

Christmas Tree Project

Yes, we know it is only November! We do like to plan ahead. Like previous years, the Commissioner's Christmas Tree Project will happen across London with our tree being on display at Uxbridge Police Station from 10 November should you wish to give a gift. The winner of our poster competition was Leah Moore from Field End Junior School and this poster will be used to advertise the campaign in Hillingdon.



Hillingdon's Beat

We believe in celebrating good work. Like any big organisation, we don't get it right everytime. But most of the time we are spot on. Here are just a few examples of the extraordinary work done each day by Hillingdon police officers and staff:

Hillingdon Burglary Squad worked with the West Area Intercept Team to track a stolen BMW M3. The vehicle was located near Denham and an arrest strategy was implemented resulting in the arrest of a man local to Slough. He is currently being

investigated for a series of offences and has been bailed pending enquiries. The vehicle has been linked to three burglary offences including one where a police dog was injured. A number of registration plates and jewellery were recovered. This jewellery has now been identified by its owners who had been the victim of a burglary in Ruislip.

PC Eagles, Heathrow Goals and a member of the congregation from Harlington Baptist Church have been working together to facilitate football training sessions with local youths. Moaci Miranda and a colleague, both FA qualified, are given up their time every Saturday morning to coach the beautiful game. Heathrow Goals have been very supportive and have provided two pitches for the improving young players to train on. Great community engagement by all concerned.

Injured officers - the unseen consequences. The officers prefer not to be named. Whilst arresting a man who was wanted for questioning for assault one of our officers received a bite injury to his hand whilst his colleague was spat at in the face and mouth. A man was arrested at the scene and remanded in custody. As a result both officers had to immediately attend St. Thomas's Hospital for emergency assessment. Whilst neither required medication both now have to wait six weeks before returning for a follow up appointment. No one comes to work to be assaulted. It's never okay.

Sergeant Burriss and his team in Hayes regularly complete weapon sweeps in alleys and parks. Recently in one sweep they recovered a knife, a screwdriver, cannabis and two face masks.

Whatever was planned with them was stopped as a result of the sweep.

Don't begrudge them a bite to eat

There are a number of cafes across Hillingdon that are frequented by police officers from Hillingdon, Safer Transport, Traffic Police and Dog Units. They use them because we don't have canteens anymore. When you see more than one cop car at a cafe it doesn't mean Hillingdon Police have taken an hour off. Other pan-London police units also need to eat. That's the officers hard earned cash going back into the local community and I can assure you that if there is an emergency, the food is left and the officers respond immediately. Let them eat and please don't use it as another stick to beat us with or as a means to express your frustrations about completely unrelated matters.

THINK BURGLARY

Please don't be an easy target for burglars. Always double lock UPVC doors. Leave a light on. Secure your boundaries. Don't let strangers in.



Response Times. Let's be clear...

We often read of people's confusion about police response times. When you call 999 or 101 the operator will assign it an urgency grade. Either immediate response (aiming to arrive within 15-minutes) or soon as response (aiming to arrive within an hour). The operator will explain the grading to you along the lines of "we have graded this as a one hour response time".

Here's the confusion. Some people assume that means we have no one to send for 59-minutes but then will have someone available on the hour.

That is not what it means. We will send someone as soon as they are available, and make every effort to get there at least within the 15-minute / 1 hour response time. Someone could well be assigned straight away, but of course a lot of our work is

supply and demand and not an exact science so we can't guarantee exactly when we will arrive.

Your newsletters

Getting our message out is not easy and we are always looking for new ways to reach people.

We use Facebook and Twitter, our own newsletters and emails as well as piggy backing on Residents Association newsletters. We would like to piggy back more if possible. If you run a regular newsletter, be that for a place of worship, a tenants association or any group, and it would benefit from a regular police input then please get in touch at rob.bryan@met.police.uk

The Chief's Brief

Dedicated Ward Officers.

Ward Safer Neighbourhood Policing is at the heart of what the Metropolitan Police does. As you may know each ward area in London has one Dedicated Police Constable and one Dedicated PCSO.



That is set to increase. The plan across London is to add another PC to about a third of all wards by December 2016 with a final uplift in December 2017 which would mean every ward had two dedicated PCs and a dedicated PCSO.

In Hillingdon we want to do that quicker. T/Chief Superintendent Colin Wingrove has agreed that all 22 wards in Hillingdon will see the full uplift by the end of November 2016, over a year ahead of time.

This should make a real visible difference to local policing. As well as these increased dedicated ward officers (44 PCs and 22 PCSOs) your Safer Neighbourhood officers are also supplemented by 10 town centre PCs (Uxbridge and Hayes) and 48 "flex" officers who are used by your local inspectors to deal with specific issues. Additionally Hillingdon council fund a further two Partnership Tasking Teams in Ruislip and Hayes, another 10 officers.

Communities matter.

T/Chief Insp Rob Bryan