



Midsomer Norton Annual Town Meeting Grant Recipients' Reports



1 - Dragonfly Leisure

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Provision of a Table Tennis Table to complement the investment in a new community open space outside the leisure centre

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

It was donated by the Town Council

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

To provide free-to-use leisure activities for local residents.

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

They now have access to an outdoor table tennis table

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

Yes, we completed a community engagement exercise

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

It's created a new community open space where local people can spend time outside

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

Yes! We hope to build a new 18-hole adventure golf course

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

No

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

No! It was a straightforward process.



2 - Midsomer Norton Farmers' Market

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Midsomer Norton Farmers Market is a monthly event happening on the 1st Saturday of the month. It boasts award winning traders from within 30 miles of the market and provides a platform for primary producers to meet their customers and vice versa. People come into the town

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

The funding we receive from the Town Council is spent in the following ways to ensure a successful event:

Community Stalls - The grant pays for a community pitch so local groups can come along to promote who they are and what we do - these range from the Rotary club offering free blood pressure checks,

to the local branch of the British legion, and of course Gordon the Mayor and the local councillors so they can engage with the public.

Infrastructure: Banners and Verge signs - the grant covers the cost of purchasing the banners and signs themselves and replacing them when necessary, and also someone putting them out ahead of each market. Tables and Chairs - we have been able to purchase a patio set which provides seating for people to come along and enjoy the music and a coffee.

Enrichment - Each month we book a fantastic musician or band to come and play at the market which give it a lovely vibe and encourages people to stay in the market for longer. Seasonal Events - At key times of year we put on an enhanced market which incurs extra costs, for example on the 6th of April we will have real Alpacas at the market to make it an enjoyable event for families to come to. Marketing - we promote the market via boosted social media posts and leaflet distribution.

Canopy provision - the grant funding subsidises new small businesses hiring a zap canopy from Somerset Farmers Markets which allows them to get established without the immediate outlay of buying a gazebo.

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

Our main goals are to create and maintain a successful market, it requires ongoing constant input but we are achieving what we set out to and we are hugely grateful for the support of the Town Council and their funding to enable us to do this.

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

Our Farmers Market brings sustainable local food to the community. We only allow primary producers which means that the trader is the person that makes / grows or rears the product, this gives an invaluable link between consumers and producers, ensuring that the money that is spent stays in the local community. We also make provision for the Community trust to have a stall so they can meet and connect with local residents.

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

Yes. We have a community trust stall that is funded by the grant from the town council. Gordon the Mayor is at the stall along with local councillors so the local residents can meet with their councillors face to face. We also have regular community stalls such as the local scouts, the rotary club, the British legion and more.

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

I think the Farmers market gives the town centre a real boost on a monthly basis. It brings a footfall of around 1,500 people each month which in turn brings more business to the high street. It is a great opportunity for members of the community to promote local farming, local producers and the local economy.

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

Yes. Midsomer Norton Farmers Market is going strong and we intend to continue into the future.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

It takes continuous effort to maintain a strong footfall at the market, we are always learning about which marketing methods work well, keeping a balance between print advertising and leaflets, vs online and social media. We are always at the mercy of the weather and work hard to come up with creative solutions to mitigate bad weather.

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

All good.

Additional Information

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your project or experience?

Somerset Farmers Markets are celebrating their 25th birthday and specifically 20 years at MSN!



3 - Midsomer Norton Cricket Club

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Improving facilities and resources at MNCC for both cricket and our wider community involvement

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

Replacement cricket kit for youth teams, training kit for our new ladies softball and hardball teams, teaching aids and equipment in connection with our community work

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

Goals were to improve facilities and resources across the board and with the help of the grant we were able to achieve this

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

Cricket is open to all from 6-96!! and we have seen a growth in membership across the board and more involvement from parents of youth players. In addition we have improved the facilities in the clubhouse so as to provide a hub for local community activities

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

A significant part of the project was to widen the scope of what the club could offer the local community other than just cricket and this has worked.

