

# SALISBURY COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM REPORT

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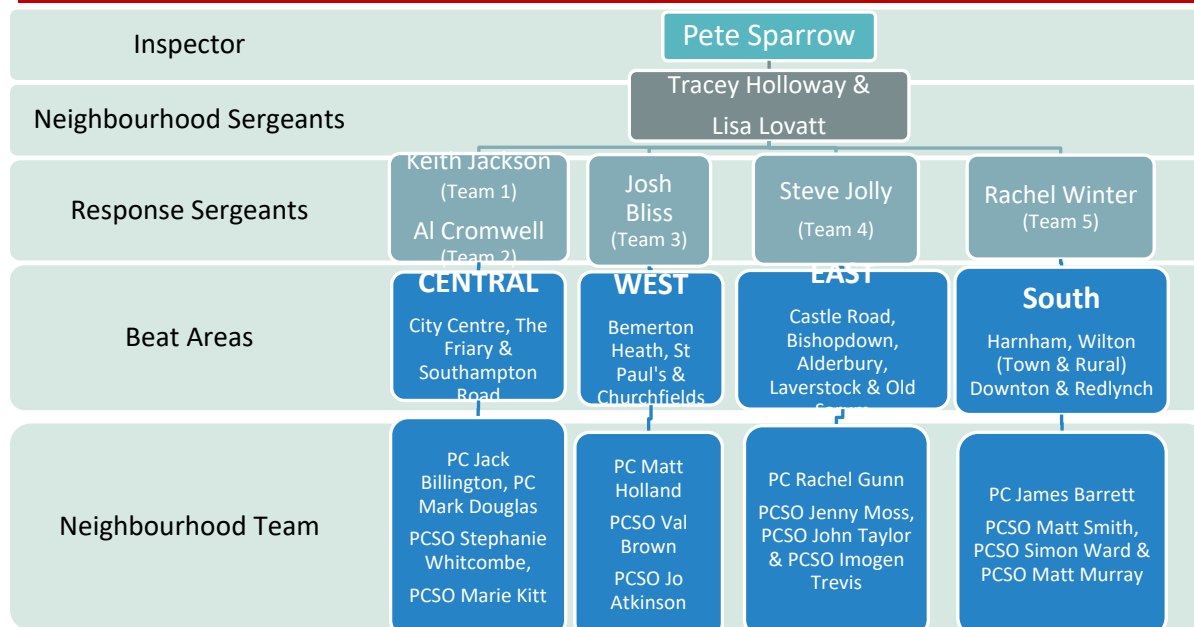
## Key Updates

The most significant update since my last report must focus on COVID-19. Lockdown 2 has led into Lockdown 3 as we witness cases, hospital admissions and deaths sadly rising rapidly. No longer are we looking for evidence of the existence of this pandemic as many of us will now have either seen the effects personally or with friends and family. The tragic sudden death of a 36 year of fit male isolating in Salisbury with his brother must serve as a reminder of the dangers of this virus and the need to take this seriously.

This Lockdown has a key message for everyone to 'treat it as though you have it' as the Policing tone changes from Engage, Explain and Encourage towards Enforcement. As I write this, I see reports of parking chaos within our rural community. The direction is to Stay Local. The preference is to walk from your home. This is not always possible, but if you must drive to a local area, common sense must apply where several others have already parked there. Many locations have closed their car parks. That does not mean that you should then park in front of gates – farmers must still have access to their land with their large vehicles.

Not wearing face masks, unnecessary travel or allowing people into your home; it all amounts to additional demand on your Police Service who would prefer to be proactively fighting crime in the more traditional sense. My plea to you is to put effort into following the guidance and not into ways to flex the guidance. What you consider to be acceptable as an excuse to break or bend the rules causes anxiety to others and now is the time to be united. Please Stay Home wherever possible.

## Salisbury CPT Structure



The new Salisbury CPT Beat Areas have now been established building better joined up working between the Neighbourhood and Response Teams. Each Response Team has been aligned to a Beat Area to encourage ownership and better Problem-Solving with anticipated increased community visibility and engagement encouraged.

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## Changes in personnel:

Sgt Lisa Lovatt returns to her Neighbourhood Role with Sgt Steve Jolly returning to leading Team 4 Response. Sgt Rachel Winter has joined Salisbury CPT from the Staff Office to the Assistant Chief Constable.

4 new Student Constables have arrived and are being tutored on Response Teams (PCs Jennie Howells, Hannah Cranham, James Howells & Ben Taylor) with 3 new PCSO (Marie Kitt, Imogen Trevis and Stephanie Whitcombe) joining our Neighbourhood Team. We also see PCSO Simon Nash, LCI Lucy Thompson and Escort Officer Will Hammond leave to start their training as Student Constables – we hope to see them again later this year!

