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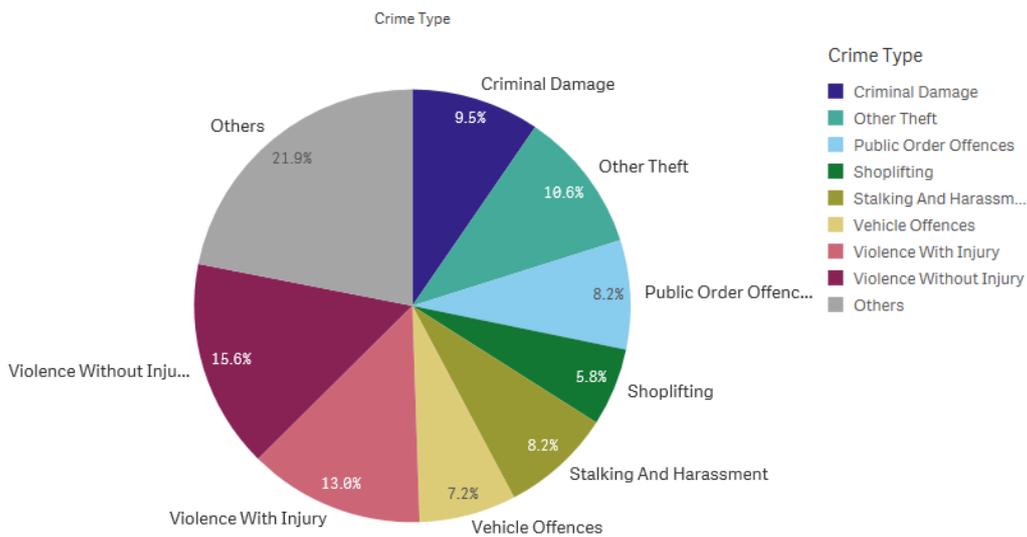


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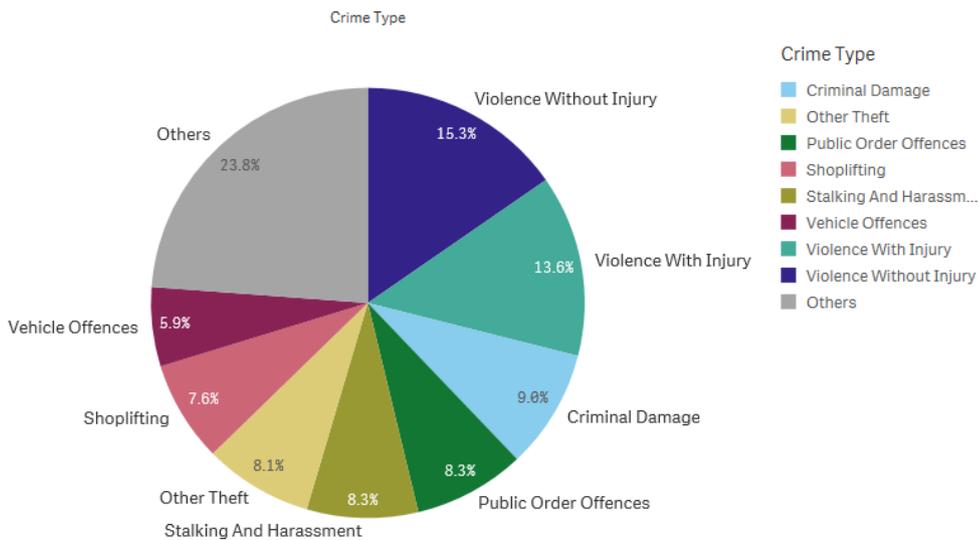
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## PERFORMANCE – YOUR AREA

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



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



Warminster 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 Warminster Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/5435/Warminster-Area-CPT> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data.

