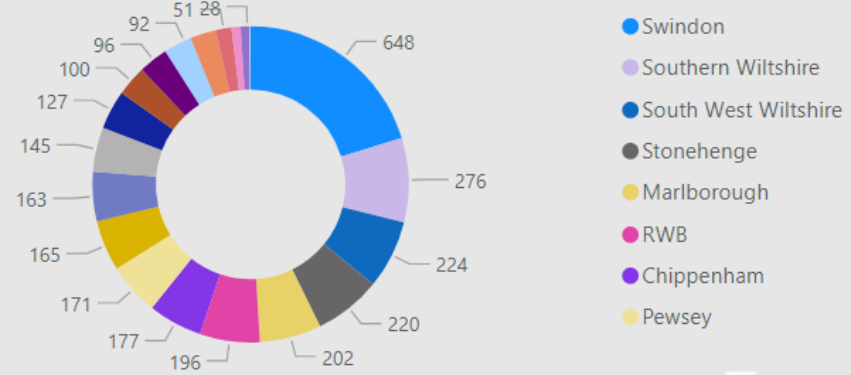
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No. Fine & Points

197.00
No. Court

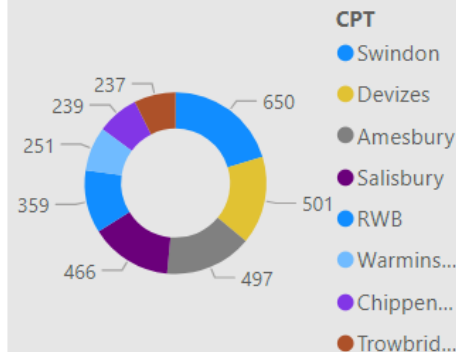
968
No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Queens Drive adjacent with Cambridge Close	2024	April	151.00	26.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Queens Drive adjacent with Cambridge Close	2024	August	151.00	39.00	2.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	129.00	15.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	May	116.00	25.00	1.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Marlborough Road	2024	May	113.00	6.00	1.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2024	May	112.00	30.00	9.00	Salisbury	South West Wiltshire
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	January	103.00	16.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wiltshire
Swindon Marlborough Road	2024	June	99.00	12.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Cholderton - Church Lane	2023	March	95.00	4.00	1.00	Amesbury	South West Wiltshire
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	March	94.00	23.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Queens Drive	2024	June	91.00	15.00	1.00	Swindon	Swindon
Total			15,227.00	2,000.00	197.00		

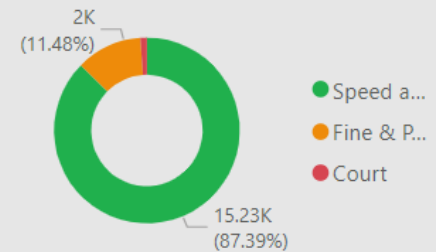
Activity by Area Board



Activity by CPT



Outcomes



• CSEO – Melksham Area Board - 1 January 2023 to 22 October 2024

CSEO Activity Dashboard

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481.00
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44.00
No. Fine & Points

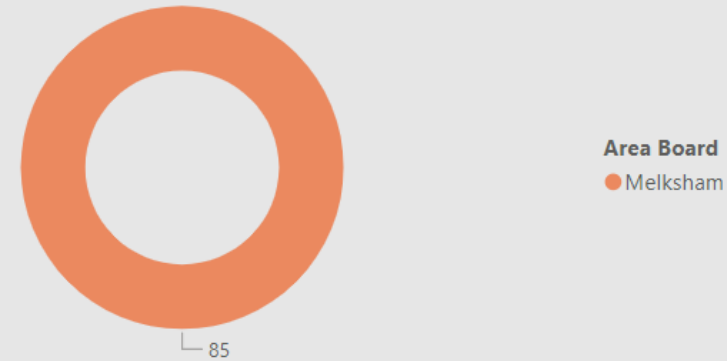
6.00
No. Court

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No. of Locations

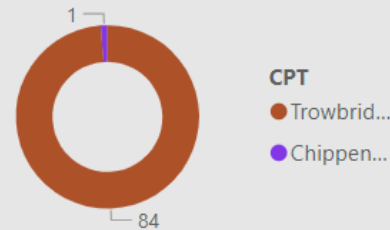
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Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	129.00	15.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw & Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2023	January	40.00	2.00	1.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	October	30.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - Shaw Hill	2023	February	24.00	2.00	2.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	December	22.00	3.00	1.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Westwood - New Inn	2023	December	21.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2023	February	17.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley A365 Folly Lane	2024	May	17.00	3.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Westwood - New Inn	2023	November	17.00	2.00	1.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw Hill - A365 Between SHAW HILL/FOLLY LANE / Beltane Place	2023	November	12.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Beanacre - A350 Bus Stop	2023	March	11.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley Shaw hill lamppost 38	2024	April	11.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - School Corsham Road	2023	November	10.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley A365 Folly Lane	2024	March	10.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham

Total 481.00 44.00 6.00

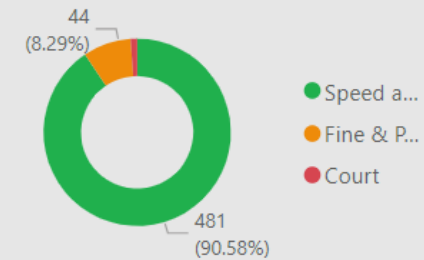
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