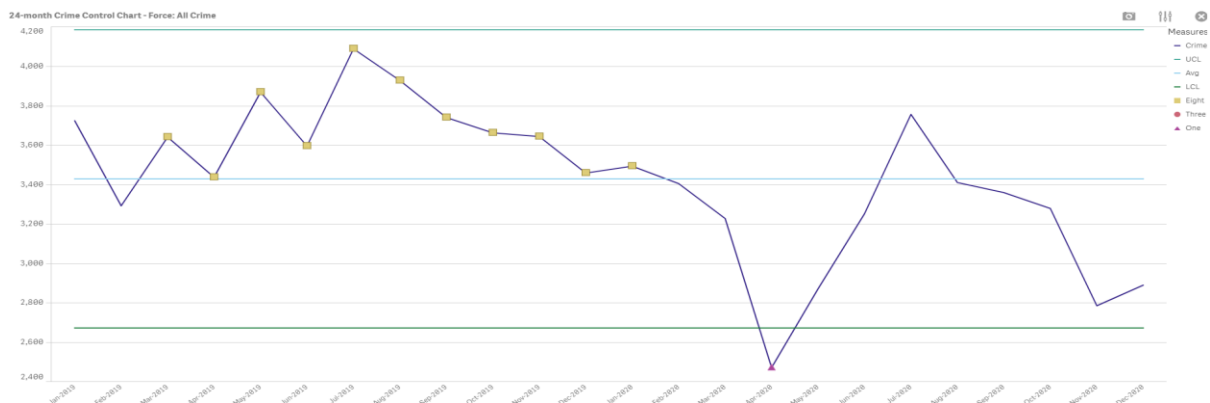
With the uplift in PCSO numbers and following a review of demand, I have increased the PCSO numbers in both East and South areas, which we anticipate will help improve some of the visibility issues, particularly whilst we are managing our response to the Pandemic.

## Exception Reporting (Crime Trends)

This is an opportunity to understand crime trends over a 2-year period. This reporting method helps to assess crime trends based on seasonal trends and can assist identifying emerging trends. The central blue line is the 2-year average with the green lines representing the Upper and Lower Control Limits. For the statistically minded the One/Three/Eight markers are where we have consecutive data points that are above or below 1 standard deviation from the mean.

## Wiltshire Police:

This chart is provided as a base line to provide context to the performance of Salisbury CPT. It is worth comment on the impact Lockdown 1 & 2 have had upon crime figures. Also of note is that there are seasonal trends where crime is generally highest during the Summer and the Christmas/New Year period. The wider impact of Covid on these charts will have seen that central blue line average lower making the darker blue crime line appear higher. I hope this openness will provide some clarity over perception.



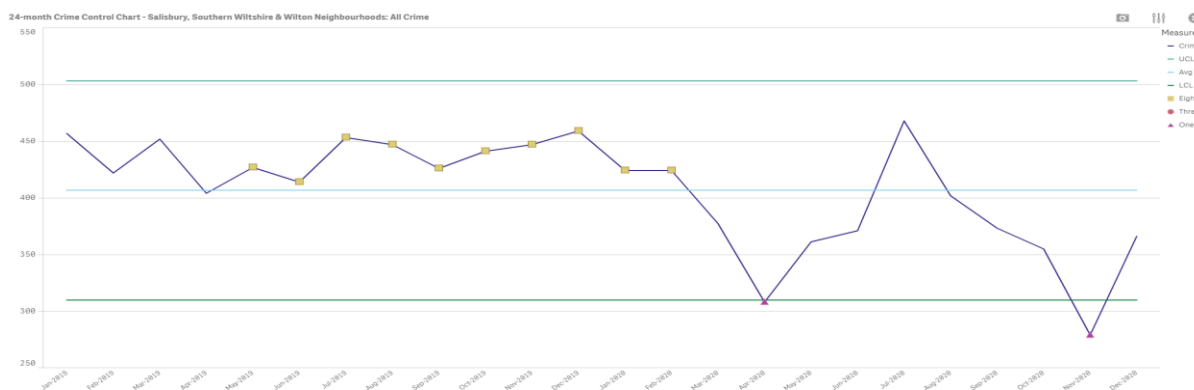
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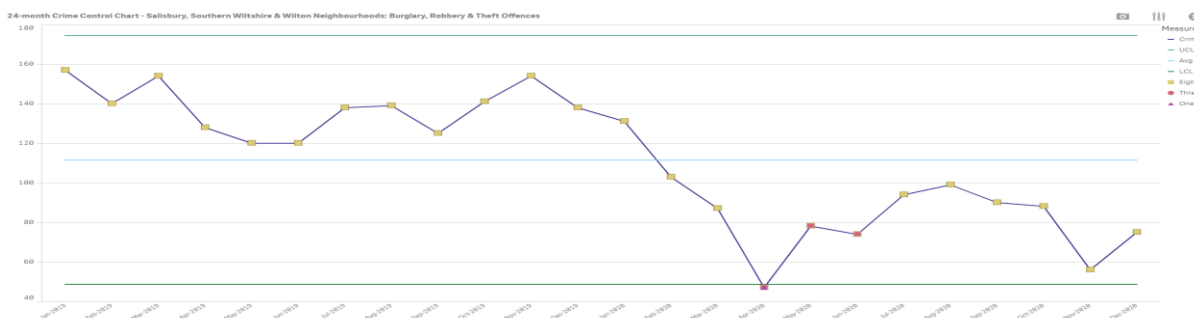


