



COMMUNITY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date 26 March 2025

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART 1

3. CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE

The Community Select Committee, sitting as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee is to receive a presentation from the Police on community safety matters that they have been engaged in over the past year. As well as the Police, the Executive Portfolio Holder responsible for Community Safety, Cllr Conor McGrath and the Council's Head of Advice & Support, Sarah Pateman will be in attendance.

The Chair has set some specific areas that she has asked the Police to address in their presentation or to be addressed during a question and answer session including:

- What is the predominant crime in Stevenage?
- How confident are the police that people are comfortable in reporting crime?
- What actions have been taken/progress been made by the police and the partnership, in terms of drug use in the town?
- Is anti-social behaviour still a problem for Stevenage? If so, are there hot spots, times of day, specific anti-social behaviours that are prevalent?
- Is cuckooing still a problem? What should vulnerable people do to protect themselves? What should they do if they fall victim to this? What do neighbours do if they notice strangers visiting a home in their street? How are the police connecting with our residents? Are the police attending resident meetings, councillor surgeries, community centres, schools, residential homes?
- Are police being informed of safeguarding issues reported in schools - some statistics on this would be reassuring to know our young people are protected.
- Are the police satisfied with their ability to do preventative work on crime or do they feel the bulk of their work is reactive?
- How proactive are the police on uninsured drivers and untaxed cars? Some stats please.
- Are we going to see more PSCOs on the street?

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Crime & Disorder Panel March 2025

**Inspector 1886 Will Rogers-Overy
Neighbourhood Police Team**





CSP Population

Hertfordshire Population 1,200,600

Broxbourne 99,100	Size 20 square miles.
Dacorum 155,200	Size 82 square miles
East Herts 150,700	Size 183.66 square miles
Hertsmere 108,100	Size 39.06 square miles
North Herts 133,600	Size 144.9 square miles
St Albans 148,600	Size 62 square miles
Stevenage 89,300	Size 10 square miles
Three Rivers 94,000	Size 34.3 square miles
Watford 102,500	Size 8.3 square miles
Welwyn / Hatfield 119,500	Size 50.02 square miles.

This data has been included to give you an idea when comparing crime per CSP. Most comparable CSP to Stevenage being Watford.

Note: Data collected from Totalpopultaion.co.uk.





Crime Data Integrity

In 2023–2025, HMICFRS carried out a PEEL inspection of Hertfordshire Constabulary. PEEL stands for police efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy

It was found that only 75.7% of violence offences (stalking, harassment and controlling & coercive behaviour) and 89.8 percent of sexual offences were being recorded.

Overall Hertfordshire Constabulary were only recording **82.6%** percent of all reported crime

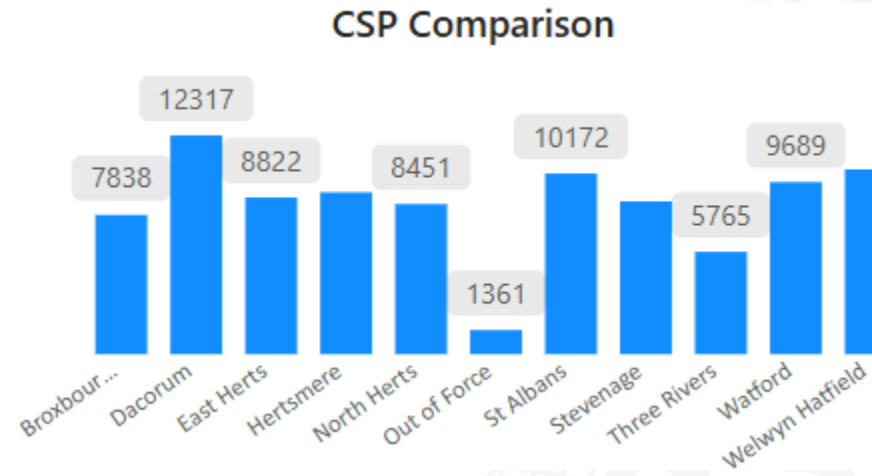
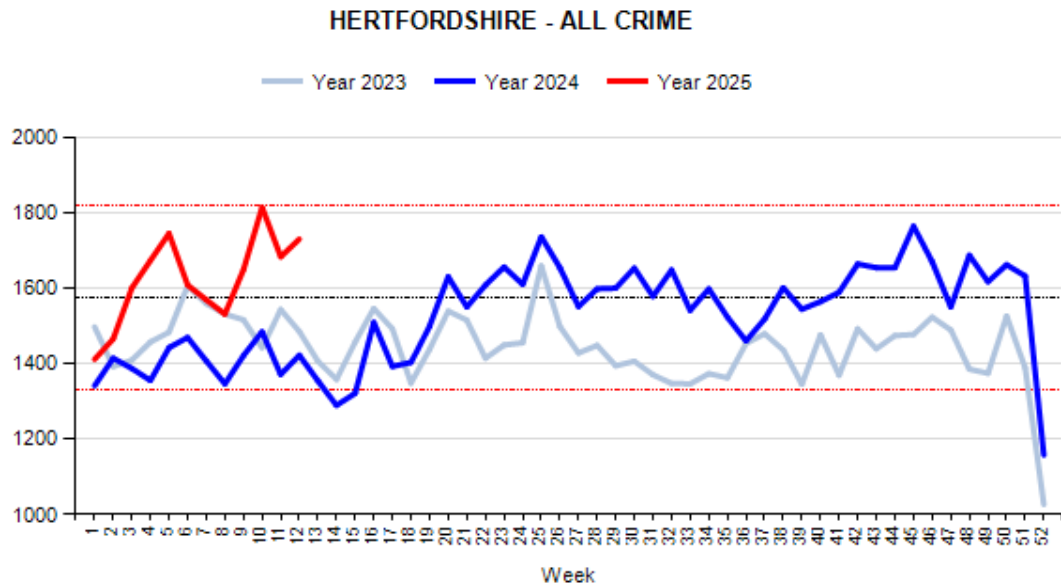
Following a comprehensive review of crime-recording audit schedules and governance arrangements, this now stands at **97%**

*HMICFRS peel report 16th October 2024 [Hertfordshire PEEL Assessment 2023–2025 - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services](#)



Overall Crime Force Wide

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*data taken from internal corporate systems 01/04/24-21/03/25



