

ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to Issue No 7 of your local Neighbourhood Police Update. In this issue we'll be featuring a frightening incident where officers managed to successfully talk down a man who was threatening to take his own life from a tower block in Acton. We'll also be talking about how the Council's Park Guard are continuing to work with your local Teams in the ongoing fight against drugs misuse as well as commenting on the continuing success of Community Road Watch.

GUV'NOR'S GOSSIP - Insp Aaron Clarke

Stop & Search was in the news this week, with our Commissioner participating in a staunch defence of the tactic, and the Home Secretary Amber Rudd offering her support to police.

Stop and Search is useful in challenging knife crime, with one in three searches results in a positive outcome – in other words, we find things people shouldn't have.

Londoners remain worried about knife crime and youth violence, but many also express concern about anti social behaviour, drugs, and other low-level offences that disproportionately affect people's quality of life in their own homes and estates.

With two Dedicated PC's and a PCSO per ward, I'm proud that the Acton Neighbourhood teams continue to focus relentlessly on quality of life issues alongside serious and violent crimes.

As ever, you can help, by reporting things you see. We've amended this Newsletter to ensure contact details of local teams are prominent. Thanks for your continued support and efforts around our work.

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Residents expressed concerns about youths apparently dealing drugs on Acton Green at one of their popular Cuppa with a Copper sessions on July 29th at Laveli's Bakery on South Parade. Officers promised to conduct extra patrols in the area and deal robustly with the problem.

On Thursday 27 July PC Piatek had a meeting with the housing association A2 Dominion to discuss one of the many neighbourhood disputes the team are having to currently deal with on Southfield Ward . On the 28th she attended a Multi Agency Meeting regarding a very old local resident who has been knowingly behaving in a very anti social manner, and causing a lot of problems in his care home. It seems you don't have to young to be anti social...

Ward Officers, accompanied by Cluster Inspector Aaron Clarke, attended a Ward Panel meeting on Monday 31 July at St Peters Church South Parade.

Ward panellists discussed numerous issues concerning the policing of the ward, and three police "promises"

were agreed to deal with specific issues:

1. To concentrate on motor vehicle crime in the area between Acton Lane, Southfield Road, The Avenue and South Parade.
2. To patrol the streets around The Duke of Sussex pub, the BP Garage and the Beconsfield Estate to deter ASB Drug Dealing and other criminality.
3. To patrol the alleyways at the top of Rugby Road and Woodstock Road to deter ASB and other criminality.

The date of the Panel AGM was discussed and set for Thursday 14 Sept at the Mission Hall in Cunnington Street W4 at 7pm. This is a public meeting and the general public are invited to attend. They will also be able to vote for panellists for the forthcoming year.

Offices also met with the public at another "Cuppa with a Copper" event at Melody Café on South Parade where they discussed local issues

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Thursday 10 Aug 11-12pm Sparrow Café Acton Lane
Friday 25 August 11-12pm Plum Duff
Friday 1 Sept 11-12pm Laveli Bakery

Street Briefings

Wednesday Aug 16 5-6pm Bollo Lane
Wednesday Aug 30 5-6pm The Vale

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On Thursday 27th July 2016 ward officers attended Balcon Court, W5 to speak with residents of the care home on fraud prevention and personal safety. Ward officers met with Pat Statham, the Development Manager at the Centre, and arranged this meeting as residents raised concerns over hoax callers making contact with them. PCSO Syed led a highly engaging

and informative talk with residents. On asking questions, it was clear most people in the room had been a recipient of such calls as they shared similar stories of when someone had contacted them asking for money. Ward officers also enjoyed a cup of tea and spoke with residents about other concerns and were able to put their minds at ease with general safety advice. A picture was taken with all attendees of the meeting and ward officers would like to thank Balcon Court residents and staff for the great hospitality including the wide range of biscuits!

Residents are reminded to never give out any personal details, card numbers or any other personal information over the phone

Officers are pleased to announce that by Thursday 27 July the entire Hanger Hill Ward has been leafleted regarding Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). Ward officers have spent a few months leafleting every house on the ward as to increase NHW membership. Officers have been out in all weathers promoting NHW and are delighted that the number of NHW coordinators has increased from five to twelve.

Residents are reminded that NHW is a primary source of intelligence and helps identify particular issues in certain areas. Officers would like to thank Dr Suzanne Tanswell for her continued support in the NHW.

On Wednesday 26th July 2017 ward officers carried out a joint operation with the Road Traffic Policing Command (RTPC) carrying the Community Road Watch. This scheme proved to be successful last month when over 50 vehicles were caught doing over 24mph in a 20mph zone.

