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Trowbridge Area Board

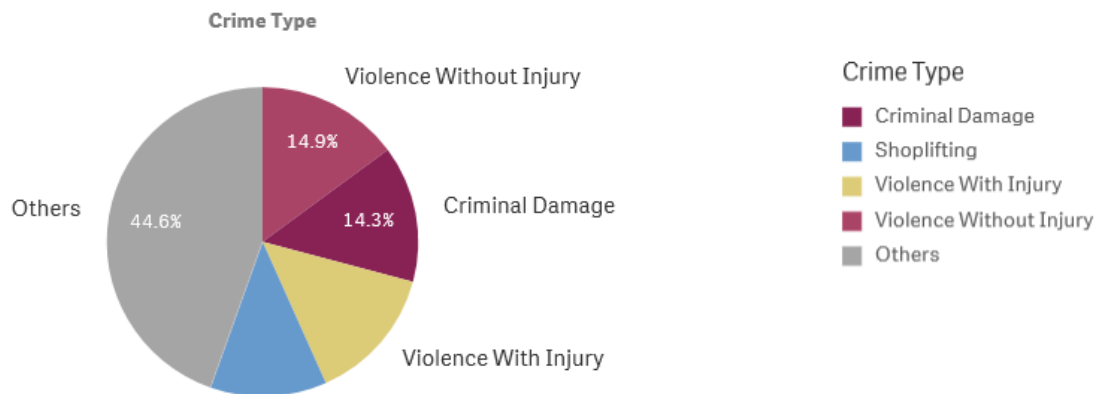


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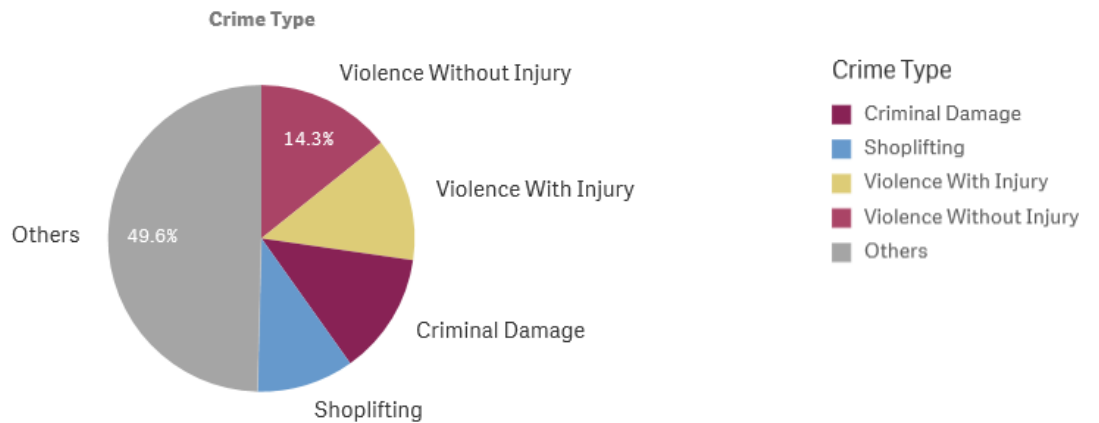
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PERFORMANCE

Your Area - Five Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



Force Area - Five Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



Wiltshire West CPT - crime and incident demand for the 12 months to June 2019

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Force-wide

- Wiltshire Police has reduced the volume of recorded crime by 1% in the 12 months to May 19 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In June, we received 8,502 999 calls which we answered within 4 seconds on average and 13,096 101 calls which we answered within 1 minutes 10 seconds on average.
- In June, we also attended 1,571 emergency incidents within 11 minutes and 5 seconds on average.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 26% reduction in vehicle crime and 20 per cent in burglary in the 12 months to June 2019. These are the most improved trends in the country.
- The Crime Survey of England & Wales recently ranked Wiltshire as one of the top forces nationally for public confidence. It covers the 12 months to December 2018 The publication can be found here: WWW.CRIMESURVEY.CO.UK

