

ACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

POLICE UPDATE

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS SHEET OF THE FIVE ACTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

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Welcome to the twelfth issue of the Acton Neighbourhood Update. This issue we'll be talking about sensible precautions to take as the nights start to draw in. We'll also be learning how eggs and flour can be deemed anti social in the wrong hands and how someone was arrested for the possession of a firearm. We'll also be looking at how a simple parking problem, normally dealt with by the council, can become an ASB issue and be dealt with by the police.

GVNOR'S GOSSIP *Insp Aaron Clarke*

Engage. Empower. Enforce. Three simple words. But these are the byword of how Neighbourhood Officers in Acton have been approaching their duties this summer. A simple set of standards to provide some direction and strategy to how we intend to make Acton a safer place to live, work and study. A sound-bite that tells an easily-understood story of what local policing is about.

Engaging with local residents and businesses, meeting people and talking to them about their concerns. Understanding what's important to you is a key tenet of being a Bobby on a local beat. Knowing what's going on. Recognising the problems that some of you are living and breathing, day in day out.

We've been engaging in different ways. One team held a Macmillan Coffee Morning, and are currently crowd-funding donations to start a bike repair scheme for local youths. Another team helped coordinate a clean-up and graffiti removal at a local youth club. I've been to many of your Resident Association or Ward meetings to talk to you personally. Plus, we've the conventional Cuppa With a Copper, Street Briefings, and so on . We've been **empowering** local residents to stand up and be heard. Our main focus has been around

increasing and expanding the reach of Neighbourhood Watch. We now have over 100 across Acton, and we want more of you to step forward and say "enough is enough". We've some great plans to support you, and more information will come out shortly. Additionally, we are working to improve the representation of the Ward Panels - an independent collective of residents and business groups who hold your local Neighbourhood Teams to account, and help set local priorities. We want you to have a greater stake in your local team, to have the trust to work with us, knowing we will listen and respond, and that we support you having a safer place to live, work or study.

Enforce. Well, we've certainly been doing that. As well as taking lots of knives and weapons of offense off the streets, we've been executing Drugs warrants at numerous addresses, and closing them down where possible. More warrants will follow. Community Protection Notices have been used to force street drinkers to pack up and move on from Acton; and we've started focusing our attention on licensed premises to help curb violent, alcohol-fuelled crime, ensure they operate within their license.

It's a cycle. So engaging with the teams will lead to enforcement of your issues. And where we can't take action, our Council Colleagues will support us.

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The Southfield Team have been busy dealing with a number of things on and off their ward. On 6th Oct they were called to deal with the after effects of a fire which closed The Vale for a short period of time.

A small fire had broken out in a resident's bathroom. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but it seems it could have been an electrical fire. Luckily no one was hurt but the incident did cause considerable traffic disruption for a couple of hours.

Very occasionally the team get called off their ward to help other teams. A week after the fire on The Vale two members of the team were asked to go to Southall to deal with the after effects of a number of other fires.

This time these fires were far from accidental. They were the result of a series of concerted Arson attacks. While each Attack was investigated it was the responsibility of the police to preserve potential evidence and seal off the sites to the public and create Crime Scenes. These "sterile" enabled Forensic SOCO's (Scene of Crime Officers) to carefully look for evidence as to the perpetrator.

During the period covered by this Update the Team have also been busy visiting every shop, pub or restaurant in their area that is licensed to sell or serve alcohol. The reason for this is firstly to ensure the details currently held are accurate and up to date, including the licensees home contact details, and secondly to check up on all the CCTV. It is preferable that all licensed premises have properly working and maintained CCTV. The officers have worked their way around the ward to check said cameras, and to check the images could be downloaded. They have also checked that premises staff know how to download material, should they be asked to do so by the police.

The Team have also conducted Weapons Sweeps in a couple of specific locations on the Ward. As mentioned before these sweeps send a specific message to criminals that the areas they might consider hiding weapons are regularly searched by police in their quest to keep the area safe.

The Team recently agreed their Promises to the SNT Ward Panel with regards to the policing of the ward. They have a point of making reassurance patrols in the three areas mentioned. They have been keeping an eye on the railway footbridge from the junction of Fletcher Road and Church Path and the surrounding roads. They have also been patrolling Acton Green between Turnham Green and Chiswick Park Stations and maintaining a presence on the Beaconsfield Estate.

