

ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

POLICE UPDATE

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Welcome to Issue No 5 of your local Neighbourhood Police Update. In this issue we'll be reporting on a successful operation against the fraudulent use of blue badges for the disabled as well as the growing nuisance of mopeds in Southfield Rec.

We'll also be talking about operations that dealt with dangerous and illegal over occupation of houses, and illegal sales being conducted on licensed premises

SOUTHFIELD WARD

Officers held another of their popular Cuppa with a Copper sessions at Lavelis on South Parade on Friday 29th. A number of local residents joined them and they discussed a number of local issues in a convivial atmosphere.

The previous day they had been joined by John Stanton from Ealing Council's Safer Communities Team when they conducted another Weapons Sweep on the Beaconsfield Estate. They spoke to a number of local residents and I am pleased to report that again no weapons were found.

Officers have also been patrolling along Stanley Gardens and Warple Way to investigate complaints about abandoned vehicles. They have again been working closely with John Stanton and the council's Envirocrime unit, who are directly responsible for dealing with these problems.

Some vehicles have been parked there for some time and are looking a little worse for wear, but if they are correctly registered taxed and insured they can be parked in the area for as long as the owners like, as there are no specific parking restrictions.

If you are aware of a vehicle that you believe has been abandoned please contact Ealing Council online and go to "Abandoned Vehicles". You will be led to an online form which you must fill in. Somebody from the council will examine the vehicle and if it has been abandoned will arrange for its removal.

Officers also had a meeting at the council offices in Ealing with partners to discuss options to help a troubled local resident.

Officers conducted reassurance patrols throughout the week in the areas that have suffered from minor anti social behaviour in the past.

On Monday 3rd officers conducted a Street Briefing on Essex Park Mews where they knocked on doors and met with many members of the public and on Friday 7th they talked with concerned residents at the Melody Café on South Parade

Officers started to crack down on the ongoing problem of youths congregating in Southfield Rec on their mopeds. On Thursday 6th they had a meeting with John Stanton at Ealing Council to discuss possible alterations that could be made to the parks various entrances to prevent youths bringing their bikes in.

Later that day the same officers were called to the rec to disperse a group of them lined up on their bikes next to the football pitches.

Earlier on in the week and on a positive note officers came across a stolen scooter in Wilkinson Way which they were able to reunite with its very pleased owner.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Tuesday 18 July 11-12 pm Plum Duff South Parade

Saturday 29 July 4-5pm Laveli South Parade

Thursday 3 Aug 11-12pm Melody South Parade

Street Briefings

Wednesday Aug 3 12-1pm South Parade

Wednesday Aug 16 5-6pm Bollo Lane

Wednesday Aug 30 5-6pm The Vale

HANGER HILL WARD

On Tuesday 27th June 2017 ward officers held a multi agency meeting with Ealing Councils, Safer Community Team (SCT). This is now a monthly meeting that ward officers hold with the SCT and once again has proved successful in targeting certain local problems. Officers spoke about vulnerable persons on the ward and highlighted safer guarding measures. Having spoken with local residents there were concerns about a particular part of the ward where vehicles were mounting the curb in order to take short cuts, as a result ward officers raised this in the meeting. A joint site visit is arranged later next month in order to establish a suitable outcome with the aim of bollards being put up. There were also talks about unlicensed houses with multiply occupancy; known as HMO's. Ward officers have assisted Ealing Council in the past with these visits and officers gave the council additional addresses believed to be used as HMO's and will assist the SCT with their enquiries. Once again this meeting highlighted the importance of partnership work. This has proved to be valuable in the past, and long may it continue.



