

The Chief's Brief

It has been more than a year now since I stepped into the shoes of Chief Inspector Smart temporarily whilst she covered the Superintendent post and then took maternity leave. Time flies. It will soon be time to hand back the reins to her and return to what I do better – being the Safer Neighbourhood Inspector for the north of Hillingdon. We will both be back in our original posts by mid-September.



There will be no Communicator next month as the summer months get very busy for us. But normal service will resume in October. Although I will only be covering the 9 north wards from then I do intend to maintain these newsletters for the whole Borough. If you get a copy now, that will continue from October.

What I do need is a new title for this part of the newsletter as "The Chief's Brief" won't do anymore. Any suggestions please?

Thanks for reading.

T/Chief Inspector Rob Bryan

Changes

Over the coming years there will be modernization and changes in the Met. As soon as I know that a change is definitely going to happen I will report details here so you have the facts straight from the horse's mouth.

The first change to tell you about is the roll out of tablet devices or laptops to all police officers. This is excellent news and will really revolutionise the way we work. Right now, every time an officer creates a report (in their pocket book) they have to trot back to the nick to type it into one of our many computer systems.

The new devices allow officers to access our systems and upload their reports directly without the need to return to base. We anticipate officers being much more visible as a result and having more time to deal with your calls. We are really excited about this change as it will bring real improvement to our service delivery.

This new agile way of working will require a change of mindset from the public too. If you see a response officer sat up in their car tapping on a tablet, they are not playing Angry Birds or facetimeing their mates. They are putting on a crime report or a missing person report. If you see a Safer Neighbourhood officer in a coffee shop or library typing away, they are inputting new intelligence or updating a report and not sending an email to Auntie Nora in Australia. If you see "half the Met" in the café in the Manor on a Sunday morning...well they really are having their breakfast. We do need to eat too 😊

Hillingdon officers will get their devices in October.



Hillingdon's Beat

Life savers. Back in April a man suffered a cardiac arrest in Ruislip High Street. PC Burton and PC Fear were quickly on scene and their actions meant the man survived to receive the medical attention he needed. This story is in this month's newsletter because the man, Mr Manning, has now had the chance to recover and finally meet up with both officers to say thanks.



Not just busting down villain's doors. Our Borough Tasking Team are more well known for their early morning wake up calls on local ner'do'wells. But community policing is important to us in Hillingdon Police, across all aspects of our job and whatever core role we perform. This month the BTT spent time at Field End Junior School community day, having fun with the kids and keeping their fingers crossed their shield wall was up to the job 😊



The running man. PC Coopey doesn't give up easily. Having spotted a car recently stolen from a burglary, he attempted to stop it. The occupants decided having it on their toes was the best bet, but that was the wrong call. PC Coopey can give Sir Mo a run for his money and pursued both suspects

for a mile and a half before they went to ground on the Ickenham Marshes, at which point they were both swiftly arrested with a little bit of help from the thermal camera in our chopper.

A New Broom

Inspector Richard Watkinson has taken over from Andy Lewis running the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the east of the Borough. Good luck to Andy in his new role as the Operations Inspector for Hillingdon. Welcome to Richard.

If you know which ward area you live in, and you want to contact the inspector for your area then read on:

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Paul.j.trice@met.police.uk - **Paul Trice (for a few more months)** – Eastcote, Northwood, Northwood Hills, Harefield, West Ruislip, Ickenham, Manor, Cavendish, South Ruislip.

Clickbait Headlines

Those juicy headlines you read in the media or online do their job really well in drawing in the crowds.

Recently we have noticed a few headlines that suggest Hillingdon is approaching Armageddon but when the article is read in full the true picture emerges of a London suburb that is safer than most others. What we find is that some people don't read the whole story, and even worse, some then post to social media with mock rage basing their anger on the misleading headline only.



We won't send out corrections or letters to the editor every time a headline is full of hyperbole, especially when the facts are contained within the meat of the story. But a plea from us to you – don't react to the headline, please read the story in full before making your conclusions. Thank you.