

ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to the tenth issue of the Acton Police Update. This week you will be able to read how the tenacity of one of the teams has resulted in a Criminal Behaviour Order against a particularly anti social local gentleman.. Also we'll be reporting on the AGM of another ward where the outgoing chairman was awarded for all his hard work and dedication.

GUVNOR'S GOSSIP Insp Aaron Clarke

We've been quite robust on our enforcements over the last couple of weeks, as some of the articles in this edition of Acton News will show.

We're continuing to take a strong line towards youth violence and knife crime, and we also know that gang activity is often linked to drugs activity. That's why your Neighbourhood Teams have been, and continue to, execute drugs warrants at addresses across Acton.

We also have a close relationship with Ealing Council, so we work together on each job - sharing information and collaborating on the best approach - to ensure we use the law to its fullest extent. In one instance, not only did we raid the property for drugs and make an arrest, but we also worked with the Council and the Housing Association to remove the tenant from the house before boarding it up, using Closure Order legislation through the court.

One of the other tools we have been using is Dispersal Zones. Whilst I am not required by law to consult with anyone beforehand, I do hold meetings with colleagues at the Council to discuss where we might implement a Dispersal Zone, and what the likely impact will be. I take on board the views of my council colleagues before deciding which areas, times, and days to introduce it.

Once authorized, the Dispersal Zone gives police the power to direct people to leave a particular area. It is a flexible power, meaning the police officer can tell someone how to leave the area, in which direction they should go, and for how long they should stay out of the area. The maximum period is 48 hours. They commit offences if they refuse or return.

When we have reason to direct someone to leave an area, we share the circumstances with the Council, and if there are possible breaches of tenancy or leasehold, we look to support the Council in taking further action against them. This can lead to eviction or other sanctions being imposed on the offender or parent.

It is this partnership which is resulting in a positive impact on local quality of life. As well as sharing details of incidents and supporting each other's work, we are using civil legislation to bring about other tactics, such as serving Community Protection Notices to repeat offenders, or obtaining Criminal Behaviour Orders after someone is convicted of a crime. We have had some recent successes here too.

Underpinning all of this is the good will of local residents, who step forward to tell us about issues and concerns. We then act upon them. So please let us know if ASB or crime is occurring in your area. We need your support to make Acton a safer place.

SOUTHFIELD WARD

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. On Thursday September 7th a Closure Notice was served on premises in the Ward by Ealing Council, following information supplied by the Team. The occupier of the flat is still on police remand for numerous motor vehicle crime offences, and his story has often been told in these columns. This gentleman will be sentenced in late October and you can be assured that we will bring you the result.

The Team would like to thank all the numerous members of the community who have helped in the long drawn out journey to bring this man to justice.

On Friday September 8th Officers attended one of their usual Cuppa with a Copper meetings at Melody Café on South Parade. As usual this was well attended and local residents are beginning to appreciate the value of meeting residents in a convivial atmosphere where they are able to voice their concerns about local issues.

On Sunday September 10th officers attended a colourful street party on Mansell Road in a very special Vintage Met Police Car. The whole street had been closed to traffic and the officers were able to mingle with local residents offering crime prevention advice and offering a police perspective on local issues of concern. A productive afternoon was had by all, only marred (to the officers at least) by the fact that the car overheated badly while it was being driven back to Hendon!

In this period Southfield Officers attended the Annual General Meeting of their Ward Panel at the Mission Hall in Cunnington Street. Sergeant Gail Stanton gave her yearly report about local crime trends throughout last year and Inspector Clarke talked about wider issues facing the police in the future.

Burglary is generally on the way down and it was noted by PCSO Stuart Honey that ward officers can still offer a complete crime prevention survey on residents properties if they contact officers and book an appointment.

The meeting was very well attended by members of the public who asked a number of pertinent questions. They

were also asked to vote for their representatives on the Panel for the forthcoming year.



At the end of the meeting Inspector Clarke made a presentation to the outgoing chairman of the panel, Chris Carrington, to thank him for all the hard work he has put in over the years in building the panel into what it is today. Chris will receive a Borough Commanders Commendation from Chief Superintendent Paul Martin, a very well deserved accolade for all his efforts.

All the existing panel were re elected and welcomed Dr Suzanne Tanswell who rejoined after a years absence. After the meeting the panel met privately and voted Don Tanswell as their next chairman.

Following various concerns expressed by members of the public concerning the possibility of illegal drugs dealings on Acton Green, on Thursday 14 September the Team held a meeting with their counterparts in the neighbouring SNT in Hounslow Borough, Chiswick Homefields.

