

STOP & SEARCH

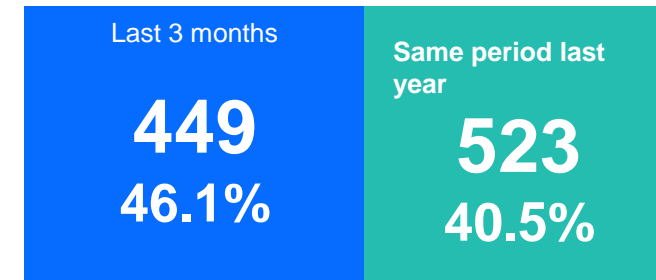
Quarter 3
Oct 25 –
Dec 25

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Total number of stops



Times item was found



The number of stop and search encounters in Oxfordshire has fallen by 25% compared with the same period last year, with searches involving children falling by a similar amount. This reflects ongoing work to ensure that stop and search powers are used proportionately and only when necessary.

Drug-related searches remain the most common and had a 54.5% positive find rate, with officers locating an item or evidence sought in 312 searches. Searches for stolen property also performed well, with items recovered in 75 out of 148 encounters.

Two Section 60 authorisations were used during this period, allowing officers to conduct searches without individual reasonable suspicion. These were put in place for short periods in Banbury (11 hours) and Bicester (24 hours) following disorder. Fourteen searches were carried out under these powers, including 7 involving children, resulting in 1 positive outcome. Section 60 remains an exceptional measure used only when there is a clear risk of violence

To strengthen transparency, supervisors reviewed 113 Body Worn Video (BWV) recordings of S&S. Oxfordshire's Community Scrutiny Panel also reviewed 4 clips and highlighted improvements around clearer communication, safeguarding, decision making and officer safety. Their feedback is being used to support learning for frontline teams. The panel also discussed disproportionality, noting a 38% positive rate for searches involving black individuals, compared with 46.1% overall. Understanding and addressing disproportionality remains a priority, with future panels focusing specifically on these encounters to support fair and proportionate policing.

Reason for stop

Article - criminal damage	10 (1.03%)
Drugs	574 (58.9%)
Bladed Article	93 (9.5%)
Going equipped for theft	32 (3.3%)
Offensive weapon	84 (8.6%)
Stolen goods	148 (15.2%)
S. 60 CJPOA	14 (1.4%)

Most frequent outcomes of stop

Arrest	96 (9.9%)
Caution - simple/conditional	3 (0.3%)
Community resolution	184 (18.9%)
No further action	608 (62.4%)
Voluntary attendance	32 (3.3%)

Age of individual stopped



Ethnicity of individual stopped

White	645 (66.2%)
Black	100 (10.3%)
Asian	114 (11.7%)
Mixed ethnicity	48 (4.9%)
Other	33 (3.4%)
Not stated	188 (19.3%)

Location Population
725,280

White 630,090
Asian 46,379
Mixed 22,634
Black 14,850
Other 11,327