## Salisbury CPT:

There are clear comparators between the first 2 charts (Salisbury and Wiltshire), particularly the impact of the Covid Lockdown. The two aspects I will highlight is that Salisbury was the pilot area for Problem Solving during the Summer of 2019 which correlates to the seasonal flattening of demand in the Salisbury area. Although the demands of Crime reporting may have declined during 2020 during the Lockdown periods, our staff remained busy responding to new and changing Covid legislation and guidance. In addition, and continuing to use our performance tools, we continue to promote a Problem-Solving approach to focus on harm, threat and risk to reduce demand. This may account for the improved performance during Lockdown 2 where Salisbury recorded a lower amount of crime than during Lockdown 1.



Acquisitive crime (Burglary, Robbery and Theft Offences) has seen a marked decrease in reporting (burglary in the East and South areas explored later). Closure of shops and more people at home has certainly impacted, but also the proactive efforts of officers to disrupt know criminals operating in our area, based on intelligence, has seen positive results.



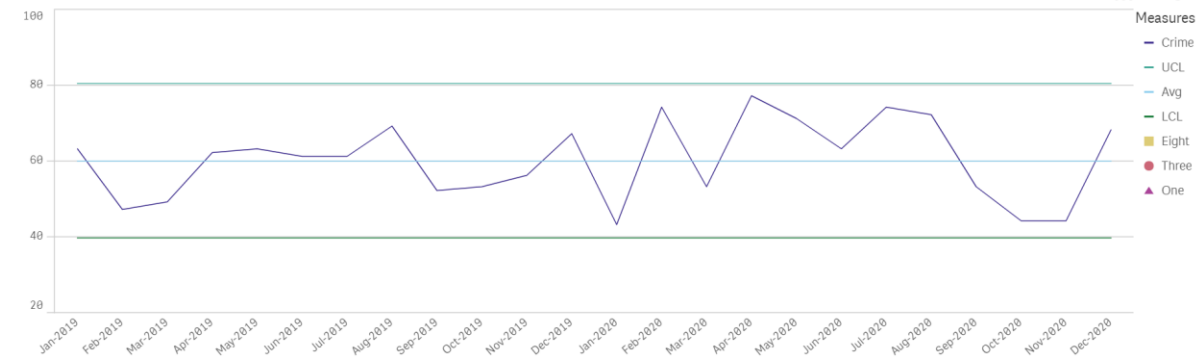
Violent Crime reports have also been impacted by Covid. We focus on Safeguarding the Vulnerable, particularly repeat Domestic Abuse victims and there have been reminders that you should not stay home during Lockdown if it is not safe to do so. December saw a sharp rise in of Domestic Abuse reports (below), which is mirrored elsewhere and will explored further to understand any lost opportunities.

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24-month Crime Control Chart - Salisbury, Southern Wiltshire & Wilton Neighbourhood: All Crime

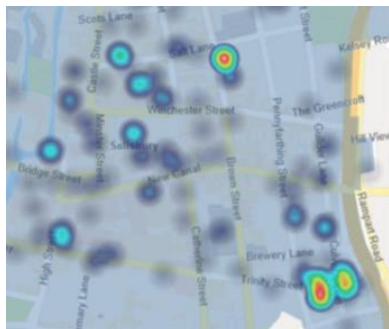


## Central (City Centre, The Friary and Southampton Road):

24-month Crime Control Chart - City Centre & Friary & Southampton Rd Beats: All Crime



There has been significant focus over the last 6 months on the demand created around Culver Street Car Park, Paynes Hill and Barnard Street resulting in a partnership problem-solving approach being adopted. This reviewed local policies, patrol strategies and best practice from other areas. Funding was secured from Salisbury City Council and the Police Crime Commissioner to move 2 CCTV cameras to key locations, which has assisted in identifying offenders and radio links to CCTV see faster response to ongoing concerns. The below heat maps quickly identified the location of demand. The first map demonstrates calls to the Police for the 3-month period of April-July 2020, whereas the second October to January 2021. The demand reduced significantly to acceptable levels following this work and the demand is now better spread across the City. We will continue to focus our efforts on hot-spots and hope that this again demonstrates the systems available to support officers. Much of this work goes unseen or unreported but benefits communities.

