

Westbury CPT Area Board Update



February 2022

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Your CPT – Warminster & Westbury

Inspector: Insp Al Lumley

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Kevin Harmsworth

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Victoria Howick

PC Daniel Chavantre

PC Jamie Darvill

PCSOs:

Leigh Holcombe, Roland Revers (Warminster)

Daniel Gill, Neil Turnbull (Mere, Tisbury)

Stewart Hunt, Christopher Doyle, Alice Moore (Westbury)



Performance – 12 months to November 2021

Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime has been stable with a slight increase by 0.1% in the 12 months to November 2021 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 13.3% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 15.5% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to November 2021.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In November 2021, we received:
 - 7,181 '999' calls, (answered within 9 seconds on average);
 - 11,146 '101' calls, (answered within 10 seconds on average);
 - 11,390 'CRIB' calls, (answered within 2 minutes 20 seconds on average).
- In November 2021, we also attended 1,586 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 11 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	39,281	100.0
Violence without injury	6,947	17.7
Violence with injury	5,696	14.5
Criminal damage	4,930	12.6
Stalking and harassment	4,064	10.3
Public order offences	3,687	9.4
Other crime type	13,958	35.5

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	2,727	100.0
Violence without injury	460	16.9
Criminal damage	387	14.2
Violence with injury	358	13.1
Stalking and harassment	303	11.1
Public order offences	257	9.4
Other crime type	962	35.3

Stop and Search information for Warminster CPT

During the 12 months leading to October 2021, 65 stop and searches were conducted in the Warminster area of which 75.4% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 66.2% of these searches, no object was found. In 32.3% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 72.3% resulted in a no further action disposal; 22.0% resulted in police action being taken; 9.0% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

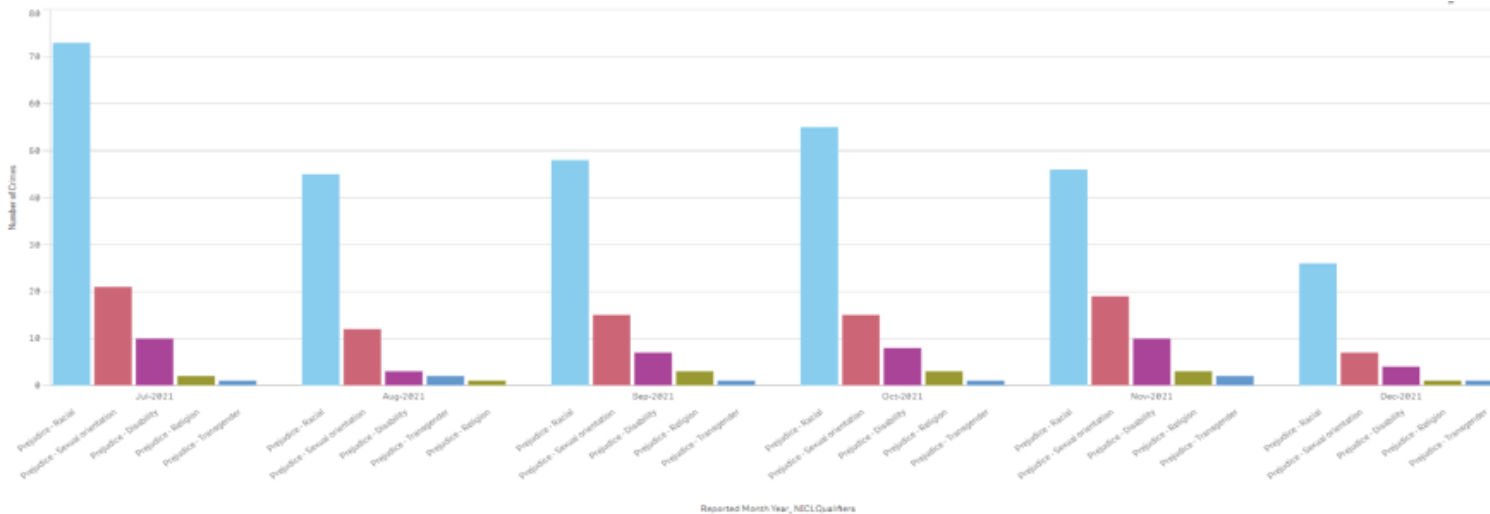
- White – 52 stop and searches
- Black or Black British – 2 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 2 stop and searches

