

MINUTES OF THE COUNTIES NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER IN 27 GLOUCESTER ROAD

Present:	Helen Zammett	Chairman CRA	HZ
	Janet Berger	Secretary	JB
	Millicent Brown		MB
	Ron Berger		RB
	Cliff Gazeley		CG

Also present PCSO Simon Jones

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Gill Bramham, Mark Bentley, Malcolm Dowers, Steve De'Ath and Naomi Passman

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2013 were AGREED.

3. **Police Report**

PCSO Simon Jones reported:

- (a) Wanstead Police Station – the police will vacate the site by Monday, 16 September, 2013 and will be operating out of Woodford Police Station.
- (b) Local Policing Model – Street-a-week will continue. The police will only be based in Woodford and dropped off patrolling all day. There will be NO front office facilities at Woodford, the only front counters in the Borough are Barkingside which is open Monday to Friday (times to be advised) and Ilford open 24 hours. Public access in Wanstead House Tuesday and Thursday 19.00-20.00 and Saturday 14.00 The dedicated ward officers for Wanstead will be PC Gary Robbins and PCSO Alan Winston. PCSO Simon Ward will be moving to Snaresbrook Ward. In future a PCSO will not be able to attend NHW meetings. Wanstead SNT will be made up of 1 sergeant, 3 PCs and 3 PCSOs.
- (c) Drugs - drug issues with youths on George Green and Christchurch Green have been dealt with and will continue to be monitored.
- (d) Crime advice – Simon gave details of crime prevention during darker nights.
- (e) Motor vehicle crime – particularly theft of number plates, theft from unattended builders' vehicles and SatNav theft.
- (f) 'Find my phone' - it was noted that there is mobile phone app available which can be located remotely.
- (g) Cycling on pavement – Simon reported that a few fines have been issued to cyclists on Wanstead High Street. The fine is now £50.

(h) Crime figures – HZ asked whether PCSO Alan Winston will be able to continue to produce the data as supplied by PCSO Simon Jones. Simon replied that it takes half a day to produce the figures. HZ will liaise with Alan Winston on the matter.

4. Regulations Regarding No Cold Calling Zones

HZ reported that there are a lot of grey areas on No Cold Calling. Legislation on No Cold Calling has not been finalised. The Office of Fair Trading, Redbridge Trading Standards and Consumer Direct give instructions and numbers to ring. PCSO Simon Jones said that residents who are concerned should ring 101.

5. Any Other Business

News letter - it was decided to send out a newsletter at a later date.

6. Date of Next Meeting – to be advised

**“The Counties” POLICE REpORT from
MAY 2013 - AUGUST 2013”**

Meeting date 12th September 2013

Wanstead Police Station

The final date has been set. The police will vacate the entire site by Monday the 16th of September and will be operating out of Woodford Police Station the building premises will be secured on Wednesday the 18th of September.

Success story:

ASB youths. We have had drug dealing issues with youths on George Green and Christchurch Green sometimes the youths numbered as many as 16, both Wanstead and Snaresbrook SNT have focussed constant effort in addressing these youths with regular stop and account/ searches and arrests have resulted in the youths leaving the area. One in particular incident was when the team ceased the youths vehicle and transported it to Woodford police station where after further examination the vehicle was found to have a quantity of drugs subsequently arrests were made.

“Street a week” is ongoing and we can now report that all “The Counties” roads have now been completed, unfortunately even though the meetings were well advertised (hand delivered letters to all residents plus advertised on the website) only a very few residents turned up total of 17 for the whole “Counties” covered roads which was disappointing that a valuable opportunity was missed. We are hoping that the lack of attendance showed that the police are providing a very good level service in the area.

We have carried out several operation Bumblebee operations with great success so much so that on the first outing a total of 65 cards were issued and the following month a reduction to only 6 which was a great result and after speaking to several residents the reception to the Bumblebee idea was warmly welcomed. There was a sharp decrease in the amount of Burglaries following the start of the operation Bumblebee initiative and this was reported to the committee at the last meeting. We will shortly be heading into the darker nights and this will be an ideal opportunity to re highlight the issue of being aware of burglars and what house holders can do themselves in order to deter them.

Local Policing Model (LPM)

The LPM starts on the 16th of September 2013, there will be NO front office facilities at Woodford therefore the only front counters on the Borough are Barkingside which is open Monday to Friday only and Ilford which will remain 24hrs. There will be public

access areas in Wanstead House every Tuesday and Thursday 1900-2000 and Saturday 1400 - 1500 where you can report crimes etc.

The new postings have been issued to officers all over the borough and everything is in place for this now to happen.

Wanstead SNT will be made up of 1 x Sgt, 3 x PCs and 3 PCSO's.

Your dedicated ward officers will be PC Gary Robbins and PCSO Alan Winston, as can be seen from the above the team has been boosted in strength so police coverage is greater on the Ward. Your current PCSO Simon Jones will leave the Wanstead team to take over his new role on Snaresbrook SNT as the dedicated officer for that team this also will be on the 16th of September 2013.

“Dedicated Officers” this person has been nominated to be the main focal point of the ward and spend his time focused on the ward and its priority's. The remaining members of the team can be pulled away from the ward in exceptional circumstances to cover crime scenes and other police required issues.

101

101 is a key number to remember it is the Metropolitan Police's new Non-Emergency number it is a dedicated line for any member of the public to ring police if they see anything suspicious. The police are encouraging members of the public not to hesitate to ring this number and not consider themselves as wasting police time, as a result of the public ringing 101 many crimes have been detected and suspects arrested a real success story!

REMEMBER: “IF YOU SEE IT REPORT IT”

Crime Advice for the coming months

Burglary

With the darker nights drawing in please remember to deter burglars by ensuring your property is never in complete darkness when you are out.

Keep all doors, side gates and windows securely locked.

If you are going away on holiday or the festive season let your neighbours know who maybe able to keep an eye on your property.

With Christmas fast approaching please bear in mind that whilst it is great to see the Christmas tree from the street through the window on many occasions so are the Christmas presents which do draw the wrong type of attention.

Motor vehicle crime

Please always double check vehicle doors once locked to ensure they are locked fully (key fob issue interruption of signal)

Keep valuables always out of sight

If you own a Satellite Navigation of the type which requires the equipment to be stuck to the windscreen once removed at night always wipe the windscreen to remove the residue rings as having these clearly visible as it advertises that you own a device