Overall Crime Stevenage

Stevenage		Selected Dates: 1/4/2024 - 21/3/2025 (355 days) This Year Stevenage			
Offence Group - Crimes	This Year	Last Year	Change	% Change	
Violence Against The Person	3090	2576	514	20.0%	All Crime 7,233 <small>This Year Crime total</small> 6,654 <small>Last Year Crime Total</small> 8.7% <small>% Change</small>
Public Order Offences	617	446	171	38.3%	
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	190	126	64	50.8%	
Sexual Offences	323	279	44	15.8%	
Theft	1583	1563	20	1.3%	
Possession Of Weapons	79	60	19	31.7%	
Robbery	62	56	6	10.7%	
Arson And Criminal Damage	634	653	-19	-2.9%	
Burglary	182	205	-23	-11.2%	
Drug Offences	225	297	-72	-24.2%	
Vehicle Offences	248	393	-145	-36.9%	

All Crime	TY	LY	%
STEVENAGE	6759	6261	8.0%
STEVENAGE CENTRAL	1950	1807	7.9%
• (EB1) Pin Green Ward	361	329	9.7%
• (EB2) Bedwell Ward	1589	1478	7.5%
STEVENAGE NORTH	2385	2174	9.7%
• (EA1) Symonds Green Ward	333	250	33.2%
• (EA2) Woodfield Ward	539	536	0.6%
• (EA3) St Nicholas Ward	352	355	-0.8%
• (EA4) Old Town Ward	760	707	7.5%
• (EA5) Martins Wood Ward	401	326	23.0%
STEVENAGE SOUTH	2397	2270	5.6%
• (EC1) Manor Ward	146	167	-12.6%
• (EC2) Chells Ward	335	365	-8.2%
• (EC3) Shephall Ward	455	433	5.1%
• (EC4) Bandle Hill Ward	307	298	3.0%
• (EC5) Roebuck Ward	905	809	11.9%
• (EC6) Longmeadow Ward	249	198	25.8%
DISTRICT NOT SPECIFIED	27	10	

Crimes Per/1000 Population - TY
77.02
Avg. Daily Crimes
20



Crime Stevenage (continued)

Offence	Count
Domestic Abuse Investigation	1804
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1245
Child Protection Investigation	1068
Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	686
Theft from shops and stalls	644
Theft if not classified elsewhere	547
Harassment	393

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Domestic Abuse (includes intimate & non intimate partners/family)

438 Assault without injury (common assault/battery)

243 Assault ABH

208 Stalking

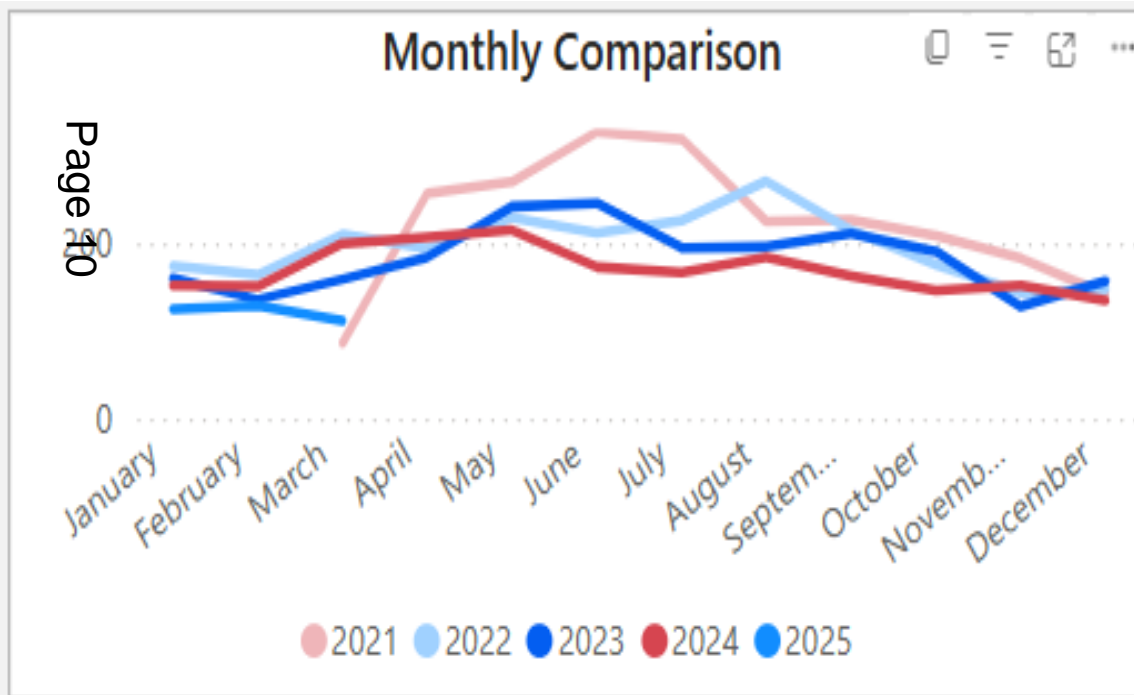
134 Child protection

98 Criminal Damage (under £5k)





Anti-Social Behavior



Stevenage CSP

In total for YTD (01/04/2024-21/03/2025)

There have been a total of 1908 ASB incidents within Stevenage CSP – 15% decrease

Comparison with previous years:

