WILTSHIRE POLICE

Road Safety update – Marlborough Area Board

18 November 2025

• #FATAL5 education

Drink diving

In England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for driving is 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood or 35 µg per 100 ml of breath). In Scotland, the limit is lower at 50 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood(or 22 µg per 100 ml of breath). Factors such as weight, age, metabolism, and food intake affect how alcohol is processed, making it difficult to predict how much you can drink and stay under the limit. Alcohol takes time to leave your system; common remedies like coffee or showers do not speed this up. You can still be over the limit the next day, risking your license if you drive. Alcohol impairs driving ability, and the safest choice is to avoid drinking entirely if you plan to drive.

There is no way to know how much you can drink and stay under the limit, since it can depend on your weight, age, metabolism, the amount of food you've eaten and other factors.

It's impossible to get alcohol out of your system quickly, it always takes time. A shower, a cup of coffee or other ways of 'sobering up'
may make you feel better but won't remove the alcohol from your system.

If you've been out drinking, you may still be affected by alcohol the next day and could lose your licence if you drive and are still over the legal limit.

Alcohol affects everyone differently and any amount can impair your ability to drive. The only safe option is to avoid alcohol completely if you're driving as even 'just one drink' could put you over the limit. **If you're driving, don't drink any alcohol at all.**

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Drug driving

It's an offence to drive with any of 17 controlled drugs above a specified level in your blood. This includes illegal and legally prescribed drugs.
The limit set for each drug is different, and for illegal drugs the limits set are extremely low. They aren't zero to rule out any accidental exposure (eg from passive smoking).
You should always check with your doctor or pharmacist if you're unsure about whether your prescription or over-the-counter medication will affect your ability to drive.

Risks and physical effects

The biggest risk you take when driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is the risk of causing a collision.
Driving under the influence of drink or drugs is extremely dangerous and can affect your driving in numerous ways, such as:

- ability to judge speed and distance
- reaction and coordination skills
- blurry or impaired vision
- drowsiness
- aggression
- erratic behaviour
- panic attacks and paranoia
- hallucinations
- nausea
- dizziness
- tremors

Alcohol and drugs can also create a false confidence which can lead to an increase in risk-taking behaviour, which puts your life and the lives of others in danger.

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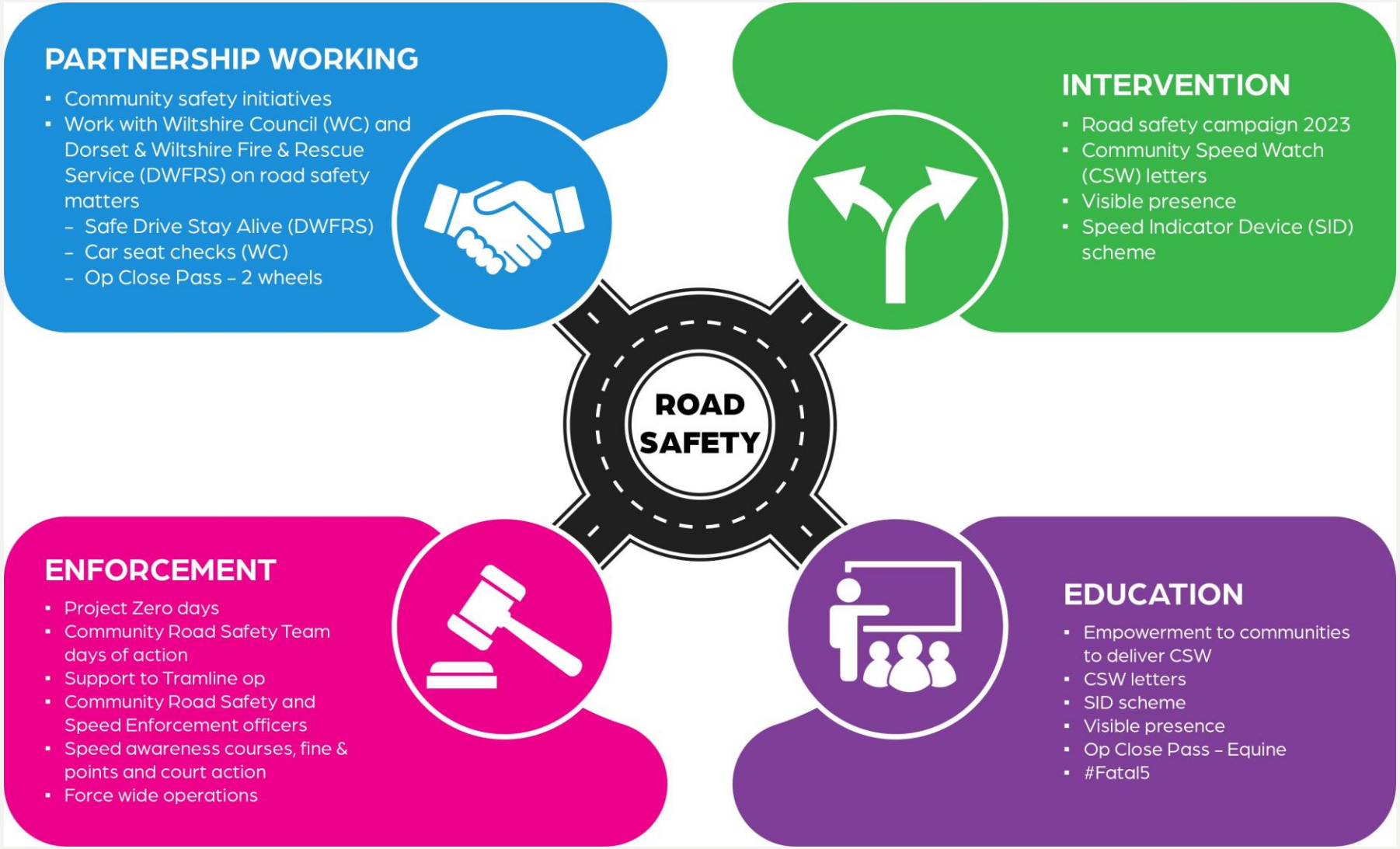
• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• Traffic surveys – Marlborough 1 January 2024 – August 2025