On the engagement front the Team have continued with their commitment to working with the Community wherever possible. They conducted two street briefings on Mansell Road and Woodstock Road, where they knocked on doors and introduced themselves.

They also met up with their community at two Cuppa with a Copper Sessions. The first was held at Lavellis on South Parade on October 1st where the team were able to reassure residents about cross border cooperation with regards to drugs misuse, and the second was at The Plum Duff on Southfield Road on Friday 13th. This last one was particularly well attended. The Team would like to take the credit for this but feel at least part of the reason must be attributed to the excellent quality of owner Ian's coffee!

As the nights draw in there is often a slight, and thankfully temporary, increase in Anti Social Behaviour occurs across London.

To counter this the Met normally tasks specific extra patrols to try and nip this in the bud. This year is no exception. Please be particularly careful with your mobile phone. Do not brandish it about, advertising its presence to anyone inclined to relieve you of its ownership.. Try and travel in pairs if you are walking home late at night and get a spy hole fitted in your front door so you can verify the identity of late night callers before you actually open said door.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Tues Oct 24 Sparrow Café Acton Lane 11-12pm

Mon Oct 30 Plum Duff Southfield road 11-12pm

Sun Nov 5 Lavelli South Parade 4-5pm

Street Briefings

Fri Nov 3rd 6-7pm Evelyn Road

Thurs Nov 9th Eridge Road

Tues Nov 21st 5-6pm The Orchard

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On Friday 6th October 2017 PCSO Ikram Syed attended a Street Briefing on Hanger View Way W3. He was approached by a number of residents to give crime prevention surveys in the area. The event went well and PCSO Syed took the opportunity to meet residents and promote Neighbourhood Watch in the area as well.

On Friday 6th October 2017 at 12pm PC Rene Biro and PC Prabjeet Bhogal had a beneficial meeting with John Stanton from Ealing Council's Safer Community Team where a number of issues were discussed. These included the necessity to visit and safeguard vulnerable residents, to reduce antisocial behaviour in the area, and ways to "design out" crime. Designing Out Crime entails making good initial design decisions in order to combat crime.

The SNT would like to thank John Stanton for his efforts and attending the monthly meetings. An example of the partnership work was when a resident emailed the SNT regarding a abandoned vehicle responsible for increased ASB. The SNT liaised with John and as a result the vehicle was quickly removed.

Hanger Hill SNT have continued to target specific areas within the ward to reduce street drinking. Shops have been liaised with and reminded about their roles and responsibilities about selling alcohol. Hanger Hill SNT have also explained to local businesses about the anti social behaviour it can cause selling eggs and flour to children around Halloween/ Autumn nights

Local businesses have bought up the issue of people loitering outside their businesses and causing anti social behaviour and harassing customers. As a result whilst officers were on foot patrol on Friday 6th October 2017,

they spotted a number of males touting for work. Community Protection Notices (CPN's) allow officers to tackle this issue the same way as street drinking. All males were given verbal warnings and due to the language barrier a Romanian interpreter was used to ensure a clear message was communicated.

On Tuesday 10th October between 4pm and 6pm Hanger Hill officers took out the speed gun and were monitoring speeds around Corringway W5 and surrounding areas. There were a number of drivers reminded of the speed limit on these particular residential roads which is 20MPH!!

This was really well received from the residents and businesses around the area, as it has been a long standing issue of people speeding up and down these roads and going around roundabouts the wrong way. On this day we used education, in the forms of leaflets, and words of advice were given out. All officers were wearing their hi visibility jackets so this created a great impact around these areas as the officers were extremely visible. On this occasion the Speed Gun Operation was conducted by officers but the ward also take part in Community Road Watch, where local residents volunteer to help.

On Friday 13th October 2017 ward officers attended the Café opening at St Marys Church, NW10. It was great to see local residents supporting the café and this was reflected in the number of people who attended. It was also nice to meet new residents on the ward because, as one resident mentioned, there were not many social events where residents could meet one another. The café opening created a positive impact on the local community. At the same time officers spoke with organisers of the event and they were pleased to see their local Police Team attend and show their support. Officers also took the time to enjoy coffee and some homemade cakes and officers would like to thank the event organisers for inviting them!!

Ward officers have been supporting local residents with concerns over alcohol related anti social behaviour. A local business has recently applied for a licence review for an increase in selling high strength alcohol. Ward officers have been in contact with the Licensing Team and together have ensured the best outcome is achieved for local residents by opposing this. Officers would like to thank local residents who have been supportive on this matter together with local Councillors; we are, of course, looking to act in the best interest for our residents.

