



COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12 APRIL 2021

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

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Agenda Item 8

OPERATION DODFORD

(a) To receive an update report from Bedfordshire Police in respect of Operation Dodford, crime and antisocial behaviour for the period January – March 2021 **(to follow)**.

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OPERATION DODFORD

Report January – March 2021

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Recorded Crime Rates

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime		
	01/01/20 to 31/03/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	% Change	01/01/20 to 31/03/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	Change
Violence with Injury	0.63	0.60	-5.3%	57	54	-3
Violence without Injury	0.84	1.22	+44.7%	76	110	+34
Stalking and Harassment	0.59	0.83	+38.9%	54	75	+21
Rape	0.05	0.04	-20.0%	5	4	-1
Other Sexual Offences	0.14	0.06	-61.5%	13	5	-8
Robbery	0.20	0.07	-66.7%	18	6	-12
Burglary - Residential	0.31	0.22	-28.6%	28	20	-8
Burglary - Other	0.13	0.06	-58.3%	12	5	-7
Vehicle Offences	0.95	0.52	-45.3%	86	47	-39
Theft from the Person	0.05	0.02	-60.0%	5	2	-3
Bicycle Theft	0.16	0.10	-40.0%	15	9	-6
Shoplifting	1.20	0.44	-63.3%	109	40	-69
Other Theft	0.38	0.41	+5.7%	35	37	+2
Arson	0.01	0.01	+0.0%	1	1	+0
Criminal Damage	0.93	0.51	-45.9%	85	46	-39
Trafficking of Drugs	0.00	0.02	n/a	0	2	+2
Possession of Drugs	0.12	0.10	-18.2%	11	9	-2
Possession of Weapons	0.03	0.03	+0.0%	3	3	+0
Public Order	0.76	0.77	+0.0%	69	69	+0
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0.09	0.14	+62.5%	8	13	+5
Total	7.58	6.19	-19.3%	690	557	-133

Area Comparison – Force Wide

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime		
	01/01/20 to 31/03/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	% Change	01/01/20 to 31/03/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	Change
Luton Borough	57.44	46.53	-19.9%	5227	4188	-1039
Central Beds	47.92	37.91	-21.8%	4361	3412	-949
Bedford Borough	41.96	36.09	-14.9%	3818	3248	-570
Unknown Location	3.82	3.44	-10.9%	348	310	-38
Force Total	151.14	123.98	-18.9%	13754	11158	-2596

Top Crime Scene Locations in the Selected Period

Location	Crimes in Period
Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	9
109-113, Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Waterdell, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PL	8
Morrisons Supermarket Plc, Morrison, Filling Station, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	7
37, Poundland, High Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DN	7
Morrisons, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RT	5
█, Turnham Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4RS	5
█, Eagle Close, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AT	5
9, Waitrose & Partners Ltd, Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DH	5
█, Cedars Way, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2PD	5
Shell, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9HH	4
█, Heath Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3AB	4
28, Wilko Retail LTD, High Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EA	4

Anti-social behaviour October to December 2020

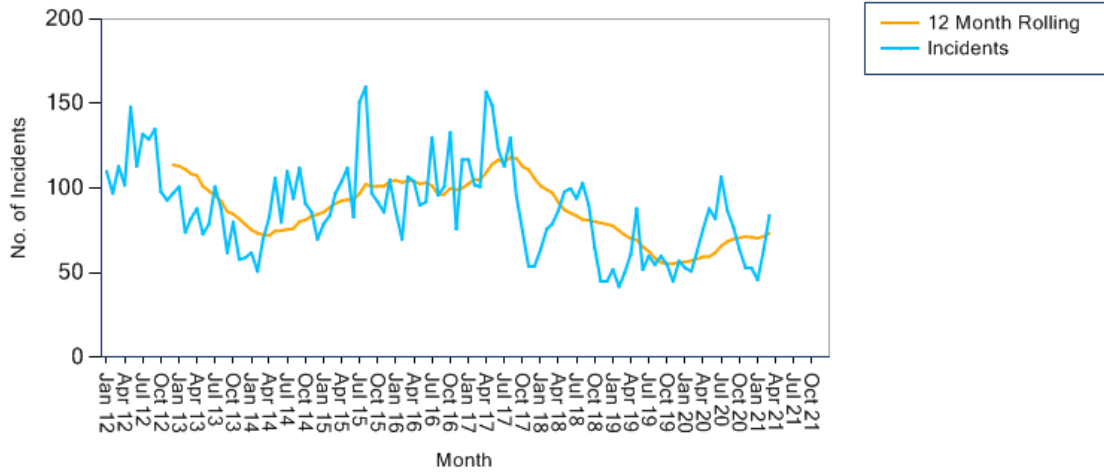
Area	ASB Personal	ASB Nuisance	ASB Environmental	Total Closed ASB	Closed Other, Tagged ASB	Total ASB
Leighton Buzzard	26	118	21	165	0	165
Linslade	14	12	3	29	0	29
Leighton Buzzard and Linslade	40	130	24	194	0	194

Total reports 194 (167 on same period 2019)

Highest ASB demand locations:

Location	Postcode	In Period
█ Broomhills Road, Leighton Buzzard	LU73EP	11
█ Cedars Way, Linslade	LU72PD	11
Stanbridge Road, Leighton Buzzard	LU71RX	7
Meadow Way, Leighton Buzzard	LU73XL	6
Astral Park, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard	LU74AY	4
Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard	LU74TP	4