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

PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/1847/Performance>

HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>

Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/wiltshire>

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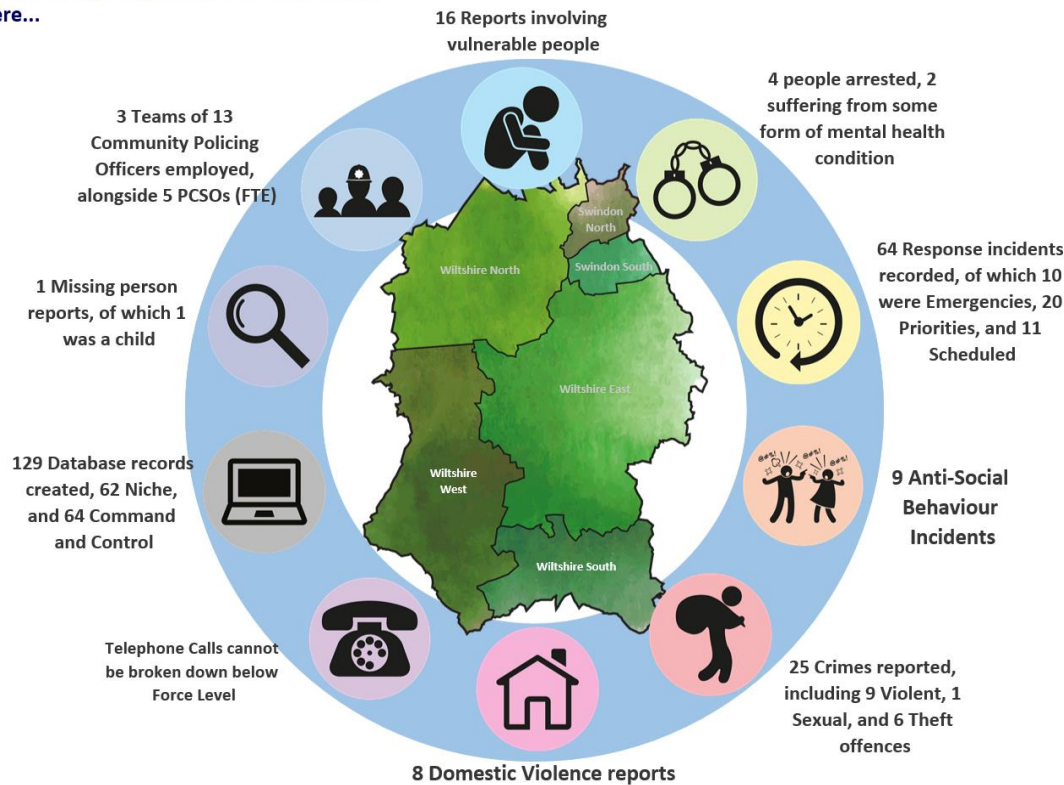


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Area specific

On an average day in Wiltshire West there were...



Wiltshire West CPT Demand Overview – 12 months to June 2019

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by the Community Speedwatch Team for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions.

These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and Parish Councils.

The speedwatch teams that were supported throughout June were :

Tollard Royal – 1 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

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Bitham Park, Westbury – 3 x speed checks completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Lowbourn, Melksham – 1 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Atworth, Melksham – 2 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Chapmanslade – 5 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

East Knoyle – 1 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Frome Road, Bradford on Avon – 1 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Chitterne – 1 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Shaw, Melksham – 1 x speed check completed, words of advice given to one driver

Bratton – 4 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

Hindon – 3 x speed check completed, no vehicles observed speeding

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HIGH LEVEL CPT UPDATES:

- **Incidents of note** – Our focus in recent months has been around antisocial behaviour in Trowbridge, following a number of reports of a specific group of young people causing problems for the community.

A number of patrols have been conducted within the town by both uniformed and plain clothes officers. Stop searches were conducted where appropriate, and three youths were located in possession of drugs and issued Community Resolutions. Conditions for this state that they must abide by orders made by the Youth Offending Team.

In relation to the serious assault that occurred between Tesco and Biss Meadow in February 2019, three young people have been charged with Robbery, Wounding with intent and Possession of a knife in a public place. Two of these young people have been remanded into Custody until their trial date later this year. The third has been released on conditional bail, including a curfew with a tag.

- **Incident trends** – Reports of crime in June 2019 showed 3126 crimes, compared to an average of 298 for the same month over the last two years.

There were no significant crime trends throughout June.

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YOUR CPT – Wiltshire West



Inspector Andy Fee

Sergeant Dan Green

Community Co-ordinators:



PC Charly Chilton (Trowbridge)



PC Helen Daveridge (Westbury and Warminster)



PC Lee Pelling (Melksham)



Pc Rich Salter (Tisbury and Mere)



Pc Darren Foulger (Bradford on Avon and Youth Intervention)

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Inspector Andy Fee is currently responsible for the 10 Community Policing Teams across the western area. These are based at Trowbridge and Warminster police stations with 5 teams in each covering a 24/7 365 duty pattern.

