

# ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

# POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to Issue No 6 of your local Neighbourhood Police Update. In this issue we'll be featuring the Acton Carnival, the annual event that takes place in Acton Park. We'll also be talking about Travellers setting up camps in urban areas as well as discussing Moped Security in detail and the dangers of carrying a knife. The Cluster Inspector, Aaron Clarke, has also written a detailed report about Operation Renounce, the Acton Initiative to combat youth violence and knife crime.

## SOUTHFIELD WARD

On Saturday 15th July all Southfield ward officers along with officers from the other four Acton wards, attended the annual Acton Carnival in Acton Park. Thankfully



there were no serious incidents to report and good mid summer fun was had by the many thousands of visitors.

Suzanne Tanswell and Christine Jones from Acton Neighbourhood Watch joined us in the Police Tent and spoke to many members of the community as well as providing Smartwater kits to many members of the community.

One of the highlights was the appearance of one of the Met's Heritage Police Cars. This was a 1995



Rover 827, proudly driven in the parade in full uniform by the two police officers pictured. Officers from Hanger Hill had the privilege of returning the car to its base after the Carnival

The other wards that were involved in the smooth running of the event have also written their own reports about the carnival in their own sections later in this newsletter

On Tuesday 18 July Southfield Officers attended one of their regular Cuppa with a Copper sessions at the Plum Duff Café on Southfield Road where they met members of the public and discussed local issues. One particular concern was the increase in moped and scooter enabled crime in the area. It was explained that this was a problem right across London. The Met is obviously very aware of this and are determined to crack down on it. These mopeds are very difficult to stop but the Met are looking at other ways to catch the perpetrators and deal with them accordingly.

Southfield officers were asked to stand in for the Acton Central Team on Wednesday 19th and deal with some Travellers who had moved into Springfield Park W3.

The two officers were tasked to present to the 30 Travellers a "List of Conduct". This is a behaviour contract which lists exactly what they can do, and what they can't. It also states that should they do any of the banned activities they would be immediately and legally evicted.

On the same day the same two officers were attending a routine event on Bollo Lane when the heavens literally opened and the road was covered



with over a foot of water. This flash food caused all the drain covers to fly into the air and was quite dramatic. The officers had to think quickly and immediately had to close the road to all traffic. The picture below left is taken from Chiswick Park Station looking down Bollo Lane and really shows that the road had become totally impassable!

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

Thursday 3 Aug 11-12pm Melody South Parade

Thursday 10 Aug 11-12pm Sparrow Café Acton Lane

#### **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 Wednesday 12th July 2017 ward officers attended the Ward Panel Annual General Meeting at the Fox & Goose Hotel, W5. Officers were delighted to provide updates on recent jobs that officers have worked on. The updates included the recent find of a Cannabis factory where over £30k was discovered as well as informing the ward panel about the increase of Neighbourhood Co-ordinators. Ward panel members were delighted that residents were involved with tackling a local issue of speeding by volunteering in the Community Road Watch. This meeting also allowed ward promises and priorities to be decided and from information from the local SNT. The promises are unchanged.

On Saturday 15th July 2017 ward officers attended the annual Japanese Fete at Queens Drive, W5. The event has been regularly attended by ward officers and this year was no different despite Acton Carnival taking place on the same day Over 700 people attended and this was a great engagement and interaction event. It was nice to see residents enjoy the Fete with their families as the event catered for all needs, from games to stalls with food. This year celebrated the 25th

anniversary of the Fete and despite the rainy conditions the event was very well attended.

Officers spoke with the local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator of the ward and ironed out any concerns that were raised. It was also a delight to mention that Neighbourhood Watch in Hanger Hill has increased in recent months and that ward officers have posted most of the ward. Officers also took this opportunity in giving local residents crime prevention advice. As ever the children enjoyed speaking with officers and trying on Police equipment.

On Saturday 15th July 2017 ward officers assisted other Acton SNT's to patrol the Acton Carnival. This carnival included a procession which ran from Crown Street, W3 to Acton Park and this year took a longer route than before. ( See earlier pictures)It was a delight to see so many people from different parts of London who came together in order to join the procession. Officers assisted in making this event successful and intervened as and when necessary.

