



COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2021

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

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Agenda Item 5

OPERATION DODFORD

To receive an update report from Bedfordshire Police in respect of Operation Dodford, crime and antisocial behaviour for the period July - September **(to follow)**.
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OPERATION DODFORD

Report April – October 2021

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Recorded Crime Rates

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime		
	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	% Change	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	Change
Death/Injury by Unlawful Driving	0.00	0.00	n/a	0	0	+0
Violence with Injury	0.73	0.55	-24.6%	69	52	-17
Violence without Injury	0.99	0.82	-17.0%	94	78	-16
Stalking and Harassment	0.74	0.80	+8.6%	70	76	+6
Rape	0.03	0.04	+33.3%	3	4	+1
Other Sexual Offences	0.11	0.07	-30.0%	10	7	-3
Robbery	0.09	0.06	-33.3%	9	6	-3
Burglary - Residential	0.31	0.17	-44.8%	29	16	-13
Burglary - Other	0.16	0.11	-33.3%	15	10	-5
Vehicle Offences	0.38	0.41	+8.3%	36	39	+3
Theft from the Person	0.04	0.04	+0.0%	4	4	+0
Bicycle Theft	0.14	0.11	-23.1%	13	10	-3
Shoplifting	0.54	0.63	+17.6%	51	60	+9
Other Theft	0.55	0.62	+13.5%	52	59	+7
Arson	0.00	0.04	n/a	0	4	+4
Criminal Damage	0.81	0.51	-37.7%	77	48	-29
Trafficking of Drugs	0.01	0.02	+100.0%	1	2	+1
Possession of Drugs	0.09	0.08	-11.1%	9	8	-1
Possession of Weapons	0.02	0.02	+0.0%	2	2	+0
Public Order	0.80	0.82	+2.6%	76	78	+2
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0.14	0.17	+23.1%	13	16	+3
Total	6.66	6.09	-8.5%	633	579	-54

Area Comparison – Force Wide

Area Comparison

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime			Solved Crimes			Solved Crime Rate		
	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	% Change	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	Change	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	% Change	28/06/20 to 30/09/20	28/06/21 to 30/09/21	Change
Luton Borough	52.62	53.32	+1.3%	4999	5065	+66	634	521	-17.8%	12.7%	10.3%	-2.4%
Central Beds	44.46	42.98	-3.3%	4224	4083	-141	402	350	-12.9%	9.5%	8.6%	-0.9%
Bedford Borough	41.16	40.97	-0.5%	3910	3892	-18	451	488	+8.2%	11.5%	12.5%	+1.0%
Unknown Location	2.99	3.67	+22.9%	284	349	+65	55	60	+9.1%	19.4%	17.2%	-2.2%
Force Total	141.23	140.94	-0.2%	13417	13389	-28	1542	1419	-8.0%	11.5%	10.6%	-0.9%

Top Crime Scene Locations in the Selected Period

28/06/2021 to 30/09/2021

Location	Crimes in Period	Trend	Link
Morrisons Supermarket Plc, Morrison, Filling Station, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	20		List
9, Waitrose & Partners Ltd, Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DH	11		List
Tesco Stores Ltd, Vimy Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER	10		List
109-113, Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Waterdell, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PL	8		List
Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	5		List
Oak Bank School, Sandy Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3BE	5		List
20, Nelson Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3EE	5		List
37, Poundland, High Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DN	5		List

