

DORCHESTER & DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL CRIME REPORT

25 NOVEMBER 2003 TO 18 JANUARY 2004

	<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>
Burglary - Dwelling	12	18	28
Burglary - Non dwelling	36	39	67
Criminal Damage	12	15	11
Criminal Damage to Vehicles	33	30	17
Theft of Motor Vehicles	2	4	2
Theft from Motor Vehicles	27	40	63
Theft Other	72	56	47
Theft from Shops	15	10	37
Assaults	50	48	8
Public Order Offences	4	2	1

The sudden rise in assaults from 8 to 48 is as a result of the changes in the reporting procedures during that period.

Violent crime in Dorchester Apr-Dec increased by 42% (49 crimes) but this includes crimes within Forston Clinic, Penwithen School and Dorchester Prison. Western Division as a whole has seen a reduction in recorded crime of 0.3% but a 15.4% rise in violent crime (53.8% detection rate). The Western Division detection rate is 28.5%, with 23.2% for the Force as a whole.

Drugs – mostly cannabis but there is an amount of harder drugs being peddled, which peddlers are being targeted.

Advice to women – do not leave drinks as there have been some cases of ‘spiking’ lately.

Emergency Calls Response from Dorchester to Crossways stands at a target 20 minutes but, with only 4 Officers on night duty, this is difficult to achieve if they are engaged in town trouble spots. The target to get back to town is only 10 minutes.

Western Division trends are reductions in vehicle crimes and burglaries but increases in violent crimes.