In 2023/24 = 2253

In 2023/22 = 2270

In 2022/21 = 2707



ASB Comparison

Force wide ASB comparison with 10 CSP's

ASB down 10.4% countywide

15% decrease Stevenage

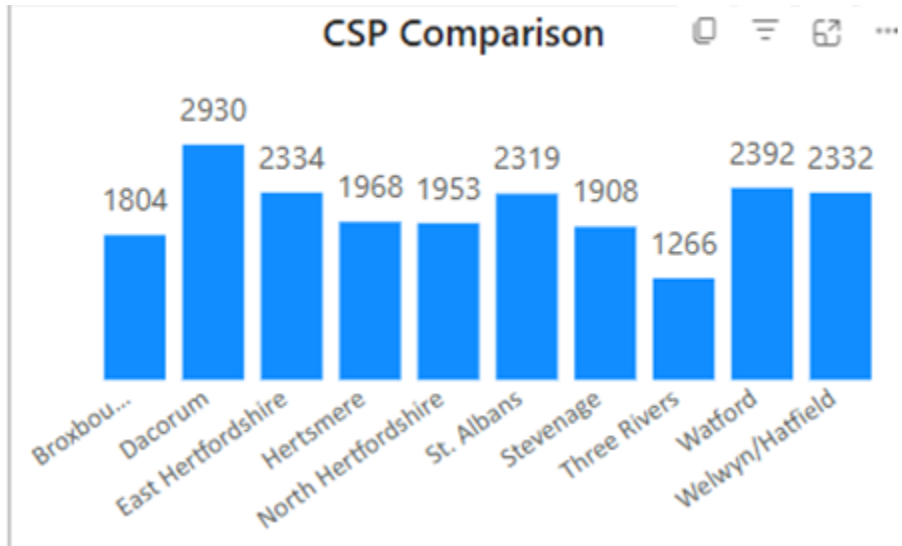
9.7% decrease Watford

8% decrease Broxbourne

2.4% increase St Albans

No change East Herts

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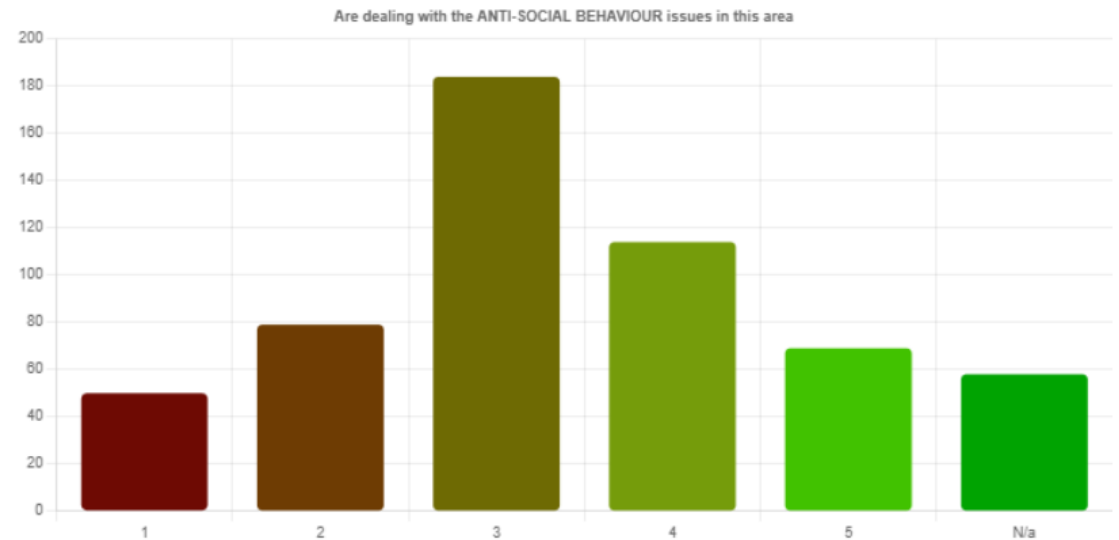
ASB Public confidence

We asked the public:

How do you feel that your local police are dealing with ASB - (1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree)

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Types of engagement with the public

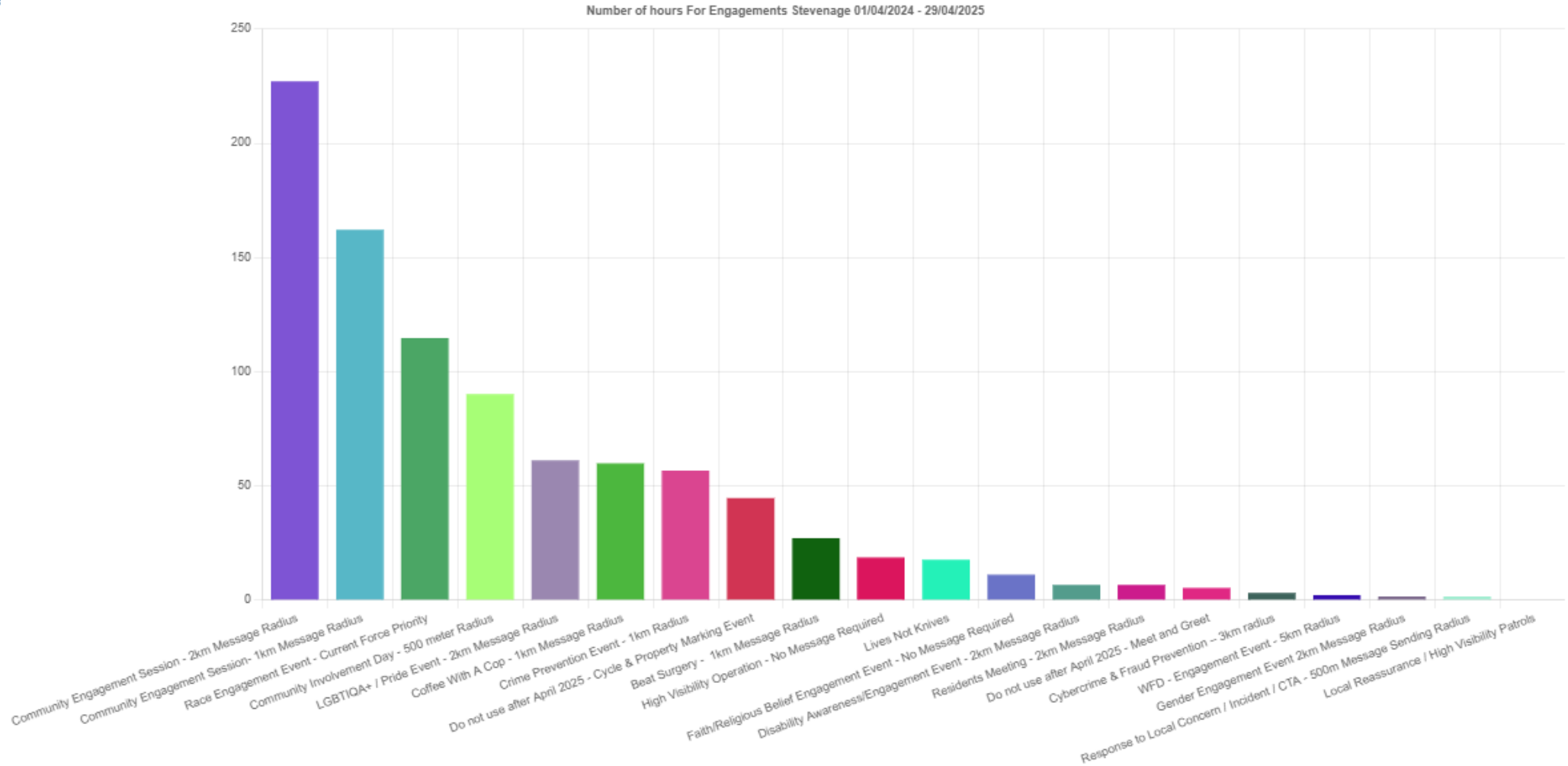
- ✓ Herts connected (2648 registered users)
- ✓ Echo/Rapport
- ✓ Ward surgeries
- ✓ Street Meets
- ✓ Door To Door Engagements
- ✓ Community involvement day
- ✓ Coffee with a cop
- ✓ Crucial Crew
- ✓ Mini Police
- ✓ Sporting events

