

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Community Report

Trowbridge/Melksham/Bradford on Avon Community Policing Team

May 2023

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Your Community Police Team

Inspector: Andrew Lemon

Neighbourhood Sergeants:

Sgt Gemma Rutter (Melksham & Bradford On Avon)

Sgt Charlotte Chilton (Trowbridge)

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Rachel Jackson (Bradford on Avon)

PC Ben Coombs (Melksham)

PC Jennifer Miller (Melksham)

PC Eleanor Porter (Trowbridge)

PC Robert Dentry (Trowbridge)

PC Oliver Gilmour (Trowbridge)



Crime Data year on year and Crime Exceptions (Trowbridge/Melksham/Bradford on Avon)

Crime Data	2022	2023	Increase/Decrease
January	434	482	+48 (+11.0%)
February	414	476	+62 (+14.9%)
March	489	545	+56 (+11.4%)
April	476	441	-35 (- 7.4%)
May	512	482	-30 (- 5.9%)
Total	2325	2426	+101 (+4.3%)

Station	Offence	Crime Numbers	Status
BOA	Theft	15	HIGH
Trowbridge	Criminal Damage	23	LOW
Trowbridge	Violence Against the Person	86	LOW
Melksham	Theft	56	HIGH

Melksham Crime Statistics 2023

Crime Data	2022	2023	Increase/Decrease
January	137	162	+25 (18.2%)
February	105	170	+65 (61.9 %)
March	124	163	+39 (31.4%)
April	132	150	+18 (13.6%)
May	126	161	+35 (27.7%)
Total	624	806	+182 (29.1%)

Offence	
Burglary	12.7 % Increase Year on Year. The arrest of 2 suspects, has seen a significant fall in offences over the last 2 months.
Theft (Overall)	38.8% Increase in Theft Offences Year on Year. (Shoplifting and Cycle Theft)
Violence Against the Person	7.2% Reduction in reported Offences Year on Year.

Performance – 12 Months to March 2023

Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime reports a YoY increase of 3% in the 12 months to March 2023 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country per 1,000 population.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 13.8% increase in violence without injury crimes in the 12 months to March 2023.
- In March 2023, we received:
 - 9,708 '999' calls, which we answered within 11 seconds on average;
 - 15,312 '101' calls, which we answered within 43 seconds on average;
 - 9,510 CRIB calls, which we answered within 9.27 minutes on average.
- In March 2023, we also attended 1,533 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 3 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	44,086	100.0
Violence without injury	7,775	17.7
Violence with injury	6,188	14.1
Criminal damage	4,809	10.9
Stalking and harassment	4,200	9.5
Public order offences	4,002	9.1
Other crime type	17,112	38.8

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	2,887	100.0
Violence without injury	517	17.9
Violence with injury	406	14.1
Shoplifting	350	12.1
Criminal damage	295	10.2
Stalking and harassment	289	10.0
Other crime type	1,030	35.7

Stop and Search information for Trowbridge CPT

During the 12 months leading to February 2023, 221 stop and searches were conducted in the Trowbridge area of which 62.9% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 62.9% of these searches, no object was found. In 37.1% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 62.9% resulted in a no further action disposal; 30.3% resulted in police action being taken; 22.6% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 160 stop and searches
- Black or Black British – 9 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 2 stop and searches
- Mixed – 2 stop and searches

Performance – Hate Crime Overview

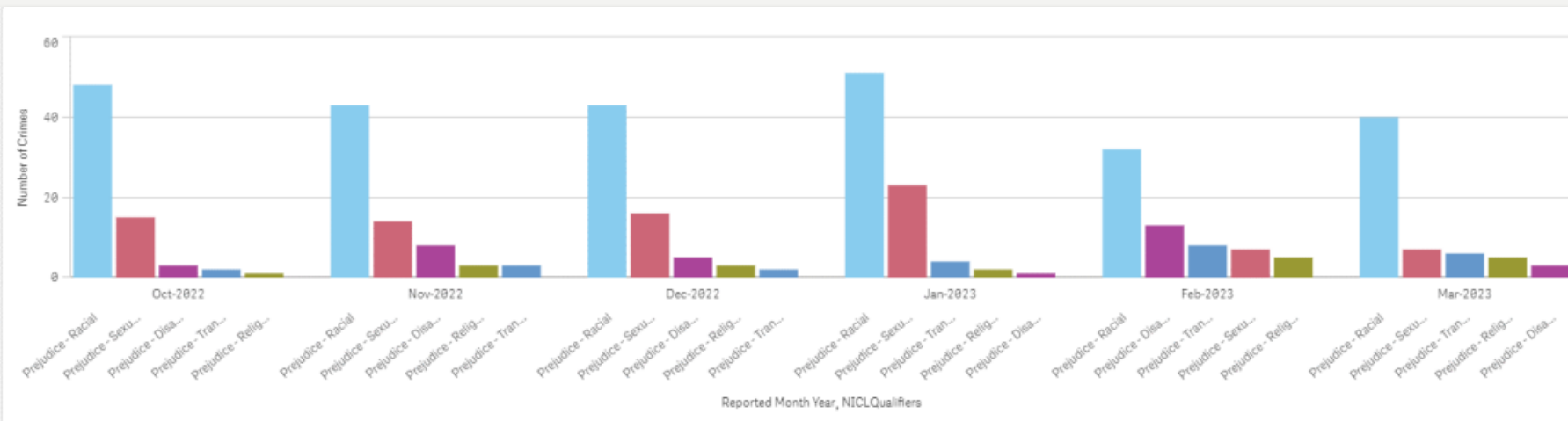
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Monthly hate crime volumes remain within nominal bounds with no exception