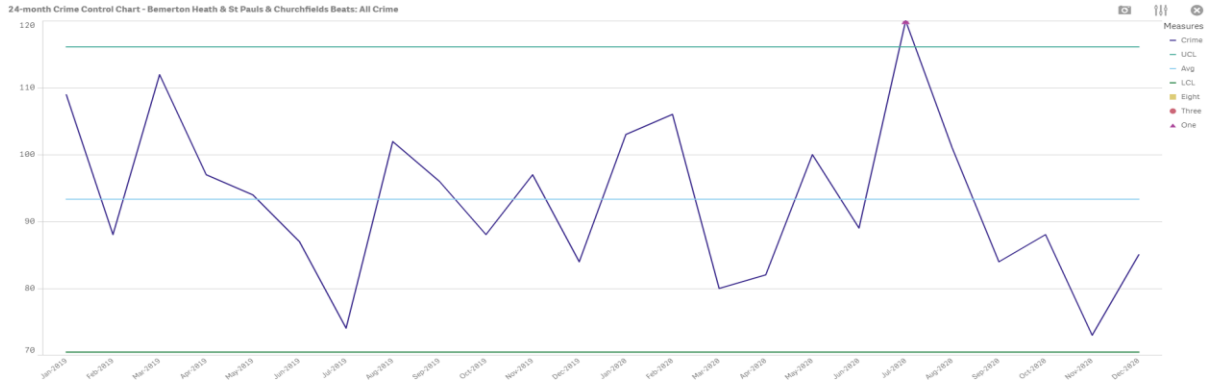


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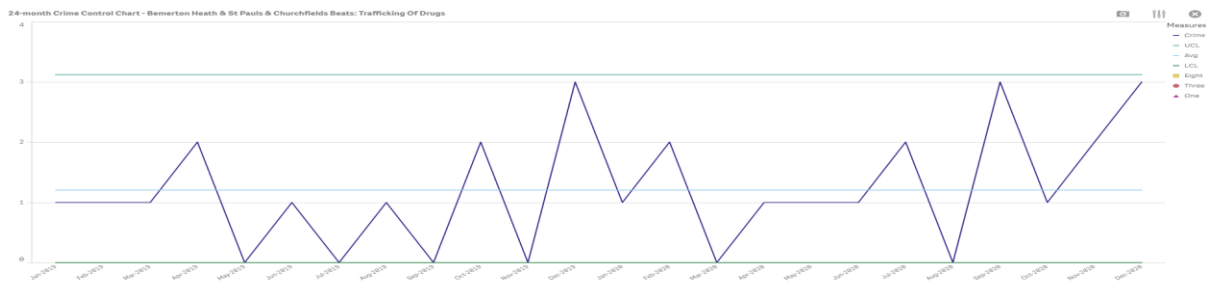
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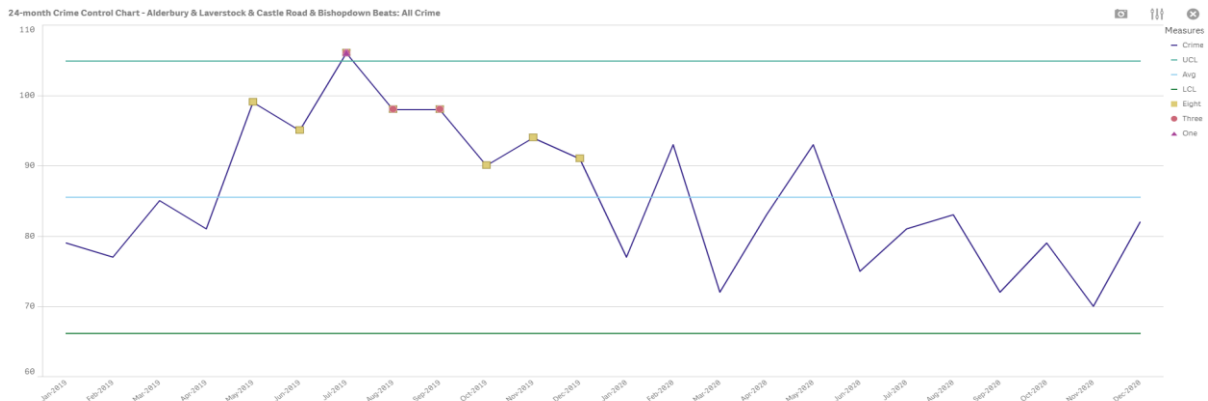
## West (Bemerton Heath, St Pauls & Churchfields):



The All Crime 2 year high during the Summer focused on Domestic Abuse cases following Lockdown 1. Since then there has been a fall in offences. There are no 'Exceptions' to crime reporting, although violent crime continues to be monitored (now back below average). We note that there is an increase in the area of trafficking of drugs. This might alarm some, but I believe it is a positive aspect of proactive rather than reactive policing. It also highlights how small numbers can influence such charts. Although we can't speak of many of these cases under investigation, I can say that they are often based on community intelligence and wish to encourage the public to continue to report suspicious activity to help direct future efforts.



