

Stop and Search.

Quarter 2. July to September 2025.

Havant. Chief Inspector Matt Moss.

As is clear from the figures whilst total use of stop search has declined compared to the previous 3 months, the number of positive outcomes has risen which highlights the fact we have been really trying to focus our use of stop and search.

In relation to our activities over the last 3 months there has been a focus on a 2 specific crime groups, and 1 particularly crime type which has affected our stop search figures. One of the crime groups that we targeted mainly offended in Portsmouth, and has contributed because of its make up to a higher than normal disproportionality figure for black and other ethnic groups. I would expect to see these figures fall in the next 3 months due to action taken to remove the offenders from the streets.

The spread of reasons is relatively typical for Havant, but a high proportion of searches in relation to stolen goods reflects the efforts put in to tackling shopliftings on the district, as well as targeting people who handle stolen items.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 148, Previous 3 months – 195.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 30, Previous 3 months – 30.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 74, Previous 3 months – 129.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 74.

Previous 3 months – 66.

Havant population.

White – 119,127.

Asian – 2,107.

Mixed Race – 1,719.

Black – 750.

Other – 507.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 3.9 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.7 times more likely.

Asian – 2.3 times more likely.

Other – 3.9 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Criminal damage – 6.

Drugs – 75.

Firearms – 1.

Going equipped – 12.

Offensive weapon – 24.

Seizure of alcohol/tobacco – 1.

Stolen goods – 29.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 30.

Caution – 1.

Community resolution – 26.

No further action – 74.

Postal requisition – 8.

Voluntary attendance – 8.

Other/words of advice – 1.