Waltham Forest Police Newsletter

Welcome to the **February** edition of our newsletter. We hope to share our latest news and updates and let you know what we're doing in your communities. We hope you enjoy hearing about the work we do. If there's anything else you'd like to hear about or please get in touch with us.

Introduction from the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector

Hello! My name is Inspector Ganesh Rasaratnam and I'm the inspector responsible for local policing in Waltham Forest. I joined the borough in **August 2021** having previously spent time working in neighbourhood police roles in different areas.

I know that the last few months have been challenging for the Metropolitan Police and some Londoners may have lost their trust in us. However I'm privileged to work with dedicated officers who are committed to making your communities safer places to live.

We hope that this newsletter will show you some of what we're doing in Waltham Forest to tackle the issues that matter to you. Thank you for taking the time to read this and my teams are looking forward to working with you in the future.

How can I report issues to you?

If you're a victim of crime or suffering from ongoing anti-social behaviour,it's really important to report it to the police. If we don't know about it we can't deal with it.

Your local teams are committed to reviewing all information we receive and taking action where possible. For example if you tell us someone is dealing drugs, we'll do our best to obtain a warrant, search their property and arrest them for any offences. Or if there's someone causing problems on your estate your local team will work with the local authority to stop this.

However – you need to tell us. If we don't know about it we can't help!

To do this you have a number of options…

- If there's a crime happening then and there, or it's an emergency, **call 999 immediately**.

- If a crime has already happened and needs to be reported, or if there's anti-social behaviour happening then and there, you can report it by calling 101, going online at https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ or on Twitter @MetCC (between 0800-2200hrs)

- If there's an ongoing issue (for example a group is causing issues on an estate on a daily basis or someone is selling drugs locally) you can report it directly to your local team. Visit www.met.police.uk, enter your postcode and it will advise you how to contact them. They will work to address the issue.

- If you don't want to speak to the police but went to tell us about something, you can report it to Crimestoppers. This is 100% anonymous and you never have to provide your details. They review all information received and pass it on to the police. Visit https://crimestoppers-uk.org or call **0800 555111**.

You Said, We Did

Our role is to focus on priorities set by local residents and deal with the issues that matter to you. Below is a selection of some of the results we've achieved over the past few months.

Cann Hall SNT have secured closure orders for three nuisance properties across the ward. This has followed complaints from residents and means that entry to the addresses is restricted. They also identified and arrested a male who committed a robbery on the ward.

Cathall SNT stopped two males behaving suspiciously. They were both arrested for burglary having just broken into a local resident's garage.

Chapel End SNT executed a dangerous dogs warrant and seized three dogs that presented a risk to the community. They also found two cannabis factories and shut them down, arresting and charging a number of suspects.

Chingford Green SNT received complaints about anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Station Road at school closing time. They undertook proactive patrols to address this. They also visited a number of churches to meet the congregations.

Endelbury SNT led a speeding enforcement operation to combat motorists driving recklessly. They also served a warning notice on an address that was causing ongoing anti-social behaviour, ensuring the activity stopped.

Forest SNT undertook a Day of Action with the council to tackle anti-social behaviour including abandoned vehicles which can be used for drug dealing. 14 tickets were issued.

Grove Green SNT ran a proactive operation to tackle drug supply and use on the ward. They have seized a quantity of drugs and an offensive weapon.
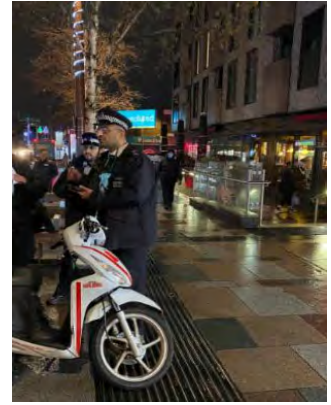
Hatch Lane SNT have been working in partnership with local authority street wardens. Recent patrols resulted in the arrest of a male who had a large quantity of drugs for supply.

Higham Hill SNT received reports of people using drugs in Higham Hill Park. They increased patrols in the area and identified those involved. They seized drugs and have helped prevent the issue from reoccurring.

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Hale End and Highams Park SNT have increased their patrols around Cavendish Park, E4 following reports of inappropriate behaviour towards women and girls. This has deterred any further incidents.

High Street SNT have been running a series of operations to tackle drug use, anti-social behaviour and violence in E17. They have had many arrests for a variety of offences including drug use, robbery and theft. They have also run a number of traffic operations to deal with misuse of the roads and have issued penalty fines to reckless moped drivers and seized unlicensed and uninsured vehicles.

Hoe Street SNT listened to community concerns about construction workers behaving inappropriately towards women. They dealt with this robustly including issuing warnings to offenders and education with site supervisors.

Larkswood SNT received complaints about drug use near St Edmunds Church. Through proactive patrols they found the offenders, seized drugs and prosecuted a male.

Leyton SNT took part in a 6 week surge operation to focus on drugs misuse and anti-social behaviour.

Leytonstone SNT responded to reports of drug users breaking into a block on the ward. Through patrols they identified the people in question and made an arrest. They also supported a local business whose staff were being harassed. Through targeted patrols they identified a suspect and took action to stop his behaviour

Markhouse SNT worked in partnership with the council to identify and support three people begging in Queen's Road. They will get the support they need to get them off the street.

Valley SNT worked with the transport policing teams and local residents to conduct a SpeedWatch operation on the ward.

William Morris SNT have been focusing their patrols on Blackhorse Road to target theft and anti-social behaviour. They are working to identify drug dealers and will be taking action against them.

Wood Street SNT received complaints about anti-social behaviour on the ward. They worked with mental health professionals to get a male the support he needed. They have also visited a local primary school to teach the children about stranger danger and road safety.

Do you want to find out more about what we're doing?

Follow your local team on Twitter:

Each of your local teams has a Twitter account where they post regular updates on what they're doing, crime prevention tips and other useful information. To follow them simply search on Twitter or look up the account handle below:

Cann Hall - @MPSCannHall	High Street - @MPSHighStreet
Cathall - @MPSCathall	Hoe Street - @MPSHoeStreet
Chapel End - @MPSChapelEnd	Larkswood - @MPSLarkswood
Chingford Green - @MPSChingfordGrn	Lea Bridge - @MPSLeaBridgeJC
Endlebury - @MPSEndlebury	Leyton - @MPSLeyton
Forest - @MPSForest	Leytonstone - @MPSLeytonstone
Grove Green - @MPSGroveGreen	Markhouse - @MPSMarkhouse
Hale End & Hgms Park - @MPSHaleEndHPark	Valley - @MPSValleyJC
Hatch Lane - @MPSHatchLane	William Morris - @MPSWilliamMorris
Higham Hill - @MPSHighamHill	Wood Street - @MPSWoodStreet

Follow your local team on Nextdoor:

We work in partnership with Nextdoor, the local social networking app for neighbours, to bring updates to local residents on issues that matter to them. We also use Nextdoor to provide crime prevention guidance, urgent updates and as a helpful point of contact.
You can sign-up for Nextdoor by visiting Nextdoor.co.uk and entering your postcode.

Follow the borough police on Twitter:

On top of your local team Twitter accounts we have a borough Twitter account that provides more general updates and information about ongoing incidents that might disrupt or impact you such as road closures or ongoing incidents.
You can follow this on **@MPSWForest**

Follow the Met Police on Twitter

The Met Police have a corporate Twitter account. This gives London-wide updates and provides information about ongoing serious or major incidents.

Please do not report crime or incidents on social media. We cannot take these reports on these accounts. Please use the reporting methods detailed above.
In an emergency always phone 999.