## East (Alderbury, Laverstock, Castle Road & Bishopdown):



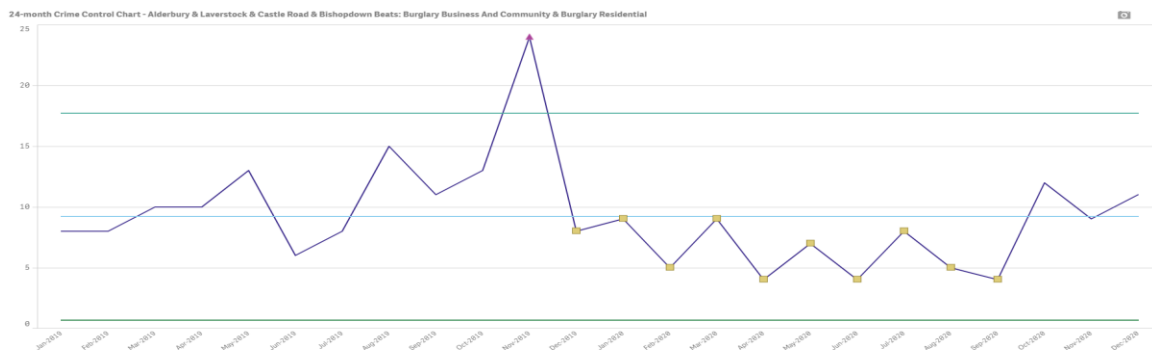
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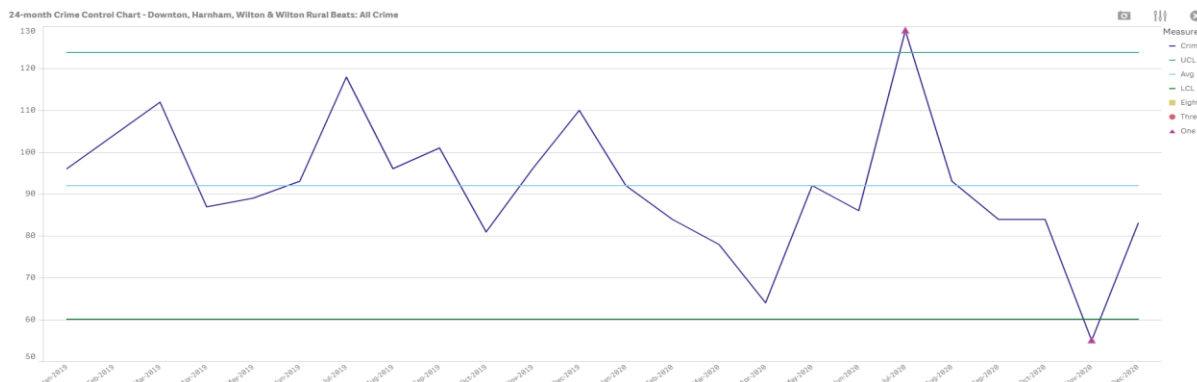
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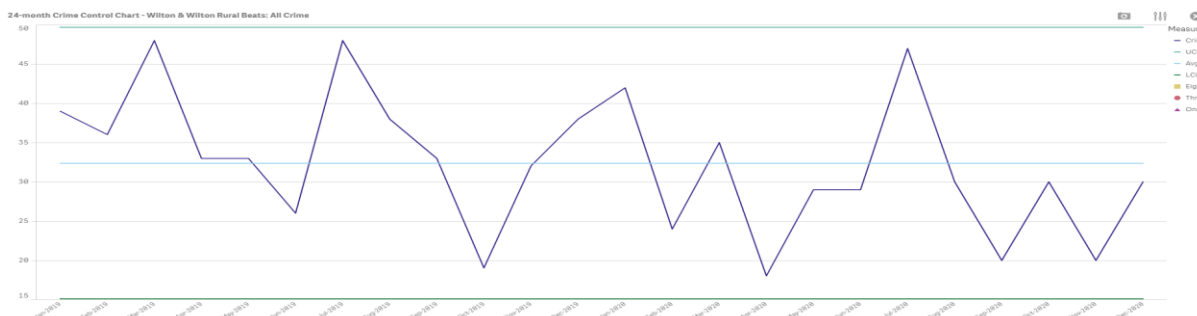
The East area continues to see the fall in crime trend. There are no statistical exceptions but do note there has been lots of debate on social media regarding a recent increase in burglaries. Looking at this as a 2-year profile there has been a short-term rise to being above average and above seasonal expectations. This is being investigated by our Neighbourhood Team with the support of CID and has been a factor in moving a PCSO to this area. We have increased our rural patrols and we continue sharing intelligence with Hampshire and Dorset Police as note that this increase is also seen in the South area.



### South:



This is a very large area which crosses over 3 Area Boards and although we staff the area as a whole, it is helpful to break it down further. The consistent theme remains that we remain below average crime in all areas, but there are no statistical exceptions identified.