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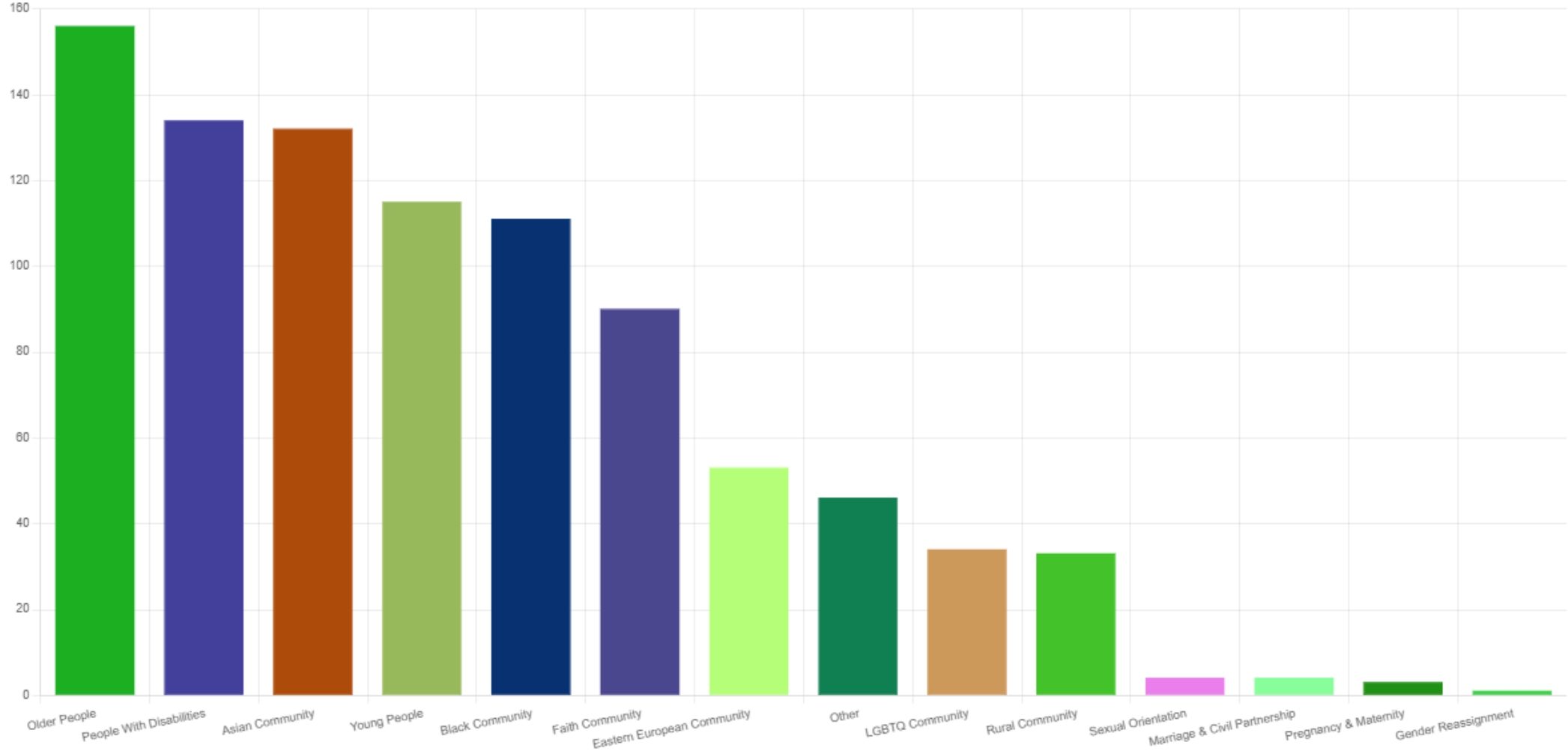
Types of Engagements





Who are we engaging with?

