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## Brent Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) Spring 2023 Community Newsletter

### Arrests and incidents

#### Missing female

SNT officers on patrol spoke to a female. When their name checked her, they found that she was wanted for failing to appear in court for breach of a community order and was a missing person. She was taken into custody.

#### Immigration offences

SNT officers worked with St Mungo's homelessness charity to safeguard a male in Gladstone Park. They worked with partner agencies to help him. After various checks, the Home Office asked for the male to be arrested for immigration offences.

#### Repeat offender

SNT officers carrying out stop and searches in Church Road arrested a male who was a well-known offender and wanted for multiple offences.

#### Burglary and criminal damage

Off duty SNT officers spotted a male believed to be wanted for failing to appear in court for burglary and criminal damage offences. Additional units were called and the male was arrested. Officers have applied for a criminal behaviour order (CBO).

#### Bladed article

SNT officers investigated reports of antisocial behaviour and drug users in the bin sheds at Argo House in Kilburn. They stopped and searched an individual who was arrested for possession of a bladed article, charged and remanded in custody.

#### Vehicle crime

After a thorough check of months of crime reports, a SNT officer identified a pattern of motor vehicle crime that targeted blue badges. To raise community members' awareness, crime prevention posters were displayed in the hotspots identified and councillors were asked to distribute prevention advice.

#### Drugs search warrant



Officers from Cricklewood and Mapesbury SNT gathered enough evidence to obtain a search warrant for drugs. Accompanied by other officers, they entered the property and detained a male. Brent Council officers also attended to gain evidence to apply to the courts for a closure order for the property.

## Joint work

### Police and council multi-agency operation

SNT officers worked with council officers in Church Road. They did weapon sweeps, visited locations known for antisocial behaviour and issued 12 parking fines. They spoke to many local residents. They also conducted stop and searches.

SNT officers worked with council licensing officers and police cadets on a cadet licencing operation on Church Road. The off licences which breached their licence were given a penalty notice and referred to the council for follow up measures.



### Brent police cadets working with the commissioner



Brent police cadets helped to make all guests welcome at the meeting in central London where Sir Mark Rowley, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, gave a speech to 400 Londoners, police officers and stakeholders about his mission for the Metropolitan Police of more trust, less crime and high standards.

### SNT working with Brent Council on Brent Health Matters

Officers from Cricklewood and Mapesbury SNT and Roundwood SNT attended the Unity Centre to show their support for the Brent Health Matters programme. Community members were given health checks and SNT officers also put themselves forward for health checks.



### Drug operation with dogs at station



Officers from Willesden Green SNT led a joint operation at Willesden Green Station with officers from British Transport Police, Harlesden and Kensal Green SNT and Kilburn SNT, Transport for London revenue inspectors and police dogs from the Metropolitan Police Task Force.

One male was arrested, 14 stop and searches were carried out with three leading to further action, many useful intelligence reports were gathered and 28 fines were issued for fare evasion.

### SNT and town centre team

Dawn Butler MP visited Harlesden with officers from Harlesden Town Centre Team and Harlesden and Kensal Green SNT. They looked at changes that had taken place since the launch of the Town Centre Team in February 2022.





## Engaging with community groups

### Primary school visits



Sgt Dave Sarney and officers from Harlesden and Kensal Green SNT spoke to year 5 and 6 children about gangs and the use of social media. For year 6 children, they also spoke about what to expect in their new schools later this year.

Officers from Cricklewood and Mapesbury SNT worked with Metropolitan Police teams for mounted police and dogs, traffic and bicycles, and chemical and terrorist incidents to provide a police insight day at Mora Primary School. They talked about their roles and answered questions.



### Scout troop visit

SNT officers visited the 20<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Troop based in Anson Road. They spent time with the beavers, aged 6-7, and the cubs, aged 8-10. Officers spoke with the children about the role of police officers and the types of work they do. They showed the children their personal protective equipment. They provided advice about online safety and answered many questions.

### Easter camp for young people

The Easter camp for young people was again held at Newman College this year, with activities provided by police schools officers, youth engagement team officers and cadets as well as navy and army officers. Harlesden and Kensal Green SNT officers helped out for three days. Local businesses provided food free. Dawn Butler MP visited. 87 young people took part.

### Community visit

Gareth Neame OBE, a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London, visited Brent Central Mosque to evaluate the mosque's nomination for the prestigious King's Award for Voluntary Service

Willesden SNT were invited to attend to explain some of the joint working the SNT has done with the mosque in recent years.



## Recruitment events

SNT officers took part in a police recruitment event at the Unity Centre in Church Road. They answered questions and gave examples of their day-to-day work.

Officers were invited to the Lewinson Centre in Willesden High Road to speak with 18 to 30-year-olds about joining the police. Officers presented the many ways you could join. They spoke about what police do and why it was a good career. They also said why they had joined the police. The group asked them many questions.



## Community meeting



Retired police officer Ian Smellie was invited to speak at a public meeting in Northwick Park. His father had emigrated to England on the Windrush then the family had moved back to Jamaica, where Ian joined the Jamaica Constabulary Force. Ian then returned to England and served for 28 years in the Metropolitan Police. He explained how the political situation in Jamaica affected gun culture.

Ian and SNT officers then answered questions from the many community members who attended.

## Street briefing

SNT officers gave a street briefing about neighbourhood watch to Dollis Hill ward residents, ward councillors and Krupesh Hirani, the Brent and Harrow member of the London Assembly.



## Police operations

### Doorbell cameras



Officers from Kilburn, Queens Park and Cricklewood and Mapesbury wards, which have high numbers of burglary offences, are distributing 1000 doorbell cameras. So far about 200 doorbell cameras have been installed.

This is part of a project to deter and detect crime. The Metropolitan Police is working with University College London, which will evaluate the impact of Smart video doorbells on crimes including burglary and other offences committed near the home.