

Stop and Search.

Quarter 4. January to March 2026.

Test Valley. Chief Inspector Sharath Ranjan.

Officers in Test Valley have been using stop and search powers as part of a drug-related district priority I have introduced. This will see us directly targeting specific individuals and locations, based on information and intelligence we have gathered. This means we can use the powers available to us effectively, making more arrests and leading to more positive outcomes for searches - which is when we find an item during a search.

As the district commander, I make it clear that these powers must be used proportionately, where they are necessary and will be effective in helping us to keep protecting the community.

Alongside tackling drug-related crime, we are utilising these powers to address and respond to other crimes, including theft and burglary.

We have seen an improvement in how stop and search affects black communities. However, differences remain for some groups, and we continue to review our use carefully.

My expectation remains that all use of stop and search is lawful, targeted and subject to strong supervision, ensuring both effectiveness and that you can be confident we are using the powers available to us appropriately.

**Total number of stops.**

This Quarter – 164, Previous 3 months – 161.

Arrests.

This Quarter – 27, Previous 3 months – 21.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Quarter – 92, Previous 3 months – 96.

**Positive outcomes.**

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Quarter – 72.

Previous 3 months – 65.

**Test Valley total population – 130,491.**

White – 121,457.

Asian – 4,284.

Mixed Race – 2,312.

Black – 1,458.

Other – 980.

**Disproportionality.**

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 1.2 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 3.5 times more likely.

Asian – 0.8 times more likely.

Other – 0.9 times more likely.

**Reasons for stop.**

Drugs – 95.

Stolen goods – 35.

Going equipped – 19.

Offensive weapon – 13.

Criminal damage – 2.

**Outcome of stop.**

No further action – 92.

Community resolution – 34.

Arrest – 27.

Voluntary attendance – 6.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 3.

Caution – 1.

Other/Words of advice – 1.