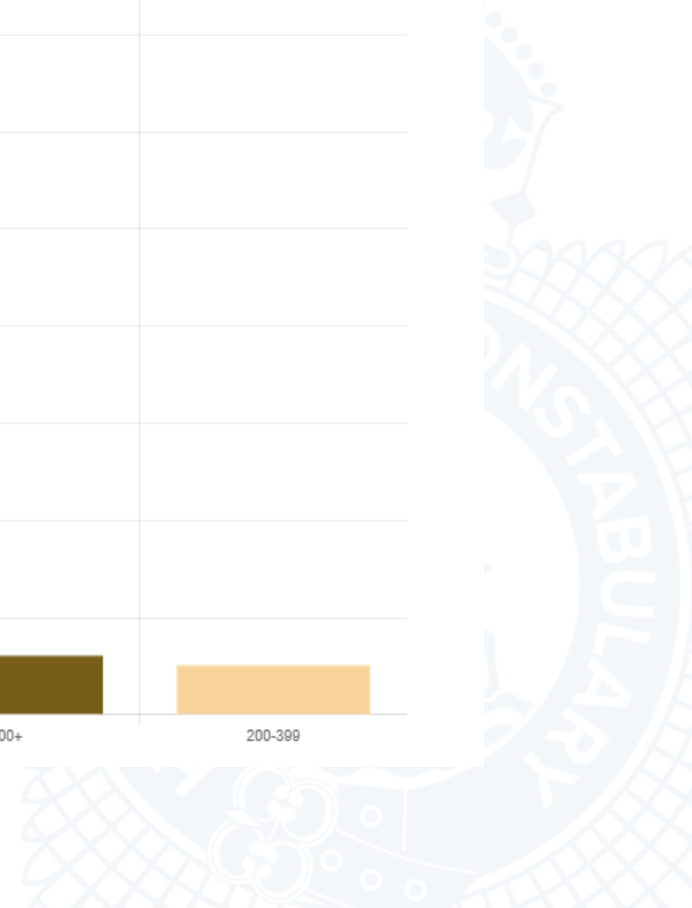
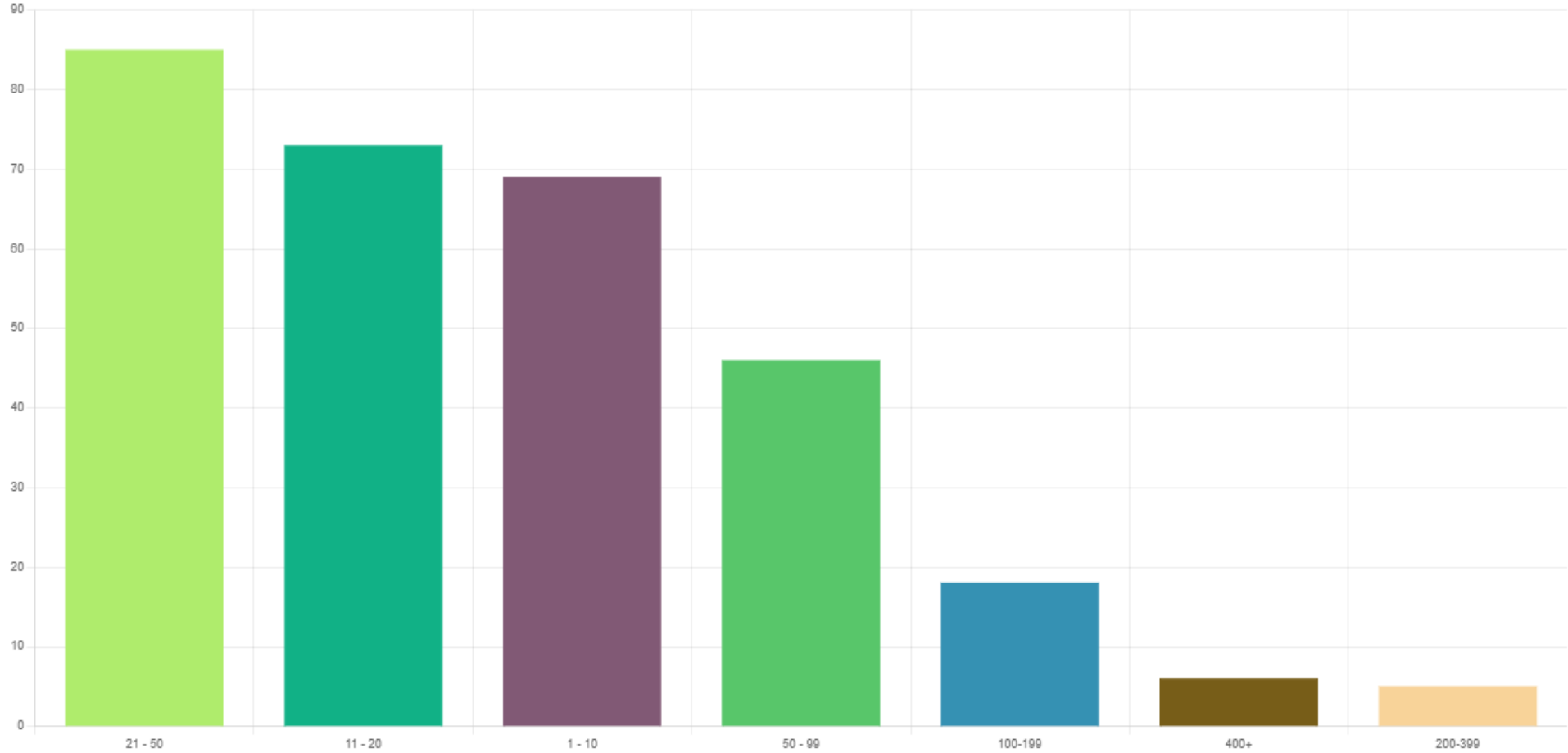
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Numbers attending Engagements

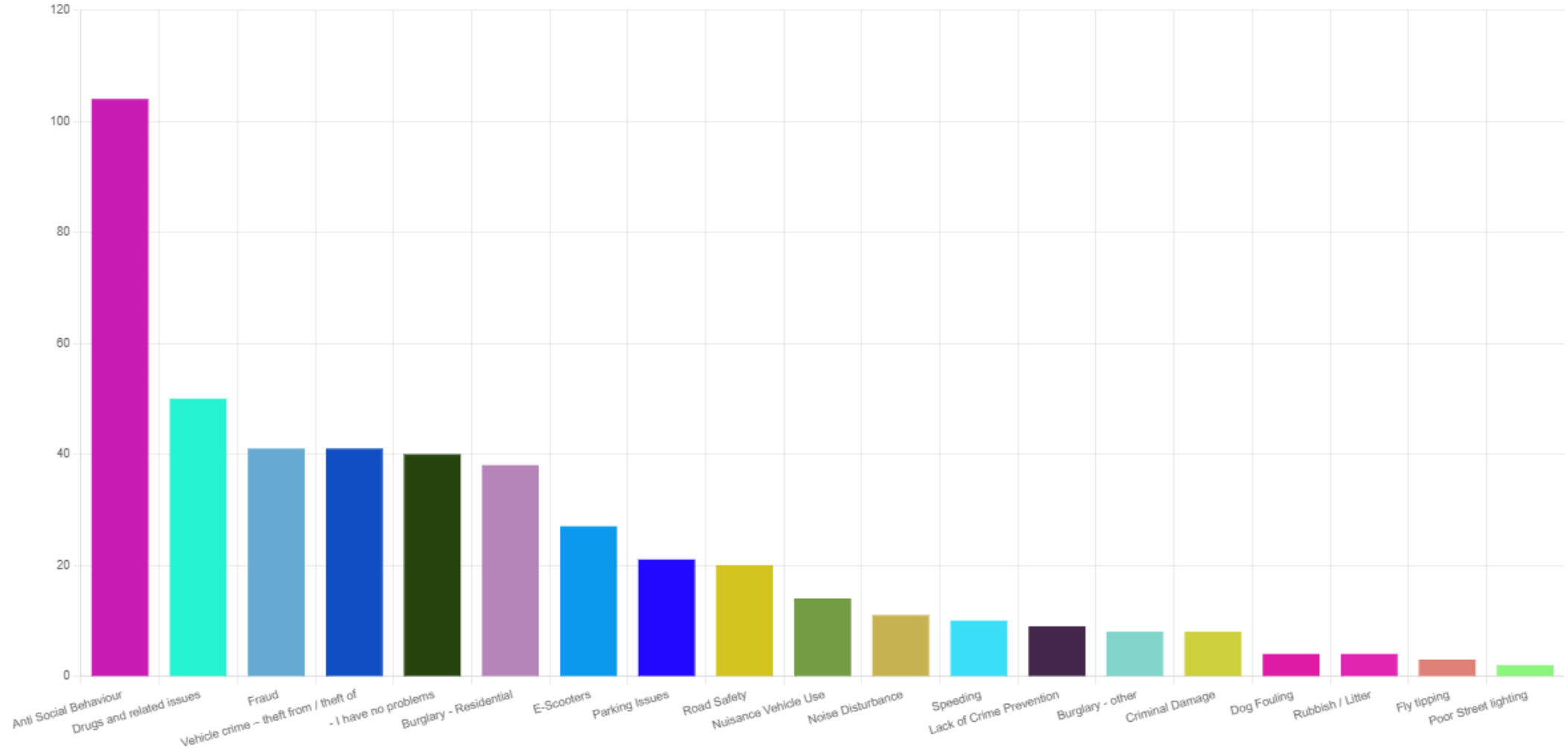
Number of people in attendance Stevenage 01/04/2024 - 29/04/2025





