

News from your local police

May 2011

Welcome

This newsletter provides information about the local ward priorities that have been set and the actions we have taken to tackle them, as well as providing you with details of events where you can talk to us about your concerns.

The priorities set by the local community for Seven Sisters ward that we worked towards in March and April are:

- Youth anti-social behaviour
- Drug and Alcohol misuse
- Burglary

While we tackle the ward priorities, we also work to address any emerging crime issues and concerns. Contact us if you have concerns about day to day crime and disorder issues.

Sgt. Tom Smyth

Youth anti-social behaviour

We continue to conduct high visibility patrols in the Tiverton and Fred Messer Estates in response to concerns from residents about youths congregating in communal areas and causing anti-social behaviour.

Sergeant Smyth attended a question and answer session with teenagers from the Markfield Project in Markfield Park, a youth club for people with disabilities. The session was relaxed and gave the members an opportunity to learn more about police work and their Safer Neighbourhoods Teams in an informal setting.

Drug and Alcohol misuse

In April a 28 year-old man was sentenced to 27 months in prison for producing cannabis at an address in Hillside Road N15. He was arrested last year during a search warrant we carried out in response to information that the address was being used to grow drugs.

In April, having just left our patrol base, we spotted a man smoking cannabis in a car in Suffolk Road. He was arrested and received an adult caution.

We have received reports of youths smoking drugs in the stairwells of the Tiverton and Fred Messer Estates. Our high visibility patrols in the area should deter this activity and enable us to identify and deal with those involved.

In response to concerns about street drinking, we made over 50 alcohol seizures from street drinkers during March and April and we will continue to tackle this issue over the Summer.

Burglary

In March, we held a Burglary Prevention Action Day with Metropolitan Care and Repair (MCR) in Hermitage Road N4. This was in response to an identified spike in burglary offences in the road during November and December 2010. 50% of the burglaries took place through the front door, where only a rim lock (of the type that doesn't lock with a key and can be easily slipped or forced) had been used and either there was no deadlock fitted or the deadlock wasn't used by the resident.

During the Action Day and the following weeks we raised awareness of burglary prevention measures and improved the security of residents' homes by arranging for locks, bolts, letterbox guards and door chains to be fitted for free where required.



Left: PC Watts and handyperson outside address in fitted with thumb-turn dead-locking mortice lock and letterbox guard to the communal front door.

We will continue to conduct high visibility patrols in Seven Sisters ward to combat burglary offences and ask you to remember to use the locks that you've got. If you would like an officer to visit your home to provide some crime prevention advice, please contact us on 020 8721 2671.

Other News

In response to residents' concerns about sex workers bringing their clients to a secluded area of land next to the allotments in Franklin Street N15, we thought up a solution that involved moving the existing fence for the allotments forward so that it adjoins the pavement, in order to design out the recess and reclaim the space for legitimate use. The Team suggested the solution to Haringey Council, who funded and organised the work, which was completed in March and has put a stop to the problem. While prostitution is not a current ward priority, we continued late night plain clothes patrols in Seven Sisters Road and issued three women with street warnings in response to residents' concerns.

Help shape the future of policing in London:

The Met Police has launched a new online survey to ask for your views on how you want to access police services and influence the future of local policing in your area in an online survey. You can find out more about this and complete the survey by accessing the link on the home page of the Haringey police website at: www.met.police.uk/haringey. Complete the

survey by 27th May 2011. Your views are important to us and will help us improve our services to better meet your needs.

Proposed new policing facility on High Road N22:

Haringey police are inviting people to have their say on proposals for a new policing facility on the site of the former Wood Green police station before the application is submitted to Haringey Council. From 6th May you will find details about the proposed plans at www.met.police.uk/haringey. **Have your say before 22nd May** by writing to: Wood Green Consultation, c/o Tottenham Police Station, 398 High Road, Tottenham N17 9JA or email: woodgreenpolicestation@met.police.uk

Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Sgt Tom Smyth
PC Chris Watts
PCSO Mansoor Qureshi
PCSO Alana Casanova

Come and meet us

Members of our team will be at these locations over the next couple of months. Similar events are constantly being added and can be found by visiting our web page:

www.met.police.uk/teams/haringey/sevensisters

What: Street briefing

When: 10/05/2011 1pm-2pm

Where: Craven Park Road / High Road N15

What: Street briefing

When: 26/05/2011 3pm - 4pm

Where: Seven Sisters Road / Manchester Road N15

What: Street briefing

When: 08/06/2011 7pm - 8pm

Where: High Road / Wargrave Ave N15

Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team is not a 24-hour emergency response team. In an emergency always dial 999.

An emergency is if the incident is on-going, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger, otherwise call the police non-emergency number 0300 123 1212.

Call Crimestoppers anonymously 0800 555 111

