

Stop and Search.

Quarter 1. April to June 2026.

Rushmoor. Chief Inspector Alex Reading.

Our police teams continue to proactively focus on those who would wish to cause harm to our communities, which includes those who are suspected of dealing in drugs and potentially carrying weapons. The most significant proportion of our stop and searches relates to drugs for that reason and this remains an effective, lawful and proportionate way in which we can disrupt drug supply.

We have focussed on theft which can include people suspected of shoplifting and also people suspected of being in possession of stolen goods.

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 – 131, Previous 3 months – 132.

Arrests.

This Period – 20, Previous 3 months – 28.

No further action taken/advice given.

This Period – 69, Previous 3 months – 69.

Positive outcomes.

Positive outcomes includes arrests.

This Period – 62.

Previous 3 months – 63.

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 – 1.8 times more likely.

Mixed Race – 1.5 times more likely.

Asian – 0.3 times more likely.

Other – 0.3 times more likely.

Reasons for stop.

Drugs – 84.

Stolen property – 19.

Offensive weapons – 25.

Going equipped – 2.

Other – 1.

Outcome of stop.

No further action – 69.

Arrest – 20.

Community resolution – 22.

Postal requisition/postal charge/summons – 5.

Verbal warning/words of advice – 2.

Voluntary attendance – 9.

Seizure of property – 2.

Caution – 2.