STOP & SEARCH

Quarter 2 July 26 – Sept 26

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Total number of stops

Last 3 months	Same period last year
649	650

Times item was found

Last 3 months	Same period last year
289 44.53%	257 39.54%

During this quarter, Buckinghamshire recorded 649 stop searches, consistent with the same period last year (650). Positive outcomes remain strong, with items found in 289 searches (44.5%), an increase from 39.5% during the same period last year. There have again been no Section 60 authorities in Buckinghamshire this month, reflecting the continued focus on intelligence-led and grounds-based stop and search activity. Traditionally, the summer period sees increased demand associated with anti-social behaviour and community concerns as residents spend more time outdoors. In response, officers have supported Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week through targeted activity in locations highlighted by local communities. This is reflected within some of the stop and search activity relating to rural crime, including the possession of poaching equipment and offences involving the unlawful disposal of waste.

The LCU has also continued to focus on the safe and lawful use of e-bikes and e-scooters. This has included joint operations with partner agencies, the deployment of CCTV vans and targeted activity involving the Off-Road Motorcycle Team to address community concerns and reduce harm.

Scrutiny and transparency remain an important part of our approach. At the most recent Community Scrutiny Panel, members reviewed incidents involving the use of leg restraints and spit hoods where subjects were presenting a heightened level of risk. Following review of the available evidence, the panel considered the use of these tactics necessary, proportionate and justified in each case, and commended officers for their calm and professional handling of the incidents. The next Community Scrutiny Panel will review the use of batons and encounters involving young people, providing a further opportunity for independent scrutiny and community engagement.

Whilst the majority of stop searches involved white individuals, reflecting the local population profile, disproportionality remains evident. Black individuals were 5.41 times more likely to be stopped than white individuals, although this has reduced by 2% since Q3 2025. Whilst some variation aligns with targeted operational activity, understanding and addressing disproportionality remains a priority for Buckinghamshire and more continues to be done in this area.

Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	18	(2.77%)
Drugs	396	(56.85%)
Bladed Article	47	(7.24%)
Going equipped for theft	34	(5.23%)
Offensive weapon	56	(8.62%)
Stolen goods	84	(12.94%)
Wildlife offences	6	(0.92%)

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	60	(9.33%)
Caution - simple/conditional	5	(0.78%)
Community resolution	85	(13.22%)
No further action	426	(66.25%)
Voluntary attendance	28	(4.35%)

Age of individual stopped

Under 18	Over 18
104	545

S.60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act

Last 3 months	Previous 3 months
0 Order	0 Orders

Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	373	(57.47%)
Black	65	(10.02%)
Asian	176	(27.12%)
Mixed ethnicity	24	(3.70%)
Other	11	(1.69%)
Not stated	162	(24.96%)

Location Population **553,035**

White	442,234
Asian	68,294
Mixed	19,556
Black	14,233
Other	8,718