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

The local community are now aware of what facilities are available at the club and when local groups approach us say for for hall hire we ensure that the charge is modest so as to help the groups involved

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

With help from local organisations and in particular the Town Council we are looking to continually improve facilities both on and off the pitch for the community at large

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

Difficulties were funding the costs involved in fulfilling our objectives with ever increasing costs of equipment and clubhouse/changing room refurbishment. For instance just on the cricket side to provide replacement kit for u11,13 and 15's the costs increased significantly with bats £60, helmets £40, batting gloves £20 and pads £35. So for just one set of kit - £150+Then there are courses that volunteers need to attend re first aid and coaching which again all come at a cost. The to refurbish the clubhouse we installed improved led lighting , increased the roof insulation to look to reduce in the long term our energy costs

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

Grant process was easy to follow with an easy form to complete form in support

Additional Information

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your project or experience?

Other than thank you for your support - nothing - and by all means come and see us during the cricket season - weather permitting!!



4 - Bath Area Play Project

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

We provided a free family playday at the Town Park in Midsomer Norton. The morning the weather was dreadful and we spent time trying to source an alternative inside space with not much luck but thankfully the rain eased and we decided to go ahead. Despite the weather, the playday was attended by over 300 people. Children made imaginative use of the terracing in the park, using guttering to create paths to roll balls down. The tie dyeing was very popular with many children learning this skill for the first time and creating some wonderful designs in different colours using elastic bands and string, with many children bringing their own items to dye which we had stated on the flyer. The Play Wooden workshop went down extremely well with parents and children making stilts out of wood using tools, developing confidence and then using them, really proud of what they had created. Large scale paint splatter sheets are always popular with children having huge amounts of fun. There was sensory play, circus skills, football coaches from Bath City FC Foundation, staff from the Library Service and from Live Well providing ideas for healthy snacks which the children loved making.

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

The funding was spent on the resources, materials and equipment used at the playday including the circus skills equipment (juggling balls, plates & sticks, diablos), sports equipment (tail balls, frisbees, footballs, hoops), contributed to the costs for the Play Wooden workshop, inflatable hire, sports coach and Loose Parts as well as things like paint, sheets, sand, dye, elastic bands etc. The funding also contributes to insurance, van hire and fuel costs.

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

Our main goal is to provide a quality play opportunity for children and families where they can explore and create, be in charge of their play and parents can see for themselves their children's strengths and abilities. Through provision of the play opportunities, children were able to try out new things, many of which can easily be replicated at home, develop confidence which in turn, by being outside, improves wellbeing and self-esteem. The other main goal is bringing families together, providing a safe non-judgemental space where people can connect and also seek support from our team. Children also are able to make friends and connect with those they know from school at an

event which has no charge, making it fully accessible to all families. The long summer holidays can be a struggle for families, particularly those on low incomes. We worked with We-activate and children that had booked using their HAF vouchers were able to have a free packed lunch.

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

Overall, play provides children with increased confidence and self-esteem as they are in control of their play and have freedom to play how they choose, with whom they choose, supported by playworkers who value and respect their play, understanding the right level of intervention. Children are able to develop and use their creative skills and imagination through taking part in sensory play opportunities including water play, bubbles, gloop as well as paint and creative materials for imaginative creations using cardboard and material and the freedom to make and create what they choose. They also had access to tools and wood, enjoying learning valuable skills such as hammering and sawing and using hand drills as well as about their safety. The playday provides opportunities for children to be very physically active; in addition to an inflatable and sports and games such as parachute games and football coaches, we have a van of loose parts, allowing children to move/transport large items and create obstacle courses and dens using their imagination. As mentioned previously, social isolation can be a big problem for families in the holidays, particularly those who don't have family close by. When schools are closed, there can be little reason to leave the house, especially if no budget for days out so coming to something local to them, which they can walk or cycle or get the bus to, makes it accessible to most.

