



HARINGEY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES

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Welcome

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches Newsletter.

This is the first newsletter of 2004 and I hope that you have had a peaceful start to 2004.

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter, The Borough Association held its Annual Conference, there has been a lot of positive feedback from the event and coordinators say that the day was very worthwhile.

Neighbourhood Watch has been around and about having a display in The Mall in Wood Green Shopping City and taking part in the Safer Haringey Fair in January.

Operation Ringmaster goes from strength to strength, with every new person that signs up to the scheme the web of contacts become wider, and the benefits of the system really begin to show. The Ringmaster machine is currently at the manufacturers they are upgrading the system and adding a mapping system so that I can target messages to specific areas, ensuring you get information relevant to you. Its return will coincide with the Police's Intelligence unit producing a

regular briefing for Neighbourhood Watch, so expect messages telling you more about what is happening in your area and asking you for information.

I have just been told by the borough commander that the latest performance figures for the Metropolitan Police are available on www.met.police.uk. Haringey has worked hard and has been successful in achieving every corporate MPS performance target in the year not only reducing Burglary by 5.5%, Street Crime by 12.8% and Motor Crime by 11.1% but by also making sure that more offenders are caught and put before the court.

Do not forget we still have supplies of Securi-disc holders, Data Link Pots and Panic Alarms, so do keep in touch and let me know what your watch needs.

Also, let me know any changes in your watch. In some areas the Coordinators have changed and in some cases they have moved away, if our information isn't updated we can lose touch and you watch loses the support that it deserves!

Let us know everything that you



have planned so that we can help you, with publicity and don't forget you can still apply for a grant from the borough association for your event.

Please do keep in touch.

Always remember Local information means local action!

You can contact me on 02083452130 or 07745123137 alternatively you can email me on Stuart.Clarke@met.police.uk.

Regards,

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Covert policing cracks drug blight in Finsbury Park

A massive undercover operation involving the Met Police, Haringey Parks Constabulary and the Finsbury Park Partnership has taken 9 crack and heroine drug dealers off the streets of Haringey. All 9 have been remanded in custody following arrests for dealing heroine and cocaine in and around Finsbury Park.

Haringey Council's executive member for environment, Cllr Ray Dodds says:

"This is fantastic news and means the people who visit Finsbury Park will not have to put up with drug dealers and the anti-social behaviour of drug users. This has been a real team effort with the Police supported by the Parks Constabulary and the Finsbury Park Partnership."

The undercover operation started in December 2003 and much intelligence and evidence was gathered.

The operation completed its first phase two weeks ago with the arrest of the 9 drug dealers who were charged

with a total of 47 offences. All those arrested have been remanded in custody and with the weight of evidence the police believe long term custodial sentences are likely. More arrests are likely in the immediate future

The operation has led to the disappearance of users and prostitutes etc within the area and specifically in the Park and has provided a welcome boost to all involved in the Finsbury Park £5 million restoration.

Haringey Parks Constabulary was particularly singled out for thanks in the smooth running of the operation and all the assistance provided.

Andrew Gill, Haringey Council Parks Manager, says:

"This is just what we need to let local people know the park belongs to them and not to drug dealers and users.

Things are getting much better and our Parks Constabulary will continue to support police efforts to stamp out

drug crime in and around our parks."

From this week the Metropolitan Police will be providing uniformed high visibility patrolling in the area to provide additional reassurance to the community, delivering leaflets, crime prevention advice and to clear up all the users and anti-social offenders in the area.

The Parks Constabulary will be assisting with this within the confines of the park.

There will be a further operation with the Met's Vice Unit to specifically target the prostitutes.

Intelligence and systems are in place to act very quickly if there is the slightest indication that the problem may return.



Haringey's Neighbourhood Watch Conference

Saturday the 6th of March 2004 saw Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches celebrate its first birthday.

The voluntary organisation, which is endorsed and supported, by the Metropolitan Police Service and Haringey Council marked the event by holding a Conference at the TUC Centre at Crouch End

Hill.

Subjects that make a real difference to the Community of Haringey were discussed, topics covered ranged from the Role of Neighbourhood Watch in the Liquor Licensing Reforms, CCTV and Dealing with Anti Social Behaviour.

Ralph Crisp Chair of the Borough Association said

"At the end of our Association's first year, we are very pleased with the progress we have made.

As the largest association of residents within Haringey, we have established a position for ourselves, which enables us to work positively with the Police, Haringey Council and other agencies. We now look forward to

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Crime Prevention Information on the World Wide Web

Did you know that there are just tonnes and tonnes of pieces of crime prevention advice and toolkits out there on the internet?

Many of these sites give ideas about the ten principles of crime prevention and how to go about carrying out a basic crime prevention survey of your watch.

Of course these sites will never replace the expertise of your local crime prevention officer but they can give you some hints and tips.

Its also worth having a look for Neighbourhood Watch

sites .

So where do you look on-line for this information???

