

ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to the fifteenth issue of the Acton Neighbourhood Police Update. In this issue we examine how the CPN (Community Protection Notice) Scheme is working in Acton, and how young children in two of the wards seem convinced that the metropolitan police utilise Police Cats... On a more serious note we also cover the growing problem of moped crime and offer vital advice to residents to stay safe and avoid becoming a victim.

MOPED ENABLED CRIME

The problems associated with moped enabled crime in the whole of London have been widely publicised in the press. Southfield Ward has experienced a number of these types of crime so to avoid becoming a victim please take note of the precautions noted at the end of this article.

The Met does take this problem extremely seriously. You will note that recently a number of high profile cases have come to court and the criminals have been given long sentences. As has been said it is difficult to stop scooters but not impossible. Trained traffic officers can stop them but this is obviously a dangerous manoeuvre.

One way the public can help the police immensely in tackling this problem is to contact the police immediately on 999 if they see a crime being committed. If police can catch the criminals before they make off then they'll not have the problem of stopping them.

If you see a suspicious scooter make a note of as many details as possible including (if it has one) the vehicle registration and its colour. Also note any unusual features of the scooter and the clothing of the riders.

Pay particular attention to the helmets as riders rarely change these. Note any stickers and whether it is a full face helmet. Also note its colour and whether it has anything unusual about it.

I would suggest writing these details down as soon as possible to avoid forgetting them in a stressful situation. All these details will help us build a picture to identify the criminals and help us find their home addresses. Once we have these details we can pay them a visit...

When you are out and about you should take the following precautions.

1. Its best to avoid walking down the street having a conversation on your mobile phone. This not only makes it obvious you have such a phone, it also means that you are concentrating on your conversation and are quite often oblivious to your surroundings. If you have to use it stand still and ensure you scan your surroundings as you talk, preferably with your back against a wall.
2. If you carry a bag with a shoulder strap always position the strap over the shoulder on the opposite side to the bag, to avoid said bag being snatched off your body.

3. If you are out in your car, never ever leave anything visible in your car, even if you are in a petrol station and have locked it while you go and pay for your fuel. The Pillion rider on a scooter will take seconds to smash a window and reach inside to snatch whatever you have left on view.

4. Lastly do not attempt to tackle any of these criminals yourself. Do not put yourself in any risk. Call the police, that's what we are here for.

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The Team recently heard from a local police team in Detroit USA. It seems they are also called Southfield and it seems they have been receiving Tweets intended for us and vice versa. Couple this with the fact that there is also a Met Police Southfields Ward near Wandsworth in South London who have also been receiving our communications and you can see why we have had to make an urgent, albeit subtle, change to our Twitter and Facebook handles. Our Twitter handle is now @MPSSouthfieldW4 and you can access our Facebook page at [Southfield-Ealing-Police](#).

On 16th November PCSO Stuart Honey had an interesting morning at the Banana Moon Nursery in Bollo Lane.

He had an in depth conversation with two classes of three and four year olds where he discussed the pros and cons of using police cats as against police dogs with the children. The same children were also capable of giving a pitch perfect rendition of a police siren , which was very impressive as well as being ear shattering. Stuart would like to thank all the children for making his visit so enjoyable and interactive!

On 20th November Pc's Simon Cole and Aga Piatek came across 3 teenagers sitting on a bench on Acton Green smoking Cannabis. All of them were searched for drugs and one young man was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was told to report to the police station which he did with his understandably mortified mother. He was interviewed and admitted the offence. His case was referred to the Young Offenders Team to consider how this matter will be dealt with. He

understood the gravity of the situation he was in. The police believe that education for young people will reap better long term benefits than immediate criminalisation.



On the 15th of November PC Simon Cole and PC Aga Piatek found a stolen scooter on Carlton Road while on patrol (see picture) The vehicle was taken to Perivale car pound where it was reunited with its grateful owner.

The Team have continued in their efforts to help a lady who has been living in a tent in different locations throughout the ward. They had to arrest her 21/11/17 on Cunnington Street as she had breached a court order but they managed to put her in touch with the St Mungo's Homeless Charity on her release.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Thurs 14 Dec 12-1pm Dada's Diner 167 The Vale

Thurs 21 Dec 11-12pm Sparrow Café 181 Acton Lane

Thurs 28 Dec 11-12pm Plum Duff 62 Southfield Rd

Tues 9 January 11-12pm Laveli Bakery South Parade

Street Briefings

Thurs 14 Dec 6-7pm Whellock Road

Weds 27 Dec 6-7pm Reynolds Road

Weds 3 Jan 6-7pm Temple Road

Thurs 18 Jan 6-7pm Rothschild Road

Tues 30 Jan 6-7pm Ravenscroft Road

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On Tuesday 14th November 2017 ward officers held their Cuppa with a Copper session at Travelodge, NW10 from 12-1pm. This was a chance to allow residents of the ward to speak with officers and ask questions. We also took this opportunity to speak with staff offering them crime prevention advice.



