

Stop and Search.

Quarter 3. October to December 2025.

Basingstoke. Chief Inspector Hayley O'Grady.

We have seen a decrease in our use of stop and search during this quarter.

This is likely due to the impact from our summer demand and the need to progress investigations to solve crime and provide the best service we can to victims.

That said, what is good to see is the number of searches focussed on stolen goods.

This is really in line with the district priorities that I set during this quarter, which were around retail crime in the town centre.

We have actively engaged with businesses and increased reporting to us and then tried to make sure we are utilising our policing powers to prevent crimes such as shoplifting.

We also used this opportunity to raise the profile of and support female employees to manage unacceptable behaviours of perpetrators of offences against women and girls.

Town centre crimes and challenges experienced in the nighttime economy were the focus for the district during this period and stop and search is a value option for officers, alongside engaging and a partnership approach to tackling these challenges.

Total number of stops.

Last 3 months – 180, Previous 3 months – 238.

Arrests.

Last 3 months – 41, Previous 3 months – 52.

No further action taken/advice given.

Last 3 months – 92, Previous 3 months – 132.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

Last 3 months – 88.

Previous 3 months – 106.

Basingstoke population.

White – 163,840.

Asian – 10,967.

Mixed Race – 4,717.

Black – 3,611.

Other – 2,019.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 3 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 2.8 times more likely.

Asian – 0.8 times more likely.

Other – 1.2 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 110.

Going equipped – 3.

Offensive weapon – 20.

Criminal damage – 6.

Stolen goods – 39.

Other – 2.

Outcome of stop.

Arrest – 41.

Caution – 3.

Community resolution – 26.

No further action – 92.

Postal requisition – 6.

Voluntary attendance – 10.

Other/words of advice – 2.