

THE ACTON NEWS

THE ACTON CLUSTER SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS NEWS SHEET

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Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Acton News, your local Police Newsletter. As usual we will reporting on some of the things your local Acton Ward Teams have been doing over the last couple of months. We'll also be discussing the best way to avoid the effects of moped enabled crime,

Your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team are here to help and advise you, so please always feel free to contact them on their ward phone numbers.

Obviously these numbers do not replace the 999 emergency number or even the 101 service, but for anything else please feel free to contact them directly.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUSTER

HANGER HILL

In August, the Hanger Hill Team conducted a weekend proactive plain clothes operation. They were targeting various types of criminality, including motor vehicle crime, burglary, robbery and the possession and supply of Class A Drugs. During this operation the team also seized uninsured vehicles.

At 9pm on the Friday, and acting on intelligence that they had been gathering for some time, plain clothes officers noticed the man in question getting into a car on Ashbourne Parade. The man seemed to be holding some drugs, and as the officers watched an exchange took place.

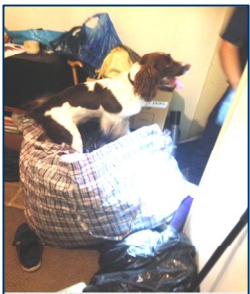
The man then noticed the officers, even though they were not in uniform. He dropped the bag of Cannabis that he was holding just before he was stopped and searched

After this the officers searched his car. Under the passenger foot well they found a plastic bag containing a large amount of Cannabis and 22 wraps of what is believed to be Cocaine. The man was then further arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply Class A Drugs. The man also had the £1115 cash he had in his possession seized under The Proceeds of Crime Act.

It was a great result for the team. The arrest was the culmination of a lot of hard work, including significant information from residents concerned about drug dealing around the Ashbourne Bar.



The Team Sergeant, Ramone Marcelle, was particularly happy to have got such a dangerous individual off the streets. He hoped that the Ward would now be known as a more hostile place for criminal activity.



STOP PRESS!

On the second weekend of September Hanger Hill officers, along with Southfield Officers, and a number of Special Constables with the invaluable assistance of Police Dog Ruby, conducted a search warrant in Thorn Tree Court, Park View Road W5. This was in response to concerns raised by local residents regarding drug dealing at the location. A quantity of Crack Cocaine and Cannabis was found and a man was arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply Drugs.

PC Prab Bhogul, the officer in charge of the warrant, was very happy with the result and emphasised that any similar illegal activity would be dealt with the same robustness. He also commented that Ruby would be receiving a very special bone shaped reward....

SOUTHFIELDXXX

The Southfield team have had some notable successes this month ranging from the arrest of some well known local criminals to ensuring that a local nature reserve doesn't go up in flames at the hands of a local rough sleeper who has been residing in its deepest recesses.

At the end of August two Southfield officers in a police van spotted a significant local criminal travelling in an Audi Convertible. He was very well known for keyless car thefts and was behaving very suspiciously. The officers followed a discreet distance away until he stopped where he was met by his girl friend, another well known criminal and previously known for handling stolen goods. The officers stopped him and discovered what they suspected to be stolen property. It was discovered that he had no substantive driving licence or insurance. He was also driving on a false number plate so his vehicle was reclaimed and he was arrested.

While the officers were processing this individual a call came over the radio that people had been seen dealing drugs from a silver Lexus. Lo and behold a silver Lexus drew up nearby and the two occupants went into a nearby shop. As they came out they were stopped and questioned. They gave false details and other officers arrived. One eagle-eyed officer recognised the couple as regular priority offenders.

Officers checked and discovered that the registration plate and the vehicle didn't match, although the suspects had managed to take the number of a very similar vehicle to the one they were driving. At this point the male began to act nervously. Officers feared he was about to make a run for it so he was handcuffed. Further searches discovered a key that came from a keyless car theft as well as a lock knife. Officers also found a strange home made battery powered device that we suspect was designed to facilitate the aforementioned keyless car thefts.