This scheme relies on local volunteers to assist local officers in making the scheme work. It was nice to see local residents come along and help with this initiative and officers are hoping that more volunteers will come forward to assist in the future.

On this occasion ward officers chose two roads that have been identified as speeding hotspots whilst on their patrol. Brunswick Road, W5 was the first and officers spent 40 minutes at the location where 19 vehicles were caught doing over 24mph and shockingly the fastest motorist was doing a staggering 38mph in a 20mph area !!

The second location was a revisit to Twyford Abbey Road where 55 minutes were spent and 30 vehicles were caught doing over 24mph; the fastest was 31! In total nearly 50 cars were caught speeding and this supports the officers and residents concern on speeding.



Ward officers would like to thank all the residents who volunteer and are hoping for an increase in sessions in months to come!

On Wednesday 2nd August 2017 ward officers carried out licensing checks at a local business in W5. These checks form part of the ward Community Protection Notice where regular street drinkers are warned of their behaviour which can lead to a ban from the ward and a Community Protection Notice issued. Furthermore, when officers conducted a joint Operation with Licensing, Community Safety Team and Trading Standards, it was clear that some of the off licences were not complying with their terms and conditions.

Officers are continuing to work with local businesses and educate them when necessary in order to make the ward a safer place.

On this occasion it was apparent that the business had made changes to their alcohol stands and labelling which shows compliance. The shop is also working with ward officers and monitoring a local hotspot where in the past there has been a large group of males seen drinking alcohol and making the area unpleasant and at times intimidating behaviour reported. The positive to this is that both the ward officers and business has seen

a reduction in anti social behaviour in that particular area.

On Tuesday 1st August 2017 ward officers held their monthly meeting with the Community Safety Team. This is the third meeting held and once again proves to be a vital stepping stone in partnership working. In this meeting the main area highlighted was safeguarding vulnerable persons. It is important for the ward to make contact and address each case individually. This meeting came at the perfect time as the ward had concerns which needed addressing.

The meeting was an immediate success with the Community Safety Team able to convey messages to Housing Officers and other support services available to them in order to help vulnerable persons.

Residents on the Acton Cluster are reminded that their local ward team are able to assist with vulnerable persons and anyone who has a concern can contact their respective ward team.

On Wednesday 2nd August 2017 ward officers held a joint Operation with Park Guard Ltd. This was a pre-planned operation forming part of Op Renounce and officers sought help from their furry friends.

Despite the weather the Park Guard Ltd dog handlers and dogs were able to help officers sweep hotspots on the ward where there were likely to be discarded items. The operation proved a success as five open spaces and communal stairwells/hallways were searched and no weapons were found discarded.

As the Joint Operation was coming to an end ward officers took the Park Guard Ltd to a local hotspot of drugs on the ward and immediately, Charlie (the specialist Drugs Dog) was able to indicate a possibility of drug paraphernalia from a moped. This has led to intelligence gained and officers will work to addressing the issues.

Hanger Hill SNT is extremely grateful for the Park Guard Team for assisting them in the first of many Joint Operations to come. The team are highly motivated and this showed as the weather didn't dampen their attitude. The ward are hoping to continue their weapon sweeps across the ward as part of Op Renounce; keeping the residents on the ward and cluster safe.

Forthcoming Events

Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5

Wednesday 23rd August 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 24th August 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 26th August 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 30th August 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 31st August 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 2nd September 2017; 2-3pm

Street Briefings

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

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On Friday the 28th of July as part of daily foot patrols PC Zhang and PC Young checked the stairwells of Cheltenham Place which are often associated with anti social behaviour. At 1550 hours the officers came across 4 young people who were sat in the stairwell of Block 9. The 2 males and 2 females could not fully account for their presence in the stairwell and none of them resided in the immediate area. Because of this, and in addition to the smell of cannabis being present, all subjects were searched for drugs. One young male was found to be in possession of cannabis and was dealt with. Although only a very small amount of cannabis was found it was more about the

circumstances of this encounter. It is intimidating for residents to come home and find their path up a secluded and narrow stairwell blocked by a group of 4. This can be extremely intimidating for the residents and is unacceptable. This is the second time this young man has come to notice recently and it has been made very clear that any further will result in the local authority reviewing any breaches of tenancy.

The current phase of decanting in the regeneration of the South Acton Estate continues at a rapid pace. At present all occupants have vacated the flats in Church Rd W3 and only 2 remain occupied in Ragley Close. Unfortunately this has seen a dramatic rise in rough sleepers, criminal damage, drug use and ASB due to the lack of residents and general footfall through the area. A boarding up process of vacant properties has been ongoing but it has been impossible to secure stairwells until all residents have moved out. With the assistance of the Ealing Council Regeneration Team and contractors, VPS, police met on site on Tuesday to ensure all remaining stairwells were secured. Hoardings around these two sites have now started and it is hoped that both sites will be fully secured in the coming weeks prior to the demolition starting.



