



Great Bedwyn

Quarter 2 2026

Crimes and Incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The below statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (E.g. Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour)

From the 1st April 2026- 30th June 2026;

9 recorded crimes and **6** incidents have been recorded in the Great Bedwyn Parish area. Having reviewed the crime data for the area – There are no apparent trends that are presented or a series of crimes that are linked. During this period there have been **0** recorded burglaries (dwelling/non-dwelling) and **0** vehicle offences. The large proportion of the offences recorded fall under the '**Violence Against the Person**' category. This is a broad offence group covering a wide spectrum of offending, from serious violent crime through to lower harm and less serious common assault or the perception/threat of immediate violence. It also includes offences involving psychological or emotional (rather than physical) abuse, such as harassment and stalking including offences committed in domestic situations.

Speed enforcement

The Speed Watch Enforcement Team have conducted at least **27** pro-active checks across the Pewsey/Marlborough sectors over the last quarter including targeted activity at areas previously identified as a concern such as at various points on the A345, A346 and A342. As a result of this activity;

- **174** drivers have been offered to complete a speed awareness course.
- **23** drivers have been issued with a fine and points on their licence for excess speed.
- **7** drivers have been summonsed directly to court.

Recent updates

- The local Neighbourhood Team have recently received reports from residents in the Great Bedwyn area of concerns around the usage of illegal electric bikes on public highways and roads within the vicinity. On 16/06/2026, officers on patrol in the area to combat this issue, sighted an illegally modified electric bike being on the outskirts of Great Bedwyn heading in the direction of the A338. The rider was stopped by Police and the bike subsequently seized for destruction. Operation Jetsom is an on-going force-wide crackdown targeting illegal use of



e-scooters and high-powered e-bikes aiming to improve public safety and tackle their association with anti-social behaviour and other related crime.

- On 27th February 2026, a theft occurred from a person at Café Nero, High Street, Marlborough. A female customer had her purse stolen from inside her handbag without her realising whilst she was a customer in the store. The bank cards in her purse were subsequently used fraudulently in Tesco, Marlborough and local buses. An investigation was commenced by local officers who conducted numerous CCTV trawling and other lines of enquiry. PND facial recognition match from the CCTV footage at Tesco gave direct match to a prolific 35-year-old female from the Gloucester area. Local officers also identified her as being responsible for a similar incident in at Home Bargains in Swindon and Costa Coffee, Royal Wootton Bassett. The female was located and arrested in Swindon by Marlborough Officers in March and she was charged and remanded with numerous offences. The suspect was given a 4-month prison sentence for the Marlborough offences and a previous suspended prison sentence of 12 months imprisonment was also activated.
 - On 20th April, a 49-year-old female Chinese national was arrested in the High Street, Marlborough for selling counterfeit tobacco. The female was found in possession of goods to the retail value of approximately £3000 which were subsequently seized. The female was charged and remanded to Court. She was issued with a Community Order and 20 days of Community Work/Rehabilitation Activity. Work has been on-going with Trading Standards in respect to this matter due to linked incidents reported in other areas of the County.
 - A 52-year-old male from the West Midlands area was identified by local officers as being responsible for a theft from Waitrose, Marlborough on 21st March. The male was dealt with via a direct postal requisition/summons to Court. He has since been sentenced to 35 weeks imprisonment combined with offences committed in other areas of the country.
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- On the 7th of May 2026, a theft occurred at TH Whites, Marlborough. Local officers attended and conducted initial enquiries and were able to identify the male as prolific offender from the Salisbury area. The 43-year-old male was subsequently arrested and remanded to court. He was issued with a two-week prison sentence as well as a recall to prison due to a breach of his licence conditions. As a result, he is likely to be serving time in custody until at least November 2026.
 - On the 24th of May 2026, a theft occurred at Majestic Wines, Marlborough. Local officers on patrol in town centre attended the incident. They identified the male suspect from CCTV, and the suspect has since been dealt with via postal



requisition/summons to court. The matter is due to be heard on 02/07/2026 at Swindon Magistrates Court. A further offence involving the same suspect also came to light at Waitrose, Marlborough which has also been dealt with via direct summons to court.

- On Monday 8th June 2026, a high value bilking/making off without payment occurred from a petrol station in the Melksham area. Local officers sighted the vehicle in Marlborough, and the suspects were subsequently apprehended on the A4 between Marlborough and Hungerford with the assistance of specialist traffic units. A 48-year-old male and a 27-year-old male both from Reading, Berkshire were subsequently arrested, charged and remanded for making off without payment. The rear of the vehicle contained multiple large tanks of suspected stolen fuel and has been linked to other offences across the Country-estimated to be in the £1000's of pounds worth of fuel. Both suspects have since been charged and will be attending Court in due course.
- A 43-year-old male from Marlborough is due in Swindon Crown Court on 03/7/26 after being arrested and charged on 11/04/2026 for various offences relating to businesses in the Marlborough area including Landmark, Budgens and Waitrose. The offences include multiple thefts, making off without payment, driving whilst disqualified, displaying a false registration mark on a vehicle and possession of a bladed article.
- The week commencing **Monday 22nd June** was dedicated to the latest edition of '**Operation Scorpion**'. Operation Scorpion is a collaboration between the South West's five police forces (Avon and Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire), alongside their respective offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the British Transport Police and South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SW ROCU) which sees resources combined to tackle drug supply and make the region a hostile environment for organised crime groups. During a week of coordinated activity, police officers and staff worked collectively to apprehend suspected dealers, seize drugs and weapons, and safeguard vulnerable people. In **Wiltshire**, there were:
 - **36 arrests made**
 - **122 disruptions made to active drug supply networks in the County**
 - **10 drug warrants executed**
 - **12 licensed premises checked**
 - **25 stop and searches conducted**

- **Large quantity of controlled drugs including 26kg of Cannabis seized, 232g of Ketamine, 692.37g of Cocaine, 100 MDMA tablets as well as Heroin, Amphetamine and Psilocybin ('Magic Mushrooms').**
- **£47,705 in cash seized**
- **8 weapons were seized- including 1 firearm, 1 extendable baton and 5 Samurai swords.**



Other news

- We would like to wish Inspector Simon Garrett a fond farewell as he takes up a new role as the Inspector of the Chippenham Area Neighbourhood Team. We welcome aboard Inspector Andy Lemon, who has since joined us as the new Inspector for the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Team. Inspector Lemon has held the rank of Inspector for the last 10 years and has gained 24 years of experience in Wiltshire across both uniform and detective roles. Inspector Lemon is also the current Tactical Rural Crime Lead for the Force.

Community consultations

Further community engagements happening in the local area will be advertised in due course. If you are aware of any other local community events in the area, please let us know via our email address- devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk. Our local neighbourhood team will continue to have use of the Mobile Police Station on a rotational basis (approximately every 6 weeks) and the vehicle will be utilised across the Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey area, at specific locations which will also be advertised in due course.