

Police Report

Haringey Community & Police Consultative Group



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Borough Commander's Introduction

Welcome to the Haringey Community & Police Consultative Group Newsletter.

I would like to start by mentioning another example of the exceptional work going on in Haringey. Community Support Officers and Police Officers exhibited outstanding bravery in bringing under control a large disturbance in Wood Green on Wednesday 19th March.

A man wielding an axe, who subsequently used it to strike the windscreen of a police car, threatened two PCSOs. The intervention of PCSOs and Police Officers resulted in the suspect being safely detained and no injuries to any members of public. Several other males were detained for public order offences.

I am pleased to say that Haringey is performing well against the targets agreed in the ten crime areas that we have been told most concern communities. Six consecutive years of crime reduction have made a positive impact on the community.

On 1st April everything starts again, the clocks are set back to zero and we have new targets to achieve. I am convinced that we can do even better in the next planning year.

Visitors to our Borough often comment on the 'feel' of the borough and the vibrant atmosphere amongst our police officers, PCSOs and police staff. HMIC (Her Majesties Inspectorate of Constabularies) inspectors, the Deputy Assistant Commissioners office and the MPS marketing department have noted the positive atmosphere. This translates into good quality policing for our local community.

We are grateful for all the support from the community over the last year.

Simon O'Brien

Haringey Borough Commander

Our Performance

Personal Robbery Target – To reduce personal robbery's by 6.2%

Latest figures show that since April 2007 1235 personal robberies were reported throughout the borough. This represents a decrease of 23.6% against the same period in 2006.

Emergency Response Standard – To reach 75% of Immediate Response Calls within 12 minutes

Latest figures show that since April 2007 there was 23764 emergency calls to police in the borough, of these calls 14746 (62%) were answered with 12 minutes.

Gun Enabled Crime – To reduce gun-enabled crime by 5%

Latest figures show that since April 2007 there have been 124 gun related crimes reported throughout the borough. This represents an 11.4% decrease compared to the same period in 2006.

Violent Crime – To reduce violent crime by 6.5%

Latest figures show that since April 2007 there have been 3517 assault crimes reported throughout the borough. This represents a 5.1% decrease compared to the same period last year.

Stop and Search Figures

Between 1st April 2007 and 13th March 2008, latest figures show 24742 stop and searches were carried out by police in Haringey, 1669 (6.7%) of which resulted in an arrest. This compares to 857884 across the whole of London for the same period; 45144 (5.3%) of which resulted in an arrests.

Serious Crime Allegations in Haringey

The following summary, of the latest figures, of some of the serious allegations of crime made within the borough since April 2007:

Racial Incidents	186
Murder	4
Attempted Murder	2
Rape	66
Violent Crime	6673

Sanction Detection

Haringey Police are ranked 4th in the MET for Total Notifiable Offences Sanction Detection. Our target is to solve 24% of all crimes recorded on the borough and we are currently solving 28.2%.

Good News

Bus Beat Special Constable Drives Counterfeit Goods off the Streets

On 5th March 2008 Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant Iain Williams of Tottenham Green SNT and Special Constable Phil Bunker were on foot patrol in High Road Tottenham when they noticed a forecourt outside a hairdressers with what is believed to be counterfeit shoes laid out for sale.

A man in his 30s was arrested and a section 32 search on the premises discovered several thousand pairs of shoes.

This presented the officers with a transport problem. Special Constable Bunker works as an operations manager for Arriva London North, who release him for 2 days a month to be a Special Constable under the Bus Beat scheme. He was able to call his bus depot and enlist the use of a spare bus. Special Constable Bunker drove the bus, filled with the seized items, to Haringey Council's Environmental Services department. The man arrested has been released on bail pending further enquiries.

Estate Agent Convicted of Theft of Over £77K

Following an in depth investigation by Haringey CID and Payback Unit, estate agent Melvin Hart from Ware has been convicted of the theft of over seventy seven thousand pounds from Hart Lane Estate Agents in Green Lanes, Haringey, between May 2005 and November 2006.

Mr Hart was sentenced to twenty-month imprisonment, disqualified from being a company director for 8 years and a Confiscation Order Benefit of £77, 985.65 was agreed under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).

The agreed Confiscation Order Benefit means that the Payback Unit will be able to confiscate any assets identified to be held by My Hart.

Together with the CPS, police will continue to utilize powers under POCA to deny criminals the proceeds of their crimes and ensure that crime doesn't pay.

Cafe owner gets 3 years for Arson with intent to endanger life

A man whose attempts to set fire to his own cafe on 15th June 2007 resulted in an explosion that could have killed anyone passing by, received three years imprisonment at Wood Green Crown Court on Friday 14th March 2008.