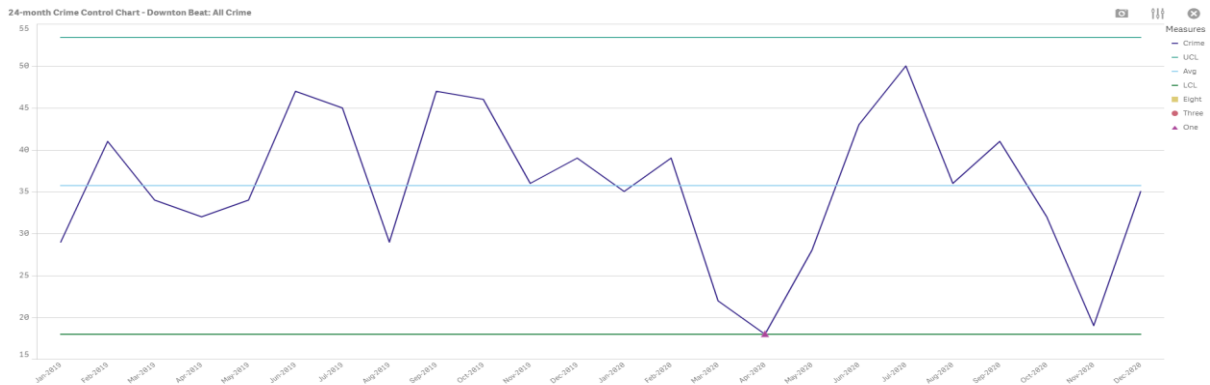
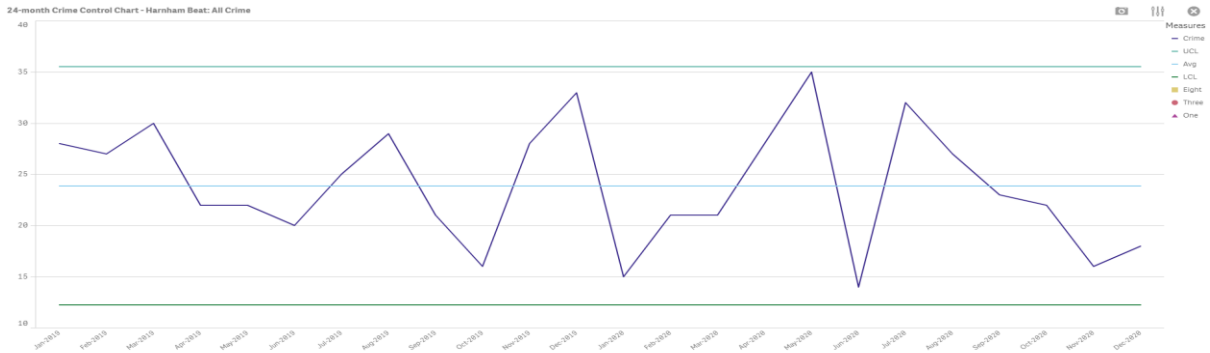


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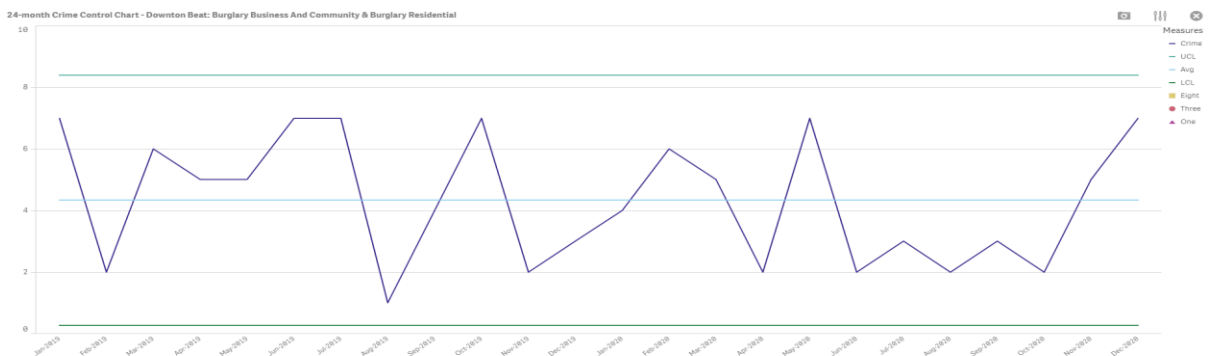
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Wilton (above), Harnham (below) and Downton (2 below) remain low crime areas with below average reports and no identified areas or patterns to focus on. It is worth remembering that that smaller the sample the more distorted the image can become.



Although there are no 'exceptions' the Downton area, (which includes Redlynch and parts of the New Forest) it has seen a recent rise in burglaries. This is a factor in moving a PCSO across from the City Centre to the South Area and will help increase visibility. We are working closely with our colleagues in Hampshire and Dorset with our investigation of these offences, which also appear in the East area. This has become a priority and we have increased our patrols of the area to help deter offending.



