

# Amesbury CPT Area Board Update



May 2021

# Your CPT - Amesbury

**Inspector:** Tina Osborn

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt Steve Jolly

## **Amesbury Rural**

PC Juliet Cox

PCSO Mary Carty

PCSO Michael Farebrother

## **Town Centre**

PCSO Sam Flippance

PCSO Mark Douse

## **Tidworth**

PC Sharon Duggan

PCSO Dan Catterick

## **Ludgershall**

PC Sharon Duggan

PCSO Pippa Brewer



# Performance – 12 months to April 2021

## Force

- Wiltshire Police has had a decrease in the volume of recorded crime by 13.4% in the 12 months to April 2021 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 21% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 39.8% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to April 2021.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good. In April 2021, we received:
  - 7,627 '999' calls, which we answered within 10 seconds on average;
  - 10,772 '101' calls, which we answered within 15 seconds on average;
  - 10,860 'CRIB' calls, which we answered within 1 minute and 32 seconds on average.
- In April 2021, we also attended 1,381 emergency incidents within 9 minutes and 31 seconds on average.

### Force Area - Five Highest Crime Groups

Crime Type	Q	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>		<b>37208</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Violence Without Injury		6411	17.3%
Violence With Injury		5557	15.0%
Criminal Damage		4678	12.6%
Public Order Offences		3401	9.1%
Stalking And Harassment		3292	8.8%
Other Crime Type		13869	37.3%

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### Your Area - Five Highest Crime Groups

Crime Type	Q	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Violence Without Injury		398	17.9%
Violence With Injury		381	17.1%
Criminal Damage		274	12.3%
Stalking And Harassment		249	11.2%
Public Order Offences		196	8.8%
Other Crime Type		731	32.8%

### Stop and Search information for Amesbury CPT

During the 12 months leading to April 2021, 104 stop and searches were conducted in the Amesbury area of which 77.9% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 76.9% of these searches, no object was found. In 23% of cases, an object was found. The remaining 0.1% did not have this information recorded.

Of these cases 84.6% resulted in a no further action disposal; 15.4% resulted in police action being taken; 5.8% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

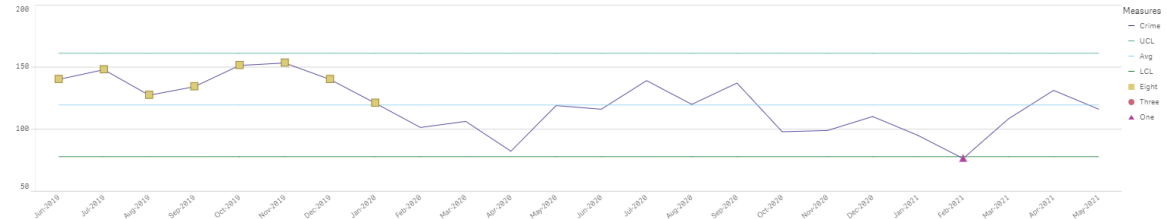
- White – 85 stop and searches.
- Black or Black British – 8 stop and searches
- Mixed – 2 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British– 1 stop and search

# Area Board Specific Data –Amesbury

## All Crime (Crime Trends)

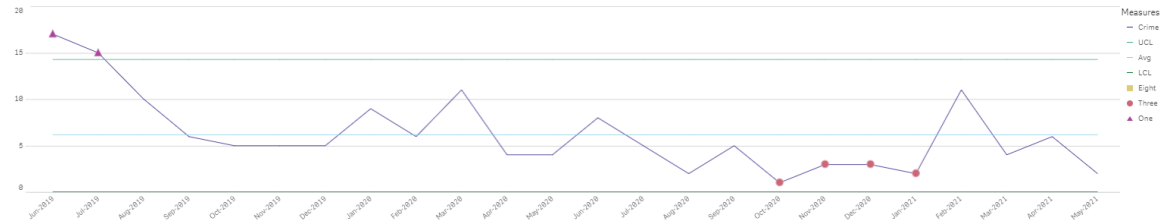
- All Crime reports remain below average since October 2020 with a spike occurring February to April, in-line with the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Amesbury Neighbourhoods: All Crime