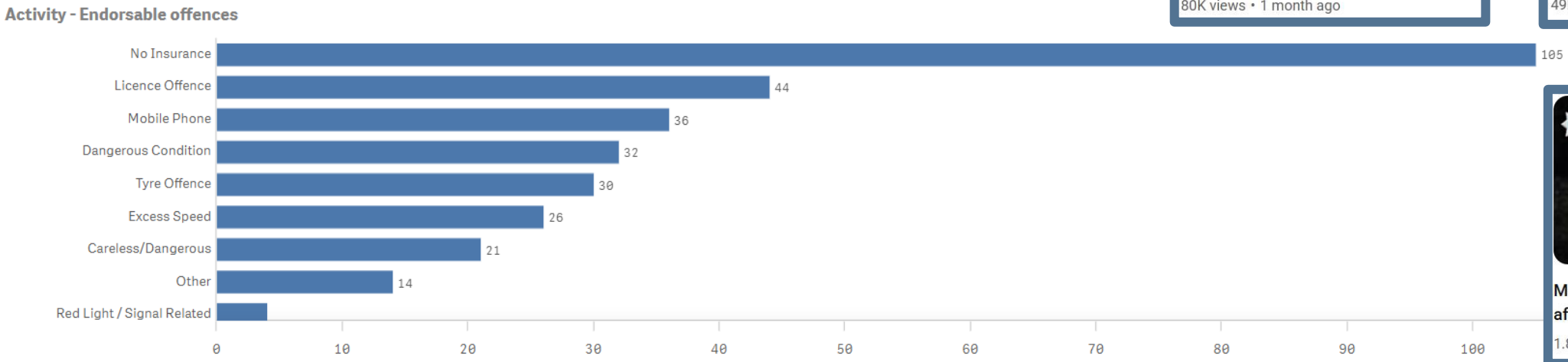
Wiltshire Council

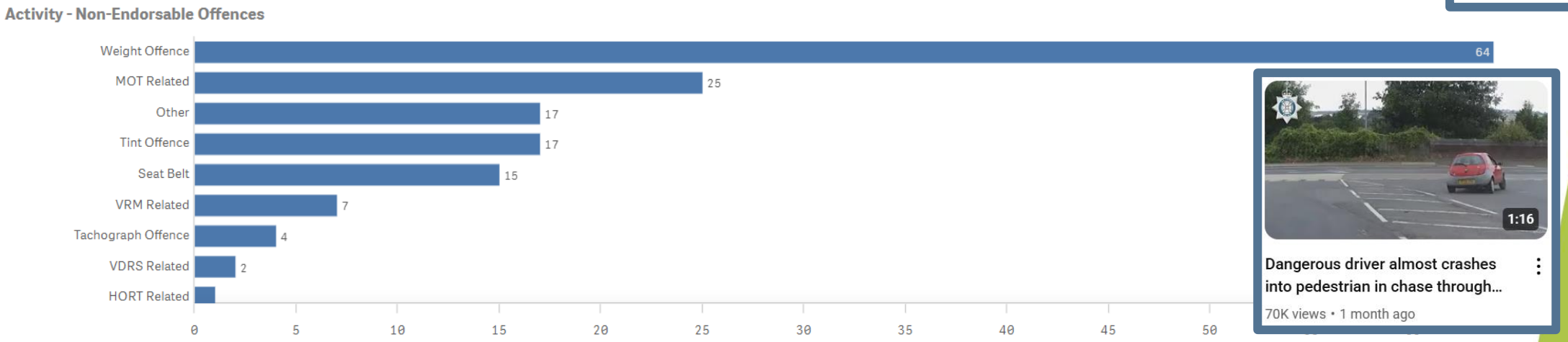
No change

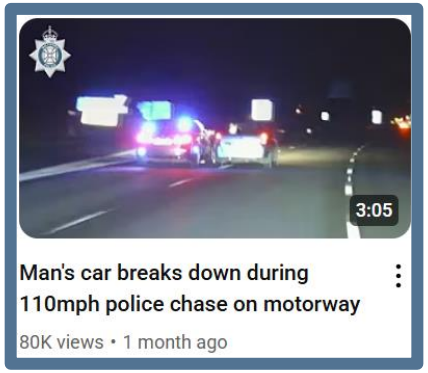
Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
A346 - Marlborough	No further action	20/02/2025	60	49.96	Swindon	Marlborough
Froxfield A4 Bath Road	No further action	11/12/2024	40	43.48	Swindon	Marlborough

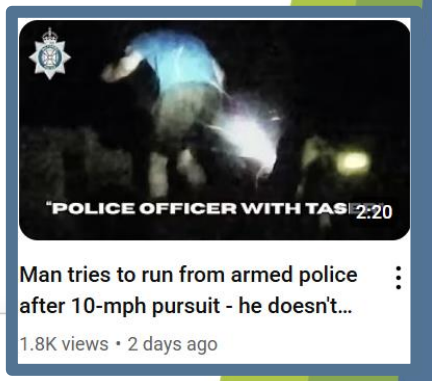
• Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering **July** to end of **September** issued over **949 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.
The most common offences they are enforcing are:









[Wiltshire Police – YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/WiltsPolice) - https://www.youtube.com/user/WiltsPolice

Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEOs

• CSEO – Dashboard

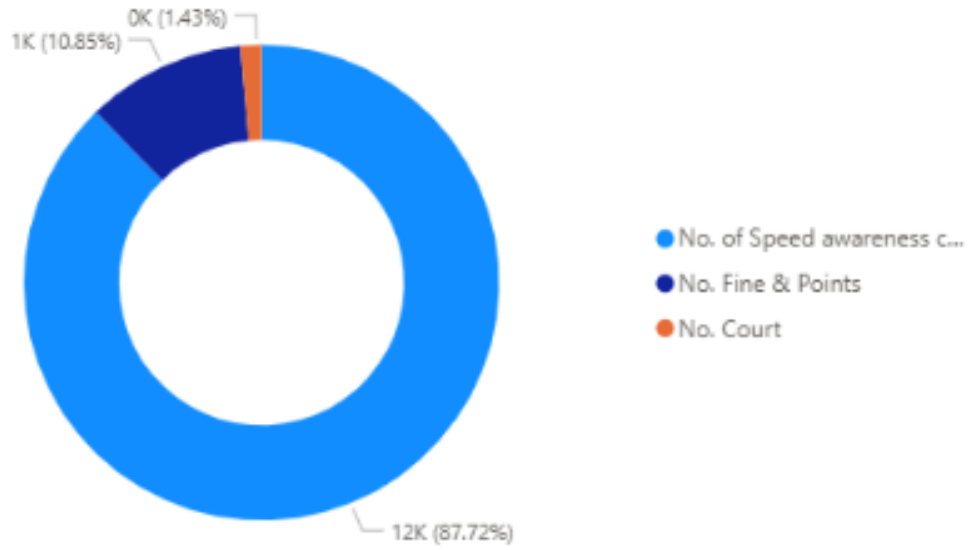
Enforcement activity - January 2025 to September 2025

