

**Crimes reported March 2026** (Information provided by Beds Police) 6 crimes

| <b>Offences March 2026</b> | <b>Area</b>     | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS       | Snow Hill       | 1             |
| ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY     | Cherry Tree Way | 1             |
| ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY     | George Street   | 1             |
| ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY     | Sandyacres      | 1             |
| SEXUAL                     | Undisclosed     | 2             |
| ASSAULT WITH INJURY        | Becketts Close  | 1             |
| THEFT IN A DWELLING        | George Street   | 1             |
| OTHER THEFT                | Clophill Road   | 1             |
| STALKING                   | Undisclosed     | 1             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         |                 | <b>10</b>     |

**Speed Watch** (Information provided by M Crawford)

In March, Maulden Speed Watch volunteers carried out 2 roadside sessions, one of which was at a 'new' location, the entrance to Pine View Park (PVP) on the westbound carriageway of the A507 and within a 30mph speed limit zone.

During the course of the monitoring session (0925-1025 on a Wednesday morning), 436 vehicles passed the location.

Of those, 34 (8%) were travelling at more than 35mph.

Of the 34, 9 (26%) were recorded at speeds exceeding 40mph.

Highest speed recorded was 47mph.

We almost certainly failed to process (either due to workload or 'tailgating') at least another 15 vehicles exceeding 35 mph.

For road users heading toward Ampthill from the Flying Horse Roundabout, there are no above ground road signs displaying the 30mph limit, visible on this stretch of road.

The only (in)visible indication is a rather worn out '30' painted on the carriageway halfway between the roundabout and PVP.

A member of Beds Constabulary accompanied us as an observer on this session.

We understand their observations regarding poor signage are most likely contributing to higher speeds, and have been reported to CBC Highways and Safety departments.

One of the previously 'decommissioned' old style Speed Indicator Devices (SiDs) has been placed back into service on the eastbound carriageway of Clophill Road halfway down Badger Hill. A resident of Badger Hill Close has agreed to look after the maintenance of this unit.

**Street Watch Patrols** no report

**The next Community Police engagement event is on Saturday 13 June at 1215 at Maulden Village Hall Car Park**

**Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what is being done to tackle the issues that matter to you,**

**Police Priority Setting Meeting**

Cllr Browning attended the meeting at Beds Police HQ on 1<sup>st</sup> April. An update on our Community Police Team activities was provided. Priorities for the next quarter are dealing with reports of antisocial behaviours, especially in Ampthill, where vulnerable elderly residents are being targeted with anti-social behaviours – youngsters violently kicking and banging on their doors. They will also continue addressing the illegal use of electric scooters and bikes.

The incident of a cat being punched, and vehicle noise and speeding were also discussed.