On Thursday 29th June 2017 Hanger Hill ward officers held a joint Operation with Ealing Council and Met Police Licensing Teams, Health and Safety with Trading Standards and Ealing Councils Community Safety Team. Special Constables and Immigration officers were also involved. The motive behind the operation was to crackdown on licensed premises and witness any breaches in regulations that were occurring at the time and the best option was a surprise visit. This was a large operation with over 20 officers involved and resources were used to hit certain venues simultaneously. Ward officers had highlighted particular shops to target and this led to six immigration arrests including the possession of fraudulent documents, shops having a licence review and large amounts of cigarettes and tobacco seized. This was a positive result for the ward and highlighted the importance of partnership working. Ward officers will continue to monitor the shops and act accordingly.

On Wednesday 5th July 2017 Hanger Hill officers attended the Woodfield Neighbourhood Watch at the Brentham Club, W5. Officers spoke about recent crime updates and offered support and reassurance to residents. All residents were informed to keep vigilant in light of recent incidents. Officers also showed images of recent jobs that the ward have put together and expressed the importance of these meetings as all the intelligence for these jobs have been from local residents. Officers used this meeting to advertise the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and also asked for

volunteers to come forwards for a new initiative on the ward; Community Road Watch. This scheme is reliant on local residents assisting Police with the speeding issue on the ward.

Officers also asked residents to contact the ward team for free crime prevention surveys and this was received positively by all present.

Ward officers have been promoting Neighbourhood Watch this week and targeted the following roads; Madeley road, W5, Westville Grange, W5, Westbury Road, W5, Regency Close, W5 and West Road, W5. The leafleting has proved successful and the ward has seen an increase in co-ordinators and this week over 600 houses were leafleted. Meetings with community residents and co-ordinators are helping the ward officers gain important intelligence to tackle specific crimes.

These meetings also allow officers to update the community on crime figures, crime prevention advice and reassurance.

Officers have covered approximately 80% of the ward and will work towards finishing the entire ward later this month. Residents are urged to make contact with their respective wards for more information.

Ward officers have continued to conduct weapon sweeps across open areas on the ward as part of Op Renounce. This has been a fundamental part of the ward officer's weekly patrols and allows a proactive approach to a national concern in the past few months. Officers are monitoring local hotspots, crime trends and liaising with local residents to identify potential problem areas. To the ward officers delight there were no knives or offensive weapons found discarded.

In the coming weeks further weapon sweeps are planned and residents are continuously suggesting places they feel might be vulnerable or become a hot spot.

Whilst ward officers were patrolling the ward on Wednesday 5th July 2017, officers noticed a male who appeared to be rolling a cigarette. There was a strong smell of cannabis and the male was stopped and searched under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act. He was found to be in possession of a cannabis grinder as well a snap bag of cannabis amounting to personal use. The male was checked against the police computer and

was given a Cannabis Warning. The drugs were seized and the male was also given a verbal warning as he was drinking alcohol in a public place.



This was a positive result and showed the importance to intervene accordingly at the earliest stage. It is often noticed that this sort of behaviour leads to other Anti Social Behaviour and offences. With officers also putting this males detail on their database for a

Community Protection Notice regarding the alcohol drinking; officers will continue to monitor the area.

Forthcoming Events

Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5

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
Wednesday 9th August 2017 between 4-5pm outside Park Royal Station
Saturday 19th August 2017 between 3-4pm at Hillcrest Road, W5
Friday 25th August 2017 between 7-8pm at the Travelodge, NW10
Thursday 31st August 2017 between 12-1pm at Quill Street.

Street Briefings

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

School Events

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

SOUTH ACTON WARD

On Wednesday the 28th of June 2017 officers from the South Acton Team started at 5am to assist Ealing Council with the enforcement of a Housing Warrant. Police and Council attended the address in Byron Road W5 and entry was gained. After checking all rooms in the large semi detached house 13 people were found to be residing in a house which the landlord had permission for 5 occupants. All of those residing in the premises were compliant and some even publically praised the police and council on Twitter for the manner in which they conducted the visit. (Even though they had been awoken at such an unsocial hour of the morning). Having discovered several breaches Ealing Council will now be taking action against the landlord.