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

Our team provide a weekly Family Play Hub in Writhlington after school and some families that attend this group came along to the playday. They had been involved in coming up with ideas for what we would do at the playday and so they were involved in the decision making. Organisations like Bouncers who are in Radstock are involved by providing the inflatables and the local library service.

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

The Playday helps people connect and feel part of something which doesn't have any eligibility criteria or need membership. As families with primary aged children and younger, these events help build a network of support for families, many of whom travel to other playdays we run in Paulton, Westfield and Peasedown St John. We recognise lots of repeat visitors from year to year and this year enquiries from parents about how to volunteer showing a want to be more involved.

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

Yes, with support from the Town Council and any other local funders, we would want to continue bringing these valuable sessions to the Midsomer Norton area and look forward to building on the successes so far.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

Mainly the weather is our biggest challenge! We don't build in costs for venue hire but unfortunately our British weather even in the summer, can make running outdoor events a challenge. We can easily adapt what we provide according to the weather but with safety restrictions on using structures such as gazebos and marquees, these cannot be used where there is gusting wind or winds above a certain level.

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

The grant process is very straight forward and this project completion form is a great idea!



5 - 1st Midsomer Norton Scouts

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Refurbishment of 1st Midsomer Norton Scout Hall roof. Previous structure no longer weather proof.

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

Grant received was used in full alongside other funds to pay for roof refurbishment.

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

Primary goal of achieving watertight roof achieved.

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

1st Midsomer Norton Scouts continue to offer scouting to the local community. Further, with a watertight building we can offer a hall space for community hire.

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

No

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

1st Midsomer Norton Scouts continue to offer scouting to the local community. Further, with a watertight building we can offer a hall space for community hire.

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

Further works are planned to improve the interior of the hall to make this a more attractive venue to the community and to facilitate ongoing scouting provision to the community.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

No

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

We're very grateful to the council and the local community in supporting our roof appeal and the wider support given to local scouting. Thank You.



6 - Midsomer Norton Town Trust

Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Midsomer Norton Town Trust, is a charity which looks after assets including The Somer Centre, Town Park, Silver Street Nature Reserve, St Chad's Well & Withies Lane Orchard and Town Farm for the Midsomer Norton and surrounding area community.

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

Grant spending for 2023:

- Town Park electricity
- Tree reports and removal
- Staffing costs
- Somer Centre CCTV

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

The goal of the charity is to provide spaces for voluntary groups, events and activities to help create a community for the people of Midsomer Norton. This was achieved by keeping the assets up together, safe and well presented. This allowed many groups and charities including the Community Trust to advertise these spaces to groups and the local community.

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

Areas such as the Town Park and the Nature Reserve can be enjoyed by all members of the public for recreation and exercising. Community groups within the area also have safe spaces to meet and socialise.

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

The Town Trust is a charity set up for the people of Midsomer Norton.

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

The project has helped people in Midsomer Norton have areas to come together and enjoy outdoor spaces.

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

The Town Trust plan to continue looking after and improving key assets within Midsomer Norton, with the help of Midsomer Norton Town Council and other grants. The trust has plans to further enhance the Town Park with a café and toilets, to start development of the Town Park and Orchard on Withies Lane, and potential to take on more buildings and spaces.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

Small acts of vandalism to areas have been a problem with CCTV and signs being put in place to help deter this behaviour.



Project Overview

Briefly describe your project or event funded by the grant.

Somerset Youth Theatre CiC

Grant Spending

How did you spend the grant funding? Provide a simple breakdown of expenses.

Subsidised and fully funded places for harder to reach young people

Room hire

Support assistants for Special Needs and Mental Health & Well-being

Food & drink

Access & Inclusion/ Trauma informed training

Project Outcomes

What were your main goals, and did you achieve them?