Anti-social behaviour April – June 2021

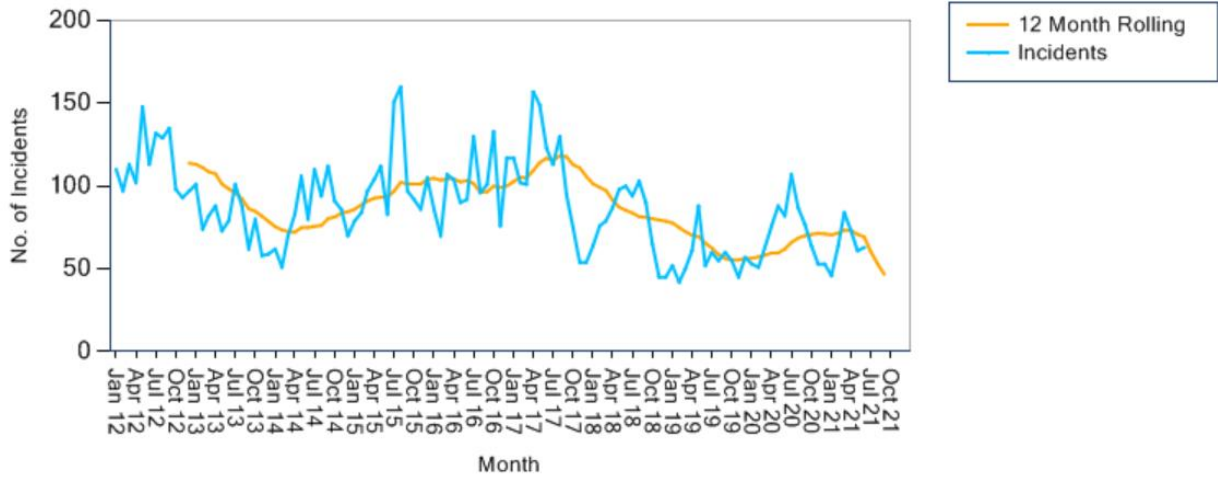
Closing Group	Incidents Per Day			Incidents		
	29/06/20 to 30/09/20	29/06/21 to 30/09/21	% Change	29/06/20 to 30/09/20	29/06/21 to 30/09/21	Change
Anti-Social Behaviour - Environmental	0.4	0.3	-31.4%	35	24	-11
Anti-Social Behaviour - Nuisance	2.3	1.8	-18.5%	211	172	-39
Anti-Social Behaviour - Personal	0.3	0.4	+22.6%	31	38	+7
Anti-Social Behaviour Total	3.0	2.5	-15.5%	277	234	-43

Highest ASB demand locations:

29/06/2021 to 30/09/2021

Location Name	Incidents in Period	Trend	Location History
ASTRAL PARK, JOHNSON DR, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 4AY	9		List
32, VIMY RD, LINSLADE, LU7 1FQ	8		List
120, HEATH RD, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 3AD	5		List
8, WOBURN PL, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 3LP	4		List
10, ST MARYS WAY, LINSLADE, LU7 2RX	4		List
VIMY RD, LINSLADE, LU7 1LA	4		List
HIGH ST, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 1EX	4		List
MEADOW WAY, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 3XL	4		List

ASB Long Term Trend



Incidents

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2021/2022	73	61	63	0	0	0							197	32.83
Financial Year: 2020/2021	76	88	82	107	87	77	64	53	53	46	64	84	881	73.42
Financial Year: 2019/2020	61	88	52	60	55	60	55	45	57	53	51	63	700	58.33
Financial Year: 2018/2019	87	98	100	94	103	90	65	45	45	52	42	50	871	72.58
Financial Year: 2017/2018	157	149	123	113	130	95	75	54	54	64	76	79	1169	97.42
Financial Year: 2016/2017	104	90	92	130	96	101	133	76	117	117	102	101	1259	104.92

Dodford Results

Current tasking is weekly market day patrols on Tuesday and Saturdays (single PC or PCSO 09:00 – 17:00 to disrupt and detect anti-social behaviour.