About this time officers took this opportunity to meet with Claude Simpson who has been a Hanger Hill Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and crime fighter for many years. She is now retiring from the post and Hanger Hill SNT would like to thank Claude for all her hard work and dedication.

On Friday 21st July 2017 officers conducted a thorough crime prevention survey on Woodfield Avenue, W5. Officers attended the venue following concerns of a resident who felt the property could be vulnerable. Ward officers were able to provide reassurance as well as offer practical solutions. This was well received by the owner who was looking at more expensive solutions when researching security options. The owner went a step further and has told officers she has ordered a few items that were suggested. Whilst talking to the owner, a neighbour came over and officers conducted a crime prevention survey at that property as well.

Residents are reminded that wards can carry out crime prevention surveys and recommended options for security and very often the recommendations are practical and effective.

On Thursday 20th July 2017 ward officers were patrolling the Masons Green Lane area when they

spotted two males drinking alcohol. As one of the males saw officers, he quickly placed the beer can into a bag. Officers approached the males and asked if they had alcohol, to which they both completely denied. Behind the males was a small black bag which had three open cans of beer. This was poured away by officers and both males were given their first verbal warning which forms part of a Community Protection Notice (CPN). This is a positive step forward and highlights the importance of patrolling hotspots on the ward to decrease the chances of a call to police relating to anti social behaviour.

Ward officers are reminding those who are being stopped that their details along with a picture are being placed on a database accessible to all Acton wards, and that repeat offenders will be dealt with swiftly!



On Friday 21st July 2017 ward officers conducted a weapons sweep at the The Ridings, W5. These weapon sweeps have proved an important tool in ensuring there are fewer instances involving offensive

weapons that have been discarded. In the picture PCSO Syed is seen conducting this search and officers are happy to report that no items were found

Next week the ward have organised a joint operation with Park Guard from Ealing Council in order to search various park and open spaces on the ward. Ward officers are hoping that this joint operation will prove a success; help keeping the ward a safer place to live and work in.

## Forthcoming Events

### Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5

Wednesday 2nd August 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 3rd August 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 5th August 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 9th August 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 10th August 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 12th August 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 16th August 2017; 7-8pm

Thursday 17th August 2017; 7-8pm

Saturday 19th August 2017; 2-3pm

### Street Briefings

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.

### 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

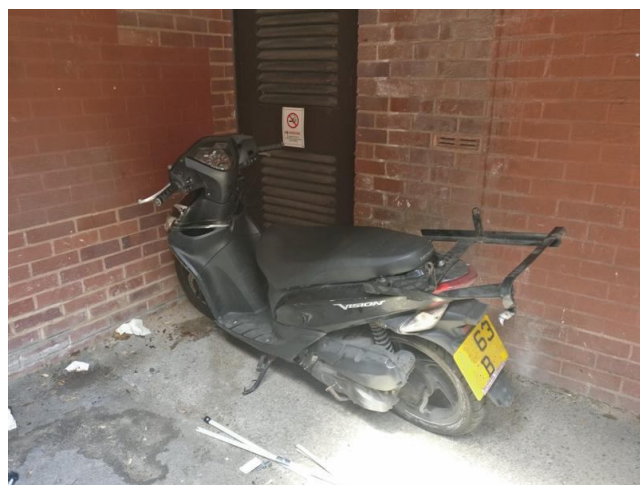
## SOUTH ACTON WARD

Operation Renounce is still ongoing across the Acton  
Cluster and as such, knife crime and youth violence is  
always on our mind when on patrol. On Tuesday the  
10th of July South Acton officers were on routine foot  
patrols when a spontaneous weapon sweep around the  
Ragley Close area was conducted. As a result of this a  
large kitchen knife was found. Sadly the message still  
does not seem to be getting through to young people



that carrying and using knives on the street is not an  
option. Those that carry knives often become victims  
themselves and it is never going to end well.