Weekly Youth Theatre during term time @ Somer Centre - achieved

Sharing events - Somer Centre & Town Fayre - achieved

Support for additional needs - achieved

Benefit to Local Residents

How did your project benefit people in Midsomer Norton?

We provided safer spaces for harder to reach young people to create, explore and find their voice through Theatre & the Arts, led by local Artist Rachel Cohen and supporting staff. 40 children reached through weekly youth theatres Families and carers connected through Arts activity events and voluntary work for local residents

Community Engagement

Did you involve local residents or organisations in your project?

Yes - families, carers and children Somer Centre, Local Artists and staff, Older generation connected through interviews that led to the creation of community sharing event - When we were Young

Impact Assessment

How do you think your project helped the community?

SYT provides accessible Youth Theatre for young people who otherwise might not be able to afford experiences led by Professional Theatre makers in their town. Young people's voices are heard and the ideas come from the young people in the room, co-created with SYT Artists and staff. Support staff who face barriers to work have supported in the room and gained confidence, returning to the workplace after a period of illness or caring. SYT has supported the development of Artist Rachel Cohen through focused training for harder to reach children and young people and creative development sessions to understand community involvement and outreach.

Sustainability

Do you have plans to continue the project's benefits in the future?

Yes. SYT is currently applying to Arts Council England to continue with the youth theatre from September 2024, with a view to expanding the group and growing a Company for older young people. SYT core team will continue offering training opportunities in Youth Work qualifications, Mental Health First Aid and access and inclusion training. We wish to bring in Strand 2, holiday school activities, with a view to utilising the amphitheatre space at the Somer Centre and working with the Town Council to align with community events in which the children can bring performance sharing.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Were there any difficulties you faced? What did you learn from them?

The needs of some of the children meant that the MSN team needed extra support in understanding neurodiversity, as well as differently abled young people. Training was carried out, attended and applied. We have built methods of communicating with families and celebrating outcomes with families and carers. We are keen to reach wider audiences and celebrate Midsomer Norton publicly, diversifying our social media channels.

Feedback and Suggestions

Do you have any comments on the grant process? How could it be improved?

Perhaps offer recorded or voice applications for those with additional needs, particularly neurodivergence, processing and dyslexia.

Additional Information

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your project or experience?

Thank you so much for your support and belief in different ways of supporting children and young people to access theatre & the Arts. We hope to continue building and working together in the future.



8 - Midsomer Norton District Carnival Association

THE MIDSOMER NORTON & DISTRICT CARNIVAL CHARITY ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024

The roots, of the Midsomer Norton & District Carnival Charity Association, rather a mouthful and for ease, usually known as the MN&DCA, were formed way back in 1948 with the very first procession taking place on Friday 12th November. Quite a huge spectacle for the Town having endured dark years of war!

The tradition of Carnival carried on very successfully over the years, but with an unfortunate break of 15 years until the Carnival as we know it today was reformed in 1975. The procession took place without issue, through Midsomer Norton streets until it moved in 1994 to Westfield, due to traffic measures put in place at Stones Cross.

There always remained a desire for Carnival to return to Midsomer Norton and in 2014 after exploring many different routes around the Town, and looking at the most logistical option, the current route was chosen.

Unfortunately, much of the public do not appreciate what must be considered when securing a route. For example, how the Entries arrive and disperse into the Town, taking into consideration that a 100' entry can't just 'turn around' in the road, they need to be brought in facing the right way! Thankfully, the idea of traversing the High Street was established and allowing us to accommodate the procession very successfully.

Midsomer Norton Carnival is run voluntarily by a very small band of dedicated people who work tirelessly to put on a spectacular show for the public each November, and although, unfortunately, we are not part of the County Circuit, we are now accepted as Associate Members.

The Committee works throughout the year to not only organise the event, which has many logistical challenges, but also to fundraise through mainly marshalling services at events such as the Bristol and Bath Half Marathons, as well as many local events, including Midsomer Norton Fayre Day and the Wassailing event.

