

Wiltshire Police Report

Seend typically sees around 50-55 Crimes and Incidents per year. The last 12 months showed a slight increase of 25%, up to 69 offences. This is largely down to a spate of Thefts, linked to the Burglary Series we successfully investigated recently.

The majority of Crimes and Incidents which we record within this Parish, are one-off incidents which occurred between people known to each other, without any risk to the wider community.

Seend is unusual insofar as there are very few repeat offences occurring.

Over the last 12 months we recorded:

- 4 instances of Anti-Social Behaviour; two within the context of a neighbour dispute.
- 2 Burglaries
- 1 Drug Offence
- 10 Thefts, most linked to the Burglary Series
- 8 instances of Violence Against the Person; all amongst persons known to each other and only two resulting in injury
- 3 instances of Criminal Damage, one of which is mis-classified and should have been recorded as an RTC.
- 3 instances of Public Order, two relating to a neighbour dispute.
- 3 Vehicle Crimes, two relating to the Burglary Series.
- 8 instances of Concerns for Safety, or Suspicious Incidents of a similar nature
- 6 Road Traffic Collisions, all in different places.
- 4 instances of Traffic Offences, ranging from bald tyres, to No Insurance, to Drug Driving.
- 4 Missing People.
- The remainder (13) was comprised of Administrative Occurrences.

If there's one thing anyone learns from working in Neighbourhood Policing, is that underreporting of incidents is a fairly consistent theme. People will say "*What's the point?*" or "*It didn't seem worth reporting*", but every report we get helps to paint a picture.

If I were to make one plea, it would be to please report incidents and do it directly to us, as factually as possible. Even if that one report in isolation can't be progressed; it still helps to inform our Priorities and occasionally, it helps to solve a series of offending.

Our recent Burglary series was ultimately solved by a concerned member of the public, who saw our hapless offender, sleeping at the wheel of a stolen car. They wouldn't have known that when they called in a concern for his welfare, but their observation helped us to recover a vast amount of stolen property and put a prolific offender in Prison.

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