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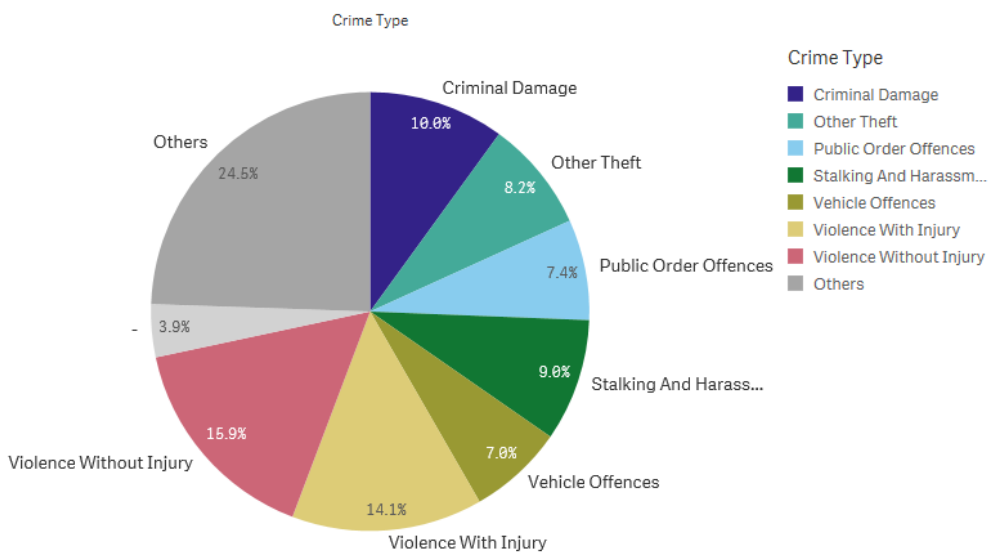


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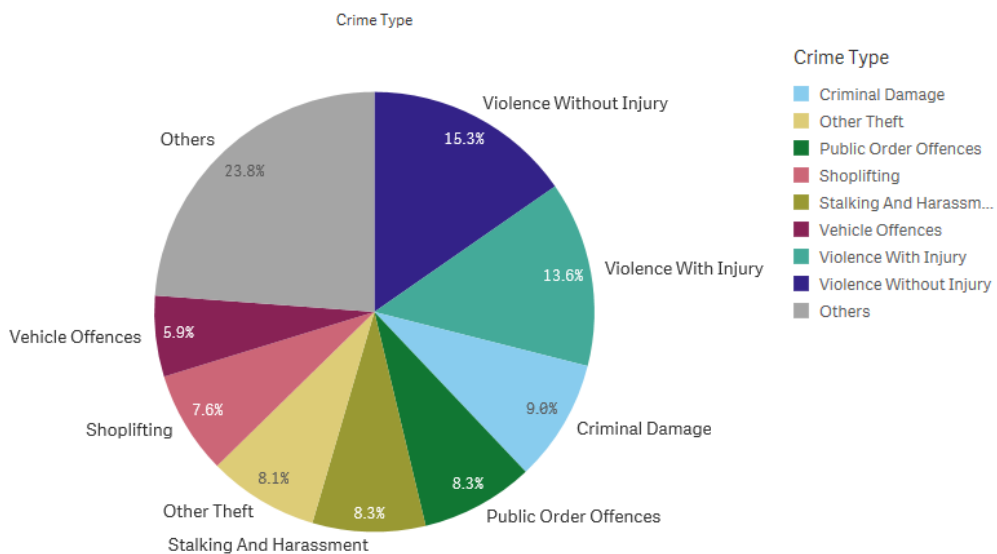
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## PERFORMANCE – YOUR AREA

### Devizes CPT – Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



### Force Area CPT – Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



Devizes CPT - Crime and incident demand for the 12 months to August 2020

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## PERFORMANCE – FORCE-WIDE

- Wiltshire Police has had a decrease in the volume of recorded crime by 7.6% in the 12 months to August 2020 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In August, we received 9,582 999 calls which we answered within 9 seconds on average, 12,986 101 calls which we answered within 28 seconds on average, and 14,054 CRIB calls which we answered within 2 minutes and 8 seconds on average.
- In August, we also attended 1,900 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 45 seconds on average.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 10.7% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 22.3% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to August 2020.
- The Crime Survey of England & Wales recently ranked Wiltshire as one of the top forces (78.3%) nationally for public confidence. It covers the 12 months to March 2019. 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>

For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Devizes Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/5425/Devizes-Area-CPT> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data.

