

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary – District Commander Summary

I have now been in post as the district commander since May 2023. Winchester is a vibrant city and a great place to live and work, covering not only the city areas but right out into the rural areas.

In February last year Scott Chilton came back into force as our new Chief Constable, his vision for Hampshire, ‘We want people to not just be safe but to feel safe as well.’

The service we provide to our communities must be visible, connected and trusted, achieved through listening to what our communities are telling us and helping to solve their problems.

We are committed to delivering a quality and timely response to the public, and ensuring all our frontline staff are trained and equipped to deliver a professional response – focused on a preventative and investigative mindset, to reduce crime, harm and anti-social behaviour.

It is not just what we do that is important, It is also how we do it. Our expectations need to be clear. That is why we now have a simple vision and just three priorities. If we get these things right across all of our business areas, we will deliver an excellent service for the public.

Three priorities are

- Relentless pursuit of criminals
- Putting victims first
- Exceptional local policing

As the district commander I want to make sure I deliver against these priorities. What I would ask from the public is to report all crimes and suspicious incidents to enable us to build a profile of offending in the Winchester area.

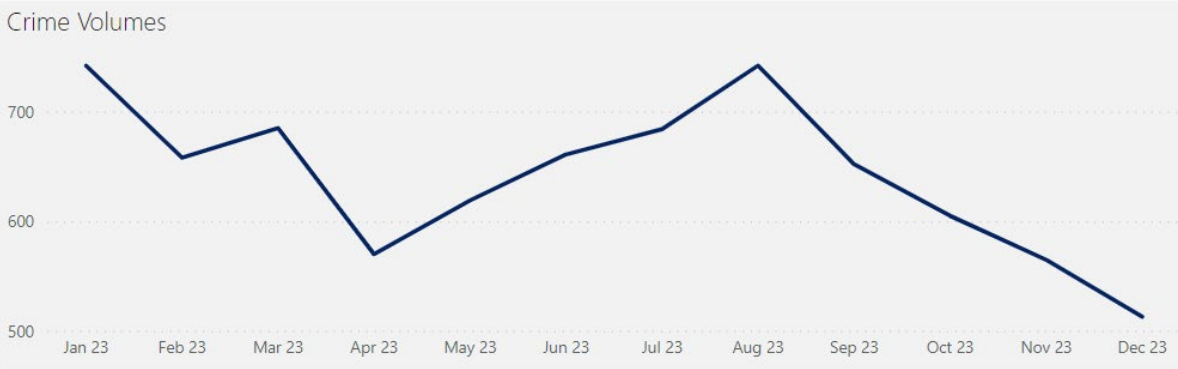
In terms of the crime figures for 2023, over the period of 01/01/23 and 31/12/23 crime was down by 16.1% from the previous year.

Charge and summons were up by 11.4% and Out of Court disposal was up by 4.9%. We collectively call these FAT outcomes (Formal Action Taken).

Total Crimes
7,696

Total Crimes (SPLY)
8,802

% Difference
-12.6%



HMIC 9 Group	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Total
1 Violence Against the Person	283	238	257	213	255	252	264	223	261	214	192	196	2,848
2 Sexual Offences	43	30	28	27	20	34	31	36	28	22	22	19	340
3 Robbery	5	4	1	4	3	1	2	3		1	3	2	29
4 Theft Offences	235	187	190	153	164	202	215	240	183	203	195	145	2,312
5 Criminal Damage and Arson Offences	42	58	61	50	52	51	57	65	51	44	50	49	630
6 Drug Offences	23	22	22	23	36	33	25	38	22	34	28	28	334
7 Possession of Weapons Offences	3	9	5	5	6	7	6	13	9	4	4	3	74
8 Public Order Offences	84	93	100	81	76	70	69	114	84	78	58	59	966
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	24	17	21	14	7	11	15	10	14	5	13	11	162

FAT Outcome Rate YTD	FAT Outcome Rate YTD (SP...)	% Difference
17.1%	13.2%	3.9%



Year	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Total
Current Year	9.3%	18.1%	19.0%	18.4%	15.7%	13.5%	13.7%	20.5%	17.5%	16.0%	20.9%	17.7%	16.6%
Previous Year	11.4%	16.1%	13.8%	12.6%	10.8%	12.0%	10.1%	16.3%	13.5%	12.8%	13.3%	16.9%	13.3%
% Difference	-2.1%	2.0%	5.2%	5.8%	4.8%	1.5%	3.7%	4.2%	4.0%	3.2%	7.6%	0.8%	3.3%
Total													

The one crime type which has seen an increase is Shoplifting. This is a national increase which may be down to confidence in reporting. Although shoplifting is one of the highest crime types with 2312 reported crimes in 2013, we had a positive outcome rate of 42.8%. This is a 239 % increase from the previous year.

As a member of the board of directors for the Winchester Business Improvement District I will continue to support local business to tackle business crime.

FAT Outcome Rate YTD	FAT Outcome Rate YTD (SP...)	% Difference
42.8%	18.4%	24.4%



Year	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Total
Current Year	1.2%	55.6%	15.8%	27.8%	48.9%	13.7%	26.6%	51.7%	71.4%	43.5%	68.3%	48.9%	36.3%
Previous Year	7.1%	24.1%	24.0%	30.4%	15.4%	17.5%	22.2%	25.0%	6.3%	9.1%	15.5%	26.9%	18.4%
% Difference	-6.0%	31.4%	-8.2%	-2.7%	33.5%	-3.8%	4.3%	26.7%	65.2%	34.4%	52.8%	22.0%	18.0%
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The City team worked hard last year and obtained 10 community behaviour orders against our most prolific shoplifters. The CBO has banned them from coming into the City Centre. We will continue to target those who cause the most issues.

Each month we review our crime priorities. In 2023 we included tackling ASB, Drug related harm, Theft of pedal bikes, Burglaries, and tackling High risk domestic violence. We will continue to review crime trends over 2024.

Over the last year we have bolstered our numbers in our Priority crime team, created a town centre unit and implemented a Night time Economy strategy. The NTE strategy drives our Violence against women and girls policy and alcohol related violence. This is in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership and Universities.

This year we are also looking to increase officer numbers on our response teams which will include officers working 24/7 out of our Bishops Waltham office. We will continue to work with our partners including the CSP, BID and British Transport police.

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