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Wiltshire East Community Policing Team

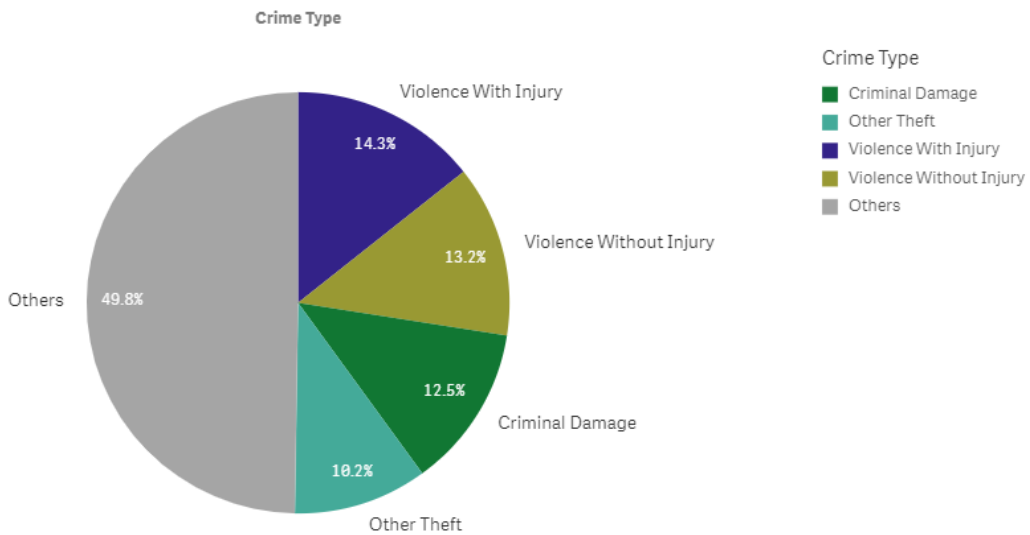


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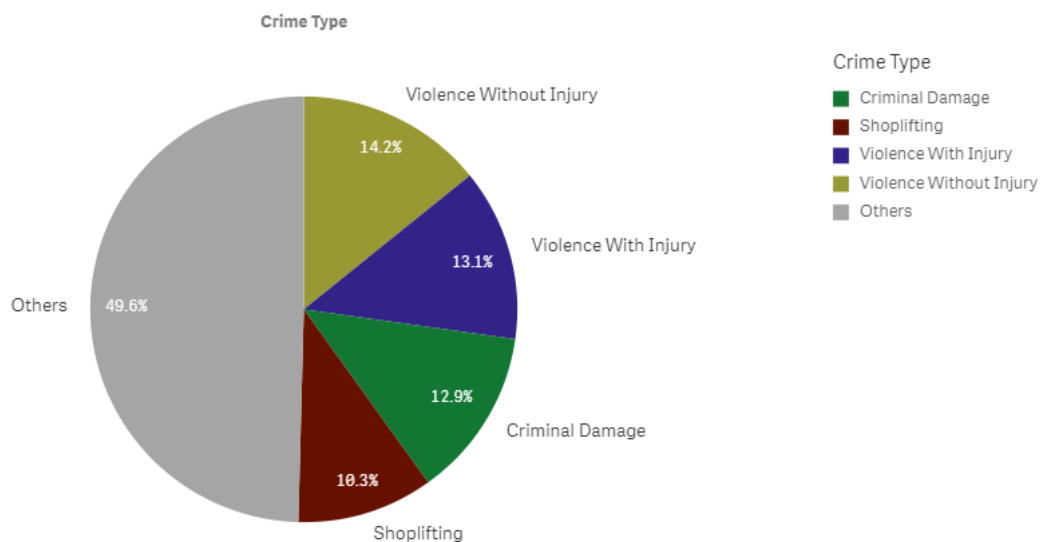
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## PERFORMANCE

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



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Wiltshire East CPT - crime and incident demand for the 12 months to July 2019