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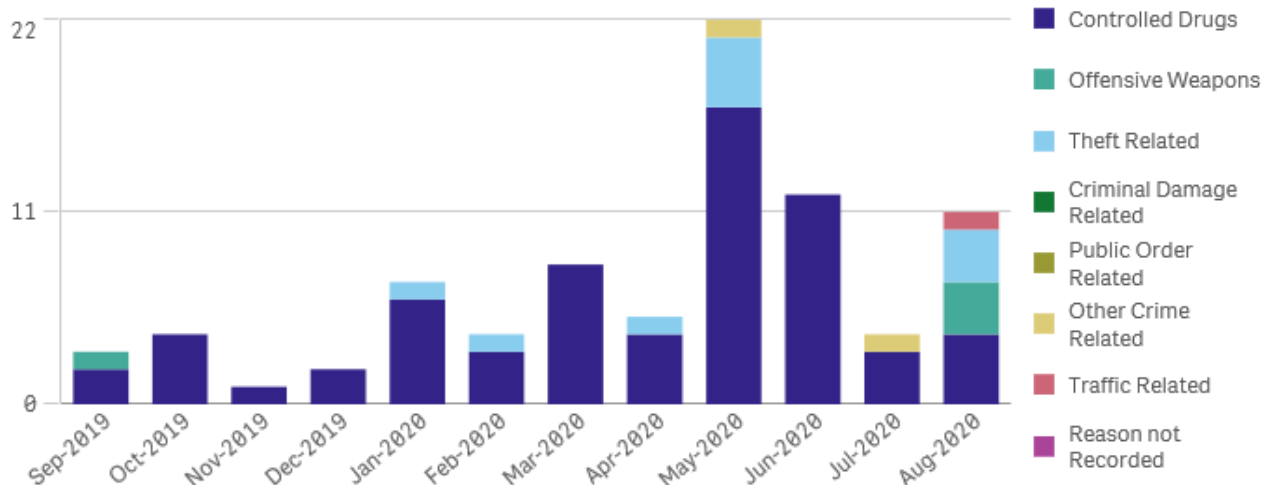
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## STOP SEARCH UPDATE

The police have the power to stop and search you if an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that you have been involved in a crime, or think that you are in possession of a prohibited item. Prohibited items include drugs, weapons and stolen property. To find out more about stop and search, please visit [this section](#) of the Wiltshire Police website. You can also find more information on our independent scrutiny arrangements by visiting our force website.

During the 12 months leading to August 2020, 122 stop and searches were conducted in the Devizes area. The charts below go into more detail about these searches.

Stop and Searches by Grouped Reason



Of the 122 stop and searches recorded in the Devizes area, 90.2% related to a search for controlled drugs. May 2020 saw the highest volume of stop and searches conducted in this area.

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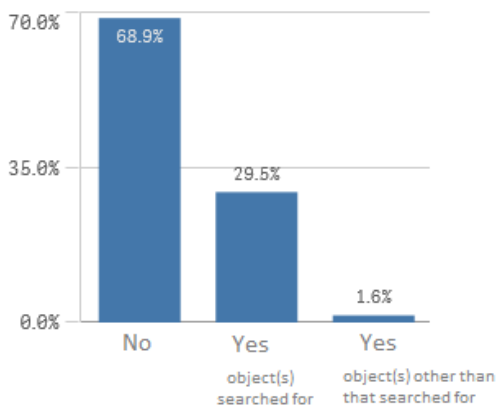
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## Stop and Searches by Object Found



During 72.5% of these searches, no object was found.