On a totally different note, at the beginning of September officers were contacted by a volunteer warden at The Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve. To those of you unaware of its existence, the Triangle is a large area of open land that is officially in Chiswick and part of Hounslow Borough, although its only entrance is in Southfield Ward at the bottom of Bollo Lane. It is a deeply wooded and dense and a veritable wildlife haven. It is for this reason that the warden was very concerned that a individual had been spending the night in one of its densest parts and lighting fires.

The Team managed to track down the rough sleeper and took him into custody, as he was shown as wanted on the Police National Computer. He was also arrested for his own benefit as he was absolutely starving as he had been living off nuts and berries in the reserve.



It seems his plight was going unnoticed and this episode has helped bring his problems to the attention of those in a position to be able to help him.

One last thing to announce in these columns with regard to Southfield is the arrival of their new Sergeant, Gail Stanton. Sgt Stanton has a huge amount of experience in all aspects of policing from Safer Neighbourhoods work through to Emergency Response. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

SOUTH ACTON

The South Acton Ward team have been very busy again with their zero tolerance attitude to tackling drugs misuse on their ward, and in particular the South Acton Estate.

Three warrants have been executed in the last few weeks throughout the ward. The first was at an address in Willcott Road W3, following significant information regarding drug dealing from concerned local residents. Unfortunately when the officers arrived the suspects had just left, but on a positive note the rapid response of the police has rid the surrounding streets of criminal activity.

The other two warrants at Carisbrooke Court and Barwick House were even more successful with drugs being discovered at both addresses, and suspects being dealt with accordingly.

The Team would like to emphasise that they will definitely continue to act on any useful information you are able to give them. All information will be received in complete confidence. The teams phone number is at the end of this newsheet and it is equipped with a voicemail facility.

Woodlands Avenue and the surrounding area has recently seen significant Anti Social Behaviour. To counter this the team has joined forces with officers from Southfield SNT to invoke new legislation

under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. This will enable officers to issue Community Protection Notices to those responsible.



On a lighter note the team would like to show its appreciation to their departing sergeant. Sean Snaithe has left the Met in order to join Dorset Police where I'm sure his talents will be well appreciated! He has been in charge of the South Acton Team for over three years and will be sorely missed.

They would also like to welcome their new sergeant. Shaz Shah. Sergeant Shah is an experienced officer who has worked in Safer Neighbourhoods in Hounslow and more recently in one of Ealing's Emergency Response teams.

ACTON CENTRAL

On 20th August the Acton Central Team attended the celebrations to mark the 150th Anniversary of the London Fire Brigade at Acton Fire Station. Our picture shows officers outside the Fire Station with The Mayor of Ealing, Dr Patricia Walker.

Earlier in the year PC Ed Atwell had been invited by Watch Manager Kim Jerry-Silver, and it seemed the perfect opportunity to meet with the local community. Over 400 people were expected, based on similar events at other Fire Stations.





Other police attractions were also invited, including the Dog Support Unit and a police Rover 827 from the Met's Historic Vehicle Collection at Hendon.

Apart from the Police there was music, food, a big raffle and a fascinating selection of animals and insects from a local zoo, some of which seemed to make firm friends with a couple of Team officers.....



All in all a very fruitful day for the Team. It was great to see so many children (and their parents) with big smiles on their faces, wearing police helmets and sitting purposefully behind the wheel of a vintage police car that looked like it came straight from the set of the "The Bill"



Officers have also been responding to community concerns with reference to fly-tipping and rubbish around the ward. Officers have contacted residents and worked alongside their London Borough of Ealing Safer Communities colleagues to address some of the priority areas. We recognise that rubbish in itself is not a police responsibility but where the general environment is unpleasant it can be a breeding ground for anti-social behaviour and criminality. Through a joint approach there has been some really good work to improve the area. Our officers are still keen to respond to concerns but there is a primary reporting route into Ealing Customer Services.