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## Force-wide

- Wiltshire Police has reduced the volume of recorded crime by 1% in the 12 months to July 19 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In July, we received 9,653 999 calls which we answered within 4 seconds on average and 14,474 101 calls which we answered within 1 minutes 44 seconds on average.
- In July, we also attended 1,862 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 49 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](http://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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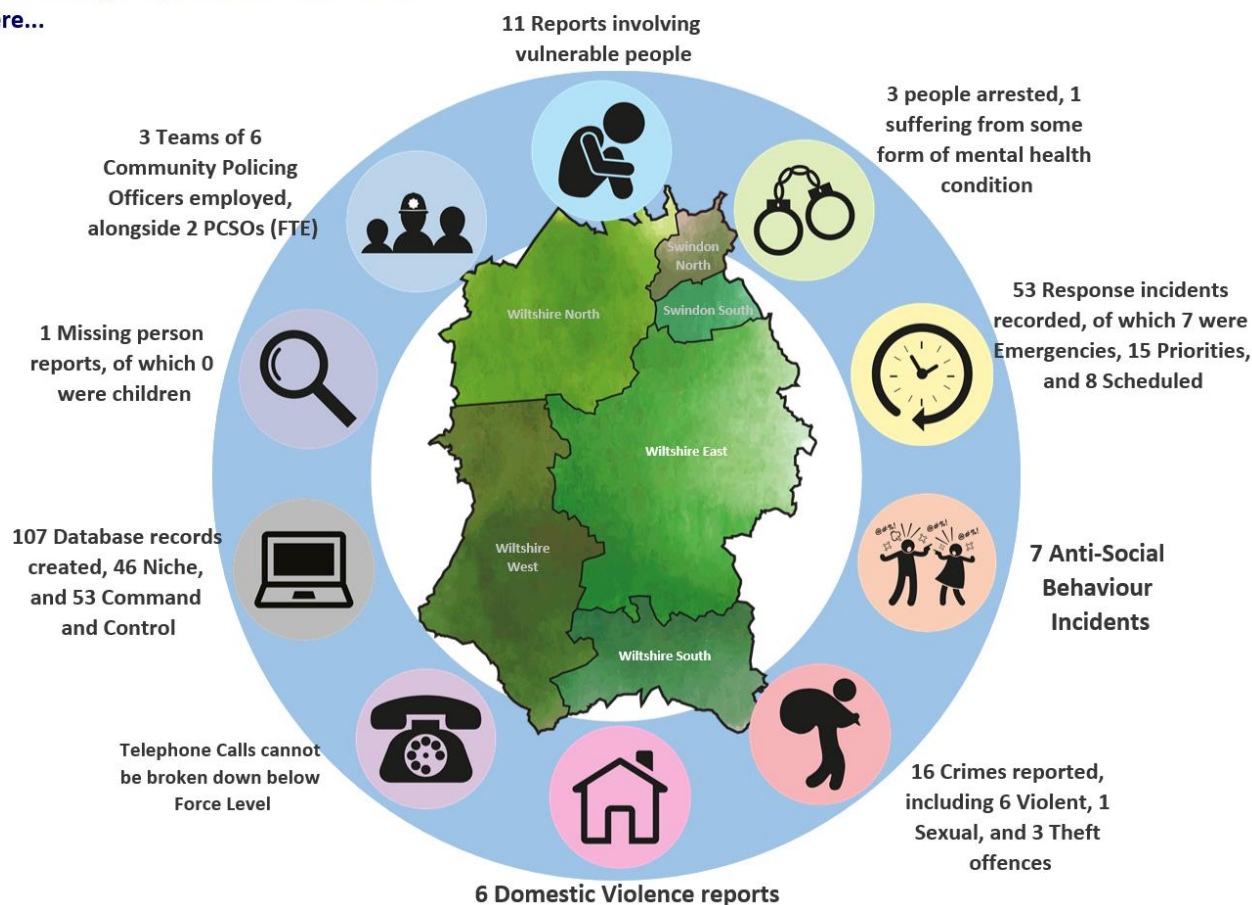


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## Area specific

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



Wiltshire East CPT Demand Overview – 12 months to July 2019

### DEDICATED PATROLS CONDUCTED FROM 01/07/2019 – 01/08/2019:

- DEVIZES SKATE PARK: 20
- BEAUTY SPOTS IN DEVIZES/MARLBOROUGH AND PEWSEY: 49
- STANFORD COURT/SHEEP STREET: 19
- HMP ERLESTOKE: 13

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## **INCIDENTS OF NOTE:**

We have had several reports of vehicles being broken into in the DEVIZES area over the last month. The objects stolen have mainly been power tools. We would continue to advise all residents to:

- Keep your vehicle locked, windows shut and your keys secure
- Park in a well-lit area and in clear view of your property and any CCTV cameras.
- Do not leave any valuables such as wallets, phones, Sat Navs etc. on display.
- Consider fitting a tool safe and secure it with good quality locks.
- Try to park your van close to a building or hedge to restrict access.
- If possible, remove all tools from the van when it is left overnight.
- Take photographs of items of value, make a note of serial numbers and consider registering them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Consider fitting an alarm that is Secured by Design accredited.
- Mark the items of property/tools that are stored in the vehicle using an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA.
- Call 999 immediately if you see a crime in progress or any suspicious activity around trade vans. Note the registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions of those involved.

