

CCTV Quarterly Report

Thame

October - December 2018

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides information on how the district council's CCTV cameras contribute to the deterrence of crime, help reduce the fear of crime and both increase crime detection and assist with the successful prosecution of offenders.

The report is produced using information provided by the CCTV monitoring suite based in Abingdon. It is based on information drawn from the record of occurrences. A record of occurrence is completed by the operator on duty, each time a CCTV camera is used proactively to monitor a specific incident.

The aim is to share information and help publicise the positive outcomes of CCTV.

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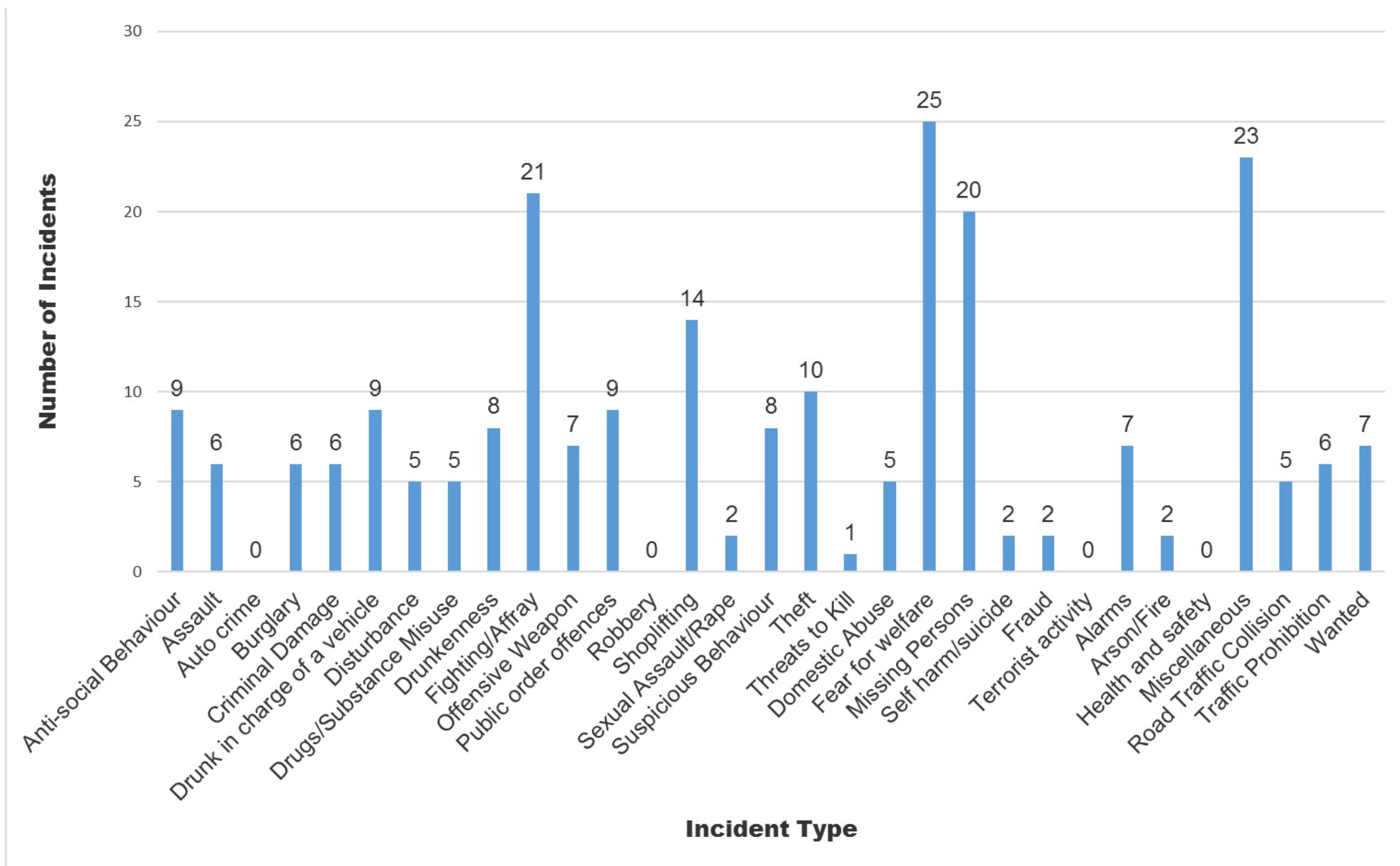
Summary

Cameras were used to monitor 36 incidents, specifically related to Thame, between October and December 2018. Incidents relating to missing persons and fighting/affray were the two were most common (five each).

The total number of incidents for South Oxfordshire was 230. The chart on the following page shows a breakdown of these incidents by type.

Across the district, the operators also produced 28 evidence packs for possible court proceedings and undertook 13 reviews (a review refers to footage that has been examined but not requested by officers for evidential purposes). CCTV also supported 19 arrests across Thame, Henley, Didcot and Wallingford.

Incidents by Type – Quarter Three 2018 – 19 (South)



Case Studies Relating to Thame

A local hotel reported that a woman had seemingly ‘checked out’ but had left all her belongings at the hotel. She was seen to get into a local taxi in some considerable distress. Our operator was able to identify the taxi and give local officers a running commentary of its movements. Officers were able to stop the taxi and took appropriate action to ensure the woman’s safety.

A report came in to the police control centre from a concerned member of the public. They had witnessed an elderly driver collide with another car while attempting to park his car in a town centre car park. He appeared to be confused and unaware of the collision. From the description of the man and the car, our operator was able to locate the man who did indeed appear somewhat disorientated. His whereabouts were relayed to the police control centre and our operator monitored his progress as he walked towards his car which was now parked in a street, just out of the town centre. Given this information, officers were able to intercept the man before he had the chance to drive his car again and ensured that he and the car were returned to a place of safety.

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