Residents who attended spoke about the Community Protection on the Ward and praised officers on the intervention.

On Thursday 16th November 2017 we attended the Council's Ward Forum at the Holy Family Catholic Church, W3. This meeting was very well attended by local residents and we informed everyone on the progress

of the Ward Promises; Anti Social Behaviour - Alcohol related, Burglary and Motor Vehicle Crime - Theft of Theft from Motor Vehicles.

We spoke about the methods used by the ward to tackle street drinking and that over the last few months a number of verbal warnings have been given to those caught drinking on the ward for the very first time.

Crime prevention advice was given to all especially as winter months coming. We also reminded residents that a free crime prevention survey is available for everyone on the ward and it only takes 15-20 minutes.

Hanger Hill officers have been working with local businesses to tackle issues that have had a negative effect on their businesses..

Whilst on patrol on Monday 13th November, officers attended Quill Street, W5 where a number of men were stopped after local businesses raised concerns that they were touting for work. Officers stopped 6 men who attempted to run on seeing Police. However, we were able to stop them all and conducted checks.

It was clear these men were not shopping and therefore, were given their first instance verbal warning as part of the CPN process.

We have found that the CPN process works well on the ward and the end result of potentially a repeat offender banned from the area with a Community Behaviour Order sends out a strong message.

On Monday 20th November 2017 ward officers attended Montpelier School, W5 for their annual talk on road safety. Officers discussed the importance of following the correct procedures to ensure both children and parents are kept safe.

Officers spoke with children from Years 3 and 4 and then spoke at the school assembly. It was clear the school had sent a strong message to the children in the past year as they the children were more than capable of identifying bad practice.

Officers then participated in a question and answers session with year 5 children. The children came up with some great suggestions on how to improve Policing which included the use of Police Cats to Transformer type Police Vehicles. These suggestions have now been emailed to the Management Team!!

We look forward to the next road safety talk at Montpelier School, W5 and thank the staff for their warm welcome.

We held our Cuppa with a Copper and Street Briefings on Tuesday 21st November 2017. Both these events are now becoming increasingly popular amongst residents and they have also been well received by businesses.

We continue to build bridges with communities on our ward by delivering accessible Policing and helping those who need our help. Feedback from residents mentions how the relaxing atmosphere helps them feel

more comfortable and speak to the local officers of their concerns.

On Monday 20th November 2017 ward officers held a meeting with the management team at Crowne Plaza, W5. With winter fast approaching the hotel management wanted advice on how to prevent being a victim of crime.



We spoke about various methods that have been implemented at other hotels on the ward and the management team were very welcoming to the advice. Other methods were also discussed to ensure the Policing approach was proactive and offenders were dealt with swiftly.

We look forward to working with the hotel this winter and in the near future and hoping this is the first of many productive meetings!!

On Saturday 25th November 2017 ward officers conducted a weapons sweep outside Thackeray Court, W5. These weapon sweeps are a part of Operation Renounce and we are incorporating these as part of our daily patrols and also targeting potential hotspots.

To date, we have no causes for concerns on the ward but it is important for us to be proactive and these actions form an important part of keeping the members of public safe.

We encourage residents to reach out and inform us of problematic areas and with this information we base our weapon sweeps. In the past we have conducted these patrols with ParkGuard.

Local Hanger Hill Residents can call or email us if they

have an area in mind that causes them concern and we will look into it.

Cuppa with a Copper

Thursday 7th December 2017 Mcdonalds Quill Street W5 5pm -6pm

Friday 15th December 2017 Travelodge North Circular Road NW10 5pm - 6p

Friday 22nd December 2017 Mcdonalds Quill Street W5 12noon - 1p

Sunday 31st December 2017 Travelodge North Circular Road 12noon - 1pm

Street Briefings

Wednesday 6th December 2017 - Hanger Green, W5 - 4pm - 5pm

Wednesday 13th December 2017 - Hanger Lane Station, W5 - 9am - 10am

Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Park Royal Station, W5 - 5pm - 6pm

Wednesday 27th December 2017 - North Ealing Station - 4pm - 5pm

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Firstly the Team would like to apologise for spelling the surname of MP Ms Rupa Huq wrongly in the last issue of this news sheet. This was inexcusable. Copy will be checked far more carefully from this point onwards !