Officers have also successfully been granted a Community Protection Notice (see last issue of The Acton News for an explanation) for a man who has been almost a permanent fixture at a bus stop in

Horn Lane. Due to some of his more unpleasant activities this was deterring residents from accessing the 266 at the stop and needed addressing. Following the issue of the CPN, the situation is greatly improved and officers now have the power to arrest him for breaches. **#You Said - We Did**

EAST ACTON

East Acton's Sergeant PS Gil Levy and Dedicated Ward PCSO Sandy Cummings came across a destitute and homeless man while out on one of their regular patrols. He was in quite a state, and the two officers asked if there was any practical assistance they could offer.

The man half jokingly replied that he was in dire need of a new pair of shoes and socks.



The officers decided they would dip into their own pockets and bought him some new trainers and socks. Unfortunately they then couldn't find him and spent the next few days looking for him.

Eventually they tracked him down and the man was extremely grateful...and very surprised!

On a more serious note, the Team have receiving a number of complaints from residents who use Acton Park. Apparently people had been sleeping rough in the wildlife reserve area of the park and leaving a huge amount of litter behind.

The Team contacted the Council run Park Guard and discovered that the gates to the park were not locked at night. This has been rectified and the team plan to trial joint patrols with Park Guard in order to increase the park's security.

On another note the Team have been actively working on a number of initiatives to combat Thefts from Motor Vehicles in their area. It may seem obvious but it is a fact that some vehicles are much more attractive to criminals than others. A Range Rover Sport would elicit a lot more interest than a rusting Ford Escort.

The Team have spent some time identifying these high value vehicles and have given advice and information to their owners.

Another initiative has been the identification of abandoned vehicles on the ward and reporting them with a view to getting them removed. This has involved working closely with the Council and Housing Associations, and is still currently an ongoing project.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX CRIME PREVENTION XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

“Moped Enabled Crime” is a term the police use to describe crimes that are facilitated by the use of Scooters, Mopeds or Motorbikes, also known in police parlance as powered 2 wheelers (P2Ws) Unfortunately this type of crime has become more common of late throughout London.

One of the reasons for this is that the bikes allow criminals a very swift method of escape from the scene of a crime and can often negotiate alleyways and pedestrian routes.

Offences undertaken include Theft from Motor vehicles, where windows are often broken and items grabbed from the inside. The suspects then drive away in a matter of seconds.



One way you can reduce the possibility of this happening to you is to ensure you never leave **anything** on view in your car. Even an empty Tesco's bag will invite nosiness. This in turn could lead to your window being smashed to allow criminals to satisfy their curiosity as to its contents!

Another type of crime occurs when a criminal on a moped rides up behind a pedestrian and grabs their phone from their hands, escaping before they realise what is happening. The way to avoid this happening is to always be aware of your surroundings while talking on your phone.

Try not to be so engrossed in your conversation that you can be taken by surprise by a thief. While talking stand with your back to a wall if at all possible.

On a wider note, the mopeds that are used to commit crime are more than likely stolen. If you are a moped or scooter owner, and to avoid your machine being used in this way, it is absolutely vital to lock it to an immovable object, using a thick steel chain attached to the frame of the bike. If possible always park your bike out of site and off the street, behind a firmly locked gate.

If you do witness a crime being committed from a moped or indeed anything that looks remotely suspicious, please take down their registration number and any other distinctive details. This will enable the police to contact the suspect at his home address and deal with him accordingly.

This is where the public can be an invaluable help to the police. If you witness anything at all, and without putting yourself in any danger, please let us know. This is the best way to deal with these criminals. Catch them off guard in their own homes!

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	SOUTHFIELD	EAST ACTON	SOUTH ACTON	HANGER HILL	ACTON CENTRAL
Total notifiable offences	73	173	157	56	130
Residential Burglary	2	6	8	0	3
Non Residential Burglary	2	12	6	7	0
Theft of motor Vehicle	4	5	3	5	4
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	16	24	9	10	7
Robbery (Business)	0	0	0	1	1
Robbery (Personal)	1	1	2	0	5
Violence	28	61	56	11	64
Anti Social Behaviour	16	59	58	18	52

Hopefully you have found this issue of The Acton News interesting and informative. Your local Teams have been working hard to maintain a safe and peaceful Acton. As usual if anyone has any comment whatsoever please feel free to contact the editor directly.



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