On Friday 14th of March 2008, at Wood Green Crown Court, Yusuf Yumsak, a 45 year old man of Sutherland Road N9, Enfield, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment, having been convicted of causing Arson with intent to endanger life at his business premises, a cafe at 108 Myddleton Road, N22, in the early hours of 15th June 2007.

Yumsak was arrested on 23rd August 2007 and charged with Arson with intent to endanger life. This followed an investigation by Haringey CID that was greatly assisted by the local Greek community.

On 15th June 2007 a person was seen fleeing the scene and discarding clothing. DNA evidence linked Yumsak to the discarded clothing. that the coffee machine caused the explosion while he was outside the premises. Investigating officers were able to prove that if he had been outside he would have been shredded by flying glass, which he was not, and that the coffee machine showed no signs of having exploded.

It is believed that the Yumsak was in financial difficulties and set fire to the premises, resulting in an explosion that could have killed anyone passing the front of the shop. He showed complete disregard for the five families that lived either side and above the premises.

DS Sav Kyriakou, who led the investigation said, "As a result of a terrific team effort, together with a very thorough forensic examination, and support from the local community, we were able to disprove Yumsak's alibi and prove that he was the perpetrator, fuelled by stupidity and greed. He showed complete disregard for public safety. I hope that this sentence will deter others from perpetrating this form of crime."

Haringey Performs Well in MPS Operation Kartel

Operation Kartel took place in 11 MPS boroughs during the school holiday period and concluded on 25th February. The operation forms part of continuing efforts to deal with serious violent crime and focussed on individuals that are likely to commit violent acts and be prepared to carry or use lethal weapons despite the tragic consequences. The whole operation resulted in 780 arrests and 43 firearms and 74 offensive weapons taken off London's streets.

In Haringey, intelligence led operations, high visibility patrols, search arches and weapons sweeps during the two-week period of Operation Kartel led to 114 arrests, 9 offensive weapon seizures, 2 firearms seizures and 37 drugs seizures.

We intend to build on the success of operations such as Kartel, Conan, Blunt and Curb to tackle serious youth violence and reduce the number of violent offences committed in Haringey.

In the coming two weeks, Operation Lateen is taking place in Haringey with additional support from the Territorial Support Group (TSG) to tackle violent and other priority crime on the borough.

Operation Handover



More than 1,600 weapons have been recovered during Operation Handover, the Met wide campaign to tackle the availability of imitation firearms.

A total of 1,357 imitation firearms, 142 airguns, 61 real firearms, 13 CS spray canisters, 64 starting pistols, 225 knives and offensive weapons, 37 BB guns and more than 152 rounds of ammunition were surrendered or seized as a result of the campaign. Of these 10 firearms were recovered in Haringey.

In addition, around 200 retailers have stopped selling these weapons following strong partnership work between the Met and trading standards. We are continuing to work closely with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to crackdown on illegal imitation weapons entering the country.

Five Years For Possession of an Imitation Firearm

On 4th March 26 year old Hasan Dogan, from Tottenham, appeared at the Old Bailey and was sentenced to five years imprisonment for possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of unlawful violence under Section 16a of the Firearms Act.

On 30th August 2007 the defendant, Dogan, approached the victim, a 22-year-old man, in Walton Road N15. The defendant was holding a handgun and pointed it at the victim while swearing and shouting at him. The victim tried to escape in his vehicle, but the defendant and his associates blocked his escape. The defendant fired the gun several times at the victim, causing him to fear for his life and crash his car in his panic to escape. The victim managed to escape and hide until police attended the scene following reports of shots being fired.

Investigating officer, DC Jonathan Rowland, of Haringey CID, said:

"The outcome of this case demonstrates that the MPS will not tolerate gun crime. We will continue to do everything in our power to bring violent offenders to justice."

"Gun-enabled crime is down 12% in Haringey. Under the Violent Crime Reduction Act (2006), which came into force last October, we have new powers to crackdown on the use and sale of imitation weapons and the MPS is working closely with HMRC, other law enforcement agencies and trading standards to engage with legitimate firearms dealers to ensure they are complying with legislation in the sale of real and imitation firearms. If you know anyone who is illegally supplying real or imitation firearms we want to hear from you. Please contact the police or Crimestoppers anonymously."

Man Sentenced for GBH

On 14 March 2008, at Wood Green Crown Court, 26-year-old Daniel Campbell, from, Newham, was given an Indeterminate sentence for causing grievous bodily harm with intent and affray.

Campbell was charged with GBH with intent on 8 March 2007 and following a trial, was found guilty at Wood Green Crown Court on 24 January 2008.

