

# ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

# POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to Issue No 4 of your local Neighbourhood Police Update. In this issue we'll be looking at a police initiative which aims to involve members of the public in the monitoring of vehicle speed and the education of those caught travelling over the speed limit. Two wards have already become involved. We'll also be looking at the various activities your ward teams have become involved with from attending School Sports Days to serving Community Protection Orders

## SOUTHFIELD WARD

Officers attended Southfield Primary School Sports Day on Friday 16th. The event was held on Southfield Rec on a blazing hot day and was a great success with officers engaging with a large number of children parents and teachers.

In the previous week officers have also met with the community at one of their popular Cuppa with a Copper events at the Sparrow Café in Acton Lane. John Stanton from the Councils Safer Communities Team also attended this event and plans to attend more of these events in the future.

The officers also met with partners from the council to discuss other issues, including abandoned vehicles in Wilkinson Way and vulnerable local residents.

They also did some more Weapons Sweeps on the Beaconsfield Estate with the assistance of a Park Guard and his search dog Luna. Nothing untoward was discovered I am pleased to report.

On top of all this officers continued reassurance patrols throughout the area, concentrating on the few places

that have experienced low level anti social behaviour in the past.

The team conducted their usual engagement events on the week commencing 19th June. They had another successful Cuppa with a Copper at Plum Duff and knocked on all the doors in Cunnington Street when they managed to introduce themselves and discuss issues with the residents



PCSO Stuart Honey (pictured above) also took the opportunity to attend the Southfield Triangle Summer Fair where he managed to talk with a number of local residents.

One exciting development for the team happened on the evening of Friday 23rd when they attended the W4

Youth Group in St Peters Church. They had been invited by the organiser and the officers immediately decided to exhibit their prowess at table tennis (or lack of it!) and other indoor activities. The officers plan to visit the club regularly and get to know the youths. The club also organises football and basketball teams and the officers feel it is a perfect opportunity to really get to know and engage with the community from an early age.

### Forthcoming Events

#### **Cuppa with a Copper**

Fri 30 June 10-11am Laveli South Parade  
Sat 7 July 10-11am Melody Café South Parade  
Sat 15 July 10-11am Sparrow Café Acton Lane

#### **Street Briefings**

Fri 23 June 6-7pm Cunnington Street  
Mon 3 July 5-6pm Essex Park Mews  
Sat 15 July 1-2pm Hawkshead Road

## HANGER HILL WARD

Ward officers held a street briefing on Saturday 17th June 2017 on a sunny evening on Lynwood Road, W5. Officers spoke with local residents who shared their thoughts on how the area could be improved. One of the issues was vehicles who were exceeding the speed



limit of 20mph. Ward officers informed local residents that this was a matter they were looking into and last week held a Community Road Watch session on the road where vehicles were caught doing over the 20mph speed; the highest being 28mph. This was well received by residents and officers reminded them that this scheme is reliant on volunteers to give up an hour or two of their time. The ward looks forward to working alongside these residents in the near future on similar initiatives.

It has been a week since the Community Protection notice (CPN) scheme has been introduced to the Hanger Hill ward. This scheme has enabled officers to give out 26 verbal warnings to people drinking alcohol in public places. The long term aim is to penalise repeat offenders by handing them a CPN and banning them from a large part of the ward. This week officers have also spoken to local shop owners to educate them on procedures they must follow. So far, this has been a positive impact and the ward has seen a decrease in drinking hotspots in a short period. The Body Worn Cameras are also used to enforce this process and they have also proved to be a valuable tool.

As a part of the Acton Cluster crackdown on knife crime and part of Op Renounce, ward officers conducted a weapons sweep on Saturday 17th June 2017 at Chatsworth Wood, W5. Dedicated Ward Officers; PC Biro and PC Bhogal and PCSO Syed highlighted areas on the ward where there could be potential of discarded items. Whilst officers searched the woods, a large knife was found discarded in the bushes. This was seized by Police and in doing so; a potential life could have been saved. This was a positive result and officers will continue to monitor open spaces on the ward in order to make Hanger Hill a safer place