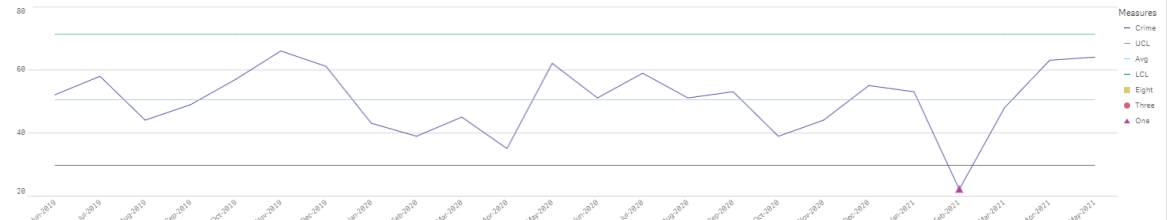
**Burglary:** Offences across the Amesbury Area Board remain below the force average. An increase occurred in February, however, this is consistent with previous seasonal trends and is a likely factor resulting from decreased daylight hours and the easing of lockdown. The current onward trend is showing a reduction of burglary offences, however, we are approaching a seasonal period where burglaries could increase due to the public leaving their homes vacant whilst going on holiday. Although Amesbury remains below the force average, during the period of lifting of travel restrictions we will continue to focus on encouraging members of public to adopt appropriate safety measures to protect their premises.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Amesbury Neighbourhoods: Burglary



**Violence Against the Person:** Incidents of violence have significantly increased since February 2021, where they were at an all time low. However, February was an exceptional month. It is believed that the increase has been generated from the release of restrictions on group gatherings and the re-opening of public houses, with many of the violent offences having alcohol as a key contributing factor. It is anticipated that with the imminent full release of restrictions concerning alcohol serving venues and the approaching summer period that incidents of violence may remain above average. In order to counter this, we are working closely with partner agencies and Royal Military Police, where joint patrols and information sharing protocols are being adopted.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Amesbury Neighbourhoods: Violence Against The Person



# Area Board Specific Data – Tidworth

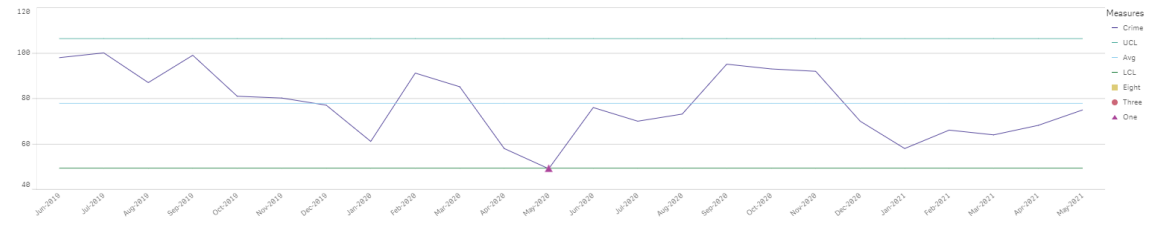
## All Crime (Crime Trends)

- All Crime reports remain below average since December 2020 with a slow increase from January 2021. This is expected during the easing of Covid restrictions yet is still significantly below the force average.

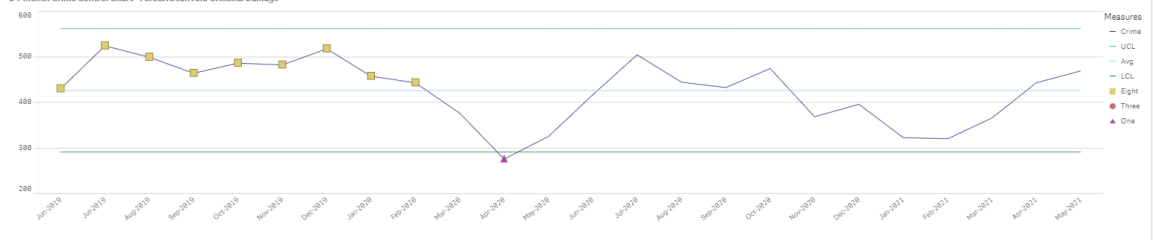
**Criminal Damage:** Offences steadily dropped from October 2020, with a significant reduction throughout lockdown and Covid restriction periods. Since March 2021, incidents have increased and now sit marginally above average. Historically, prior to Covid-19, offences increase seasonally through summer periods and periods of increased consumption of alcohol, such the Christmas period. Due to Covid-19, it is difficult to measure year-on-year statistics, however, 2020 showed an increase in Criminal Damage offences when lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions were eased. The increase in march can be attributed to the lifting of restrictions. To deter criminal damage based upon alcohol consumption an increase in Night-time economy patrols will be conducted whilst working closely with partner agencies and Royal Military Police, with joint patrols and information sharing protocols being adopted.