Final outcomes dependant on previous history and convictions

12K	1464	193
No. of Speed awareness course	No. of Fine & Points	Straight to Court

All of Wiltshire & Swindon

No. of Speed awareness course, No. Fine & Points and No. Court



Marlborough

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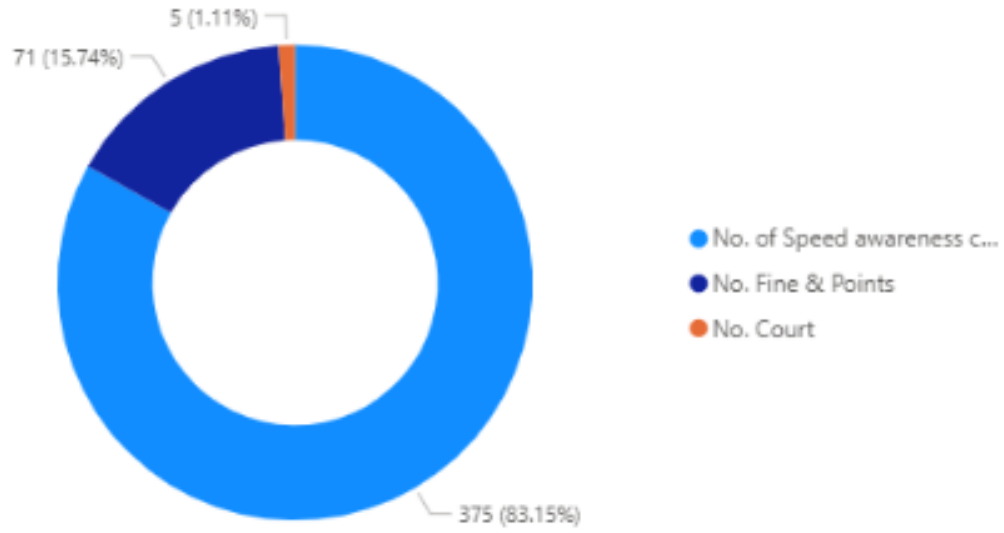

Partnership working

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Young Drivers & Passenger Education (YD&PE)

September -December 2024:

- 4 x Wiltshire College Fayres YD&PE
- 2 x Swindon College Fayres YD&PE
- 2 x Wiltshire College Open Day – Pre Christmas Drink Drive Events
- 1 x Swindon College Open Day – Pre Christmas Drink Drive Event

Jan – March 2025: GoDrive lessons launched to schools and colleges.

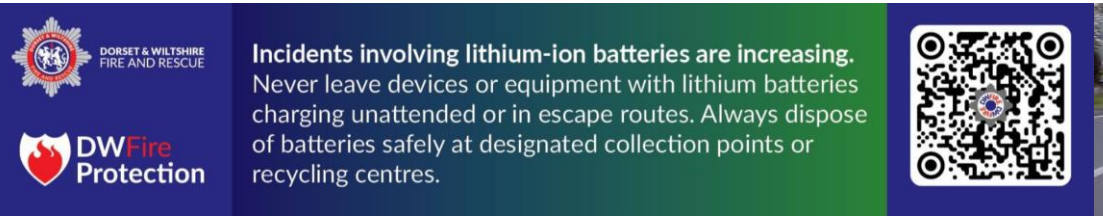
- 2285 Young Drivers & Passengers received the 60, 75 or 90 minute lesson on their own school premises.
- 18 schools were visited in Swindon & Wiltshire.

April – June 2025: Exam season restricts access to 6th Forms.

- 521 YD&P received the 60, 75 or 90 minute lesson on their own school premises
- 9 Schools were visited in Swindon & Wiltshire.

July – Sept 2025:

- Evaluation of GoDrive feedback, review & edits for school year 2025/2026
- 4 x Wiltshire College Fayres YD&PE
- 2 x Swindon College Fayres YD&PE
- Launch bookings calendar for GoDrive 2002/26



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DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY
2021 - 2030

Wiltshire and Swindon ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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Activity*	Outputs 2025-26 FY to date	Outputs 2024-25 school year	Outputs 2025-26 school year to date	Schools engaged previous month (Sep)	Pupils trained previous month (Sep)
Bikeability Level 1&2 (riders trained)	1782	3122	471	25	360
Bikeability Level 3 (riders trained)	70	70	0	0	0
Walk Safe training (pupils)	2808	9838	TBC	TBC	TBC
Scootability (pupils)	564	1181			
Drive Plus assessments	14				
Drive Plus workshop attendees	93				
Pass Plus training subsidy claimed	1				