On 17th November Ward officers attended Chaplin House for a publicised routine street briefing. Officers spoke to a number of residents and leaflets were left with all contact details for the team along with Web page and Twitter details.

They also left behind a letter publicising Neighbourhood Watch with the contact details of the local Chair, Dr Suzanne Tanswell.

On 16 November Pc Zhang, working with Ealing Council had a day of action against the misuse of Disabled Blue Badges. Two drivers were processed for the offence.

On the 17th a weapon sweep of Crown Street was conducted by the team with the help of officers from



East Acton and Park Guard. Though no weapons were found, a large amount of Class A drugs were found at the location

On the 18th Nov PC Zhang and PC Sullivan interviewed a man for breach of CBO and assault on police.

South Acton SNT had initially worked with the Ealing ASB team to secure the CBO in the first place. Now that this man has breached his CBO, the South Acton SNT are working again to secure a charge for Breach of CBO.

On the 23rd November PC Mitchell and PC Sullivan were delighted to have the opportunity to meet Year 12 students from Tywford School in a meet and greet session regarding the new tri school Youth Panel on South Acton Ward.

This pilot scheme is the only kind in London and students from Tywford C of E School, Acton High School and Elin Wilkinson School have been invited to join. If successful the scheme will serve to give the local policing teams a direct line from youth in the local community towards their local policing teams. To date this channel of communication has been noticeably absent. The South Acton Safer Neighbourhoods Team want to have the opportunity to understand what issues affect young people's day to day living in South Acton.

PCSO Sarah Kearney has recently been dealing with various neighbour disputes by offering mediation and visiting all parties. Two have now hopefully been resolved and moving forward. PCSO Kearney will be monitoring them.

She has also been offering security surveys to residents in Whitehall Gardens, Oakley Avenue and Avenue Gardens. These areas have had burglaries recently. If you would like a survey please contact the team.

South Acton SNT have been working in close partnership with Ealing Council. As a team they have been visiting residents in Clandon Close and Arlington Court due to ongoing ASB issues. If residents are found to be contributing to ASB in the local area they could be in breach of their tenancy. In appropriate instances both South Acton SNT and Ealing Council hope to take action which could lead to these individuals losing their property.

On the 20 November PC Sullivan and PCSO Kearney attended the local Creffield Area Residents Association (CARA) traffic speed monitoring event on Twyford Avenue. Both officers met members of the CARA and PC Gase from the Ealing Roads and Transport Policing Command who CARA works in association with.

Also on the 20th November PC Sullivan attended Acton Children's Center and met staff, parents and children from the local area. Many parents took the time to approach PC Sullivan and ask questions about on going issues in the local area. PC Sullivan is looking to attend the centre in the near future with PCSO Kearney to keep this contact with local parents and children.

On 25th November officers visited the Crown Street Surgery to discuss youth engagement with the medical practice. There has been an ongoing issue with ASB in the form of youths loitering around the car park of the surgery. As a means of bridging this issue officers facilitated a meeting between Colin, Leader of the Bollo Bridge Youth Centre and the practice management. Here a new scheme was proposed whereby local youths can visit the surgery, witness first hand the service that Crown Street Surgery provide the local community and meet staff in a variety of roles. We are currently working to take this experience to a formal work experience placement which the youth in the local community can take forward with them.

Also on the 25th officers worked in partnership again with Colin from the Bollo Bridge Youth Centre as a caretaker from a local school was having issues with youths throwing fireworks and kicking his door. The youths have now been identified due to this meeting and the youths will be dealt with.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

9th December 11am Starbucks

23rd December 3pm Jungle Café

31st December 11am Starbucks

27th January 3pm Jungle Café

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Approximately three months ago it was decided at the East Acton Ward Panel that one of the ward priorities for the forthcoming month would be to tackle ASB and drug activity on the Westcott Park Estate.

Over the last 3 months officers have engaged with residents on the estate to gather information about how best we can tackle the issues. With the assistance of residents, officers have successfully enforced multiple dispersal zones. In addition to this officers have completed effective stop and searches, leading to a significant reduction in reports of ASB at this location.

In addition to this, officers have also worked with the housing association to tidy up a small garden area on the estate. This has resulted in a large amount of rubbish being collected and removed. In addition to this fence panels have also been removed to assist in the "designing out" of crime.

PCSO 7323XB Cumming is a very well known face on the East Acton ward, and our residents regularly see him patrolling the ward on pedal bike in all weathers. Having taken 4 emergency calls on one day this week, he arrived at the scene quicker than our colleagues on 4 wheels and blues on each occasion. Having totted up the miles covered, PCSO 7323XB has covered around 100 miles on the East Acton Ward this week.