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## **Devizes Crime Statistics: 01/07/2019 – 01/08/2019**

- 12 REPORTS OF PUBLIC ORDER
- 9 REPORTS OF VEHICLE OFFENCES
- 24 REPORTS OF ASB
- 6 REPORTS OF SHED BREAKS
- 6 REPORTS OF BUSINESS BREAKS
- 36 SHOP LIFTINGS
- 54 REPORTS OF VIOLENT CRIME
- 31 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE

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Our PCSO's and Police Officers have been busy using various types of social media over the last month. We have been directly involved in regular patrols of our priority spots, community engagements, school visits and re-assurance patrols.

You can find out more about Wiltshire East CPT, including news stories and contacts for local officers, on our website: [www.wiltshire.police.uk/WiltshireEast](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/WiltshireEast)

WILTSHIRE EAST CPT has a new Community Policing Sergeant. Tracey HOLLOWAY has worked for Wiltshire Police for 13 years starting her career as a PCSO. She has worked in community policing throughout her career with roles such as Beat manger, Community Coordinator and Team Sgt.

“My role as the deputy Sgt is to ensure we engage with our communities and promote our visibility; Ensuring the CPT respond effectively to longer-term community issues and the coordination of multi-agency approaches to problem solving.

I have worked the majority of my career in Salisbury dealing with many community issues. I am passionate about community policing and enjoy the challenge of problem solving from different areas. I look forward to working in the local community of Devizes”

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## PRIORITIES FOR WILTSHIRE EAST CPT:

## UPDATE

### Priority 1: THEFT

#### DEVIZES:

We continue to receive numerous reports regarding retail thefts within the DEVIZES area.

Officers will continue to conduct high visible patrols within DEVIZES TOWN CENTRE.

### Priority 2: RURAL CRIME: HARECOURSING AND BEAUTY SPOT THEFTS

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside.

We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

#### ADVICE:

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us via 101 or 999 if it is a crime in progress.

HIGH VISIBILITY PATROLS IN THE MOST VULNERABLE AREAS

0 REPORTED BEAUTY SPOT THEFTS IN DEVIZES IN JULY 2019;

### Priority 3: VEHICLE CRIME AND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

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Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through our County.

We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target. It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county. We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the roads through our Social Media updates and cooperation with Community Speed Watch Schemes.

We have conducted checks and assisted our Community Speedwatch colleagues in a variety of locations over the last month.

## Priority 4: BURGLARIES

We have seen an increase in reports of both domestic and commercial burglaries within the DEVIZES area.

Advice on keeping your business and home safe can be found on Wiltshire Police's website:

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4295/Burglary-security-and-theft>

**HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES**



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- **Pay increase** - Police Officers are to receive a 2.5% pay increase as agreed by the Government. This is welcome news and well deserved, I only hope that the same increase is also afforded to police staff as well. However, it is expected that we will have to meet this increase from existing Wiltshire Police budgets and that no further funding will come from the Government to fund this rise, which is disappointing and I continue to lobby the Government for fairer funding in Wiltshire.
- **PCSOs** - Last month Wiltshire Police Federation, which represents police officers within the Force, wrote an open letter suggesting that the Force should 'axe PCSOs' and recruit police constables instead. Both the Chief and I strongly refuted this suggestion. We both recognise the key role that PCSOs play in community engagement, intelligence gathering and supporting the most vulnerable. The role of a PCSO is a completely different one to that of a police constable and they play a key role in our community policing teams.
- **Additional police officers** - I was pleased to hear the new Prime Minister's commitment to policing and his promise of 20,000 additional police officers in the next three years. We don't know what this will look like in terms of how many more we will get in Wiltshire but I trust that more detail will soon be forthcoming. I do have some concerns around the practicalities of recruiting so many officers in such a short period of time and it certainly won't happen overnight, with it taking around a year to recruit and train an officer before they're able to go on the beat, but his commitment to strengthening our police forces is welcome nonetheless.

## HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- **Youth crime** – A Government report into the increase in youth violence has been welcomed by the Force. Chief Constable Kier Pritchard has said that although there hasn't been a significant increase in Wiltshire, it is still a concerning issue for local people. He is calling for a multi-agency approach and focused on the need to engage with young people to help prevent them from falling into a life of crime.
- **Rural crime** – Wiltshire has bucked the national trend when it comes to rural crime, recording a 36% year-on-year drop when it comes to the amount of

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money this type of crime is costing people in the county. This is believed to be due to the focus our Rural Crime Team has placed on crime prevention advice, including the encouragement of CCTV, anti-poaching ditches and the installation of GPS trackers on equipment.

- **Domestic abuse** – As part of our Summer Demand campaign, we have been focusing on highlighting the important topic of domestic abuse and making sure victims know how to access the support available. There is also a focus on encouraging friends and neighbours to report concerns to the police. You can read more online: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4820/VIDEO-What-to-do-if-you-have-concerns-your-neighbour-is-being-abused-by-a-partner>

## 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](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)
- More information on your CPT area can be found here: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)
- You can follow your CPT on social media <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Followus>

## FEEDBACK/ACTIONS TAKEN