These marshalling opportunities, whilst very important, only raise a small proportion of what is required to fund our Carnival and this is why the support of the Town Council is of utmost importance.

Over the years, we have been very, very grateful to have received the backing of the Town Council which not only helps us to put on the largest event in the Somer Valley, attracting several thousand people to the area, but to give many opportunities to other local organisations who use our event to fundraise for their own cause.

May we therefore, publicly express our gratitude once again to the Midsomer Norton Town Council for their support and hope that our associations will continue for many years to come, thus enabling Carnival to flourish and to keep this much-loved tradition alive.

Mrs. Hazel Franklin

Secretary (obo the Committee)

Midsomer Norton & District Carnival Association



9 - Trauma Breakthrough

Trauma Breakthrough

Annual Report for Midsomer Norton Town Council Annual Meeting

April 2024

Trauma Breakthrough exists to support the 1-in-3 who experience trauma (childhood abuse, domestic abuse, sexual assault, displacement, traumatic incidents, and more) during their lifetime. Without support, this can lead to long-term difficulties with physical, emotional and mental health, as well as issues around addiction, isolation, eating, homelessness, job retention and self-harm.

Only 1 in 4 of those living with PTSD receive any form of treatment, treatment which is often inappropriate for their needs.

In the South West there is very little provision within statutory services for survivors, and 1 in 6 people try to take their own life while on an NHS waiting list.

Trauma Breakthrough started from small means in 2012 initially offering a support group for people, but the need and demand was huge, 10yrs on we now provide FREE specialist services for individuals across the South West offering individual counselling/therapy, groups, drop-in crisis support, mental health skills courses, and survivor-led wellbeing activities; as well as training for friends & family, schools, businesses, and community organisations in how to support those struggling.

The need and demand is huge, and growing. Across 2023-24 we worked with over 900 people, and we currently receive 80-100 new crisis referrals per month.

With support from Midsomer Norton Council from October 2023, we've been able to provide free counselling, crisis support, mental health skills courses, and groups for Midsomer Norton residents who are struggling with their mental health and the impact of trauma.

Previously these have all been offered from our Support Centre in Bath, but Trauma Breakthrough want to make support as accessing as possible, and from 3rd May will be launching the first stage of a satellite service based out of Hope House surgery.

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10 - South Connect South West



Attendance – age group 11-25

In Q3 2023, our average session attendance sat at 16 young people, with the number of young people attending four or more sessions at 24. We also had 14 new young people registered.

Crossing into Q4 2023, our average session attendance dropped to 7. The number of young people attending four or more session also dropped to 15. This can be partly attributed to young people being out of school during the summer months and more likely to seek activities to get out of the house.

Addressing ASB areas

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has been an ongoing issue in certain areas of MSN (i.e. the field behind Somervale school, Holly court, the area around the Hollies). In partnership with Avon and Somerset Police, we have continued to tackle this through the dispatch of our detached team to said problem areas.

During Q3 2023, the team engaged young people in a variety of sports activities, as well as providing advice and guidance around issue-based topics, including harm reduction around drugs and alcohol. The latter led to the team making a number of referrals to Project 28 for advice and support.

¹<http://www.traumabreakthrough.org/>

In hitting these hot spots, our team builds relationships with young people most at risk of offending and encourages them to attend positive activities that are on offer as part of the Somer Valley open access provision. ASB will always be an issue and isn't something so simple to solve, but our detached teams work around this area is vital for lessening its extent and getting young people more involved in activities.

Youth Session Highlights

The youth team hosted a number of summer sports activities at the MUGA in West Clewes - Football, tennis (LTA serves programme), basketball, dodgeball, etc.