Each team is made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Crime Investigators. Central to these officers are my Community Coordinators who are very much the heart of the team and whom many of you will know on first name terms.

In addition to these officers we have a number of Special Constables who are aligned to the teams. They will try to work predominantly with their aligned team but can slot in anywhere around their availability.

You can find out more about Wiltshire West CPT, including news stories and contacts for local officers, on our website: www.wiltshire.police.uk/WiltshireWest

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES FOR WILTSHIRE WEST CPT	UPDATE
Priority 1:	
<p><u>Op Artemis – Rural Crime</u></p> <p>This is the ongoing rural crime operation overseen by the Rural Crime Team for the county. They will arrange for specific patrols during the course of the year in cooperation with and supported by the farming community with a view to tackling, deterring and detecting overnight rural crimes.</p>	<p>Throughout June over 80 patrols have been conducted in rural areas throughout the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team.</p>
Priority 2:	

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Young people in Trowbridge involved in ASB and criminality

A small group of young people within the Trowbridge area have been involved in Antisocial Behaviour, and criminality in the last twelve months.

Three young people have been charged in relation to a stabbing which occurred in February. Two of these young people have been remanded in custody until the trial date later this year.

A number of proactive patrols have been conducted in and around Trowbridge Town Centre. Stop searches were conducted, and three youths were located in possession of drugs and subsequently issued community resolutions, meaning that they must abide by orders made by the Youth Offending Team.

Two young persons have been identified for more than 10 shoplifting offences within the Trowbridge area. After a positive robust approach, these individuals have now been charged, and are due to appear before court in June.

A 16 year old male identified for causing a large number of crimes linked to antisocial behaviour and drug dealing, has been sentenced to 6 months in prison.

Two males who were initially part of the group identified as causing issues within the town, were dealt with for offences. They are both now in full time employment and have not come to police attention for a number of months.

Priority 3:

Community Speedwatch

As above

Priority 4:

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Young people in Melksham involved in ASB and criminality

In May a disorder was reported in the Hawthorn Road area of Melksham, which involved a large group of youths.

A number of witness statements have been obtained in relation to this incident, which has resulted in a number of youths having been interviewed under caution, and released pending further enquiries.

High Visibility Patrols continue to be conducted in the area at key times.

The West Wiltshire CPT are currently working closely with partner agencies to prevent further instances occurring.

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HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES

- **Improvement in 101 performance** - Concerns had been raised in the past from the public around the time it takes to get through to 101. I'm pleased to say that following investment into the call centre, performance has improved significantly. The time it takes to answer a 101 call has improved from just over 5 minutes in 2017 to 1 minutes 4 seconds at the start of this year. The proportion of times that a caller simply hangs up before being dealt with has also improved from 17 per cent to 4.8 per cent.
- **Recruitment** - As part of my promise when the policing precept was increased for this financial year, 12 additional Community Coordinators will be in place across the county next month helping our Community Policing Teams to put a renewed focus on visibility and community engagement.
- **National Armed Forces Day** – There has been a number of events across the county to celebrate Armed Forces Day with Salisbury hosting the national event this year. Alongside the Force I'm pleased to support these and at the end of June Wiltshire Police signed the military covenant with a commitment to employing those relocated as part of the Army's re-basing programme.

HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- **Summer demand campaign** - We are now moving into the time of year where police forces traditionally see a spike in demand. The warmer weather, school holidays and increased socialising, means we are expecting to see a significant increase in 999 and 101 calls. To try to counter this, we will be running a summer publicity campaign designed around key crime prevention messages.
- **Drink Driving** – The annual drink driving campaign will be launching soon. This will see a focus on educating the public about the dangers of getting behind the wheel after having a drink.
- **Awards** – We have recently been celebrating the bravery, dedication and hard work of police officers, staff, volunteers and members of the public at the Wiltshire Police Awards Ceremony. You can read more, including some of the heart-warming stories from the night, on our website <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Features>

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GET INVOLVED

- You can keep up to date with the latest news in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk
- You can follow your CPT on social media <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Followus>
- More information on your CPT area can be found here: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

OTHER INFORMATION

With the warmer weather upon us, we start to see an increase in dwelling burglaries

There are some basic precautions you can take to keep you and your possessions safe when in your home.

» Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows

» Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox - a thief knows all the hiding places

» Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox

» Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB

» Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window

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- » Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance
- » Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com (the free national property register). Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA
- » Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society
- » Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places
- » Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- » Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home
- » Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items
- » Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate.

If you have any information about offenders or see something suspicious, call us on 101, or call [Crimestoppers anonymously](#) on 0800 555111. In an emergency dial 999.