**Burglary:** Burglary offences remain low, marginally fluctuating above and below the average since April 2020. We are approaching a seasonal period where burglaries could increase due to the public leaving their homes vacant whilst going on holiday. During the period of lifting of travel restrictions, we will continue to focus on encouraging members of public to adopt appropriate safety measures to protect their premises.

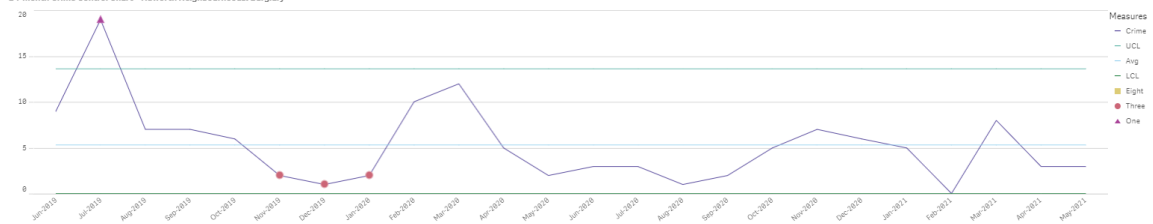
24-month Crime Control Chart - Tidworth Neighbourhoods: All Crime



24-month Crime Control Chart - Force: Arson And Criminal Damage



24-month Crime Control Chart - Tidworth Neighbourhoods: Burglary



# Local Priorities and Updates

Priority	Update
<b>Reassurance Patrols – Amesbury Rural</b>	Reports of an older male tooting his horn at teenage girls under 16 years old along The Packway, Larkhill, at the end of the school day. A male has been identified and has been provided a warning letter following an ASBRAC referral. Patrols are ongoing in the areas of The Packway and the Recreation Ground at Shrewton during relevant times to provide reassurance and to monitor compliance with the warnings provided. No further incidents have been reported since the ASBRAC referral.
<b>Central Car Park – Amesbury</b>	Numerous reports have been received regarding drug use and possible drug dealing in the Central Car Park, Amesbury. Targeted patrols are being conducted in order to deter offending and to identify potential offenders.
<b>Patrols – Stonehenge</b>	A protest group titled 'Stand for Stonehenge' have erected a camp near to Stonehenge on the A303. Although the camp is not constantly occupied, there is the possibility of escalation of protest as we approach the Summer Solstice and as preparation continues towards work on the tunnel. Officers will engage in patrols of the areas of Stonehenge, Woodhenge and the byways, engaging with protesters in order to facilitate peaceful protest and monitoring escalation.
<b>ASB - Karachi Close, Tidworth</b>	Numerous reports of drug use in the area of the Play Park. Paraphernalia has also been located in the form of snap bags, foil and empty alcohol bottles, causing a nuisance to local residents and the public. This is possibly linked to two identified males sleeping rough in the area. Reassurance patrols are being conducted to deter and identify offending.