Performance – Hate Crime overview

Force

- Hate Crime across force in December has reported a decrease with only 36 crimes reported split across all 5 strands (versus avg of 66.8 over 24 month period). The decrease is reflected in all crimes across force, possibly attributed to reduced activity across the festive period.
- Due to restrictions since Covid pandemic, seasonal trends have been skewed, however across Racial and Sexual orientation strands (strands with more notable volumes) are showing signs of returning to expected seasonal highs and lows.

Force Hate Crime (6 months to December 2021)



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	Number of Crimes	Change (n)	Change (%)
Total	61	15	32.6%
Prejudice – Racial	34	14	70.0%
Prejudice – Sexual orientation	15	10	200.0%
Prejudice - Disability	13	-5	-27.8%
Prejudice - Religion	1	-1	-50.0%
Prejudice - Transgender	1	-2	-66.7%

Year on year comparison November 2020 to December 2021 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

Local Priorities & Updates - Westbury

Priority	Update
Op Elf	This was a focused operation on the build up to Christmas to provide a visible presence in and around the town's shops in order to dissuade potential thieves and reassure the public. The festive period often means that people are out getting presents, and withdrawing cash for loved ones – unfortunately this is not lost on those wishing to prey on the casual shopper and takes the form of purse snatches, pick-pocketing as well as general thefts from shops and shoppers. Op Elf saw officers and staff from various teams focus on providing extra presence where it was needed the most.
Shoplifting Offences	We are pleased to report that shoplifting offences in Westbury are at their lowest for a long time, with crimes remaining below average for the past 8 months consecutively. We saw a spike in Feb/March last year so are keen to ensure this is not repeated again this year and so our neighbourhood teams will continue to engage with shopkeepers to provide prevention advice and reassurance.
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 and around Westbury specifically although there was an increase in line with the season, we saw a 37% reduction in rural crime compared to this time last year. It continues to be crucially important that the public report incidents of these nature so that we can effectively tackle and prevent the issue through intelligence profiling.
Youth ASB	Westbury has seen an increase in anti-social behaviour of late, with groups from Warminster and Trowbridge joining local youths and causing issues. We want parents and guardians to be inquisitive about where their children have been and what they have been up to as many of these individuals are normally well behaved and not involved with the police. It isn't too late to stop some of those on the periphery from being dragged into more serious criminal behaviour by those central to the groups.
Cannabis Farm	Westbury hit the headlines in January due to the discovery of a large and professional cannabis cultivation site containing over 2000 plants in various stages of growth. Our investigation continues so unfortunately we cannot comment about this in any great detail, but ask residents to be on the look out for comings and going of people at similar sites across the county. We would much prefer people raise their suspicions and it turn out to be a lawful enterprise, than not know at all.

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 Warminster Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/cpts/warminster-cpt/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data

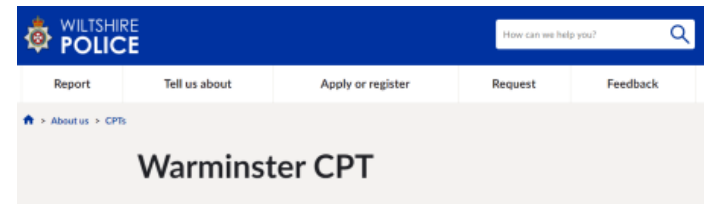
Get Involved

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

Follow your CPT on social media

- [Warminster Police Facebook](#)
- [Warminster Police Twitter](#)
- [Westbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Mere Police Facebook](#)

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



CPT Warminster covers the areas of Warminster, Westbury, Tisbury, Mere and surrounding areas

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email WarminsterAreaCPT@wiltshire.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 Warminster area [by](#) visiting www.police.uk

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