In 27.5% of cases, an object was found.

Of these cases:

- 68.9% resulted in a no further action disposal;
- 28.7% resulted in police action being taken;
- 9% resulted in an arrest.

The subject of a stop and search does not need to define their ethnicity to the searching officer.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity as:

- White – 107 stop and searches in total. An object was found in 29.9% of cases and 27.1% resulted in police action;
- Asian or Asian British – 3 stop and searches in total. An object was found in 33.3% of cases and police action was taken;
- Mixed Ethnicity – 3 stop and searches in total. An object was found in 33.3% of cases and police action was taken;
- Black or Black British – 1 stop and search. No object was found, however an arrest was made as the individual was wanted for an offence.

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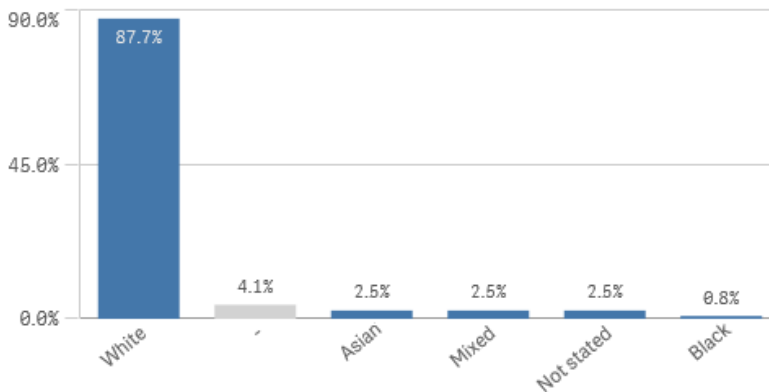
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## Stop and Searches by Ethnicity of Subject



## YOUR CPT – DEVIZES

**Inspector:**

Chris Martin\*

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:**

Sgt Gareth Edwards\*

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Richard Clark (Devizes)  
PC Sarah Hardwidge (Devizes)  
PC Emily Grigor (Marlborough and Pewsey)

**PCSOs:**

Paula Yarranton (Devizes)  
Henry Bremner (Devizes)  
Emily Johnson (Marlborough)  
Mark Braithwaite (Marlborough)  
Melissa Camilleri (Marlborough)  
Paul Whiteside (Pewsey)  
Jon Mills (Pewsey)

\*Gareth Edwards is currently Acting Inspector and Emily Grigor is currently Acting Sergeant

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES - DEVIZES

<b>Devizes – ASB Patrols</b>	Your local Devizes Neighbourhood Officers are out and about patrolling areas where ASB has been recorded. Officers conducted patrols at Le Marchant Play Park following numerous reports of ASB. Thankfully no issues to report and nobody seen. Officers have also conducted patrols of West Lavington, Erlestoke, Market Lavington, Great Cheverall and checks on Station Road Car Park in Devizes due to complaints of noise.
<b>Devizes – Speed Checks</b>	Speed checks continue to be conducted in the Devizes area, including Bromham. Officers also conducted speed checks in Rowde. Words of advice were given to a number of motorists and details recorded.
<b>Devizes – Beauty Spot Patrols</b>	Officers conducted patrols of beauty spots following recent reports of damage to vehicles in these areas. Further patrols conducted at Erlestoke following reports of suspicious incidents near the prison.
<b>Devizes – Community Engagement</b>	Two sessions took place during September Saturday 12th at 13:00-15:00 at The Rowdy Cow, then on Thursday 24th between 09:00-12:00 hours in Devizes Market Place in partnership with the Bobby Van, hugely successful with lots of people spoken with and offered home safety advice.
<b>Marlborough – Think exploitation</b>	Welfare checks are still being conducted at various locations. There are several ways that the public can report concerns about modern slavery including 101 and the Wiltshire Police website. The Modern Slavery helpline can also be contacted on 08000 121 700, this is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
<b>Marlborough – Hare Coursing</b>	All Devizes Teams are continuing patrols of areas where they have previously been targeted and responding to new reports.
<b>Marlborough – Community Engagement</b>	Officers will soon be conducting community engagement sessions once again. The sessions will be held during a Market Day in the Marlborough town centre, as well as Woodborough Whitehall Garden Centre.