Priorities – What are the public telling

Priorities Covered in Stevenage 01/04/2024 - 30/04/2025

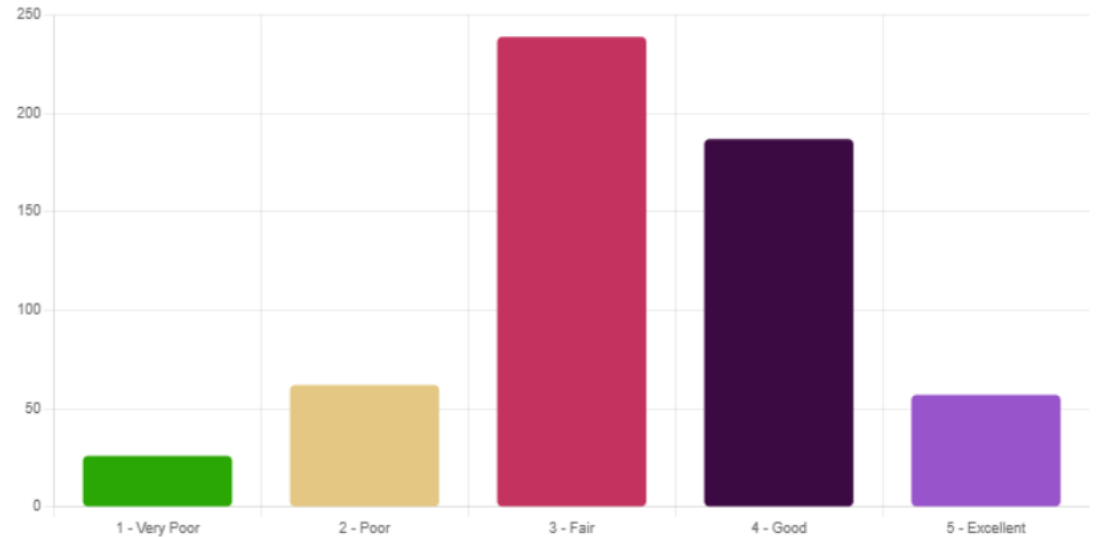




Trust & Confidence

We asked the public in Stevenage—
Thinking about your trust and confidence in
Hertfordshire Constabulary - Overall, how good a job do
you think they are doing?”

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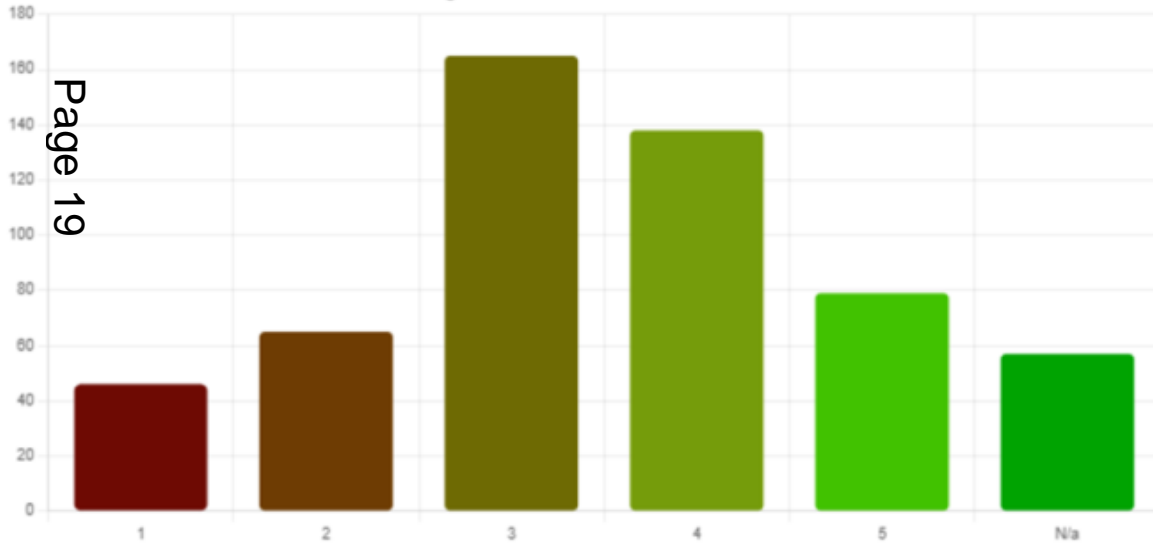
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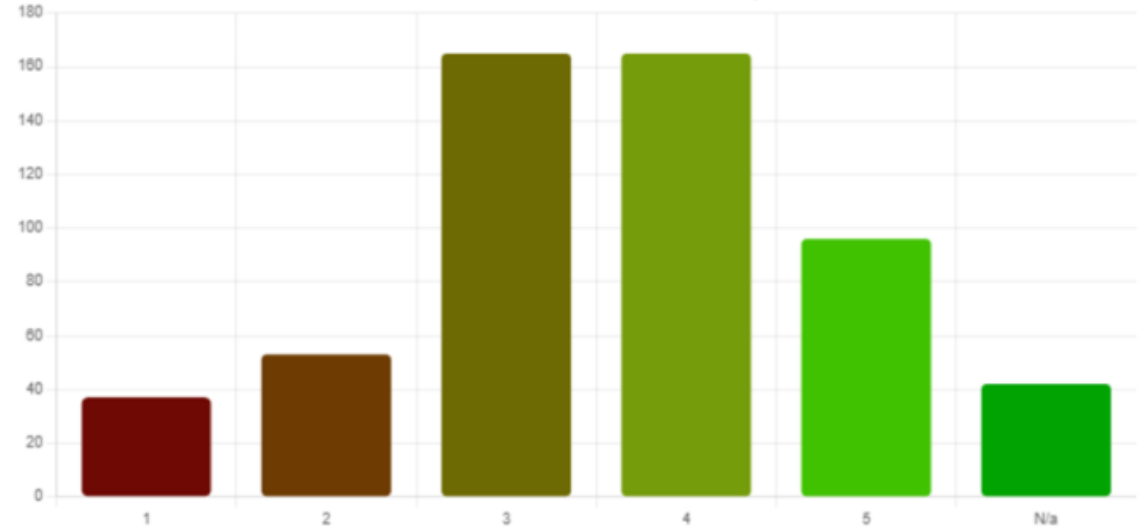
Trust & Confidence (continued)