Various proposals were put forward and both teams agreed that close cooperation was essential to ensure this problem was eradicated. If anyone has any information that they feel might help us in this

endeavour, please contact the team at the number at the head of this article.

On Wednesday September 13th Officers from the Southfield Team worked alongside colleagues from East Acton to execute a Warrant at a well known address in their ward. This address is well known for ASB related issues. One person was arrested by PC Aga Piatek for Possession of Class A drugs and Possession of Stolen Property.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Mon Sept 25 11-12pm Plum Duff Southfield Rd
Sun Oct 1 4-5pm Laveli South Parade
Fri Oct 13 11-12pm Melody South Parade
Thurs Oct 24 12-1pm Sparrow Café
Mon Oct 30 11-12pm Plum Duff Southfield Rd
Sun Nov 5 4-5pm Laveli South Parade

Street Briefings

Fri Sept 29 6-7pm Church Path
Thurs Oct 5 6-7pm Mansell Rd
Mon Oct 16 6-7pm Woodstock Rd
Mon Oct 23 6-7pm Alexandra Road

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On Thursday 7th September, PCSO Ikram Syed attended Woodfield Road, W5 where a street briefing was held. One of the matters raised was the constant traffic flow along such a stretch of narrow road, parking on Zig Zag lines and people using mobile phones while driving.

Many parents were given advice on safe ways to collect their children after school without endangering other children's lives. PCSO Syed also spoke to the school head teacher and gave her specific ideas on how to improve traffic flow in the area. The head teacher was very happy with the Team's continuous presence in the area and stated how much it was appreciated.

PCSO Syed concentrated very much on educating drivers at this street briefing with a view to enforcement tactics later in the year if needed. He specifically talked to parents who were new to the school.

The Team have also arranged for Ealing Council Traffic Wardens to regularly attend the school at drop off and pick up times. The Head Teacher expressed thanks for their efforts.

On Monday 4th September The Team attended a very well attended Greystoke East Neighbourhood Watch meeting; where one of the local Hanger Hill councillors was also present. There was a lot of information to disseminate regarding crime figures, as well as explaining the progress on ward promises such as street drinking, burglary and motor vehicle crime.



Hanger Hill SNT gave an in depth report on distraction burglaries and the different tactics that can be used to avoid this type of crime. Advice such as asking utility companies to put meters outside and using passwords when a utility person comes to the door. (For more specific information see the last issue of this news sheet) Residents stated they found the information very useful.

On Wednesday 6th September officers were patrolling the Hanger Lane central reservation area, when they saw an obviously intoxicated man drinking right in front of the controlled drinking zone sign. Officers approached this man and it immediately come to light that this male had been given a verbal warning previously within the last 3 months. Officers on this occasion gave the male a written warning stating that he was not allowed back in the area for a specific time, with a map showing where he was not allowed, which obviously included the central reservation on the A40.

Officers used Language Line to communicate this to the man so he could understand the warning clearly and

concisely. Language Line is a service provided centrally to the police via their radios which enables officers to communicate with members of the public in their own language, when they cannot speak English

On Wednesday 13th September PCSO Ikram Syed attended a meeting with an Ealing Council representative and residents from The Hanger Hill Residents Association who are working on the Cherry Tree Walk Project, to discuss many matters relating to Princes Gardens W3.

The meeting was about the "TRANSFORM A SPACE scheme and had previously been discussed with local councillors. The Council representative offered advice on making the area look aesthetically nice as well as trying to reduce crime in the area.

It was agreed that the cutting of bushes would be a good way to start, as they were over grown and were the cause of very poor visibility. Hanger Hill SNT and residents also thought it would be a good idea to put barriers in some places in this area so people would stop using it as a cut through.

After the meeting was finished residents took the chance to come up and meet local officers and ask questions on what concerned them in their local area. Again speeding was brought up and the Community Road watch scheme was explained, and as a result of a resident's question he had a crime prevention survey completed on his house.

The Team look forward to working with both residents and Ealing Council on this project in the near future.

On Wednesday 13th September ward officers assisted colleagues from East Acton SNT who conducted a Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act search warrant. Officers were briefed and made their way to the venue. Once entry was gained, officers conducted a thorough search where Class A drugs were found.

On Saturday 16th September 2017, ward officers staffed up the Emergency Response Team following abstractions due to the Parsons Green Incident. Officers were accompanied by Special Constables on this shift and calls were taken across the Borough.

One particular incident that was reported during the shift was a Theft of Motor Vehicle. There was a large amount

of electrical items and even a spare key for the car under the arm rest of the vehicle.