Hosted summer HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) sessions – Led to an increase in attendance in other sessions

Hosted a weekly games group - Running D&D campaigns, as well as more technical D&D workshops, magic the gathering sessions, and party and strategic games

Worked closely with the community to hold a memorial on the anniversary of CB's death, as well as with Little Lost Robots to host a summer arts temple burn event in his memory

Utilised a local facility to offer ice skating to young people from either game group or with an established relationship with youth workers on detached

Achieved outcomes & what's gone well so far

Young people have taken ownership of their space and the rules

Attendance from young people has been fairly consistent and we've gained a good number of new young people – Has allowed for strong relationships to be built between staff and young people

Young people have interacted positively with our detached team during their ASB outreach – Have understood risky behaviours, how to keep safe, and have accepted referrals to other agencies for help

There has been strong group cohesion and team work during sessions, particularly during the games groups

Young people have engaged with positive discussions around important topics, such as health and wellbeing

Our partnership with Avon and Somerset Police has strengthened our capacity

Areas for action or improvement

Consideration to the detached work going forward – What spaces can be better utilised? What areas require more focus?

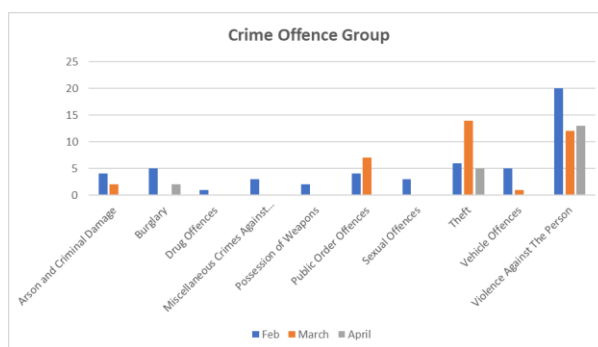
Continue to advertise to schools to strengthen membership and awareness of YC's work in MSN and across Somer Valley

Offer a wider range of activities based on young people's needs and wants

Continue to work with key agencies such as Avon and Somerset Police, schools, community groups, and social work teams (Willow, ACE, etc.) to build relationships and better understand the bigger picture



11 - Avon and Somerset Police



12 - Crime Statistics for the past 3 months

Police Report for Midsomer Norton Town Council – April 2024

There have been **109** crimes recorded within the Midsomer Norton area.

Arson and criminal damage = 5. One offence involved a family being caught on CCTV digging up the path in the Nature Reserve and rediverting the stream across the path. This was repaired by the Town Council only to be done again. Police are working with the Town Council to identify the family.

Burglary = 7. One involved Two well-known characters who managed to get into a property and take the car keys from the property and steal a car. Perpetrators brought to justice.

Drug Offences = 1. Drug offences are generally low on the recording side of things. As we the police are usually informed at the time of the drugs being used and by the time we get to the location the drugs have been used. At this point it is no longer an offence as we must apprehend the individual with the substance on them. *“Being in Possession”*.

Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society = 3. These types of crimes are those that don’t fall under the banner of the others. Such as *“Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of protected animal”*.

Possession of Weapons = 2. These would involve knife offences and firearm seizures of licenced firearms.

Public Order Offences = 11. These would include threats, hand gestures, swearing and any behaviour that causes "Alarm Harassment or Distress".

Sexual Offences = 3. One offence was of inappropriate touching over the clothes.

Theft = 25. Most of these offences are from the high street shops. We as a Neighbourhood Team are proactive in our patrols and identification of the suspects. Who appear to be our prolific shop thieves.

Vehicle offences = 6. We had one hi-tech incident of a male using an electronic device to intercept the key signal to later attempt to steal the car.

Violence against the person (VAP) offences = 109. These types of offences can be contributed to the night time economy, Domestic abuse and school playground bullying.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been a number of incidents of ASB, mostly around Sainsbury's whereby a group of youths have been running in and out of the store knocking items onto the floor.

Overall though the ASB has been quiet especially over the Easter break from schools.

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