

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Alex Reading.

We have continued to use stop and search where appropriate when responding to reports of drug possession or dealing, which is why the vast majority of the stops are related to drugs and the suspicion of being in possession. Used where the lawful grounds exist, this power is an effective way of confirming if the person in question is in possession of illegal drugs or not.

Across the Rushmoor area we are focussing on those who would wish to cause the most harm and target the more vulnerable members of our community through drug supply.

We are ably supported as always by our Independent Advisory Group (IAG) who as members of the local community provide us with constructive scrutiny and feedback on our proportionate and fair use of stop and search.

**Total number of stops.**

This Quarter – 132, Previous 3 months – 108.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 28, Previous 3 months – 28.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 69, Previous 3 months – 55.

**Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 63.

Previous 3 months – 53.

**Hart population.**

White – 77,219.

Asian – 14,658.

Mixed Race – 2,578.

Black – 2,531.

Other – 2,773.

**Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 3.5 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.7 times more likely.

Asian – 0.9 times more likely.

Other – 0.9 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 104.

Stolen property – 14.

Offensive weapons – 6.

Going equipped – 4.

Other – 4.

**Outcome of stop.**

No further action – 69.

Arrest – 28.

Community resolution – 26.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 4.

Verbal warning/words of advice – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 4.