

News from your local police

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Acton Cluster Safer Neighbourhoods Team newsletter.

Our team is comprised of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and we are dedicated to making your neighbourhood a safer place to live in, work in and visit. We listen and talk to you, and find out what affects your daily life and feelings of security.

You can contact us via e-mail or phone.

However, we are not a 24-hour response team, so if it is an emergency please call **999**.

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Our Priorities

We have a duty to fight crime, but we also deal with local priorities that are set by the local community. We also work with partner agencies to problem solve issues, and find a lasting solution. Our current priorities are:

- Acton Central: Drugs, Alcohol and Burglary
- East Acton: Burglary, Robbery and Theft
- Hanger Hill: Robbery, Motor Vehicle Crime and Burglary
- South Acton: Pick Pocketing, Burglary and Alcohol
- Southfield: Burglary, Theft from Motor Vehicles and Anti Social Behaviour

Upcoming Public Events

- Acton Central: 6th August 2.00pm-4pm Crime Prevention Stall, The Mount, outside Morrisons
- Ealing Borough Safer Neighbourhoods Cup, (football tournament). 12pm Sunday 7th August, Rocks Lane sports centre, Chiswick Common Road W4. Contact PCSO Rainey on 0208 649 3574 / Jesse.Rainey@met.police.uk
- South Acton: 9th August 2.30pm-3.30pm, Drop in Surgery, Michael Flanders Centre, Church Road, W3
- East Acton: 13th August 12pm-12.30pm Drop in Surgery, Asda, Park Royal, NW10

Safer Neighbourhoods Review

A number of changes to SN teams and how they are deployed has been approved by the Metropolitan Police Authority and will roll out in the coming months.

What this means for the five Acton teams is this: Acton Central, East Acton and Hanger Hill will each retain their current staffing levels. South Acton and Southfield will have one sergeant running both teams. They will each retain their 2 PCs and 3 PCSOs.

In effect, our total strength across Acton will only be reduced by one sergeant.

Another change means that officers can be moved from one ward to another ward for a short time and to deal with a specific issue. The "loaning team" will always maintain at least one PC and one PCSO on their ward during this time.

A final change makes reducing crime and anti-social behaviour specific objectives for Safer Neighbourhood teams as well as locally set priorities.

Acton Pub Watch

Sergeant Pullen from Acton Central Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working with local landlords and partners to improve the local Pub Watch.

Members have adopted a 'banned from one, banned from all policy' to deal with trouble makers. In the July meeting 13 individuals have been banned from local pubs for between a year to two years.

The Pub Watch will benefit from money obtained from the Metropolitan Police Authority to reduce violence. The funding will be used to install a radio system to share information quickly.

Acton Carnival

Actons' Safer Neighbourhood Teams played a major part in helping to deliver a safe and crime free carnival.

Officers from South Acton SNT started the day early to assist with the carnival procession from Crown Street to Acton Park.

They were joined by officers from Acton Central, East Acton, and Hanger Hill to ensure that everyone had a good time within the Carnival.

There were a number of arrests for knife and drugs offences as a result of the police operation. The good news is there were no instances of serious violence in or around the carnival, which has sadly been the case in previous years.

Crime Reduction in Acton

All of the teams are working to reduce crime in Acton. They have been set a local priority to reduce burglary, and have been using a range of tactics to prevent crime.

They patrol areas where burglaries are happening and are always on the look out for burglars. All teams carry out free crime prevention surveys to home-owners. Contact your local team to arrange one (details overleaf).

At this time of year when many people are away on holiday it's important to take extra care. Easy steps that you can take are setting lights and radios on a timer, ensuring that windows and doors are locked and valuable property like jewellery is hidden away.

Your local team have a supply of free timers and letter-box guards that can improve your home's security.

