

Safer Neighbourhood Teams – more visibility, more efficiency

We are making a few changes to our Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) to ensure they are out in the community dealing with what matters to you and not being bogged down with other work which keeps them tucked up. These changes will take effect on Tuesday 2 May 2017.



Dedicated Ward Officers (DWO) – no change. All 22 wards will continue to have 2 PCs and 1 PCSO. Hayes Town Centre and Uxbridge Town Centre will also continue to have 5 PCs each. Additionally, we will maintain officers who work in specific areas such as Brunel University and Uxbridge College. These 56 PCs and 23 PCSOs are in place right now, and will remain there.

Council funded Tasking Teams – no change. Hillingdon council fund 2 teams of 1 sergeant and 5 PCs each – one in the north of the Borough, one in the south. They deal with local crime and antisocial behaviour issues and will continue to do so without alteration.

Sergeant supervision – we currently have 13 sergeants covering our 22 wards and two town

centre teams. We are reducing this to 10 sergeants. From your point of view, you will see very little difference. Currently, our sergeants are in charge of 2 teams each. Some will now be in charge of 3 teams each.

Crime investigation – currently our DWOs investigate all local crimes. This takes them away from being visible in the community and dealing with local issues such as antisocial behaviour. The crimes they tend to investigate are shoplifting, criminal damage and public order offences. Our new plan means they no longer investigate those crimes. They will still deal with neighbour disputes or local problems, but those other investigations will now sit elsewhere meaning your local DWOs are free to get out there and solve your problems.

Those other crimes will still need investigating and we have a plan for that. We will be creating a team of 20 officers who will focus on these crimes, ensuring they are investigated properly. They will be in uniform and they will deal with the crimes the same way that the DWOs used to. In effect we have just separated 2 areas of work – the visibility piece now sits with DWOs who have more time to make that a reality and the crime investigation piece sits with a dedicated team of officers who can give each crime more time.

To make this happen I will have to move those 3 sergeants from SNT to crime investigation. I will also have to move 8 “flex” officers away from SNT so the new team can be created. Whilst 3 sergeants and 8 officers no longer work directly to me, we gain a team of 20 officers to deal with our crimes. This is good for visibility, good for local problem solving and good for investigation of crime.

Any questions then please email me at rob.bryan@met.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Teams contact details

If you have a local issue, contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team sergeant or inspector by email:

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Sgt Steve Lean | **Charville and Barnhill** | steve.j.lean@met.police.uk
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A/Sgt Richard Charlesworth | **Heathrow Villages and Pinkwell** | Richard.charlesworth@met.police.uk

Or phone your local Safer Neighbourhood Ward Police Officers on:

Barnhill 020 8721 2554
Botwell 020 8721 2757
Brunel 020 8721 2551
Cavendish 020 8721 2550
Charville 020 8721 2552
Eastcote & East Ruislip 020 8721 2548
Harefield 020 8721 2544
Heathrow Villages 020 8721 2557
Hillingdon East 020 7161 8171
Ickenham 020 8721 2543
Manor 020 8721 2549

Northwood 020 8721 2545
Northwood Hills 020 8721 2546
Pinkwell 020 8721 2556
South Ruislip 020 8721 2011
Townfield 020 8721 2009
Uxbridge North 020 7161 8170
Uxbridge South 07717 733782
West Drayton 020 8721 2018
West Ruislip 020 8721 2547
Yeading 07766 991019
Yiewsley 020 8721 2713

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Phone 999: Emergencies
Phone 101: Non urgent
Contact Local SNT: Ongoing concerns

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Hillingdon's Beat

Every day and night our officers undertake acts of bravery or perform unbelievable tasks, all unnoticed and unreported. Here are just a few from last month:

Danger around every corner. PC Bir and PC Briersley responded to a domestic incident. Upon arrival the suspect was extremely violent. In the struggle to arrest him, PC Bir received a broken elbow and concussion and PC Briersley received an injury to a finger that could not be stitched together due to the extensive loss of skin. Nonetheless they still detained and arrested the man who was later charged with a number of offences.

Compassion doesn't stop when the shift finishes.

PC Groome and colleagues from Emergency Response Team 4 were concerned when an elderly



resident was conned out of a large amount of money for fencing work. An arrest was made but they didn't stop there. PC Groome spoke to B&Q who offered to replace the fencing for free. The officer and his colleagues then returned on

one of their few days off and put up the new fencing for him. Well done those officers.

Never off duty. PC Joyejob and PC Buni were dealing with a violent drunk man who had damaged a fast food shop window. PC Shodja was driving past having finished his shift. He saw the officers struggling with the man so he stopped and assisted them. During the struggle PC Shodja was punched in the face. The man was arrested and even after a thump to the chops PC Shodja was still back at work the very next day.

Professionalism gets noticed. Sgt Hine and PC Fowles recently helped with the investigation of a man fraudulently undertaking driving tests for others. All part of the job but it is always nice when

hard work and professional attitudes are rewarded with a letter of thanks:

I wish to communicate an official thanks to [Sgt Hine and PC Fowles] who assisted me yesterday with the interview and processing of a man detained for fraud at Uxbridge Driving Test Centre. This man being subject of a nationwide and organised criminal enterprise to impersonate driving tests.

Both officers were extremely professional, helpful and enthusiastic, leaving me with a very positive impression of the Metropolitan Police Force.

This was an excellent example of inter-agency cooperation and good working practice and I look forward to working in partnership with them again should the situation arise.

Well done those officers.

The Chief's Brief

When I attend public meetings I often speak to people who want to tell me about issues in their road. Kids on mopeds, drug dealing or anti-social behavior. No one should have to put up with crime or ASB. So I ask them who they have contacted in the police and what has been done to help. More often than not I am told they have not contacted anyone. They assume a neighbour will call it in, or some people suggest we should know about it without being told about.

I cannot enthuse enough the need to tell us when you have a problem. Don't suffer in silence. Don't assume someone else will let us know about it. Don't assume we will just come across it ourselves. We need to know where the problems are so we can take action.

You can see how hardworking our officers are from some of the stories I have shared with you. And you have all the contact details for your local teams. They are there to help but they can't read minds. Drop them a line or give them a call and see what they can do to help.

T/Chief Inspector Rob Bryan