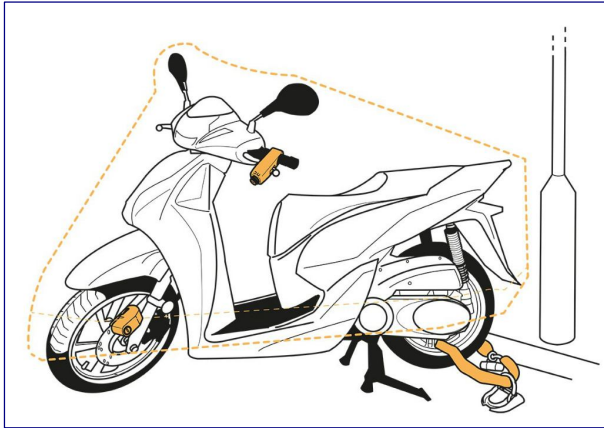
On Tuesday the 10th of July officers were on foot patrol  
when an unattended moped was found secreted in the  
corner of a decanted block on Church Rd W3. Officers  
conducted a vehicle check and found the moped to



have been stolen from St Stephens Avenue in  
Hammersmith on the 30th of June. There are

approximately 90 mopeds a day stolen in The  
Metropolitan area. It is up to owners to secure their  
vehicles properly to avoid becoming a victim of crime.  
Simple, cost effective crime prevention can be found on  
The Metropolitan Police website:

<https://www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-vehicle/theft-motorcycles-scooters/>



One tip to remember is to always use two or more security devices on your bike to avoid becoming a victim.

Following on from the case of Girvin reported in the Newsletter Number 4, Mr Girvin re-attended Isleworth Crown Court on the 12th of July for sentencing. Having made no attempt to restore any of the property since he was found guilty, Mr Girvin was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment suspended for 18 months, Costs of £1,500.00, Victim surcharge of £100.00 and compensation to the victim in the amount of £26,627.00



On Wednesday the 19th of July 2017 Inspector Clarke, A/PS Zhang and PC Young attended the AGM of the Mill Hill Park Residents Association. The officers were kindly invited along to the meeting and were provided with the opportunity to update this community group on

their activities and plans for the future of policing around the Acton Cluster.

One last thing to note is that on Monday the 17th of July 2017 PCSO Burgess attended West Acton Primary School along with the dedicated Primary School Officer, PC Carolyn McGuigan. PCSO Burgess assisted with the delivery of a talk to the leaving primary school year ahead of their journey into secondary education next year.

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

Jungle Café - 03/08/17 - 1400 - 1500

Starbucks - 16/08/17 - 1200 - 1300

Jungle Café - 01/09/17 - 1400 - 1500

#### **Street Briefings**

Caulfield Road - 09/08/17 - 1200 - 1300

All Saints Road - 23/08/17 - 1700 - 1800

Byron Road - 09/09/17 - 1500 - 1600

## **EAST ACTON WARD**

East Acton Officers supported the smooth operation of Acton Carnival this year. Working with other officers from the Acton cluster and Ealing Borough, as well as Neighbourhood Watch, officers provided a reassuring police presence to keep the day a fun, family day out.

On July 13th Officers met with students and teachers from John Perryn School who were attending the Westcott Community Garden to learn about plants and animals. Officers have planned further engagements with staff for the start of the new school year.

On 14 July an officer has spotted a driver texting on his mobile phone as he left the A40. He was caught up with and processed for using a mobile phone whilst driving.

On the 18 July Officers enjoyed a Cuppa with a Copper at the Acton Park Café and spoke with members of the public about local issues.

On July 20th Officers from the East Acton team were on patrol on Victoria Road when they saw a driver using

their mobile phone whilst driving. The driver did not notice officers at first and had lost control of his vehicle. The car was actually rolling backwards.

East Acton continue to liaise with the chairman of the residents association which covers Goodhall and Stephenson Street NW10. The chairman is assisting Police in educating residents to call Police using the 101 or 999 system as appropriate to report crimes or ASB when it is happening, rather than retrospectively. This is assisting the East Acton Ward to tackle crime and ASB more effectively.

### Forthcoming Events

#### **Street Briefings**

Tues 1st Aug - Harold Road  
Thurs 10th Aug - York Road  
Thurs 17h Aug - Vale Community Centre

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

Putt in the Park Café - Acton Park

Mon 31st Jul 1000 hrs  
Wed 9th Aug 1300 hrs

## ACTON CENTRAL WARD

On 9 July PC Chim Nweke and PC Dave Loveday attended North Acton Playing fields to speak with residents and provide reassurance following a recent traveller encampment at the location. Both officers were keen for residents to raise their concerns and provide them with the opportunity to explain the processes involved when such incidents occur.

