

Devizes CPT Area Board Update



December 2021

Your CPT - Devizes

Inspector: Al Lumley

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Gareth Cole

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Emily Porter

PC Emily Grigor

PC Sarah Hardwidge

PCSOs:

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Paula Yarranton, Kelly Watts, Cameron Brazier (Devizes)

Emily Johnson, Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)

Mark Braithwaite, Melissa Camilleri, Emily Johnson (Marlborough)



Performance – 12 months to August 2021

Force

- Wiltshire Police has had a decrease in the volume of recorded crime by 7.0% in the 12 months to August 2021 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 18% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 31.2% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to August 2021.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In August 2021, we received:
 - 9,719 '999' calls, (answered within 9 seconds on average);
 - 11,115 '101' calls, (answered within 14 seconds on average);
 - 11,169 'CRIB' calls, (answered within 2 minute and 1 second on average).
- In August 2021, we also attended 1,706 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 9 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	37873	100.0
Violence without injury	6503	17.2
Violence with injury	5785	15.3
Criminal damage	4797	12.7
Stalking and harassment	3601	9.5
Public order offences	3455	9.1
Other crime type	13732	36.2

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	2879	100.0
Violence without injury	490	17.0
Violence with injury	406	14.1
Criminal damage	372	12.9
Stalking and harassment	288	10.0
Public order offences	255	8.9
Other crime type	1068	37.1

Stop and Search information for Devizes CPT

During the 12 months leading to July 2021, 151 stop and searches were conducted in the Devizes area of which 78.7% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 72.2% of these searches, no object was found. In 27.8% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 80.1% resulted in a no further action disposal; 19.9% resulted in police action being taken; 4% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 130 stop and searches.
- Black or Black British – 1 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 4 stop and searches
- Mixed – 3 stop and searches

Local Priorities & Updates - Devizes

Priority	Update
Officer Verification Checks	Following the tragic events of the Sarah Everard murder in London, some of the public have understandably been concerned about the legitimacy of police officers when they are stopped and spoken to. We are working hard to try and rebuild the trust that has been damaged by the actions of one evil individual and have set up a process whereby a member of the public can ask for the officer to verify their business is genuine and lawful. These will be done through the police radio on loudspeaker so that the member of the public can feel reassured. If you have any concerns please ask the officer to do this.
ASB	We are aware of continued issues with youths (in general) around the Keepers Road/Quakers Walk area as well as concerns around groups throwing items off some of the surrounding bridges at passers by. Enquiries continue to identify those responsible and deal with them accordingly. Our teams are reviewing tactics in order to combat this issue with partners using an evidenced based policing problem solving approach for a longer term solution.
Op Sceptre	Plans are in motion for the annual Op Sceptre – an operation focusing of reducing the harm caused by weapons within our communities, especially focused around knife crime prevention. This will include a range of tactics from amnesty bins located at key locations in the community, to multi-agency enforcement activity against those believed to be carrying or distributing weapons. St James Church have kindly agreed to assist in using an amnesty bin at that location and were featured during the operation’s launch on the 15 th November.
Rural Crime	Hare Coursing and poaching offences increase at this point every year. Our dedicated Rural Crime Team are working hard with partners and the public to catch the offenders. In Devizes specifically although there was an increase in line with the season, we saw a 33% reduction compared to this time last year. It is crucially important that the public report incidents of these nature so that we can effectively tackle and prevent the issue through intelligence profiling.
Bike Thefts	The end of September and start of October saw a significant spike in pedal cycle thefts in Devizes. Following a successful warrant and recovery of multiple bikes we have had no reported offences (at time of writing) since 22 nd Oct. An individual has been arrested for the vast majority of these offences and remains on bail while our enquiries continue. The majority of these offences are opportunistic and during the hours of darkness so some simple prevention technics will make your bikes safer – such as locking them away and having motion sensed lights.

Useful links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Devizes Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/devizes/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data

Get Involved

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