On Friday the 28th of July PC Young and PC Zhang were on foot patrol when they were conducting a check of the stairwell in Barwick House. It was on the 11th floor at 5pm they found a male who was clearly under the influence of alcohol and appeared depressed. This immediately brought back images and memories of a

previous incident dealt with at this location when officers were present and a male jumped from the 11th floor resulting in his death.

PC Young and PC Zhang appreciated the delicate situation and urgent need of care for this male. With compassion and persuasion he was taken to the ground floor where he was spoken to. It transpired that the man had taken a cab to the block from Hounslow with the intention of ending his life. The male was sectioned by the officers and was conveyed to A&E for medical treatment and once cleared was detained in hospital for his own safety and so he could get the help he so desperately needs. Later the officers received a message from the male which stated. **"Thanks for saving my life, if it wasn't for the police I'd be dead now"**.

On Friday the 4th of August PC Young and A/PS Zhang were on routine patrols of the ward when a moped made off from them, mounting the pavement and up stairs to evade police as the rider drove through the lift lobby area of Barwick House and out into the grassed pedestrian area. The officers moved their marked police minibus away from the area and returned on foot in the hope that the rider would return.

Within minutes a moped was seen to enter the car park while the officers remained in the lift lobby area. The rider was then detained in the lobby area and handcuffed to prevent escape. The rider was known to the local officers and was searched for drugs. This resulted in the discovery of Cocaine, Heroin and cannabis along with a large quantity of cash and a lock knife. Further investigation found the male to be a disqualified driver and riding the moped with no insurance. The male was arrested at the scene and conveyed to Acton Police Station. Having started their shift at 2pm on Friday, the officers finally clocked off at 4:30am on Saturday. The male and case was handed over to Acton CID who



progressed the matter and interviewed the male. After a thorough investigation and presenting the case to the CPS for charging advice, the male was charged with

possession of cocaine, possession of heroin, possession with intent to supply cannabis, possession of an offensive weapon, driving without insurance and driving whilst disqualified. He was then remanded in custody to appear before Ealing Magistrates Court on Monday the 7th of August 2017.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Starbucks - 16/08/17 - 1200 - 1300
Jungle Café - 01/09/17 - 1400 - 1500

Street Briefings

All Saints Road - 23/08/17 - 1700 - 1800
Byron Road - 09/09/17 - 1500 - 1600

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The team spoke with the public at the Putt in the Park Café for a Cuppa with a Copper event on 25/07/17. They also spoke to residents of Goodhall Street NW10 about any issues or concerns they have during a street briefing on 25/07/17. They also spoke with residents of Holsgrove Court and Westvale Mews on 31/07/17, as well as attending the Contact Point at Park Royal ASDA where members of the community were given the opportunity to speak with officers away from the police station or their home address.

Officers have continued to patrol around Gypsy Corner NW10 which sees a large amount of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's). In an attempt to reduce these RTC's and make the roads safer, officers have caught and reported more drivers for using their mobile phones whilst driving.

Officers also stopped a vehicle which was being driving with no MOT test certificate. On further examination the driver proved to have no insurance and the vehicle was seized and the driver reported.

We also conducted extra high visibility cycle patrols to deter ASB in the Acton Park area and on the Vale Estate.

The Team have spoken with residents of Rectory Park Avenue following a small fire. They have offered support and liaised with the council in relation to care and evacuating families where necessary and appropriate.

On August 1st officers visited Harold Road to speak to residents and find out about any issues in the area that concerned them. We are pleased to report that nothing of concern was brought up and the officers made efforts to knock on every door. If you were not around and want to speak to the team please give us a call on 0208 721 2708.

Again on August 1st officers were on patrol in St Leonards Road NW10 when a vehicle came to their attention. Despite being asked to stop the vehicle drove away from police clipping the arm of an officer who was luckily unhurt. The officers followed the direction of the vehicle and found the vehicle in the area. The suspect was found and arrested.

Separately, the team have had to issue seven tickets in the area and seize a motor vehicle for no insurance.

On 5th August a male was found in Beech Avenue who is known for causing disorder in the area. Officers from East Acton spoke to the male and discovered that he was wanted as well as in breach of an anti social behaviour order. The male was arrested by the officers and later charged.

Forthcoming Events

Street Briefings

Thurs 10th August York Road
Thurs 17th August - Vale Community Centre

Contact Point

Friday 11th August ASDA Park Royal

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Forthcoming Events

Street Briefings

Weds 23 Aug Allison Road
Weds 30 Aug Faraday Road

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