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Are dealing with the CRIME issues that matter in this area



UNDERSTAND the issues that affect this community





School Engagement

Stevenage have 22 Schools registered on Herts Connected. A dedicated group has been created to allow the police to communicate with schools across the county very quickly.

There are 18 schools remaining to register.

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Number Of Engagements within schools

173 Engagements within schools have taken place over the last year (01/04/24-21/03/25)

A variety of topics have been discussed at these events, including ASB, Use of E-Scooters and Road Safety.

Of these engagements they are categorised and broken down as follow

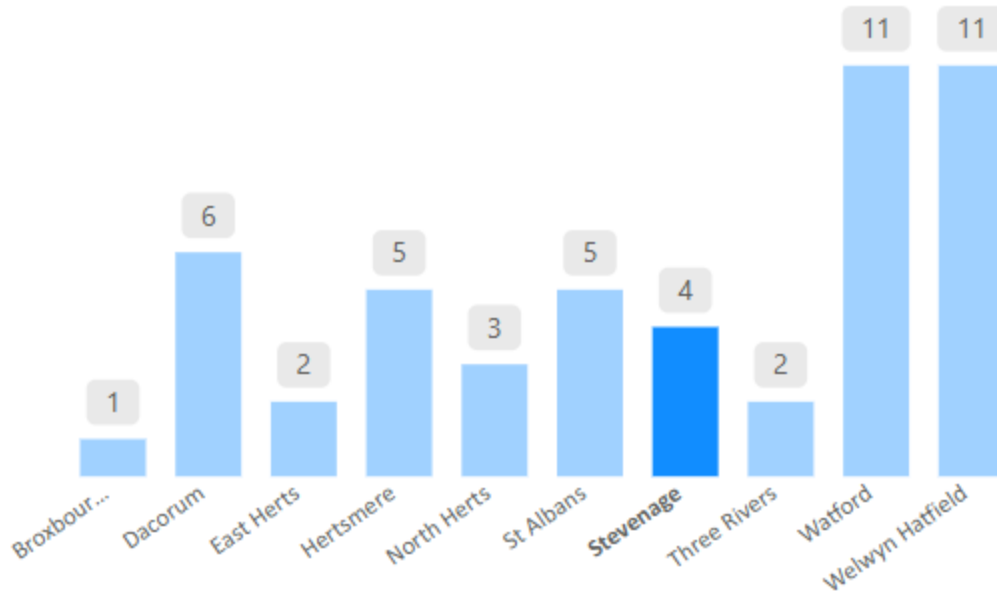
- Mini Police - **194.5 Hours** over the course of 124 individual engagements
- General School Visit and Presentation – **90.5 hours** over the course of 49 individual engagements
- Single point of contact for schools – PCSO Niel Dowler
- Op Educ8
- Dedicated countywide safeguarding Hub



Cuckooing

Number of investigations with “Cuckooing” by district (2024)

CSP Comparison



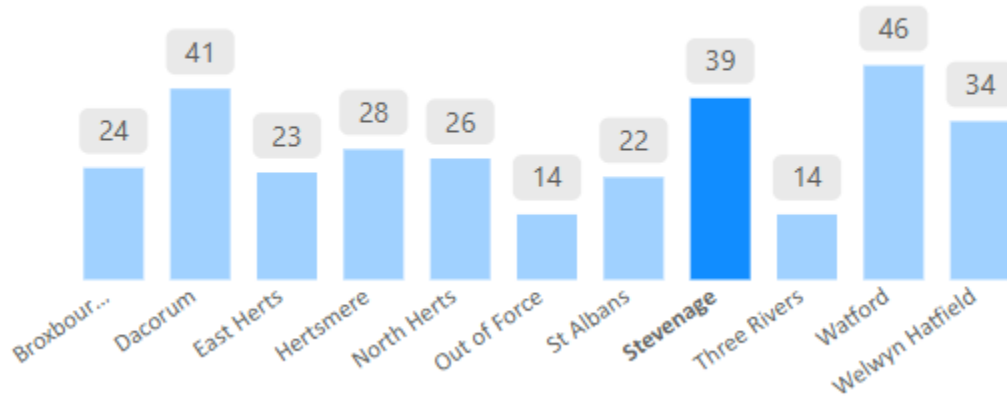
Cuckooing investigations in Hertfordshire usually fall into one of two scenarios, the first being where drug dealers take over a property, usually of one of their customers, to stay and deal from, the second where class A users will take over the address of other vulnerable persons as somewhere to sleep and associate, as well as consume drugs.