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**Priorities – Some of what are we doing to keep you safe?**

AREA	PRIORITY	UPDATE
All Areas	COVID 19 Patrols	<p>Engage, Explain, Encourage &amp; Enforce the regulations. On one visit 5 people were located at the rear of a property trying to avoid the Police. All were issued notices and sent home to addresses in Salisbury and Southampton.</p> <p>Police will respond when possible to reports of breaches of the regulations and have allocated staff to this role each day to proactively patrol populated areas based on intelligence to encourage social distancing, the wearing of masks and to discourage unnecessary travel away from the home.</p>
Central	Barnard Street / Paynes Hill / Culver Street Car Park	<p>A Problem-Solving approach with key stakeholder participation has assisted in the reduction of reports to this area. The Closure Order obtained on a private premise in Barnard Street has been effective and has assisted in the reduction of the reports.</p> <p>A similar Partnership Problem Solving approach identified ways to improve Culver Street Car Park in order to address Anti-Social Behaviour (noise from skateboarders and car enthusiasts) as well as rough sleeping and drug use. Sadly, the necessary funding for this project came from the People Friendly Streets fund that has now been reallocated.</p>
	Demand Reduction	<p>In a similar approach to the issues around Barnard Street, Neighbourhood Officers with Wiltshire Council are now focusing on working with John Baker House in identifying ways we can work better together to reduce demand from the location. This is the often-unseen work that can have the greatest impact.</p> <p>In addition to locations we are looking at who is creating the most demand as individuals and looking to find ways that we can prevent or reduce the need for repeat visits. This is considered in a holistic approach and not just from an enforcement angle.</p>
	Street Drinkers and the Maltings	<p>Ongoing effort to work with the City Security Officers in addressing the street drinking issues. A Partnership approach is reviewing how we are recording and tackling ASB with the Street Drinking issues a focal point of the discussions. Many of these issues are not specifically Police matters, but the resulting behaviour can be and so it is important that we all work together to improve this problem.</p>
	Youth ASB	<p>This was an issue in the during the Summer; however, the arrest of two particular individuals and strict bail conditions has resulted in a significant reduction on our demand. This priority will be closed</p>



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<b>West</b>	Demand reduction for shoplifting	An increase in reports of theft offences and ASB related matters in the area of Wilton Road. Officers are patrolling the area to reduce the demand and deal with offences. These patrols include regular visits to the garages and shops.
	ASB - Lower Road, Lower Bemerton and around St John's Primary School	Report of 4 males in a car seen to be exchanging money resulted in 4 males and a quantity of cannabis located. One has been cautioned and another summonsed to court.
	Catapult offences around Westwood Road	Regular patrols to deter further offences. We would welcome some intelligence to help progress this matter.
	Drugs	Intelligence gathering and patrols in order to address the issues around drug supply and use. This also includes opportunities to engage and safeguard vulnerable youths susceptible to being drawn into County Lines issues.
<b>East</b>	Vulnerability Patrols	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people in an effort to both reassure them following reported concerns and also to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them. One such address resulted in quickly identifying members of an Organised Crime Group who were stopped for burglary and fraud offences and they are now on remand awaiting trial.
	ASB	Concerns over noise ASB in the Car Park under Aldi resulted in 3 adults receiving fixed penalty notices for Covid-19 offences with one of them also reported for careless driving after being seen burning doughnuts in their car.
	Burglary	Focus on patrols in both marked and unmarked cars in both the East and South area. 2x 14-year-old youths were arrested for burglary of Leehurst Swan School after responding to reports of noise on the roof and the CCTV cameras being moved. A search located one youth and the second was detained at their home address.
<b>South</b>	ASB and Safeguarding in Downton	Wiltshire Council, Youth Offending Team and the Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to focus their collective efforts on the safeguarding issues identified by the community. Having used Community Protection Warnings, Community Protection Notices and Closure Orders the team have now taken the step to gain a civil injunction on an adult female, identified as the root cause of the concerns. This order prevents her from: (i) Engaging in, threatening to engage in or inciting or allowing others to engage in conduct causing or capable of causing a nuisance or annoyance to any person located within the areas of Roman Meadow and Moot Lane, Downton, Salisbury.

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		<p>(ii) Engaging in, threatening to engage in or allowing others to engage in conduct causing or capable of causing alarm, harassment or distress to any person located with the areas of Roman Meadow and Moot Lane, Downton, Salisbury.</p> <p>(iii) Using, threatening to use or inciting others to use violent behaviour towards any person located within the areas of Roman Meadow and Moot Lane, Downton, Salisbury.</p> <p>(iv) Allow drug use in or around Roman Meadow and Moot Lane, Downton, Salisbury.</p> <p>(v) Associating with any persons under the age of 18 years of age, save for those family members identified in the injunction.</p> <p>(vi) Contacting either by herself or by encouraging others to do so an individual stated in the injunction.</p> <p>The court issued a power of arrest to this injunction, meaning that if she is found to have breached clause (iii) she can be arrested.</p> <p>The injunction is valid until August 26, 2022.</p> <p>Please continue to report concerns as we are keen to progress this priority with appropriate intervention where required.</p>
	Speeding Vehicles	Community Speed Watch (CSW) have sadly been suspended during the Lockdown period. Staff are being encouraged to conduct speed checks where possible, some of which are highlighted on Social Media.
	Rural Crime inc. Hare Coursing, Fly-Tipping & Theft offences	Visibility in the rural areas is vital. Fly-tipping is a concern and we have conducted joint operations with Wiltshire Council and Trading Standards surrounding waste carriage licenses.
	Burglary Series	We have an Organised Crime Group living within this area and across Hampshire and Dorset. Staff are disrupting their activity whenever possible.

