

Beat Update AUGUST 2026

Over recent weeks, the beat team has received several reports of anti social behaviour across the area, including cannabis use, nuisance vehicles, and inconsiderate parking around local schools.

During the month of August, there were a number of reported incidents across key crime categories. **Assaults accounted for 24 incidents**, including those linked to domestic-related matters. Theft from stores remained one of the more prevalent issues, **with a total of 18 recorded offences**. There was **1 burglary offence** reported, which includes both completed and attempted burglaries.

Public order and harassment incidents totalled **15 reports**, while criminal damage was recorded on **6 occasions**. Vehicle-related **incidents stood at 14**, including road traffic collisions. In addition, there were **3 recorded drug-related offences**, covering both possession and suspected dealing.

- **24 Assaults** (including domestic-related incidents)
- **28 Theft from stores offences**
- **2 Burglaries** (including attempted burglaries)
- **15 Public order and harassment incidents**
- **6 Criminal damage reports**
- **14 Vehicle-related incidents** (including road traffic collisions)
- **3 Drug-related offences** (including possession and dealing)

Officers have been actively responding to these issues through a combination of high-visibility patrols, targeted operations, and continued partnership work. Patrols have been increased in areas identified as hotspots for shop theft and anti-social behaviour, with officers engaging with local businesses to provide crime prevention advice and reassurance. Work is ongoing to identify and deal with repeat offenders, particularly in relation to theft and drug-related activity.

Regarding burglary and vehicle crime, officers are carrying out directed patrols during peak times and providing residents with guidance on securing their homes and vehicles. Proactive stop checks and intelligence-led policing continue to be used to combat drug offences and associated criminality.

The team also continues to work closely with partner agencies to support vulnerable individuals, particularly in cases involving domestic incidents, and to address the underlying causes of offending where possible.

Drug Activity – Beat Update August 2026

Throughout August there have been 3 official reports of drugs on the Melton Town South Beat– Whether that is possession or dealing.

Drug dealing continues to be a priority area of focus due to its impact on community safety and its links to wider criminality, including violence, theft, and exploitation of vulnerable individuals.

During August, there were **3 recorded drug-related offences**, including both **possession and suspected dealing**. While the number may appear relatively low, drug activity is often linked to hidden harm and organised criminal behaviour, meaning proactive policing and intelligence gathering are essential.

Impact on the Community

Drug dealing can have a significant effect on local neighbourhoods, including:

- Increased **anti-social behaviour** and public disorder
- Links to **violence and exploitation**, particularly involving vulnerable individuals
- Associated crimes such as **theft, burglary, and criminal damage**

Community concerns around **safety and quality of life**.

What We Are Doing?

Police are taking a proactive and intelligence-led approach to tackling drug-related activity:

- Conducting **targeted patrols** in known hotspot areas
 - Carrying out **stop and search powers** where appropriate to disrupt suspected drug activity
 - Acting on **community intelligence** to identify individuals involved in dealing
 - Working to **identify and target repeat offenders** and organised criminal groups
 - Executing **warrants and enforcement activity** where sufficient evidence is obtained
- Collaborating with partner agencies to **safeguard vulnerable individuals**, including those at risk of exploitation

Community Role

We continue to encourage the public to report any concerns around drug dealing. Information from the community plays a key role in helping us build intelligence and take action.

You can report information:

- Directly to police via **101** or **999 in an emergency**
- Anonymously through **Crimestoppers**

Prevention & Reassurance

Our aim is not only to enforce the law but also to:

- **Disrupt supply** and reduce associated crime
 - **Protect vulnerable people** from exploitation
 - Provide **reassurance through visible policing presence**
- Work with partners to address the **root causes of offending**

Road Safety & Speeding – Beat Update August 2026

Road safety remains a key priority due to the risks posed to drivers, pedestrians, and other road users. Safe use of the roads is essential in preventing injury, protecting lives, and maintaining confidence within the community.

During August, there were **14 recorded vehicle-related incidents**, which includes **road traffic collisions, Anti-Social Behaviour by Vehicles**. These incidents vary in severity but highlight the ongoing need for awareness, enforcement, and prevention activity across the area.

Impact on the Community

Road traffic incidents can have serious consequences, including:

- Risk of **injury or loss of life**
- Damage to vehicles and property
- Increased **fear and concern** within the community
- Disruption to local roads and emergency services

Common contributing factors include **speeding, distraction (such as mobile phone use), drink/drug driving, and careless driving behaviours**.

What We Are Doing

Police are taking a proactive approach to improving road safety through:

- **High-visibility patrols** targeting key routes and known problem areas
- Enforcement of **speed limits and traffic offences**
- Conducting **vehicle stops and checks** to ensure drivers are compliant with the law
- Using intelligence and data to carry out **targeted operations**
- Working alongside partner agencies to **improve road awareness and education**
- Taking action against **dangerous or uninsured drivers**

Where offences are identified, appropriate enforcement action is taken, including warnings, fixed penalties, or prosecution where necessary.

Community Role

The public play an important role in keeping roads safe. We encourage all road users to:

- Drive within **legal speed limits**
- Avoid distractions, including **mobile phone use**
- Never drive under the influence of **alcohol or drugs**
- Report dangerous driving or concerns to police

Reports can be made via **101**, or **999 in an emergency** where there is an immediate risk to life.

Prevention & Reassurance

Our ongoing aim is to:

- Reduce the number of **road traffic collisions**
- Improve safety for **drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians**
- Provide a visible presence to **deter unsafe driving behaviour**

Work with communities to promote **safe and responsible road use**