# Good news stories

Action	Update
<b>Drug Warrant - Cholderton</b>	<p>Approximately £15,000 worth of cannabis has been seized following a drugs warrant in Cholderton. Officers executed the warrant in the village last month (29/04).</p> <p>A search of the property revealed a large quantity of cannabis, believe to have a street value of around £15,000, as well as various items indicative of drug supply.</p> <p>A 22-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply cannabis and has since been released under investigation while our enquiries continue.</p>
<b>Rogue Trader Deterrent work – Raleigh Crescent, Amesbury</b>	<p>Due to reports of Rogue Traders deceiving elderly residents in the Amesbury area, deterrent work throughout the Raleigh Crescent area by The Neighbourhood Policing team conducted. As an area that was known to be targeted by Rogue Traders and housing an older population residing in older properties, officers visited all dwellings within Raleigh Crescent and adjoining cul-de-sac, plus other relevant areas of Amesbury, totalling 400 properties. PCSO'S spoke with residents to offer crime prevention advice and supplied Wiltshire Council Rogue Trading awareness Packs. No further reports of Rogue Traders in this area have been received since the work carried out.</p>
<b>Disruption of drug use – Woodland areas Amesbury and Tidworth</b>	<p>Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team identified and located drug shelters used by unknown persons in the areas of areas Holders Field, Edmund Way, Kingsgate Skatepark, Martlesham road (all Amesbury), and Minden Way (Tidworth). Drug shelters are Intricate constructions used to smoke drugs, take illicit substances and drink alcohol. Officers deconstructed and removed the shelters, preventing anti-social behaviour and littering, inclusive of drug paraphrenia. Officers continue to patrol the areas to prevent reconstruction and identify offenders.</p>

# High Level Updates: Force

- **COVID-19:** From Monday 17 May, the COVID Regulations will be amended further as part of the latest stage of the Government roadmap. We have sought throughout the pandemic to take a proportionate response, working with our communities and we continue to see high levels of compliance with the regulations across the County.
- **Police Officer Uplift:** As part of the Government plan to recruit an additional 20,000 officers in England and Wales via the Uplift programme we have exceeded our first year allocation; recruiting 60 officers funded by Uplift by March 2021 (compared to a target of 49). We have just closed our PC recruitment campaign – receiving 400 applications within 48 hours of recruitment opening.
- **New Rural Crime Team:** Since the start of October, the new Rural Crime Team have charged 11 individuals with various offences, conducted 15 operations in conjunction with partners across the county, worked hard to disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and delivered rural crime training to over 600 officers and staff. More information on the new team can be found on the Wiltshire Police website.



# High Level Updates: OPCC

The election of a candidate, who has been disbarred from taking the role of Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner, took place on 10 May. Legislation states that after a two-month period, beginning on the day after polling day, a vacancy arises if the elected PCC doesn't take up the role. The candidate has indicated that he will not do this and, Wiltshire Council, after taking appropriate legal advice and having spoken with the Cabinet Office, the OPCC and the Force, has announced it is preparing for an election to be held on 19 August 2021. Until that point, or until the next steps in the legal process are implemented by Wiltshire Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) will continue to be overseen by Chief Executive Kieran Kilgallen.

The OPCC has been in contact with all of its stakeholders and has taken steps to publicly reassure residents that operational policing within the county will be unaffected by the election outcome. The strategic direction of the Wiltshire Police, and its priorities, has already been set by the outgoing PCC and the current Police and Crime Plan remains extant until the end of the financial year. Equally, the policing precept has already been determined and the budget approved. Planned officer recruitment and staffing will continue, alongside any OPCC commissioned or funded services.

Responsibility for implementing the current Police and Crime Plan through operational policing, and the day-to-day running of the Force, remains with the Chief Constable, Kier Pritchard. All officers and staff will continue to work hard to protect residents and make sure that our communities remain safe.

# 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/>
- Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Amesbury Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/amesbury/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data

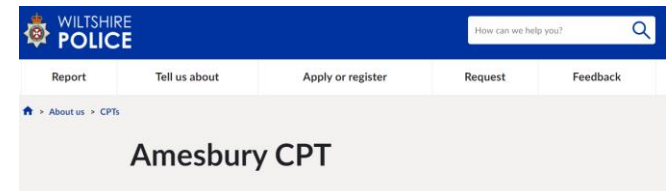
# Get Involved

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](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

## Follow your CPT on social media

- [Amesbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Amesbury Police Twitter](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)



CPT Amesbury covers the areas of Amesbury, Tidworth and surrounding areas.

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [AmesburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AmesburyAreaCPT@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 can see a map of crimes in the Amesbury area [by visiting www.police.uk](#)