On 6 March 2007 the victim, a 22-year-old man, was attacked without provocation in High Road Wood Green N22. A plain-clothes police officer saw the incident and intervened. The man received several life threatening stab wounds. Campbell was present at the scene but ran and was detained after a short chase by the officer. A knife was found nearby and was later linked to the incident through DNA evidence.

DC Mark Yerby, said:

"If it wasn't for the quick actions of the officer that intervened, it is likely that this man would have been killed as a result of this ferocious and unprovoked attack at the hands of Daniel Campbell. We are very grateful to the public for providing information that was important to the case and can only hope that the sentence imposed will deter him and others from resorting to violence and carrying knives. We will continue to persevere to do everything in our power to bring violent offenders to justice."

Sweeping Weapons Off The Streets



The tactic of carrying out 'Weapons Sweeps', to locate caches of knives and other weaponry hidden in public places for later use, has again proved to be successful at removing a quantity of weapons from Haringey's streets.

On Friday 14th March uniformed borough police, officers from the Territorial Support Group and search dogs were deployed on a weapons sweep of the Broad Water Farm Estate.

Officers discovered 5 knives and 40 bags of a substance believed to be cannabis (awaiting confirmation from lab).

The operation, organised by Haringey's dedicated Firearms Desk, was a speculative search to reassure residents that police are actively seeking to remove weapons from the borough's streets. The operation elicited a positive response from local residents.

Violent offences in Haringey are down 8%, that is almost 600 fewer victims. Police continue to focus on reducing the number of violent offences committed in Haringey.

Detective Inspector Jackie Murphy, Haringey Borough Intelligence Manager, said:

"Weapon sweeps are very much a complimentary activity to other anti youth violence operations that we are routinely carrying out on the borough under Operation Curb."

"With tactics such as knife search arches and the use of stop and search, those intent on violent crime are catching on that there is so much police activity on the borough that if you carry a knife you will be caught. By implementing weapon sweeps, we can remove any weapons that may have been hidden in public places for future use."

"We continue to work with partnership organisations on youth diversion activities, educational programmes and to enforce the laws around the selling of knives."

"We are dealing with a minority of people causing concern to the majority of the community. Using these tactics to deter and disrupt those prepared to use violence we hope to continue to offer reassurance to the community and further reduce violent crime."

Safer Neighbourhoods Priorities

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Alexandra HaringeyAlexandra.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233788	Anti Social Behaviour	Motor Vehicle Crime	Robbery
Bounds Green BoundsGreen.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233787	Drugs Misuse/ ASB/ Traffic	Anti Social Behaviour	Anti Social Behaviour
Bruce Grove BruceGrove.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233789	Flytipping	Drug & Alcohol Misuse	Youth Crime & Disorder
Crouch End CrouchEnd.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07843 065865	Youth Crime & Disorder	Burglary	Vehicle Crime
Fortis Green FortisGreen.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07876 038059	Anti Social Behaviour	Road Safety/ Traffic/ Speeding	Motor Vehicle Crime
Harringay Harringay.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233786	Youth Crime & Disorder	Drug & Alcohol Misuse	Road Safety/ Traffic/ Speeding
Highgate HaringeyHighgate.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233791	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Crime	Road Safety/ Traffic
Hornsey Hornsey.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07884 117309	Youth Crime & Disorder	Drug & Alcohol Misuse/ Disorder	Traffic Offences
Muswell Hill MuswellHill.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07760 170127	Road Safety/ Traffic/ Speeding	Burglary	Personal Safety/ Violence
Noel Park NoelPark.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233785	Anti Social Behaviour/ Begging	Anti Social Behaviour	Flytipping/ Litter
Northumberland Park NorthumberlandPark.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233792	Youth Anti Social Behaviour	Youth Anti Social Behaviour	Drug & Alcohol Disorder
Seven Sisters SevenSisters.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233793	Drug & Alcohol Misuse	Youth Crime/ Disorder	Vehicle Crime
St Anns StAnns.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233794	Motor Vehicle Crime	Traffic Offences/ Road Safety	Drug & Alcohol Misuse
Stroud Green StroudGreen.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07884 117303	Youth Crime/ Disorder	Motor Vehicle Crime	Road Safety
Tottenham Green TottenhamGreen.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07766 206234	Drug Misuse	Flytipping	Youth Anti Social Behaviour
Tottenham Hale TottenhamHale.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07920 233795	Youth Disorder	Motor Vehicle Crime	Robbery
West Green WestGreen.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07766 206244	Youth Crime/ Disorder	Personal Safety/ Violence	Vehicle Crime
White Hart Lane WhiteHartLane.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07843 065864	Youth Anti Social Behaviour	Road Safety	Flytipping
Woodside HaringeyWoodside.SNT@met.police.uk Mobile: 07843 065866	Youth Crime/ Disorder	Rubbish/ Flytipping	Road Safety