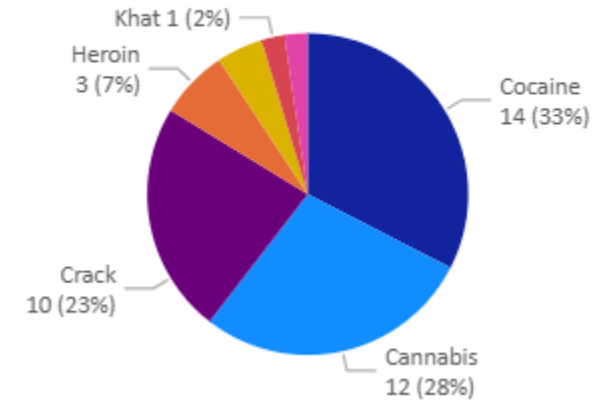
Drugs Trafficking

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CSP Comparison

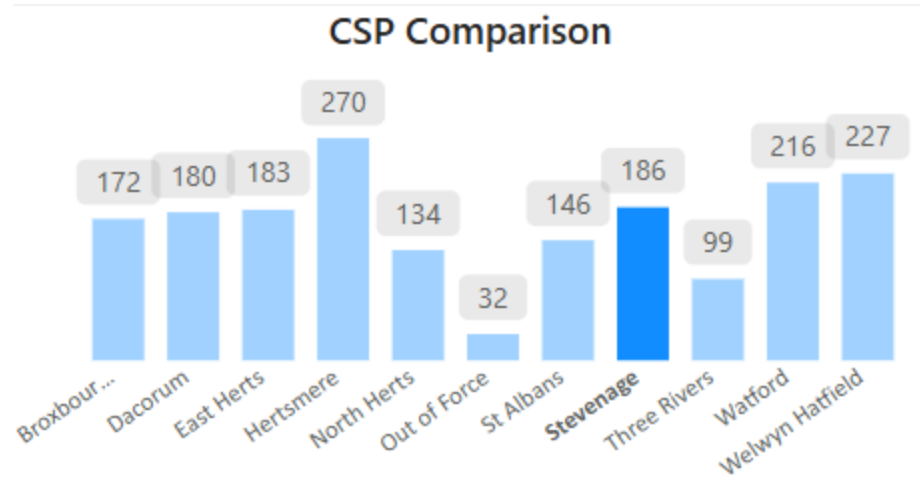


Drug Types





Drugs possession



Offence

Count

Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	139
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	33
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	7
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Crack	3
Possess nitrous oxide for wrongful inhalation - class C drug	3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Heroin	2
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA	2



Build a better Bedwell

CHB results:

53 Arrests

9 Local drugs lines disrupted

1 County Lines disrupted

OCG dismantled

Over £30k & 7 machetes seized

Sentencing - 41 years in total

6 Adult protection orders

2 house closures

Violent crime (alcohol/weapons) – down 47%
(in Q3 23/24)

Multi agency deliver group & enhanced
partnership working

Target hardening Tower blocks (door
entry/CCTV)

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Resourcing – current establishment

Neighbourhood Policing Team Stevenage

1 Inspector

3 Sergeants (North/Central/South)

14 Constables (2 constables re-joining April +1
constable on attachment – budget FTE 15)

21 PCSO's (budget FTE 14)

CSU

1 Sergeant

1 ASB officer

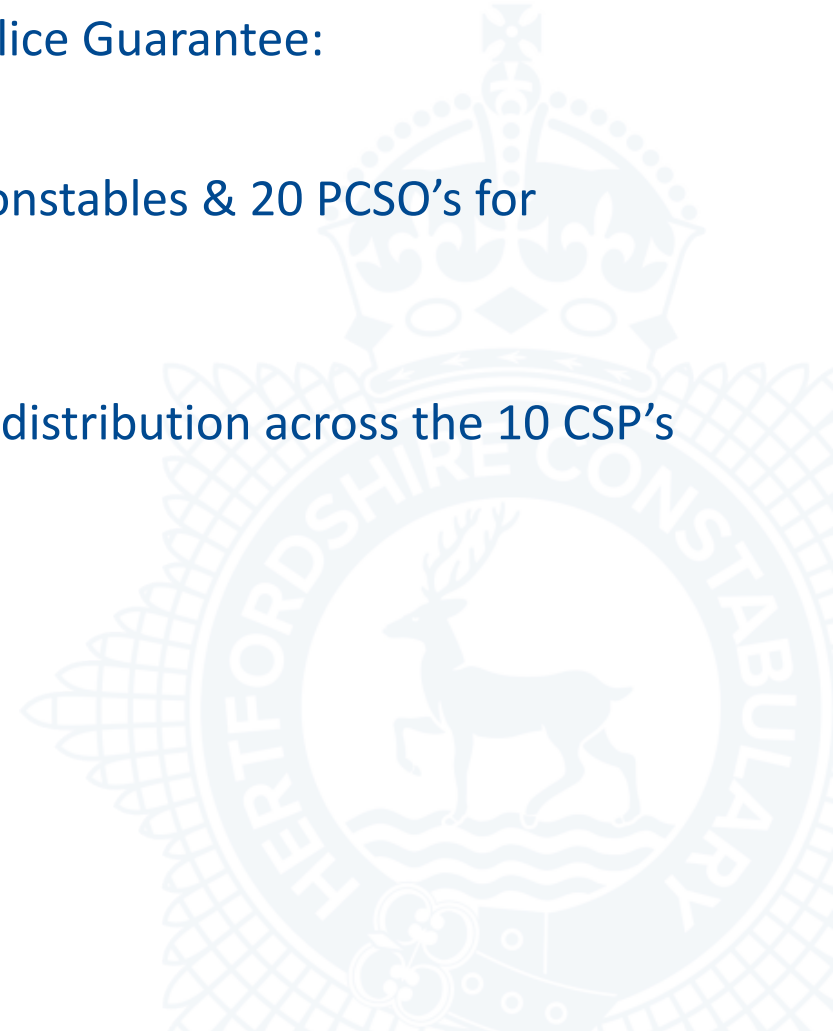
1 Licencing officer

1 Hate crime officer (shared with North Herts)

Neighbourhood Police Guarantee:

Total uplift of 25 Constables & 20 PCSO's for
Hertfordshire

Awaiting details of distribution across the 10 CSP's





Vehicle ASB

In Stevenage we have seized:

...uninsured vehicles
...untaxed vehicles

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Student officers road traffic & ANPR operations

OP Scoot

Officers from NPT ran an operation to educate and enforce road traffic legislation. As a result, 43 e-scooters were seized.

In addition, NPT officers have delivered educational input to advice to the public

