

Devizes CPT Area Board Update



March 2022

Your CPT - Devizes

Inspector: Al Lumley

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Gareth Cole

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Emily Grigor

PC Eleanor Porter

PC Sarah Hardwidge

PCSOs:

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Paula Yarranton, Kelly Watts, Cameron Brazier (Devizes)

Emily Johnson, Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)

Mark Braithwaite, Melissa Camilleri, Emily Johnson (Marlborough)



Performance – 12 months to December 2021

Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime has been stable with a slight increase by 2.2% in the 12 months to December 2021 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 12.7% reduction in vehicle crime and a reduction of 11.2% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to December 2021.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In November 2021, we received:
 - 8,787 '999' calls, (answered within 8 seconds on average);
 - 10,035 '101' calls, (answered within 8 seconds on average);
 - 10,567 'CRIB' calls, (answered within 1 minute 36 seconds on average).
- In December 2021, we also attended 1,736 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 12 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	39,573	100.0
Violence without injury	6,988	17.7
Violence with injury	5,805	14.7
Criminal damage	4,955	12.5
Stalking and harassment	4,098	10.3
Public order offences	3,699	9.4
Other crime type	14,028	35.4

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	3,060	100.0
Violence without injury	507	16.6
Violence with injury	415	13.6
Criminal damage	357	11.7
Stalking and harassment	320	10.5
Public order offences	289	9.4
Other crime type	1,172	38.3

Stop and Search information for Devizes CPT

During the 12 months leading to December 2021, 119 stop and searches were conducted in the Devizes area of which 77.9% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 73.1% of these searches, no object was found. In 26.9% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 78.2% resulted in a no further action disposal; 21.8% resulted in police action being taken; 7.6% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

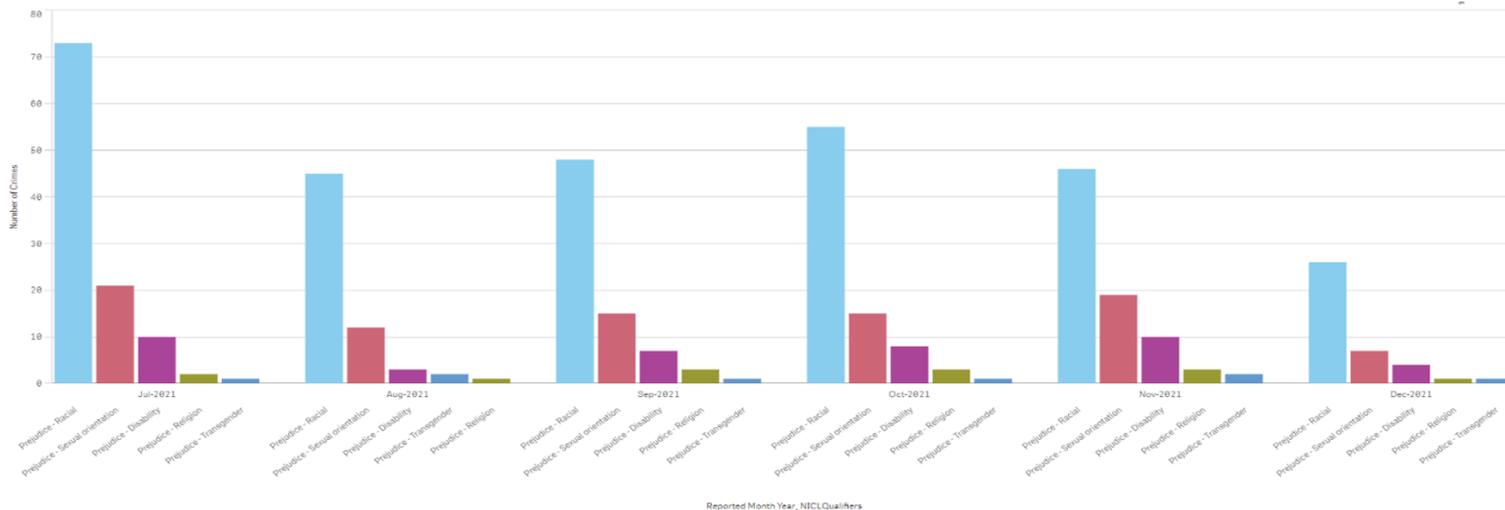
- White – 104 stop and searches.
- Black or Black British – 4 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 3 stop and searches
- Mixed – 1 stop and search

Performance – Hate Crime overview

Force

- Hate Crime across force in December has reported a decrease with only 36 crimes reported split across all 5 strands (versus avg of 66.8 over 24 month period). The decrease is reflected in all crimes across force, possibly attributed to reduced activity across the festive period.
- Due to restrictions since Covid pandemic, seasonal trends have been skewed, however across Racial and Sexual orientation strands (strands with more notable volumes) are showing signs of returning to expected seasonal highs and lows.

Force Hate Crime (6 months to December 2021)



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	Number of Crimes	Change (n)	Change (%)
Total	51	-1	-1.9%
Prejudice – Racial	34	-6	-15.00%
Prejudice – Sexual orientation	10	2	25.0%
Prejudice - Disability	7	2	40.0%
Prejudice - Religion	0	-2	-100.0%
Prejudice - Transgender	0	0	0.0%

Year on year comparison November 2020 to December 2021 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

Local Priorities & Updates - Devizes

Priority	Update
Op Elf	Op Elf was a focused operation on the build up to Christmas to provide a visible presence in and around the towns shops in order to dissuade potential thieves and reassure the public. The festive period often means that people are out getting presents, and withdrawing cash for loved ones – unfortunately this is not lost on those wishing to prey on the casual shopper and takes the form of purse snatches, pick-pocketing as well as general thefts from shops and shoppers. Op Elf saw officers and staff from various teams focus on providing extra presence where it was needed the most. This was well received by the community, with lots of positive feedback received in person and on various social media platforms.
Shoplifting Crime Spike	Devizes has experienced an increase in Shoplifting offences in January and February. Enquiries have revealed that a few individuals are responsible for the vast majority of these offences. It has yet to be established officially, but it is highly likely that items being stolen are being used to fund drug habits. We have been working with the shops in the town to ban these individuals, with the most prolific being issued with a Community Protection Warning. This warning has since been breached by the individual and so is being escalated to a Community Protection Notice that carries with it specific conditions and legislative sanctions when breached.
ASB & Youth Engagement	Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in Devizes has reduced over the past quarter but still continues to be a significant issue for the residents of Devizes. We have been working with a number of partners to seek solutions, including youth engagement sessions and multi-agency discussion on individuals of note. Significant time and effort is being invested by the police and our close partners in order to bring this issue to an acceptable level. This is clearly a long term issue that requires sustained attention by the Neighbourhood Police Team, so this will continue as an area priority for some time.
Storm(s)	The recent storms have required a significant response from Police and partners. Special mention goes out to our colleagues in the fire service, highways and the local authority for working closely with us to resolve some of the disruption caused. Across the county we logged over 620 incidents in relation to Storm Eunice alone, causing police services to be stretched significantly. We are aware that the public felt that a better service was needed in some areas (London Road closures for example) but hope that the scale of the issue faced by all of the public services can be acknowledged and appreciated by those that feel we could have done better. Teams pulled some extremely long shifts in dangerous conditions to bring the town back to some sense of normality as soon as possible.



Useful links

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

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Devizes Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/devizes/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data

Get Involved

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