On 21st November officers completed their regular Cuppa with a Copper gig at Acton Park. This is a great opportunity for East Acton residents to engage with their

local team. Please feel free to come and see us at future events.

On the 17th November officers from the East Acton Safer Neighbourhoods Team completed joint patrols with the South Acton Neighbourhoods Team. This is a great way for the teams to carry out effective enforcement for issues that affect the entire Acton Cluster.

Officers completed a search around a premises on Crown Street. PC 355XB and PC 349XB found 49 wraps of crack and heroin hidden in an electricity box. This was subsequently seized and taken off the streets of Acton.

On the 23rd November officers were on proactive cycle patrols at the junction with Park Royal Road and Victoria Road. A van driver was seen driving his vehicle whilst also using his mobile phone. He was stopped by officers and spoken to about this offence. He told Officers that he was adjusting Google Maps.

We discussed the dangers of this and he was reported for the offence. He will now receive 6 points and a £200 fine. The driver was thankful for the Officers time and promised to not use his phone whilst driving in the future.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

The Team hold regular Cuppa with a Copper events at the Café in Acton Park. For more details of when you will next be able to join them, please contact them at the number indicated

Street Briefings

Park Royal Leisure Centre 6th December

Costa Coffee Victoria Road 11th December

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On 13 November The Acton Central Ward Panel took place at the Acton Central patrol base. This was an extra panel, after the previous panel overran, meaning key issues needed to be covered. PS Buckland updated the panel with crime figures, and discussed any issues that arose from these and explained what action was being taken by the team.

The main purpose of the ward panel however is to review and discuss and set the Ward Promises.

The previous ward promises were discussed, summarised below:

1) Anti-social behaviour on the Friary Park Estate - PS Buckland stated that the area had been subject to regular high visibility patrols, and that no new incidents had been raised to him in the previous months.

The general consensus from the residents who reside in the area is that this has seen an improvement, to such an extent that it was felt that it no longer needed to remain as a promise.

2) Begging in Churchfield Road - PS Buckland explained that the team has been employing community protection notices to target those who beg in an aggressive and anti-social manner. This has proved successful, however he went on to state that the process would be streamlined, so that those who persistently offend, would receive less warnings and chances before they were put before the courts.

The issue was discussed and found that the problems are still occurring. PS Buckland stated that patrols would continue, however in order to use powers officers must be in uniform, which affords the beggars the opportunity to move on, before police reach them. PS Buckland stated that the team would continue there efforts and undertake some plain clothed patrols to identify offenders.

3) The Duke of York - Problems raised previously with regards to anti-social parking, and late night gatherings of patrons, which cause a disturbance to local residents.

PS Buckland stated that numerous notices had been issued to vehicles that were parked in contravention of restrictions. He went on to add that this would be followed up with partnership patrols with civilian enforcement officers from the council, when any vehicles will be issued with parking fines.

It was decided that the ward promises would change slightly, and were set as the following.

1) Police to make enquiries into digital speed warning signs in Churchfield Road
2) Traffic offences to be targeted by the team across the ward

3) Duke of York - Felt correct to keep this in as police activities were still ongoing, as were the issues.

The meeting was concluded with the date for the next meeting set as 08/02/2018.

In line with the new ward promises, it was decided that the team will conduct a number of pop up traffic operations. These are designed to target those who ignore road traffic laws and regulations, however they will be conducted around the ward in areas that will benefit from a high visibility police presence.

The result of this operation was a number of drivers reported for various offences.

We will be looking to expand on this idea over the coming weeks, and will look to make use of additional resources as and when they are available.

Following a number of residential burglaries, the team have been conducting numerous high visibility patrols in an effort to combat these offences. Mixtures of foot and cycle patrols were adopted, resulting in a number of stops and an increased policing presence in the area. The patrols included a large number of crime prevention advice leaflets being posted through doors, and a street briefing. These activities will continue over the coming days and weeks, in the hope that this will deter and disrupt those out to commit such offences.

On 21 November an officer from the Road & Transport Policing Command joined up with local residents in Lynton Road to combat the issue of speeding drivers. Road Watch is designed to increase awareness and educate drivers, rather than prosecute. It also helps to highlight areas where speeding is a problem, therefore making the roads less safe for other road users.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Thursday 7th Dec 10am Bridge Cafe

Street Briefings

The Team organise these in specific areas that have recently experienced crime. These will be publicised on Twitter

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