Residents are reminded to never leave valuables in cars or high value goods on show. Many people assume locking away items will be sufficient but it is better to remove the item to safeguard it.

Forthcoming Events

Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5

Wednesday 20th September 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 21st September 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 23rd September 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 27th September 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 28th September 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 30th September 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 4th October 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 5th October 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 7th October 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 11th October 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 12th October 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 14th October 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 18th October 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 19th October 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 21 October 2017; 2-3pm

Street Briefings

Thurs 28th Sept r 2017 - Hanger Green, W5 - 5-6pm

School Events

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

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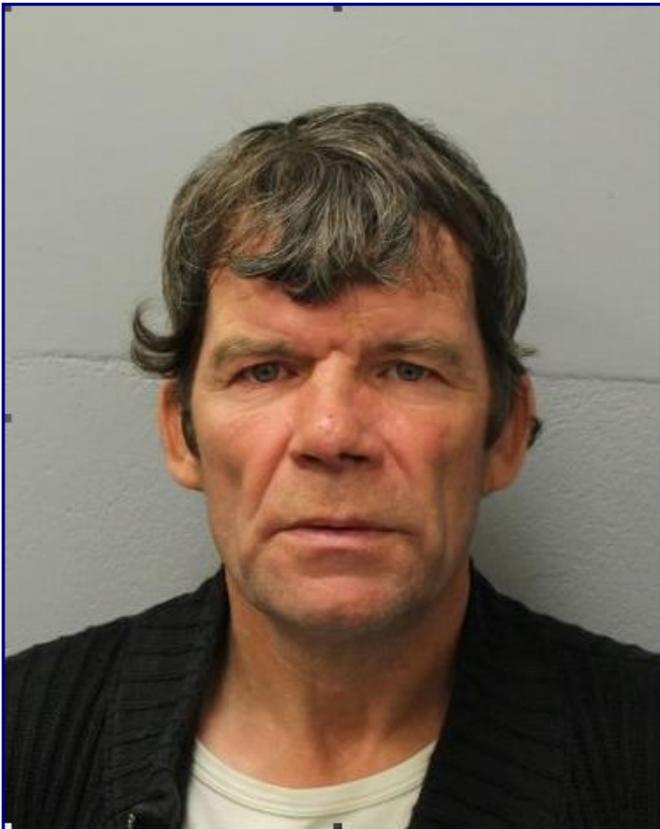
Having began work on a prolific street drinker and source of anti-social behaviour back in November 2015, PC Young and PC McKelvie from the Anti-Social

Behaviour Team finally got their day in court on Monday the 18th of September for a Criminal Behaviour Order hearing. Having been convicted of common assault Mr John Wade of Wembley was due at Ealing Magistrates for sentencing and the CBO hearing.

This process had been extremely protracted due to previous failings to appear at court by Mr Wade and adjournments by the court. With overwhelming evidence provided within PC McKelvies long prepared court bundle and an impact statement and attendance by PC Young, Mr Wade and his solicitor decided not to contend the order in court however there were some negotiations relating to requested conditions.

As a result of sentencing Mr Wade was fined in total, a sum of £525.00 and a 12 month community order in respect of common assault. Mr Wade was also issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order for a period of three years which states Mr Wade must not:

1. Enter the area as shown on the map unless attending the following drop in centres: Hope Centre, ABC Church, Church Rd W3 - Tuesdays 12 - 2pm. St Marys Church, The Mount W3 - Tuesdays 2 - 4pm and St Marys Church on a Thursday between 9.30am and 12pm and The Hope Centre on a Thursday between 12pm and 4pm or travelling directly to or from these locations. (Acton W3)



2. Carry any open vessel containing alcohol.
3. Be drunk in a public place anywhere in The London Borough of Ealing.
4. Enter any premises from which banned.
5. Be verbally abusive and/or insulting to any person, including police officers or police community support officers.
6. Be or remain in a public place with one or more persons, any of whom are drinking or in possession of an open container of alcohol.
7. Remain on any premises having been asked to leave by the lawful occupier or any person with authority.
8. Enter Soan House, Lyncroft Gardens, Ealing W13
9. Enter Morrisons, Acton W3

This was a fantastic result secured by the officers and a credit to their resilience. This also shows that local officers will persevere and target those who are a cause of persistent ASB in the area no matter how long it takes !!