Well here's a few hot links!

www.crimereduction.gov.uk

This is the Home Office based website that give s you up to date news about all of the things you need to know about Crime Prevention.

The BBCi Website also has a wealth of information this can be accessed on

www.bbc.co.uk

And for those of you not sure about using the web the BBC

site has an online web wise course which will help you learn the basics of the internet.

To look for other Neighbourhood Watches try

www.google.com

Don't forget There are 165 PCs located in libraries across the borough for use by members of the public. Anyone visiting a library in Haringey can access the Internet and also a range of office software.



Haringey Association's Conference Contd.

consolidating that partnership role during the coming year and being able to make a valuable contribution in helping to make all communities within Haringey feel safer.

We hope to be able to do this in such a way, that all our diverse communities will feel that they want to participate with us, either by joining an existing watch or by helping to start a new Neighbourhood Watch within their area."

Inspector Neil Hutchison of Haringey Police whose department is responsible for Neighbourhood Watch said "Neighbourhood watch has been a well recognised pro-

gramme for 22 years and continues to grow. The Police cannot operate effectively without the assistance and support of the community. The importance of engaging with the community is increasingly recognised and new policing strategies are designed to improve communication with the community. The role of Neighbourhood Watch will be increasingly important as a mechanism for the police and community to work together."

Speakers on the Day included Chief Superintendent Stephen Bloomfield, Haringey Police's Borough Commander and David Eaton Chair of the London

Neighbourhood Watch Association.

There were workshops to discuss Communications with the Police and to establish The role of Neighbourhood Watch in the licensing act reforms.

The Association hopes to hold another conference in March 2005 If you would like to get more details do make sure you get into with Stuart Clarke Neighbourhood Watch Link manager to make sure you are added to the list of watch coordinators and street coordinators and active members.

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Inspector Neil Hutchison

Neighbourhood Reassurance Policing

New look policing with more bobbies – and Police Community Support Officers on the beat is kicking off in White Hart Lane, Crouch End and Woodside.

Under the umbrella of “Step Change”, the London wide increase in police resources, the scheme is being piloted in Haringey as “Neighbourhood Reassurance Policing”.

What it means is more police, initially in White Hart Lane and Crouch End wards, very soon in Woodside, and rolling out from 2005 to cover the whole borough in a few years.

Six new officers in each ward will be working closely with the council to sort out residents’ top problems – and there’s a Scotland Yard guarantee that the teams will not be called away for national or other duties, whether it’s policing the football, major demonstrations or State Visits.

It’s a big improvement on current arrangements, where each ward has one beat manager, who could be moved off from community duties, says Inspector Craig Middleton from Haringey police.

There’s an extra sergeant and two constables in each ward plus three Police Community Support Officers, and the Teams are contactable by mobile phones. The teams are currently based at police stations, but are looking for local premises in their wards.

“It’s extra resources with a real

focus on local issues, and it’s all about better communication,” says Inspector Middleton. “We want residents to feel that they can give the officers a ring, have a chat about any problems, pass on information or just invite them in for a cup of coffee – although you should always call 999 in an emergency.”

A key part of the new thinking is that local problems – from abandoned cars and graffiti to serious anti-social behaviour – need to be tackled by the police, the council and other agencies working together.

Each ward is different so what the team does will be different, responding to local needs in a way which goes well beyond what the police have been able to do before. Local people know what they want.

“The teams are set up and we are now actively getting involved with residents, finding out what those local issues and problems are,” says Inspector Middleton. Public meetings are being held, “have your say” drop-in sessions, and discussions with community organisations.

Says Councillor Nilgun Canver, Haringey’s executive member for community safety: “The council is working closely with the police and local people to make Haringey a safer place, and one of the main things that comes up time

and time again from local people through the area assemblies is the need for more police on the beat.

“We are delighted to be taking part in this new programme, delivering what residents want – more police on the streets, working together with the council to tackle local problems.”

There will be frequent meetings with the council’s neighbourhood managers, who will make the link with council services and the £5 million “Better Haringey” drive to sort out environmental problems and improve the quality of life borough wide.

“It’s about working together,” says Haringey’s neighbourhood development manager Bob Goldsmith. “For people to be reassured that their neighbourhood is safe we need to tackle issues of environmental crime, activities for young people and so on. We will be sitting round the table regularly with the team sergeants to find local solutions.”

Ward contact numbers:

Crouch End
PCs: 07708 981891, PCSO’s:
07986 432438

White Hart Lane
PCs: 07986 432437, PCSO’s:
07709 521038



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PC Ann Smith Retires

The Wood Green & Hornsey said good bye to PC Ann Smith at the last coordinators meeting at Elder Avenue.