**Highlights around Salisbury**

**Double Murder**

Marcin Zdun, aged 40, was found guilty at Winchester Crown Court of murdering his 40-year-old wife Aneta Zdun and their 18-year-old daughter Nikoleta at their home in Wessex Road, Salisbury on Monday 1 June 2020. This was a traumatic case for everyone involved, but I wish to pay tribute to the members of the public who witnessed and bravely reacted to the events before them and to the initial officers who attended. Their professionalism was surpassed by their acts of humanity and compassion in those final moments. I know they took great comfort from the fact that there was nothing more they could have done to alter the outcome. Zdun was sentenced to Life Imprisonment with a minimum term of 34 years;

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a sentence that I hope provides closure to the family, friends and close community of this terrible crime.

### **Officer Bitten**

Mark Archibald, 38, of Salisbury was found guilty of wounding with intent, common assault and assaulting an emergency worker and sentenced to 4 years imprisonment at Bristol Crown Court. The main offence related to biting a young police officer on his arm leaving a wound so severe that required surgery and left permanent scarring. The officer remained professional despite the horrific injury he had just received and remained focused on detaining and calming Archibald on the ground in the middle of Elizabeth Gardens without drawing attention from the families using the park during the Summer. Sadly, this was the officer's last shift for Wiltshire Police as he resigned during his recovery.

### **Catapults**

Mark Day, 33, of Moot Close, Downton, appeared at Gloucester Crown Court and was sentenced to six years and six months imprisonment and fined £170 having pleaded guilty to the following:

- Aggravated taking a vehicle without consent
- Attempted GBH Section 18 on a police officer
- ABH on a police officer

This sentence also took into account a previous assault on 2 Police Officers whilst wearing a knuckle duster and the assault on Police Dog Elvis.

The incident started with a stolen vehicle from Downton and a pursuit that took in parts of Dorset and the New Forest and was recorded by the Police Helicopter. The driving took in speeds in excess of 100mph, a collision with a pony in the New Forest and a foot chase by officers and Police Dog Elvis, where Day fired large metal nuts and stones at close range hitting both officers and dog. One projectile left an officer with a cut to his head, narrowly missing his eye.

The impact of these offences are not just physical and impact on their family and colleagues too. I believe there should be a change in the law restricting the carrying of catapults without a clear lawful purpose. I see far too much crime relates to them.

### **Bus Burglars**

David Clift, 44, from Salisbury and his nephew Josh Clift, 26, from Longhedge, have been sentenced to 2 years and 6 month (David Clift) and 16 months suspended (Josh Clift) for a burglary at Griffin School in Salisbury in September where they stole a safe and the school mini buses.

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### **Dog Thefts**

Nationally, Dog thefts have been much commented on during the last year as their value has increased. Responding to correspondence and social media it is important to differentiate between perception and reality with this highly emotive crime. We are Not in the middle of a 'dog theft epidemic' in Wiltshire. That is not to say that this offence does not happen or to undermine the impact of such a crime.

From 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, Wiltshire Police received just 26 reports that relate to thefts, attempted thefts, and suspicious activity that could be perceived to be a pre-cursor to an attempted theft, of dogs by unknown suspects. Of these 26 reports, 8 of them involved a dog physically being taken, and none of these incidents have any obvious linked patterns to them in terms of suspects, behaviours, breeds of dogs, or locations. 9 of these 26 reports (all suspicious activity) came as a result of a social media release that we made regarding suspicious activity.

What is important is to remain alert and report incident when they happen. This helps us with sharing information to address all sorts of criminal activity.

### **Poachers**

Patrols by Amebury CPT on Salisbury Plain tried to stop a Jeep Cherokee, which failed to stop driving off across country with no lights. Salisbury officers located the vehicle entering Salisbury on the A338 and deployed a 'Stinger' tyre deflator device to stop the car safely.

Five people were arrested for failing to stop for Police, poaching and no insurance with the dogs, equipment and car seized. Wiltshire is a rural county and we will take every opportunity to pursue people who come here to commit offences.

I apologies for a very lengthy report, but I hope I provide you with detail and a flavour of a small percentage of what your Community Policing Team are doing on a daily basis to keep you safe.

Insp Pete Sparrow

Salisbury Community Policing Team