

Acton Central Ward Panel Meeting – 4th July 2013

General Update

Local Policing Model -

The Local Policing Model is slowly being implemented. The result of this is that, as of the 8th July, Acton Central Ward will change drastically in relation to its members. As of this date, Sgt Darren Gray will replace Sgt Chris Cook, who leaves the borough to commence a centrally located role. PC Amar Mushtaq leaves to become the Acting Sergeant on Southfields Ward. PC Sharon Byrne leaves to become the lead Officer in a new Acton Town Centre Team. This will comprise of 1 Constable and 20 Special Constables, all dedicated to the Acton High Street area, following representations from the ward team and hard work from Chief Inspector Daniel Thorpe, who agreed that Acton Town Centre is in need of its own dedicated Policing Team.

Acton Central Ward Team will soon be as follows:

PS Darren Gray
PC Frank Harrison
PC Ben Nichols
PCSO Sarah Kearney
PCSO Jamie Forrester
PC Tony Pierce (currently on attachment until August)

The current team is saddened to be parting ways, and would like to thank the residents of Acton Central Ward for all of its' support over previous months. In addition, all of the members of the Ward Panel would like to pass on their thanks to Sgt Cook and his team for their hard work and commitment to the residents and businesses within the area.

Police Activity -

This quarter has been very busy and contained some very positive results. Local residents may have noticed a reduction in the team's presence locally, which has mainly been due to the terrible events in Woolwich and the associated tensions that followed, as well as G8 related demonstrations. The team has been working exceptionally hard on both local and wider reaching priorities and will commence its' normal operation as soon as possible.

Crime Figures and Trends

	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Total	
Burglary					
Dwelling	14	8	8	30	
Burglary Non	0	7	5	12	
Crim Dam	7	16	13	36	
Drugs	7	10	11	28	
Robbery	5	8	3	16	
Violence	41	18	39	98	
Fraud/Forgery	5	4	4	13	
Theft/Handling	45	43	45	133	
					%
	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Total	Increase/Decrease

Burglary Dwelling	13	20	6	39	30
Burglary Non	4	3	5	12	0
Crim Dam	9	11	9	29	-19.44
Drugs	10	19	11	40	42.86
Robbery	6	5	12	23	43.75
Violence	28	23	19	70	-28.57
Fraud/Forgery	0	2	0	2	-84.61
Theft/Handling	39	57	46	142	6.77

Current Emerging Trends

Personal Robbery

Although levels of personal robbery are low on the ward, there has been a notable increase since this time last year. Acton Central Ward Team therefore asks residents to exercise caution when producing valuable items, such as mobile phones, during the hours of darkness. To reiterate, there are no hotspots or specific areas of concern at this stage. But the Police ask that the public be vigilant to suspicious activity.

Residential Burglary

During this (hopefully) warm time of the year, it is very tempting to leave doors and windows open, sometimes even when you leave the house. Burglaries are largely opportunist, so please ensure that all windows and doors are securely locked when you leave the house, utilising all of the available security measures.

Action Undertaken by the Team

- **Operation Ten-Pin** On 03.07.2013 a multi-agency operation took place across the Ward, designed to tackle as many of the community's concerns as possible, during this single immense day of action. Examples of the activities undertaken are as follows: Trading Standard operations, Immigration operations, The execution of search warrants, a Commercial vehicles operation near Horn Lane road bridge, Bike marking and Doctor Bike, Dogs Trust dog chipping, Burglary target hardening, Food Safety inspections, Plain-clothes policing activity - the list goes on. This activity was organised by PC Ben Nichols (one of Acton Central's new ward PCs) and was a huge undertaking. Many positive results followed and we hope that the local community got to see us out in full force during the operation.

ASBOs/Injunctions/ABCs This month has been extremely productive in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour Order activity. The team has obtained ASBOs relating to two exceptionally prolific individuals. Full details of these ASBO will be published locally and on the internet in the near future.

Crime Prevention

Register any items with serial numbers on approved websites e.g. immobilise.com. Should include SatNavs, mobile phones, laptops, pedal cycles etc Elderly/Vulnerable Persons Scams - Let us know if there's anyone you wish us to visit, can take "big book of scams".

Community Engagements

Recent Engagements:

Acton Central have had had 3 Street Meetings since the last Panel meeting. They are at key locations of King Street Acton - outside Morrisons, Churchfield Road - outside Acton Central Overground and Saxon Drive outside West Acton Overground. They have been well attended, but please encourage others to look at details of these on our website.

Upcoming Engagements:

Next 'Street Briefing' is on "The Mount" at 1200 on 13.07.2013

Ward Priorities

- **Alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of "The Mount" (inc outside Morrisons, Acton High Street and Churchfield Road)**

Subject to continued problem solving activity with work towards a further dispersal zone. Acton Central will be publicising details of associated ASBOs both physically (by way of posters and message boards) and in the local media

- **Burglary in the West Acton area**

Over this quarter the team arrested a male in the Horn Lane area for a residentially burglary, following research and monitoring of criminal activity in the area. The result of this is that the individual was charged with 2 residential burglaries and later admitted 19 others within Ealing Borough.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour on the Friary Park Estate**

There have been numerous complaints over the previous quarter despite the execution of numerous warrants and proactive Police patrols. This has become an area of key concern, particularly bearing in mind recent incidents involving violence. The team are problem solving the matter and looking to target the responsible individuals. The team has implemented a dispersal zone and would like to hear from you if you hear or see anything of concern.

Any Other Business (AOB)

- It was appreciated that **Operation Ten-Pin** had focused on the Acton Central Ward, on 3rd July, it was suggested that some of the "services" provided during the day may have had a greater take up at a weekend rather than during a working day.
- It was agreed that as a result of the joined up approach which had been taken towards tackling the problems around Acton High Street, a submission would be made for the London Problem Solving Award.
- Discussion took place regarding the wider involvement of the community, and how this can be improved upon. The W3 Forum website was still being used in order to update locals on what's been happening. In addition, we have contacted Acton High School and some parents from Twyford High School and will follow these up. Members will also be approaching those associated with Acton Business Watch who also had wider contacts with young people in the area. Consideration will be given towards the production of a flyer which would raise

the profile of the Ward Panel members, that local people may wish to raise any general concerns with, rather than directly contacting the police.

- Commitment was given to continue with a brief monthly update (in addition to these quarterly minutes), from the SNT, that would be published on the Acton W3 forum.

- The chair of the Ward Panel will be contacting Sgt Darren Grey in order to set up a welcome meeting, allowing Sgt Grey and his new team to meet with the Ward Panel members, and to discuss issues and ongoing efforts.

Next Meeting

Thursday 24th October

Key Actions for Acton residents:

- Exercise caution when producing valuable items, such as mobile phones, during the hours of darkness
- Burglary rates often increase in warm weather – so stay safe, lock all doors and windows when you leave the house
- Register valuable items with serial numbers on approved websites e.g. immobilise.com.