Market day patrol intention

- Provide high visibility policing in the town centre and Market.
- Patrol the shops.
- Make licensed premises checks in the town centre.
- Monitor the taxi ranks, and deal with any offences.
- To seize alcohol and cigarettes from minors and alcohol in designated areas.
- Stop check younger children and enquire as to truancy.
- To ensure that the shoppers who come to the town centre and shop keepers and their staff feel safe whilst going about their business whilst deterring shoplifting in the retail establishments.
- To deter and move on street drinkers within the town centre area.
- To challenge and document antisocial behaviour and parking.
- To visit and patrol Parsons Rec & Pages Park to deter/ detect antisocial behaviour.
- To assist with encouraging social distancing and help to ensure the current COVID guidance is adhered to and enforced.

Total hours worked and outcomes

Month	Hours worked	Footbeat (hours)	Incidents Attended / of note	People stopped	Vehicles Stopped	Arrests
July 2021	56	46.5	Reports of electric bikes becoming a nuisance in the high street, to be looked at.	10+	0	0

			<p>Know beggar in usual hotspot, waiting for court date. All litter from them cleared up.</p> <p>Female travellers deterred from stealing from Poudland and Wilkos. Concern for welfare for female on high street from CCTV, welfare checked, she was okay.</p> <p>Lloyd pharmacy completing covid jabs, no issues there.</p> <p>Communicated with Street watch, swapped information.</p> <p>Four nuisance youths moved on and litter picked up from Waterbourn Walk.</p> <p>Youths rear of Parsons Rec moved on for ASB.</p> <p>Dog rescued from being locked in a car on North Street.</p> <p>Attendance at the carnival, no issues.</p>			
August 2021	64	53.5	<p>Missing person search around the town centre and the high street.</p> <p>Poudland spoken to about issues of theft by traveller children.</p> <p>Regular beggar seen in his normal spot, waiting for court date.</p> <p>Spoken to Lloyds in regards to two local beggars/shoplifters sitting outside the shop. They also discussed thefts from two regular shoplifters.</p> <p>Street drinkers seen, monitoring regularly.</p> <p>Barrier at the top of the high street broke, barrier manned and vehicles turned away when trying to enter.</p> <p>Security marking pens and other crime prevention advice and tools given out to members of the public.</p> <p>Safer neighbourhood officer liaised with and information swapped.</p> <p>Cars moved from double yellow lines on Lake Street.</p> <p>Issues with electric scotters at bottom of the high street, they then left the location.</p> <p>Two bikes security marked.</p> <p>Boots activated panic button.</p> <p>Three females causing issues in Wilkos, they were spoken to and told not to return to the location.</p>	10+	0	0
September 2021	56	48.5	<p>Known local beggar seen and spoken to regarding his injunction.</p> <p>Local shoplifter/beggar seen on the high street, he then moved on out of the area.</p> <p>Street drinker seen and engaged with, they then left the area.</p> <p>Member of public spoken to in regards to drug dealing in the Pages Park area, details taken and further contact made.</p>	10+	0	0

		<p>Assisting a youth with an injury in the skate park, parents contacted and collected the youth.</p> <p>Cars moved from double yellow lines on Lake street.</p> <p>CCTV viewed in B&M regarding an incident.</p> <p>Engaged with local councillor, regarding issues with a member public causing a nuisance.</p> <p>Security advice and tools given out to members of public.</p> <p>Barrier at the top of the high street manned and turned cars away trying to enter the high street.</p> <p>Attended a road traffic collision.</p> <p>Regular street drinkers seen and moved on from the Market Cross.</p> <p>Suspicious male seen walking around Lake Street early morning and monitored.</p> <p>Prolific shoplifters causing problems in town, advice and reassurance given around that.</p> <p>Met with Streetwatch and exchanged information and intelligence.</p> <p>New shop visited for reassurance and to update on Shopwatch.</p>			
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Additional information

Officers on patrol from the beginning of the year have been engaging with members of the public, market traders and shop staff in shops that have been allowed to stay open to provide a high visibility presence and to ensure that everyone is following the guidance set out by the government. It has been felt that the majority of people have been following these guidelines and that the town centre has been a safe and friendly place to shop.

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