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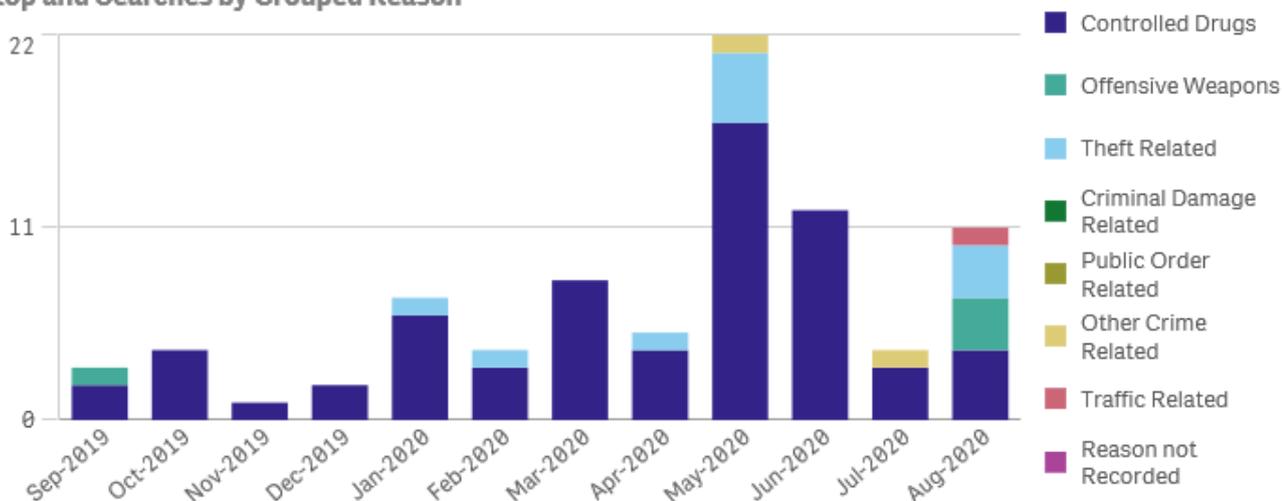
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## STOP SEARCH UPDATE

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, 115 stop and searches were conducted in the Warminster area. The charts below go into more detail about these searches.

Stop and Searches by Grouped Reason



Of the 115 stop and searches recorded in the Warminster area, 73.1% 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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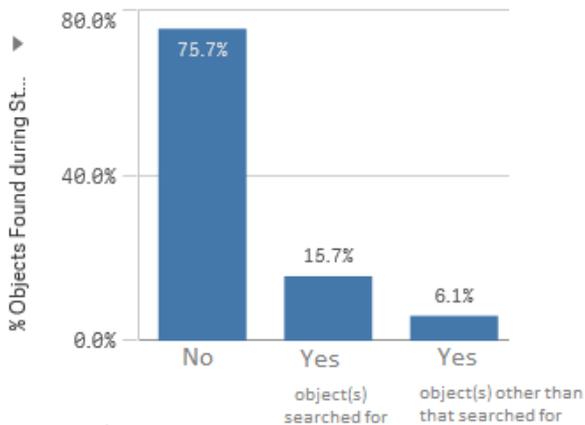


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## Stop and Searches by Object Found

Click Y axis to change between % and volume



During 75.7% of these searches, no object was found. In 21.8% of cases, an object was found. The remaining 2.5% did not have this information recorded.

Of these cases:

- 82.6% resulted in a no further action disposal;
- 14.8% resulted in police action being taken;
- 9.6% 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 – 97 stop and searches in total. An object was found in 18.6% of cases and 15.5% resulted in police action;
- Black or Black British – 3 stop and searches in total. An object was found in 33.3% of cases and no police action was taken;
- Asian or Asian British – 1 stop and search. No object was found and no police action was taken;
- Mixed Ethnicity – 1 stop and search. No object was found and no police action was taken.

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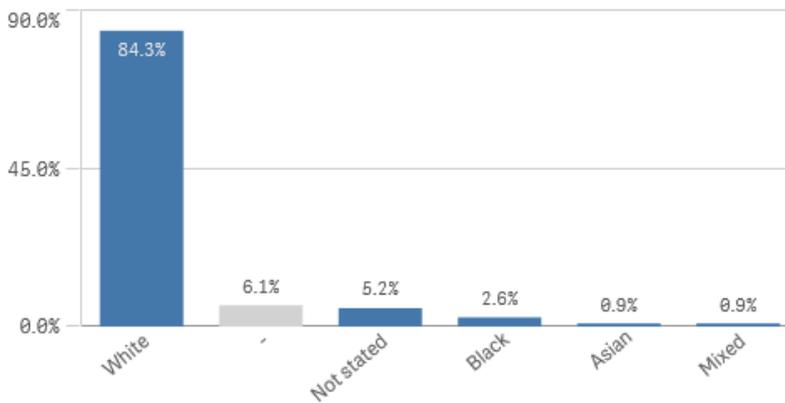
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## Stop and Searches by Ethnicity of Subject



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## YOUR CPT – WARMINSTER

<b>Inspector:</b>	Gill Hughes
<b>Neighbourhood Sergeant:</b>	Kevin Harmsworth
<b>Neighbourhood Officers:</b>	PC Richard Salter* (Mere and Tisbury) PC Vicky Howick (Warminster) PC Jamie Darvill (Westbury)
<b>PCSOs:</b>	Roland Revers / Leigh Holcombe (Warminster Town) Candy Jackson (Warminster Rural) ** (Westbury Town and Westbury Rural) Peter Tscherniawski (Mere) Neil Turnbull (Tisbury) Caroline Wright (Early Intervention)

\* PC Verity Ruffell is covering for PC Salter during September and October 2020

\*\* Westbury Town & Rural beats are now being covered by a combination of Roland Revers, Candy Jackson, Neil Turnbull and Pete Tscherniawsky. This is due to the resignation of Luke George, who will be replaced once further PCSO recruitment has taken place.