Ward officers attended a very well turned out West Twyford Residents Association on Thursday 22nd June 2017 where over 50 residents attended. Ward officers were pleased to inform residents that concerns raised in the last meeting were met with a positive approach by the Safer Neighbourhood Team, which included partnership working. One of the issues was speeding along Twyford Abbey Road, NW10 where officers recently held a Community Road Watch in partnership with the Safer Transport Team and stunned the audience when they were told that 22 vehicles were caught speeding over 24mph in a 20mph zone; the fastest was 35mph!! The team are holding further sessions and highlighted that volunteers are needed for this scheme to work. As well as traffic, ward officers addressed concerns on recent scams including cold callers at the door and fraud over the telephone. Residents were reminded to never give any personal details over the phone and only allow pre-arranged workers to enter who have an appointment and use reputable companies.

On Tuesday 20th June 2017 ward officers attended St Gregory's School, W5 where they spoke with nursery



pupils about Stranger Danger. Ward officers have been fortunate to build strong relationships with local schools and this is the second visit in a year to St Gregory's

School delivering talks on online safety and stranger danger. It is important for children to understand the risks behind the topic and officers tried to make it as engaging as possible. One of the more important messages was the importance for the children to inform parents and teachers of concerns. The children were extremely happy to see Police and even happier when officers allowed them try on equipment. Whilst at the school, officers spoke with the head teacher; Margaret Kolanowska and offered advice on security as well as concerns raised around parent parking around the school entrance. The ward has conducted a joint Operation with Ealing Council to target this last year and it was reassuring to know that the Council enforcement officers are assisting with this issue by showing a visible presence.

On Wednesday 21st June 2017 ward officers stopped a BMW vehicle on Ashbourne Parade, W5. The driver was seen to be using his mobile phone whilst driving. On conducting checks against the Police database, the vehicle appeared to be uninsured. This was double checked with the Motor Insurance Bureau who confirmed that the vehicle held no insurance, despite the driver stating differently. Officers reported the driver for the offence of using a mobile phone whilst driving and also seized his car for no insurance. This highlighted the effect of proactive policing where a simple stop led to a vehicle seizure. Officers are continuing to monitor the ward and report drivers for mobile offences and also remind motorists this offence now carries 6 points and £200 fine!!

Ward officers worked in partnership with UKBA on Monday 19th June 2017 where they tackled a hotspot on Quill Street, W5. Recent reports from residents and

shops suggested there were a number of people standing around in the early hours asking motorists for work believed to be immigrants. Ward officers worked with UKBA who were on the Acton Cluster with other Neighbourhood Teams and specified the location and times these males were seen to stand around. On this occasion the joint Operation didn't lead to any arrests but this is a positive step forward and certainly reassured residents and business owners that the ward will address issues raised by the best means possible. The ward are hoping to work in partnership with UKBA again in the very near future.

### Forthcoming Events

#### **Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5**

Saturday 1st July 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 5th July 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 6th July 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 8th July 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 12th July 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 13th July 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 15th July 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 19th July 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 20th July 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 22nd July 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 26th July 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 27th July 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 29th July 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 2nd August 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 3rd August 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 5th August 2017; 2-3pm

#### **Street Briefings**

Wednesday 5th July 2 between 2-3pm outside St Gregory's School

Tuesday 11th July 2017 between 2-3pm outside West Twyford Primary School

Saturday 22nd July 2017 between 8-9pm at Brentmead Gardens, NW10

Friday 28th July 2017 between 12-1pm outside Hanger Lane Station, W5

Thursday 3rd August 2017 between 1-2pm outside North Ealing Station

### School Events

15th July 2017 at Japanese School, Queens Drive, W3 - School Fete event.

Yearly school talks regarding personal safety are given to children between September - October.

The SNT is currently in touch with the schools with regards to setting up NHW groups consisting of parents and teachers

### Other

4/7/17 - Woodfield Watch Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Brentham Club at 1930hrs onwards

12/7/17 - Ward Panel Meeting - AGM at The Fox and Goose Hotel from 1930hrs onwards

### APOLOGY

*The Editor would like to apologise for any confusion caused by some of the entries in the last Update. A couple of East Acton Ward events were wrongly attributed to Hanger Hill Ward and vice versa. I assure readers in both wards this will not happen again..*

### SOUTH ACTON WARD

On Monday the 12th of June 2017 officers from The South Acton Team were in attendance at Isleworth Crown Court for the case of Girvin. Mr Girvin had been arrested back in April 2016 and PC Zhang was the officer in the case. This had been an extremely protracted and complex investigation. Mr Girvin was facing three counts of Blackmail, Theft and Unlawful eviction having changed the locks on his tenant and taken her entire worldly possessions amounting to approximately £26000.00. Unable to follow his job through, and while on leave, PC Mann and PC Young took over the reins from PC Zhang while the matter was at court.