On Thursday 12th October 2017, ward officers were on foot patrol when a local resident approached officers and raised concerns about a moped which was believed to be abandoned in the local area, and asked for Police assistance. PS Marcelle and PC Biro went to the local area and following an extensive search were able to locate this moped. On conducting checks, the moped was reported stolen and officers arranged for recovery as there could have been forensic opportunities. The resident was happy with this outcome as the moped was causing concerns in the area. This type of enforcement is led by local knowledge and residents being able to speak with their local police team about issues concerning them.

Weapons Sweeps

Sunday 29th October 2017 - Hillcrest Road, W5 - 6 - 7pm
Thursday 2nd November 2017 - Montpellier Park, W5 - 2-3pm
Friday 10th November 2017 - Quill Street, W5 - 1- 2pm
Wednesday 15th November 2017 - Chatsworth Road, W5 - 2-3pm
Saturday 25th November 2017 - Thackeray Court, W5 - 12-1pm
Tuesday 28th November 2017 - Garrick Close, W5 - 12 - 1pm

Contact Point - Ashbourne Parade, W5

Wednesday 25th October 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 26th October 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 28th October 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 1st November 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 2nd November 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 5th November 2017 - 2-3pm

Wednesday 8th November; 7-8pm
Thursday 9th November 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 11th November 2017; 2-3pm

Wednesday 15th November 2017; 7-8pm
Thursday 16th November 2017; 7-8pm
Saturday 18th November 2017; 2-3pm

Street Briefings

Saturday 28th 2017 - Abbey Parade, W5 - 5 - 6pm

Wednesday 1st November 2017 - Ashbourne Road, W5 - 3-4pm

Thursday 9th November 2017 - Hanger Green, W5 - 3-4pm

Thursday 16th November 2017 - Brunswick Road, W5 - 5-6pm

Wednesday 22nd November 2017 - Twyford Abbey Road, NW10 - 6 - 7pm

Monday 27th November 2017 - Travelodge, NW10 - 10-11am

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On Friday October 6th South Acton Officers working in partnership with Ealing Council and Fraud investigation officers conducted a walk-around to target misuse of disabled parking badges. Patrols were conducted on Horn Lane, Churchfield Road, The High Street and Church Road amongst others. Numerous drivers were warned in regards to poor/dangerous parking and one driver was reported to be summoned for misuse of a disabled parking badge.

On Wednesday October 4th officers from South Acton SNT joined officers from across Acton Cluster, Operation Sparta and three Special Constables to conduct a warrant in East Acton. As a result of this a male was arrested by PC Yu Zhang for possession of a firearm and possession of cannabis.

Officers conducted a joint walk-around with Catalyst housing on 11 October and exchanged Intel and information regarding ASB on the South Acton Estate. Further partnership work planned to enforce tenancy agreements with tenants causing problems

Like their colleagues on Southfield Ward, South Acton Officers have been visiting all licensed premises on the war in the run up to Halloween, Diwali and Guy Fawkes, to reassure residents.

They have also been asking shopkeepers to refuse to sell flour and eggs to youths. This "ammunition" has been used in the past fairly liberally by said youths intent on causing ASB in a particularly unpleasant way.

They have also been conducting daily Weapons Sweeps on the South Acton Estate, with specific emphasis on Clandon Close, Mill Hill Gardens and Buckland Walk.

They have also been working closely with Ealing Council to reduce ASB on Clandon Close.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Starbucks, Ealing Common - 11/11/17 - 1200 -1300

Jungle Café - 23/11/17 - 1100 - 1200

Street Briefings

Clandon Close - 04/11/17 - 1200-1300

Chaplin House - 17/11/17 - 1700 - 1800

Petersfield Road - 30/11/17 - 1700 - 1800

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The team have given out several traffic tickets this week. One of these was to a driver who's MOT expired months ago. He stated that he was paying monthly for it, obviously confusing Tax and MOT. Officers also made three arrests this week. One was a street drinker from Bromyard Avenue who was arrested for breaching his ASBO conditions. He was charged and remanded for court over the weekend.

Another man was rough sleeping in hotel toilets and gave false details to officers. The team were not fooled and managed to confirm his real identity. While doing this they discovered and that he was wanted for an offence back in July.