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Cuppa with a copper - Tuesday 26/09/2017 - 1200 - Jungle Café

Cuppa with a copper - Thursday 12/10/2017 - 1300 - Starbucks

Street Briefings

Friday 22/09/2017 - 1100 - Hart Grove Court and Oakfield Court

Tuesday 03/10/17 - 1100 - Avenue Gardens

Thursday 19/10/2017 - 100 - Rosenberg Road

EAST ACTONWARD

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On Sept 3rd the team attended the Costume Store, spoke to students and gave them crime prevention advice. The venue is a University Hall of Residence within the ward. They also distributed some property marking equipment which enabled them to protect their property.

East Acton officers have continued to battle Anti Social Behaviour in the Acton Park and Bromyard Avenue areas. This is mainly fuelled by alcohol and the behaviour of local street drinkers. Officers have given out numerous formal verbal warnings for behaviour this week, including further formal written warnings after confiscating alcohol. The team remain vigilant and will pursue Community Protection Notices against those who continue to offend and cause ASB for local residents.

Following reports from local residents, officers from East Acton successfully acquired a drugs warrant from a Magistrates Court in order to enter and search the address. The team have then executed the warrant at the address within the East Acton ward. With the assistance from Acton ward teams and the Borough Support Unit, officers forced entry into the address. The



property was then searched by the officers. One of the persons present was arrested for drug and theft offences and was subsequently charged. There were many positive remarks from the public regarding police action.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper:

25/09/2017 Acton Park

Street Briefing :

Bromyard Avenue 26/09/2017

The Team regularly attend the café in Acton Park and engage with the public at one of their Cuppa with a Copper sessions. If you would like to talk to an officer in a relaxed atmosphere you would be more than welcome.

ACTON CENTRAL WARD

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On Friday 9th September officers from Acton Central responded to a call from Security at Morrison's who were dealing an upset female. On arrival she has alleged that a male has made a threat to sexually assault her. An investigation was carried out at the

scene, including viewing CCTV. Officers then have then patrolled the area in an attempt to locate the male. The following day the suspect was identified by PCSO Kearney in Crown Street, where he was spoken to by officers. The suspect was subsequently interviewed regarding a public order offence and has been charged.

Recently PC Dave Loveday and PC Chim Nweke have provided considerable support to a recent repeat victim of crime. As a result of being the victim of two very recent and similar allegations the victim had concerns about going out in public. Officers offered to pick up the victim and take her out for a cup of tea in order to help re-build her confidence.

This goes to show how wide and varied our role can become. It is not always just a case of catching the criminals. Our officers will continue to provide support to the victim, through the case and beyond to ensure that she can enjoy all the activities that any person can rightly expect to do.

On 15th September officers arrested a male for the possession of an offensive weapon. Reports had come out that a male was on a West bound underground train, holding a kitchen knife in plain view of other passengers. An accurate description was given to the police operator over the phone and numerous units attended.

Acton Central were close but arrived last as they don't have blue lights or sirens. We liaised with other units on the scene and were assigned to block off the only exit.

Soon enough a man matching the description attempted to make good his escape. PC Dave Loveday spotted him as he pulled up his hood and notified PC Chim Nweke and together they detained him and found the knife.

It was a pretty solid arrest, but really nothing too out of the ordinary. Due to the timing and location of this incident, we ended up being in the centre of a small media storm. Our tweets sent out reporting the incident were picked up by 3 national newspapers and one paper in the Irish Republic. It is almost impossible to say how many people in the country have read our tweets either directly or through the newspaper web pages, but we have received thanks and praise from far and wide. On the 16th of Septo fficers were called to a report of an active incident of moped theft on the Cromwell Close

Estate. When we arrived we found two young lads who are well known to us. They are not criminal kids, just nuisance kids from one of our local high schools. They had taken a moped from the pizza delivery company on Locarno Road and had wheeled it into the bin area behind the shop to see if they could start it. Both were apprehended and we were considering the options we had to deal with this matter.

We were soon joined by the manager of the Pizzeria who shouted at both boys, I actually thought he was going to make them cry. He told them to push the bike back and not to touch them ever again. Having seen the effect this had on the two boys, we discussed with the manager what he would like to see. He was happy that he had scared them sufficiently and that they would think twice about messing with the bikes again. Both parties were sent home and the parents of both children will be spoken too, and there schools have already been made aware.

On Friday 29th September 2017 at 10am Acton Central SNT and St Marys Church will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. If you can make a cake to help us it would be great, if not then please just come along eat cake, drink coffee as it is all in aid of a wonderful cause.

Forthcoming Events

Street Briefings (Meet the Team)

West Acton Station 22/09/2017 6-6.30pm

Cuppa with a Copper

Macmillan Coffee Morning , outside St Mary's Church, Market Place, Acton W3 10 am 29/09/2017

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