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<b>Pewsey/Marlborough – COVID Patrols</b>	Patrols of licensed premises, pharmacies, retail premises, recreational areas and schools
<b>Pewsey – Drugs intelligence</b>	High Visibility Patrols are being conducted. If you witness an incident, please report this to Wiltshire Police on 101.
<b>Pewsey – Rural Crime</b>	We are still aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and rural sites including churches. Due to their rural nature and number of visitors, they do unfortunately become a target of crime. These patrols are now including farm land by the permission of the land owners

## Significant results

### Teen arrested on raptor persecution charge

A teenager has been arrested on suspicion of raptor persecution after police raided properties in Pewsey and Beckhampton. Officers had seized firearms and found the carcasses of a number of birds of prey, including buzzards and red kites, in Beckhampton, near Avebury. The 19-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of raptor persecution, an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

### Arrests at Erlestoke Prison

Three people were arrested outside Erlestoke Prison following concerns regarding suspicious activity. A man in his 20s from Enfield and a 17 year old from Thurrock were arrested on suspicion of attempting to bring/throw/convey list A prohibited articles into prison on behalf of a prisoner, and being concerned in the offer to supply a class A drug. A man in his 20s from London was arrested on suspicion of attempting to bring/throw/convey list A prohibited articles into prison on behalf of a prisoner, and being concerned in the offer to supply a class B drug. We'd like to thank the member of the public who reported their initial concerns regarding this incident.

### Fixed penalty notice issued following a house party in Devizes

Officers were called to a party being held at a house in the Wick Lane area of the town shortly before midnight on Friday 4 September. Despite a warning to leave, in line with the Corona virus Regulations, the party continued. As a result, the organiser was issued with a fine and the partygoers were dispersed.



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## HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES

- Proactive policing:** In addition to the new intakes of police officers that I covered in my update last month, I have been pleased to see the Force align resources to proactively carry out its enforcement of the Coronavirus Regulations through the launch of Operation Adamo. It is crucial that we continue to reassure the communities we serve that we are acting on intelligence and reports received of breaches of the restrictions and having dedicated PCSOs to focus on responding to these issues is a great step in demonstrating how we will continue to police the pandemic proportionately and enforce the rules where necessary.

The additional funds generated by the precept increase earlier this year have allowed investment to be made into improving proactive policing – the launch of Operation Fortitude (described below) was made possible thanks to the additional income generated by the precept increase and the Force has also recently bolstered its support to tackling rural crime through a new look Rural Crime Team. We live in a predominantly rural county so the policing service must be tailored to the needs of our diverse communities. While it is crucial to prevent violent crime, there is a specific need to protect rural communities from the distinct threats they face. In my Police and Crime Plan, I promised to protect rural communities. The introduction of additional dedicated officers to the Rural Crime Team will allow the Force to run extra operations, take geographical responsibility of areas to gain further intelligence, and reassure our communities that we are committed to tackling rural crime.
- COVID19 update:** We continue to be impressed by the high levels of compliance with the current restrictions within our communities. At the end of last month we published the latest summary showing the number of Fixed Penalty Notices we have issued and it is good to see that the volume of FPNs issued remains low – this demonstrates the Force's emphasis on engaging, educating and encouraging people to comply with the rules continues to have the desired effect in protecting our communities. This covers the period from 24 July to 27 September 2020 and you can find it on both [my website](#) as well as the [Wiltshire Police site](#).
- Celebrating Black History Month:** I am proud to see us teaming up with partners from Wiltshire Council to celebrate Black History Month with a conference on Tuesday 20 October featuring talks from leading author Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE, Rob Neil OBE, Head of Embedding Culture Change at the Department for Education and Organisational Psychologist John Amaechi OBE, the first British basketball player to have a career in the US National Basketball Association. This promises to be a fantastic event - it's open to all although spaces are limited – [for details see the Eventbrite booking site](#). Black History Month is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of people who live and work in our county as we continue to strive to ensure that Wiltshire Police truly reflects the communities of Wiltshire and Swindon.