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES – WARMINSTER

<b>Warminster – Reduce demand created by residents of the Westleigh estate</b>	Update – Regular joint patrols by CPT and Selwood Housing continue. Demand on policing has begun to reduce but partnership working will continue over the coming months in order to support those affected by localised antisocial behaviour and crime. CPT are working with partner agencies throughout. Disclosure requests from Selwood Housing are being actioned by the team, to facilitate wider decision making around which families should be moved from the area. This includes recent drugs offences for which several persons have been summoned to court.
<b>Westbury – Horseshoe Stables traveller site</b>	Update – The site has been subject of several incidents of disorder in recent weeks. Arrests have been made and intelligence is being developed to find a long term sustainable solution that encompasses resolution of differences between persons living on the site.
<b>Westbury – Closure Order obtained to tackle antisocial behaviour in the Oldfield Road area</b>	Update – Patrols continue and are designed to support those affected by localised antisocial behaviour, whilst taking positive action where any breaches are detected. Sovereign Housing continue to speak with local residents and implement their powers to find sustainable solutions for the long term. The order is due to expire on 2 October.
<b>Tisbury/Mere – Focus on thefts from motor vehicles at beauty spots.</b>	Update – Following a positive meeting with the National Trust, an agreement has been reached for improvements to be made to the most affected areas to prevent future offending. This will include the installation of benches allowing the public to spend more time near their vehicles, car parks will be made more visible and have renewed signage boards to forewarn visitors appropriately.

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<p><b>Tisbury/Mere – Localised antisocial behaviour occurring in The Street, Kilmington</b></p>	<p>Update – Recent weeks have seen an increase in ASB/crime for local residents. This follows the placement of a person from the Trowbridge area during the COVID-19 lockdown by Wiltshire Council. The Neighbourhood Team are working with the council housing team and other partners, explaining the demand on local policing and investigating reported offences accordingly. The Neighbourhood Team have recommended t partners that the person is moved from the area to reduce ASB/crime and to safeguard local residents as well as the person themselves.</p>
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## Successes from proactive work

The CPT, supported by officers from the Armed Response Group and Dog Section, executed misuse of drugs act warrants at two addresses in Warminster. Both resulted in arrests with drugs, cash and a taser disguised a torch seized. Investigations are ongoing and expected to take several months to complete due to the amount of forensic analysis required from exhibits seized. This work has caused a disruption to the supply of drugs in the local community.

Between 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of September, the CPT have supported a national Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking operation. The week focused on areas other than just Car Washes and Nail Bars, instead putting 'County Lines' and industries such as Food Processing and Packaging, Shellfish and Textiles/Garments under the microscope. Further visits are planned in the coming weeks.

The Neighbourhood Team will be meeting with Longleat security staff. Recent changes to security staff has afforded the opportunity to foster new working relationships and begin tackling localised antisocial behaviour from off road motorcycles across the estate.

## Community Speedwatch updates

All active Speedwatch teams are uploading their planned activities to a shared duty rostering system. The Neighbourhood Team access the system and encompass joint working with the active teams during relevant shift hours. Facebook posts are made to highlight such joint working, which promotes Speedwatch whilst informing drivers that police are present.

## Hate Crime updates

Between 24 August to 20 September 2020, 6 hate crimes have been reported for the Warminster CPT area. 2 were classified as being disability motivated. 3 were classified as being racially motivated. 1

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was classified as being transgender motivated. For 3 of the reported crimes the aggrieved persons did not support a prosecution with the assistance of the CPT, but instead asked that the suspect be suitably advised about their behaviour. 1 crime involved young school pupils and with the support of the aggrieved person was referred to the school to resolve. For 1 crime the aggrieved person supported a prosecution, a suspect was interviewed, but there was insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction. For 1 crime an investigation is ongoing.

## 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

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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.

- 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

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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 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 and alerts 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
  - [Mere Police Facebook](#)
  - [Tisbury Police Facebook](#)
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