

Stop and Search.

Quarter 1. April to June 2026.

Hart. Chief Inspector Alex Reading.

We have continued to use stop and search, where appropriate, when responding to reports of drug possession or dealing. 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.

And we continue to use stop and search where the lawful grounds exist, as a way of confirming if the people being searched are carrying weapons – in this case catapults. We continue to take steps to identify and take action against those responsible.

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 Period – 72, Previous 3 months – 90.

Arrests.

This Period – 9, Previous 3 months – 14.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Period – 45, Previous 3 months – 55.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Period – 27.

Previous 3 months – 35.

Hart population.

White – 91,952.

Asian – 3,595.

Mixed Race – 2,231.

Black – 843.

Other – 783.

Disproportionality.

Likelihood of being stopped and searched compared to white person.

Black – 9.9 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.5 times more likely.

Asian – 0.9 times more likely.

Other – 2.1 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 52.

Offensive weapon – 9.

Criminal damage – 3.

Stolen goods – 7.

Going equipped – 1.

Outcome of stop.

No further action – 45.

Community resolution – 14.

Arrest – 9.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 1.

Caution – 1.

Voluntary attendance – 1.

Other action/words of advice – 1.