Data is reporting increases in Transgender and Sexual Orientation related hate which follows National trends.

Data from the victim satisfaction survey reports that Hate Crime victims have an 84.5% overall satisfaction rate with the service they receive from Wiltshire Police.

Force Hate Crime (6 months to March 2023)



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	Number of Crimes	Change (number)	Change (%)
Total	94	-25	-21%
Prejudice – Racial	56	-17	-23.3%
Prejudice – Sexual orientation	19	-5	-20.8%
Prejudice - Disability	13	-1	-7.1%
Prejudice - Religion	2	0	0.0%
Prejudice - Transgender	7	1	16.7%

Year on year comparison February 2022 to March 2023 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

Trowbridge / Melksham / Bradford On Avon – Community Policing Team Results 2023

- 1) Suspect of Multiple Offences of Burglary – Sentenced to 54 Imprisonment for Burglary.
- 2) Serious Assault Investigation Melksham (Investigation completed by the Neighbourhood Team) – Suspect Sentenced to 42 Months for GBH.
- 3) Arrest of Suspect on Suspicion of Burglary, Theft from Motor Vehicle and Theft of Motor Vehicle. This relating to a Crime Series of offending, in excess of 40 reported crimes across, Trowbridge, Melksham and Devizes between Dec 22 and Feb 23 – Currently on Remand in Prison - **Offending has Ceased**
- 4) Arrest of Burglary Suspect – Suspect released from Prison in January 23. Forensically Linked to 1 of a series of 11 Day-Time Dwelling Burglaries in Trowbridge between Feb and March 23. Previous Imprisonment for Burglary and Theft offences. Currently on Strict Bail Conditions of Curfew and doorstep presentation. – **Offending has Ceased**
- 5) Three Closure Orders obtained from the Magistrates Court for 3 Addresses in Trowbridge and Melksham. Both addresses linked to Drug Supply and ASB.
- 6) Two Mis-use of Drugs Warrants executed in support of the County Lines Intensification week. Three other Warrants executed this year across the CPT in response to Community Intelligence, with two warrants to be executed in the coming weeks.
- 7) 115 Recorded Community Engagements this year by the Trowbridge/Melksham/Bradford on Avon Neighbourhood Policing Team (School Visits / Coffee Mornings / Parish Meetings/Public Events).
- 8) Operation Sceptre – The Knife amnesty saw the surrender of 72 Knives and bladed weapons over the 2 week Operation, which local officers supported with a visit to Trowbridge College with the Knife Arch detector.

What have we done this month

- We have carried out a total of 25 plus documented patrols of the Market Place to curb anti social cycling- no reports since.
- We have arrested a prolific burglar who has been found guilty at court for breaking in to Gompels - case adjourned for sentencing.
- We have attended Pub Watch and assisted with the banning of two offenders.
- We have assisted in a multi agency approach dealing with a long running neighbour dispute which is in the process of resolution.
- We have carried out a full weekend of Community Engagement for the King's Coronation in Melksham and surrounding villages.



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
1	Anti Social Behaviour – Church Walk, Melksham
2	Crime Exception – Shoplifting in Melksham & Bradford on Avon.
3	Illegal Lorry Trailer Parking – Bowerhill, Melksham
4	Safer Nights Initiative Melksham – Night Time Economy Patrols under Operation Exit.

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.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your CPT on social media

- [Trowbridge Police Facebook](#)
- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Wiltshire Police website. It includes the Wiltshire Police logo, a search bar with the text "How can we help you?", and a menu with options: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Trowbridge CPT". The content area contains the following text:

CPT Trowbridge covers the areas of Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)

You see a map of [crimes in the Trowbridge area](#) by visiting www.police.uk