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- Modernising the policing estate:** In order to ensure that the buildings we use within policing are sufficient for 21<sup>st</sup> century policing and remain efficient and cost effective I have a 5 year Estates Strategy that outlines how we plan to modernise the buildings we need, rationalise the ones we don't and work with our partners to have shared public facilities wherever possible. We are making good progress against the plan despite the challenges of Covid – we recently completed the refurbishment of Royal Wootton Bassett station, we are making progress in providing a new and improved site for our Warminster CPT and last month we announced plans to work with Tidworth Town Council on the development of a new Civic Centre. The Covid pandemic has changed, at least in the immediate term, the way that we work and some of these changes may endure once life has returned to relative normality. It's therefore important that the Estates Strategy continues to meet the needs of our operational and support staff across the county – I will be publishing an update to the Strategy in due course.

## HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- Operation Adamo:** This month, as part of our local response to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic we launched Operation Adamo. Under the operation, Police Community Support Officers will be carrying out high-visibility proactive patrols to encourage members of the public to comply with the COVID guidance and regulations, and where appropriate take enforcement action. Wiltshire Police has tasked dedicated groups of PCSOs with monitoring behaviour and responding to reports from the public. This proactive, targeted work, will also be supported by our frontline police officers, staff and special constables, who will continue to work hard to police the restrictions alongside their everyday duties, as they have been doing since the regulations started. It is clear from our engagement with the communities in Swindon and Wiltshire that, while the vast majority of people were complying with the Covid regulations, more needed to be done to target the small minority who were deliberately and repeatedly flouting the rules. These proactive teams of PCSOs allow us to respond swiftly to concerns from the public and also carry out high-visibility patrols of areas or businesses where we have received information about repeated breaches.
- COVID19 update:** We are pleased to report that we are still seeing a very high level of compliance within our communities with regards to the Coronavirus Regulations. Our officers continue to focus on engaging with our communities first and foremost and, for the most part, this continues to be effective. To help ensure we remain proportionate in our approach, we are recording our activity where we educate, encourage, engage and enforce (and on the latter point all FPNs are considered and reviewed through an independent scrutiny panel). The Government has now brought in tougher penalties for those who do not wear face coverings in areas where it is now mandated to do so and for those who organise, facilitate or attend any large gathering or unlicensed music event. These types of unlawful events place the public at a

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high level of risk and are likely to spread the virus. If we come across these types of events we will actively look to use our powers. Coronavirus remains a deadly threat and it should be everyone's priority to stop the spread of the virus and save lives.

- **Tackling serious offending in our communities:** This month we launched 'Fortitude' – a newly created unit tasked with proactively targeting the most serious offenders in our communities including county lines offenders, prolific offenders and others identified as posing high risk to communities. This initiative has been made possible thanks to the public agreeing to the Police and Crime Commissioner's increase in the police precept which has allowed the recruitment of a further 16 front line police officers. Crimes carried out by even a few prolific offenders are felt throughout a community; by specifically targeting repeat offenders and those who commit the most crimes in our communities, we hope to see a dramatic impact on criminality within our communities. Fortitude is a long-term initiative and teams will be working with colleagues to bring about a long-term change in the communities where they are based - to meet the priorities set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

## 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)
- You can follow your CPT on social media
  - [Devizes Police Facebook](#)
  - [Devizes Police Twitter](#)
  - [Marlborough Police Facebook](#)
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  - [Pewsey Police Facebook](#)
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