Ann who was key arranging the Elder Avenue Meetings and a well known figure in the Boroughs Neighbourhood Watch had completed 30 years service with the Metropolitan Police. Ann

was presented with a cut glass vase and gifts by Fred Williams former chair of the Wood Green & Hornsey and member of the Committee of the Borough Association

The 2nd XI Scotch Estate turned their last Neighbourhood Watch meeting into a tribute to Ann, The watch commissioned a plate that was

decorated to show all of Ann’s interests and they completed their meeting with a ‘this is your life’ style tribute.

I am sure you will all join the Associations in wishing Anne all the very best for the future.



Anne is presented with a crystal vase by Fred Williams and Geoff Hudson.

Police renew call for vigilance against terrorists

The Metropolitan Police has renewed its call for vigilance by the public against possible terrorist attacks in London.

As part of the continuing Government campaign against the threat from terrorism, police have stepped up patrols on the London Underground system including, for the first time, deploying plain clothes counter terrorist patrols to key locations. These measures were taken before Thursday's bomb explosions in Madrid and are not connected.

"This is a joint operation involving BTP, the Metropolitan Police, City of London Police and Transport for London", explained Deputy Commissioner Andy Trotter.

"I must emphasize that we have received no specific threat to the London Underground or rail system, nevertheless, the threat from terrorism remains very real as the events in Madrid show.

London is on a high level of alert and the London Underground system is controlled public space, with hundreds of staff at stations, extensive CCTV coverage and its own dedicated police resources. A further, crucial element is the vigilance of customers. With three million travelling every day, they can provide millions

of eyes and ears across the whole system.

We have an active security regime in place on the Underground involving police, London Underground staff and management, a regime that is frequently changed as security measures are under constant review. These new policing initiatives and our appeal to passengers are part of that."

Police are appealing to passengers to be pro-active in reporting anything suspicious, asking other passengers if they see an item they believe to be unattended - "Who owns this bag?" - and reporting it immediately to London Underground staff or police if it is unclaimed. Posters will be appearing on the London Underground system this week.

As part of the security regime, passengers may see police officers conducting "stop and search" procedures on stations. If passengers are subject to such searches, we would ask them to be patient in supporting the continuing fight against terrorism.

These measures come as leading security experts from Metro systems around the world met in London last week to review methods of combating terrorism at a

conference hosted by the BTP, London Underground and its infrastructure partners Metro net and Tube Lines.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, Head of the Metropolitan Police's Anti-Terrorist Branch, said: "The despicable attacks in Madrid show only too clearly that the threat from terrorism remains very real. London continues to be on a high level of alert and security across the capital remains under constant review.

"We will do whatever is necessary to protect the public from harm. Public vigilance is vital at all times, not only when travelling on the Tube or rail network."

Contact Details

Anyone with information about terrorist activity can contact the free, confidential **Anti-Terrorism** hotline on **0800 789 321**. In an emergency dial **999**.



*Deputy
Commissioner
Andy Trotter.*

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Sumo Neighbourhood Watch Set up

Neighbourhood Watch
Tokyo Style

A group of professional Sumo wrestlers has started a neighbourhood watch scheme in a crime-stricken district in Tokyo.

The 15 wrestlers from the Ise-noumi stable pound the streets of Edogawa Ward, eastern Tokyo, in pairs or groups of three from 11pm until dawn, reports Kyodo

News.

Local shop owner Kazuo Ishizuka, 55, said: "Thanks to this patrol, I feel safe and can sleep well every night. I don't think anyone would commit a crime if they encounter a big sumo wrestler."

Toshio Seki, a 57-year-old resident, said, "I don't know to what extent the neighbourhood watch has

contributed to crime prevention. But I'm sure it serves as a deterrent."

The wrestlers take a different route each night, taking notes of findings and events.

They carry whistles, torches and wooden clappers to alert residents of the presence of prowlers.



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Metropolitan Police
Muswell Hill Police Station
115 Fortis Green
London
Phone: 0208 345 2130
Fax:0208 345 2163
Email:stuart.clarke@met.police.uk

If you have information
about any crime, phone



- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

Diary Dates

June

12th Trooping the Colour

July

3rd Parkland Walk 50th Anniversary Event

August

30th Bank Holiday

September

15th Wood Green & Hornsey Neighbourhood Watch Association Meeting @ Haringey Civic Centre

29th 175th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Police

Useful Contacts

Haringey Police

Emergency	999
Non Emergency	020 8808 1212
Neighbourhood Watch	020 8345 2130
Beat Managers Tottenham	020 8345 0956
Beat Managers Wood Green	020 8345 2093
Beat Managers Hornsey & Muswell Hill	020 8345 2122
Police Community Support Officers	020 8345 2172
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111

Haringey Council

General Enquiries	020 8489 0000
Out of Hours	020 8348 3148
<i>*All council services can be contacted through the above number</i>	
Abandoned Vehicles	020 8489 2182
Waste and Rubbish Services	020 8885 7700
Pavement Obstructions	020 8489 6904
Pest Control	020 8489 5551
Light Line (Broken Lighting)	0500 236 458
Trading Standards	020 8489 5134
Citizens Advice Bureaux	020 8374 1300



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