As part of the team's continued efforts to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in and around Horn Lane, three motorists were reported for driving whilst using a hand held mobile telephone.

As part of the team's continued efforts to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in and around Horn Lane, a vehicle was stopped having been seen to be driven in poor condition and emitting heavy smoke. Once the vehicle was stopped it was clear that there were a number of safety concerns regarding the condition of

the vehicle. Specially trained officers from the Met Police Road Traffic Policing command attended and issued a prohibition notice. This means that the vehicle cannot be driven until certain defects are rectified.

Officers from the team attended the Burlington Mews to provide crime prevention advice and offer Smartwater to local residents. This is part of our drive to try and reduce the number of residential burglaries that are occurring in Acton Central.

On 13 July a driver of a goods vehicle was reported having driven over the road bridge, which crosses the mainline railway adjacent to Acton Mail Line station. The weight restriction is clearly signed and in place for a number of reasons. The driver could end up paying a fine, This is an issue that is regularly raised by residents.

### 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

## Operation Renounce-An Update

#### **By Inspector Aaron Clarke**

Three months have passed since Acton Safer Neighbourhood Teams launched Operation Renounce, on 25th April, in response to concerns from local residents about the rising levels of youth violence and knife crime being seen across the Capital.

Although the Met runs a corporate knife crime operation with monthly activity, known as Op Sceptre, our focus would be daily, unrelenting, and in partnership with local agencies and communities. We would use the knowledge and experience of local beat officers, and their strong community networks, to disrupt and deter.



In just 3 months, local beat officers across Acton, supported by police colleagues from Ealing Borough and the Council's ParkGuard service, have conducted at least 96 weapons sweeps of open spaces, finding in excess of 28 knives and weapons, as well as a large cache of ammunition, hidden but

readily accessible around the streets of Acton. Several arrests have also been made for possession of offensive weapons. We will continue searching open spaces to ensure the public can enjoy Acton safely.

We've used Dispersal Zone legislation flexibly, to send a clear message that crime and anti social behaviour is not tolerated by police or local residents. As part of that messaging, I've personally met with staff and young people from a local youth club to listen to **their** concerns, and to explain what we are doing, and why. This led to a brilliant clean-up initiative involving local officers, young people and staff from the youth club, and local residents - local businesses also donated plants and paint. I also participated in an interesting and informative youth debate about knife crime on WestsideFM,

We've also taken a renewed focus on improving community ties and building confidence through investment in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Working with local resident and Neighbourhood Watch campaigner Suzanne Tanswell, local beat officers have helped increase coverage of the scheme by recruiting an additional 38 coordinator volunteers - residents from **your** community - and I'm working closely with Ealing Council around future steps to build on this success. One ward now has over 50% street coverage and we're hoping to replicate this across the Acton area.

Going forward, we are taking a keen interest in some of the crime and anti social behaviour associated with the gang culture and youth violence. This includes misuse of drugs and the acquisitive theft offences that drug users commit to fund their habit - such as stealing property left in unattended vehicles; as well as the challenge of moped-enabled crime and disorder, which

has been raised as a topic of concern at several recent residents meetings.

I won't go into the detail of our plans, only suffice to say we are aware of some local issues and we are already taking action. Several known drug users were recently dispersed from the area, some arrests have been made, and we'll be using a range of tactics to disrupt and prevent youth violence and the contributing factors of this behaviour throughout the summer months.

The success of Operation Renounce is based upon the dedication of local residents who are keen to work with their passionate local beat officers to make Acton a safe place to live and work.

Youth violence and knife crime, and the associated crime and anti social behaviour that accompanies it, cannot be tackled alone. Wherever possible, as far as the majority of residents can be assured, we are seeking to do with, not do to. We want to work with local communities to improve public safety, and we are committed to doing so.

If you want to get involved and support us, you can follow us on Twitter or Facebook with the hashtag #renounce; contact your local safer neighbourhood team by phone or email, or through social media.

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