On Friday the 7th of July officers from both the South Acton Ward and Acton Central Ward assisted staff from Ealing Council with a blue badge enforcement operation. The purpose of this operation was to detect the misuse and fraudulent use of the disability passes. Areas covered during the engagement were Church Rd , Crown St, Market Place, Horn Lane and Churchfield Road W3.

One motorist was found to be using a badge issued to an 80 year old female purely for the purpose of parking outside his work place on Churchfield Road. This has resulted in the seizure of the badge and a prosecution. From experience, staff from Ealing Council suggest the fine along with court costs is like to be about £1500.00. A blue parking badge is a useful tool for those in genuine need but be warned, misuse is an offence that will be dealt with robustly by Ealing Council.

On Thursday 6 July officers also attended a Cuppa with a Copper event at the Jungle café opposite Acton Town tube station, where they met with local residents and discussed local policing issues.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Starbucks - 19/07/17 - 1600 - 1700
Jungle Café - 03/08/17 - 1400 - 1500
Starbucks - 16/08/17 - 1200 - 1300
Jungle Café - 01/09/17 - 1400 - 1500

Street Briefings

Westlodge Avenue - 25/07/17 - 1300 - 1400
Caulfield Road - 09/08/17 - 1200 - 1300
All Saints Road - 23/08/17 - 1700 - 1800
Byron Road - 09/09/17 - 1500 - 1600

School Events

17/07/17 - West Acton Primary School

Other Events

19/07/17 - 1900 - Armenian Centre for Mill Hill Park Residents Ass AGM

EAST ACTON WARD

Eid was celebrated by visitors to the Park Royal Leisure complex over the weekend of 25-26th June. Several hundred people were expected which was more than could usually be expected. Officers from East Acton and the Acton cluster patrolled the area with other officers and assisted security at the complex. BTP officer also assisted at the nearby station reassuring the public through their presence and providing a deterrent to anyone looking to cause trouble. Though there were a couple of minor ASB incidents overall the weekend was peaceful.

Following an incident in Wells House Road a suspect was given a harassment warning

Following complaints about ASB in the area officers patrolled Goodhall and Stephenson Street. It was good to speak to some residents regarding some of the issues there and get to know that part of the community

a little better. No ASB was seen during the patrols and we will continue to monitor the area.

On the 8th of July officers conducted a Street Briefing in Acton Park. The putting green area was visited by our officer who used the opportunity to speak to park users and engage with the community.

On July 6th officers assisted Ealing Council in executing a Housing Warrant in York Road following concerns regarding the over occupation of a specific house. They helped the council speak to residents and explain the reason why they were there whilst also providing security for the council staff. The council's investigation is ongoing at this stage. We are always happy to assist our council colleagues.

If you have concerns regarding a property's use, please call Ealing Council on 0208 825 5000.

Forthcoming Events

Contact Point:

ASDA Friday 1800 - 2100, Saturday
0900 - 1200

Street Briefings

02/10/2017 - Midland Terrace NW10 1200

ACTON CENTRAL WARD

On 27/7/2017 the Acton Central Team conducted proactive patrols on and around Horn Lane, following reports of drug dealing and theft at the location. Within the first few minutes a male was stopped having been acting suspiciously outside the Co-op store. On being stopped it was discovered that he had just stolen a large quantity of meat from the venue. The suspect was arrested and the meat returned to the store. The store was still unaware of the theft when police attended to restore the good and obtain statements and CCTV.

Following up on the strong results of the previous day, officers from Acton Central continued to provide a robust police presence in the Horn Lane area. A number of people were stopped and spoken to, and where grounds existed searched. In total officers stopped 15

people, seized alcohol and sent a clear message that anti social behaviour and crime will not be tolerated.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Sat Aug 5 12.00hrs Franks Café Churchfield Rd
Sat Aug 12 12.00 hrs Costa, High Street

Street Briefings

Tues 1 Aug The Drive
Weds 23 Aug Allison Road
Weds 30 Aug Faraday Road

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