This case was made all the harder as the victim had now moved back to the Czech Republic as the stress and financial loss prohibited her from maintaining a home and her job.

After a three day trial, and with two witnesses having to travel from the Czech Republic, Mr Girvin was found guilty by the jury of Theft and Unlawful eviction. He is due to be sentenced on the 12th of July 2017.

On Tuesday the 20th of June 2017 PC Young and PC Mann from The South Acton Team conducted a second joint operation with UKBA. The teams met at 0500 hours and a number of identified areas were visited. As a result of this operation a Romanian male was found to be living in a tent at the side of the rail tracks tucked away by the foot bridge near Ramsay Road. As the male was not working and sleeping rough he was detained by UKBA and taken to a detention centre.



The South Acton Team have an extremely close working relationship with the Ealing Council Community Safety Team which was demonstrated on Tuesday the 20th of June. The team were made aware of an Ealing Council tenant who was in breach of an injunction obtained by the council due to ongoing anti-social behaviour by the resident. This took the form of continued cannabis use and the loud playing of music which caused a nuisance to neighbours. The team were provided with witness statements documenting a recent breach and officers attended Corfe Tower on the 20/06/17. The subject was at home and was arrested. He was then conveyed to Brentford Council Court along with the attendance of a legal representative from Ealing Council. As this was the second breach the judge

would not hear the case fully until the subject sought legal advice, intimating this matter may result in a custodial sentence. He has now been bailed to attend Brentford county Court again on the 12/07/2017. The message is very clear, Ealing Council will obtain injunctions if residents persist in anti-social behaviour and The South Acton Team are committed to supporting our partners by arresting those in breach. Breaches of which are a contempt of court and looked dimly upon with a custodial sentence a very real possibility.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **Cuppa with a Copper**

Starbucks - 19/07/17 - 1600 - 1700

#### **Street Briefings**

Buxton Gardens - 11/07/17 - 1200 - 1300

## **EAST ACTON WARD**

Officers from East Acton held a Cuppa with a Copper session outside the café in Acton Park W3. The owner of the café was spoken too, as well as dog walkers and local residents.

Last month, PC 349XB, PC 231XB and PCSO 7323XB stopped two teenage males for smoking Cannabis in Friars Place Lane W3. The males were dealt with for this, and returned home to their parents. Officers then completed a vulnerable person report, and spoke at length with the teenager's mother. Approx 6 weeks later, Officers were stopped by this male in Acton Park W3; he wanted to tell Officers that his encounter with Police had a significant impact on his life. He has now stopped using Cannabis, and has enrolled on a journalism course at College.

On 13 June and in response to a number of weapons recently found on The Vale Estate W3, a weapon sweep was completed. You'll be pleased to hear that no weapons were found.

On 14 June officers discovered a moped covered in a plastic sheet whilst on routine patrols. A check was completed and officers discovered that it had recently been stolen. Officers seized the vehicle to prevent it

being taken again, and the vehicle will be returned to its rightful owner. We also arranged for SOCO to attempt to take forensics in order to identify the suspect.

On 15 June 349XB noticed the driver of a Mercedes using their mobile phone whilst driving. The vehicle was stopped and driver reported for using a mobile phone. During routine checks, it also transpired that the driver had not arranged an insurance policy. The driver was therefore reported for this offence too. The driver is likely to receive 6 points for each offence, which will result in them losing their licence. PC 349XB also seized the vehicle under Op Reclaim.

Officers met with John Stanton from Ealing Council Safer Communities Team. Research was completed around a female who is letting a well known local street drinker into the block on Beech Avenue W3. They spoke with the female involved, and took statements from disgruntled neighbours who were also reassured. We're now looking to increase this male's ASBO and ban him from the Vale Estate.