A third male was arrested for abstracting electricity as he had damaged and tapped into a lamp post to charge his devices near Perryn Avenue. This was obviously an extremely dangerous thing to do. This risk was narrowly

avoided as could have caused a serious fire or electrocution if not spotted by the team.

The team also stopped a moped rider who was seen riding on the pavement as a short cut. He was checked and found to have a revoked driving licence, which meant his vehicle was seized and he had a long walk home, as well as penalty points and fines to receive in the post in the near future!

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Weds 9 Oct Acton Park Café 12-1pm

Street Briefings

Thurs 10 Oct East Acton Lane 1-2 pm

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On 4th October PS Matt Buckland attended the Acton Central ward forum with the three councillors for the area. It was a good turnout with a number of local issues being raised.

A resident raised the issue regarding inconsiderate parking at the junction of HORN LANE & STEYNE ROAD. We are aware of this issue as are the council. Parking enforcement is in general terms now a council enforcement issue rather than police. However as the parking and late nights gatherings are effecting the quality of life for our residents we are looking at ways to stop the problem. PS Matt Buckland has patrolled the area and issued vehicles parked in such a manner with warning notices, and in the coming weeks this will turn to fines! We also believe that the vehicles are being parked by patrons of two local establishments. We will be attending these venues in order to speak with the management and get them to ensure the message around parking is passed on to their customers.

Also raised was the issue of drink & drug use in and around Poets Corner and the community garden. The area is patrolled regularly by the team and receives

regular visits from one of the council's mobile CCTV vehicles, so the fact that this was raised came some what as a surprise. This goes to emphasize the importance of taking the opportunity to raise issues to us through the various forums. We have changed our tactics around this and have conducted patrols later into the evening and will be altering shifts where possible to identify those who will seek to ruin such a lovely community location.

Air quality in the Acton Central area was raised, and though not a police matter the sergeant explained to the audience that his team were doing what they could to ensure that simple road traffic legislation is adhered to by commercial vehicles, in particular around use of the bridge over Acton Main Line by overweight vehicles.

It was an event where a number of people wanted to raise issues, however due to time constraints were unable to do so.

PS Matt Buckland invited anybody who wished to raise a policing issue in the Acton Central area to attend the Ward Panel which is taking place on 26th October 2017 at 7pm in the Friary Park Community Centre.

The more observant of you will have not failed to notice graffiti around the town centre area of the ward. We are not ignoring this and believe it to be the same person who is committing most of this criminal damage. We are in the process of collecting all the necessary evidence so that we can invite the suspect to the police station to be interviewed. Watch this space...

PC Dave Loveday and PC Chim Nweke have been talking a lot with local young people recently and have suggested a "build a bike" scheme, which is already run in Acton. The idea is that the young people learn to mend and maintain their pedal cycles. The hope is that it will divert them from more troublesome activities. As is the way of the world funding will be an issue, however we are open to ideas as to how this can be done.

The two officers also responded to an emergency call in Rosemont Avenue. The call started as a dispute between the landlord of the property and one of the tenants. The situation escalated however, with the tenant arming themselves with a knife and threatening to kill the landlord. The officers were first on scene entered the address and managed to diffuse the situation. The suspect was arrested and is currently under investigation.

On 10th October PC Dave Loveday was called to court to give evidence in relation to a mobile phone offence. We have emphasised the bare facts time and time again: **It is dangerous and there is no excuse!** The defendant failed to attend court and was issued with 6 points, £250 fine and £ 150 costs.

Please, please don't use your hand held mobile phone whilst driving. If we see you we will stop you and we will prosecute you!

We have previously talked about the suspect daubing graffiti around Acton, well the investigation continues, however on 10th October he was stopped next to some still damp scrawling on a telephone exchange box. He was searched however no item found.

Whilst on patrol the following day officers stopped some males who were in possession of 12 bottles of Becks. Street drinking is one of our biggest issues and is regularly raised by residents. We don't tolerate Anti-Social Street drinking, and will use powers to confiscate and pour away alcohol and will use community protection notices to prevent offenders from continuing with this behaviour.

PS Matt Buckland is currently looking to ensure that the whole Acton Cluster approaches the issue in the same way to ensure those that reduce the quality of life of others through anti-social street drinking are dealt with promptly and effectively.

Forthcoming Events

Cuppa with a Copper

Weds 25 Oct franks Churchfield Rd 12pm-1pm

Street Briefing

Fri 27 Oct Emmanuel Rd 5-6pm

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