***"Business as usual"**

***Bikeability**: pupils in Year 6 and above. Funded by Government grant and traded service (school/parent contributions)*

***WalkSafe**: Primary pupils in Years 1, 3 and 6. Delivered free of charge.*

***Scootability**: Primary pupils in year 1-6. Traded service (school/parent contributions). Not offered for 2025-26 school year due to staffing capacity and programme review.*

***Drive Plus:** older drivers. Assessments and workshops for Link scheme volunteer drivers and general public. Assessments charged to individuals or Link schemes.*

***Pass Plus:** Additional training for newly qualified young drivers. Subsidised by £70 by Wiltshire Council*

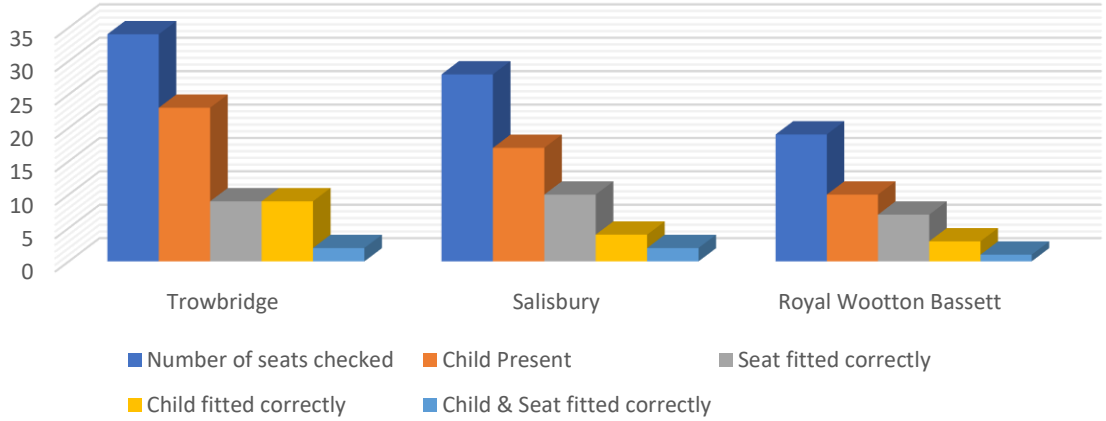
2025
to date
14 Drive Plus workshops

Feedback includes: "*I thought the session was very good, informative and a very good reminder to check our health, particularly eyesight.. The group questions were good, promoting discussion rather than putting individuals on the spot... [The] answers gave the right amount of detail and I didn't mind some of the more lengthy answers, there was always something useful to hear... I liked the car registration eyesight check outside at one's own discretion... I'm going to buy a Highway Code!"*

Drive Plus | Your care Your support Wiltshire
https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/5329

Checks organised by Wiltshire Council

Visual Summary of Wiltshire County Council Car Seat Clinics (September/October 2025)



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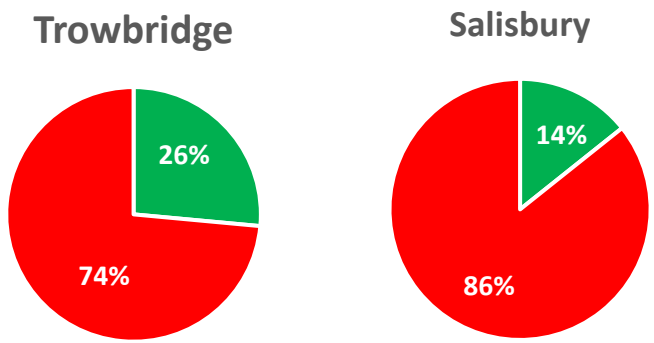

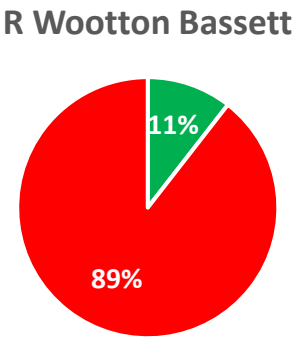

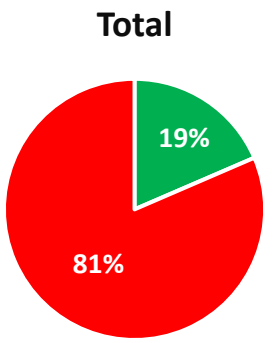

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