On 21 June and following a very well received and successful visit last year, PC 349XB and PCSO 7323XB return visited a supported housing venue for people with mental health and learning disabilities. Residents enjoy a fantastic relationship with East Acton SNT, and were keen to engage with Police.

Officers gave a presentation on 'top ten tips for staying safe'. This included advice around wearing headphones whilst walking alone, and keeping safe online.

This was followed by a Q and A with officers. Lots of questions were posed, and helpful discussion ensued. Topics discussed included staying safe when dating, how you can ask for help when out alone, and how and when to call Police. The talk was once again a huge success, and further strengthens the relationship between local Police and the vulnerable residents.

Also on the 21st PC 349XB noticed a vehicle driving on Victoria Road NW10 in a poor condition. A routine vehicle stop identified that the vehicle had an expired MOT test certificate. The driver was reported for the offence, and suitable words of advice were also given. Additional advice was also given about other maintenance issues with the vehicle. The driver was thankful for the advice, and began making enquiries to get a new MOT certificate from the scene.

Again on the 21st officers on patrol in the cycle lane adjacent with the A40 Western Avenue noticed a female driver using her mobile phone whilst driving on the A40. This was clearly extremely dangerous, but Officers were on cycle patrol and it was not a safe location to stop the vehicle. The Officers continued to monitor the vehicle and eventually found a safe place to stop the vehicle on Portal Way W3. The driver was reported for using her mobile phone whilst driving, and can expect 6 points and a £200 fine. Worryingly the driver had only just completed her first 2 years of driving. Had she been stopped a few weeks earlier for the same offence, she would have also likely lost her licence!

On the same day officers attended the home address of a prominent member of the local residents association. Officers and the resident discussed at length the issues that are occurring in the local streets. It was identified that there was much confusion amongst local residents about when to email the SNT, when to phone 101 and when to call 999.

Advice was given to the resident, who added this to their resident's association group. The message was then received by other local residents involved in the resident's association group.

More intelligence has since been received and officers have begun to complete checks on vehicles involved in suspicious activity. Officers were also invited to attend their next meeting to offer crime prevention advice. We will attend and continue to address residents concerns.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Contact Point:**

ASDA Friday 1800 - 2100, Saturday  
0900 - 1200

### **Street Briefings**

01/07/2017 - School Road NW10 1200  
02/10/2017 - Midland Terrace NW10 1200

## **ACTON CENTRAL WARD**

Following a residential burglary in the locality, a member of the Acton Central Safer Neighbourhood Team

attended Saxon Drive to speak with residents. This included conducting the teams new initiative of enhanced cocooning. This includes knocking on doors, speaking to residents directly and offering crime prevention advice/reassurance, as well as Smartwater registration and an opportunity to speak with officers about other issues.

On 16 June PC Loveday met with representatives from the Churchfield Residents Association regarding Operation Temperance. This is an Acton Central initiative aimed at dealing with Street Drinking in the area. The officer explained what action was being done, and how the residents could contribute to the operation. As a result of the meeting the representatives have identified how they can assist, and will be looking to press for stricter licensing conditions around the sale of individual cans of alcohol.

On 21 June PCSO Kearney attended a street briefing on Horn Lane in order to speak with residents and businesses about issues that are affecting them.

On 23rd June officers conducted a number of traffic stops on motorists using mobile phones while driving.

Despite the national press coverage regarding the increase in fine and points for this offence, many drivers continue to ignore the warnings. More important than the risk of fine/points is the safety aspect. If you are using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving, your ability to observe and react to hazards is impaired, putting others at risk. Rest assured that the Acton Central Team will continue to enforce all road traffic legislation around the ward.

The Acton Central Team are in the process of setting up a Business Watch.

The purpose of a Business Watch is to forge links and a strong working relationship between business and the police. It will allow ward officers to be aware of incidents as and when they occur. If you own or manage a business in the area, and would be interested in joining, please contact us at [SNTXB-ActonCentral@met.police.uk](mailto:SNTXB-ActonCentral@met.police.uk) or ring the contact number at the end of this publication.

## Forthcoming Events

### School Events

8/7/2017 St Vincent's School Fete 1200-1700 hrs

### Other Events

14/7/2017 West Acton Fete 1500-1700 hrs

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