ASB Long Term Trend



Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current 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
Financial Year: 2015/2016	104	112	83	151	160	97	92	86	105	86	70	107	1253	104.42
Financial Year: 2014/2015	83	106	80	110	94	112	91	86	70	79	84	97	1092	91.00
Financial Year: 2013/2014	88	73	79	101	88	62	80	58	59	62	51	70	871	72.58
Financial Year: 2012/2013	102	148	113	132	129	135	98	93	97	101	74	82	1304	108.67
Financial Year: 2011/2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	97	113	320	26.67

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
January 2021	72	65.5	<p>Only essential retail open this month due to government guidance on Covid-19.</p> <p>Known male shoplifter removed from Homebase in VIMY ROAD.</p> <p>Cars and vans removed from double yellow lines and loading bays at the top of the HIGH STREET and LAKE STREET.</p> <p>Male removed and arrested in Barclays Bank for threats to destroy / damage and Section 4A Public Order.</p> <p>Known street beggars seen walking into town and sitting outside of Cornish News instructed to leave which they did instantly.</p> <p>Covid ticket issued to street beggar in the HIGH STREET.</p> <p>Another beggar moved off from sitting outside Natwest bank.</p> <p>Male given Covid ticket for non-compliance.</p> <p>Known prolific shoplifter spotted in the HIGH STREET by CCTV relayed to officer who then warned other shops in the area of VIMY ROAD.</p> <p>Incident at Boots in WATERBORNE WALK where male shouting and being abusive to staff. Male tracked down by officer and advised. No confirmed offences.</p> <p>Groups of youths dispersed and sent home due to current lockdown restrictions.</p> <p>GROVEBURY Retail park also visited during shifts and shops open walked around for high visibility. Shops were extremely thankful.</p> <p>Assistance in ensuring members of the public and market traders complying with Covid guidance and restrictions with social distancing.</p>	10+	0	1

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February 2021	56	50.5	<p>Only essential retail open this month due to government guidance on Covid-19.</p> <p>Poundland assisted due to customers being turned away for not wearing face masks. Location added to Covid patrols.</p> <p>2 local beggars seen in usual begging spots and moved on. Covid tickets issued.</p> <p>Cannabis reported found by member of the public and booked into property by officer.</p> <p>3 X IRANIAN males detained by the Market Cross for being in the country illegally. Arrested and taken to custody.</p> <p>Vaccination centre at LEIGHTON Rugby Club checked sporadically during Dodford shifts. No issues brought to our attention.</p> <p>Pulford Rec checked and people sitting around in groups advised and moved on to go home.</p> <p>Traveller family attempting to steal goods from Poundland eventually queued up and paid for goods after being watched by officer in the store.</p> <p>Male requested to leave Wilkinson's for not wearing a face mask, refused to give details.</p> <p>Multi Storey car park checked regularly due to issues reported by members of the public and local business owners that were open.</p> <p>Known prolific shoplifter reported by some shops has been in stealing large amounts of goods. Since then a Criminal behaviour Order banning them from the town centre has been granted by LUTON Magistrates court for 2 years.</p> <p>Assistance in ensuring members of the public and market traders complying with Covid guidance and restrictions with social distancing.</p>	10+	0	3
March 2021	68.5	59	<p>Only essential retail open this month due to government guidance on Covid-19.</p> <p>Report of 2 males said to be begging outside of Tower Stores in STANBRIDGE ROAD. Males had left on officer attendance.</p> <p>Suspicious vehicle and driver stopped and spoken to when seen changing front and rear number plates on LAKE STREET. All checked out. Intelligence submitted.</p> <p>Unknown male carrying a brown rucksack acting suspicious around the HIGH STREET was followed and deterred from the area.</p> <p>Male riding a bike along the HIGH STREET footpath stopped and given words of advice due to health and safety.</p> <p>Group of young lads together in PAGES PARK given words of advice and asked to leave and go home.</p>	10+	0	1

			<p>Vehicles parked on double yellow lines in NORTH STREET moved on.</p> <p>Known prolific shoplifter arrested for theft from Homebase.</p> <p>Known beggar removed from town on numerous occasions. Showed as wanted / missing from Thames Valley Police. Phone called made to them to report sighting but no phone call received back. Local Government Injunction being considered.</p> <p>Vaccination centre at LEIGHTON Rugby Club checked sporadically during Dodford shifts. No issues brought to our attention.</p> <p>Youths on electric scooters stopped and spoken to. Advised could be seized if ridden in an anti-social manner. Youths left very shortly after.</p> <p>Large family with 2 full baskets seen in Poundland with secreted goods. Officer followed them around and they queued up and fully paid for all they had,</p> <p>Assistance in ensuring members of the public and market traders complying with Covid guidance and restrictions with social distancing.</p>			
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Additional information

Criminal behaviour Order issued to prolific shoplifter banning them from the town centre for 2 years. Since this has been issued there have been no sightings of him. Shop staff advised to contact Officer in case if seen to obtain breach statement.

Another Criminal behaviour Order has been completed for another prolific shoplifter. Awaiting an arrest and court appearance.

Local Government Injunction for 2 beggars granted by the courts. Since then 1 has been served and the other is waiting to be seen in the area.

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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