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News

from your local police

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Your dedicated police team

We are your local Safer Neighbourhoods police team and are tackling the issues that matter to you by working with partner agencies to find lasting solutions. Please contact us with any concerns you have, or visit the above website for more information.



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You said

We listen to the concerns of the community and our priorities are set by local people who sit on a neighbourhood panel. You said the following priorities were important to you:

- Illegal and dangerous parking around schools
- Motor vehicle crime (Aldersbrook Estate)
- Speeding and mobile phones
- Burglary prevention

We did

We have done the following to tackle these priorities:

Illegal and dangerous parking around schools

We have carried out patrols around Aldersbrook and Nightingale primary schools, concentrating on drop off and collection times. We have given out letters promoting safe parking and driving within the vicinity of schools. We stop and inform motorists of the dangers they cause and give warnings where appropriate. We are also working with the school to raise awareness and develop a long term solution.

Motor vehicle crime (Aldersbrook Estate)

We have been patrolling the estate at key times, gathering intelligence and disrupting the criminals. We have also surveyed the area to discover why it is vulnerable to this type of crime. We have sent letters to owners of vehicles who leave valuables on display and have given out crime prevention advice and equipment such as tamper proof screws for number plates.



Speeding and mobile phones

The team recently ran a "Road Safety Awareness Week" which resulted in 6 vehicles being seized and 23 drivers being prosecuted for a number of offences. We also took this opportunity to

promote road safety to school children and teenagers, giving advice on being a safe pedestrian, the dangers of drink driving, using mobile phones while driving and not wearing seat belts. We regularly use our speed detection equipment on operations and will prosecute drivers where necessary.



Burglary prevention

Although our ward does not suffer with this problem as much as others, it will remain our priority because of the distress it causes when it does occur. In the winter months we gave out FREE low energy light bulbs to encourage people to "leave a light on" and deter would be thieves. If a burglary occurs we visit the victim and give personal crime prevention advice. We also alert nearby residents by calling door to door and if a hotspot starts to appear we increase our patrols, deliver warning leaflets or send text messages to the area. We patrol your ward alone, unless there's a good reason not to, so we are more visible to criminals.



Come and meet us

A chance to gain advice, have your say about local policing issues and help make a difference to your neighbourhood.

What: Drop-in surgery

When: 03/06/2010 - 12:00 - 14:00

Where: Nationwide Building Society High Street E11

What: Street briefing

When: 06/06/2010 - 10:30 - 10:30

Where: St Marys Church, Overton Drive, Wanstead, E11

What: Street briefing

When: 10/06/2010 - 10:00 - 11:00

Where: Herongate Road jnc Wanstead Park Avenue, Wanstead E12

What: Public meeting

When: 15/06/2010 - 16:00 - 17:00

Where: Blocks 1 to 64, Gardner Close, Wanstead E11

Make a difference to your community

There are many ways you can get involved in supporting local policing and improving your neighbourhood. Why not consider becoming a neighbourhood panel member and help set local police priorities, or sign up to be a Special Constable, Met Volunteer or Police Community Support Officer. If you are under 18 you could become a Volunteer Police Cadet or join a youth neighbourhood panel.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods team or visit the 'Get Involved' page at www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

You will also find further information on events, news and team priorities