

WANDSWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

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MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN BATTERSEA

On Wednesday, 28th May officers responded to a call from a member of the public relating to a male acting suspiciously and driving an e-bike dangerously along Battersea Bridge Road, SW11.

Officers stopped the male, who attempted to make off from police. The suspect was eventually detained and found to be in possession of a black handgun.

The male was arrested for possession of a firearm and ammunition and further arrested for possession of a quantity of cannabis. They were subsequently charged with firearms offences and remanded in custody.

The investigation is ongoing.

HIGHLIGHTS

**Man arrested for
possession of a firearm
in Battersea**

**Officers arrested suspect
for arson whilst fighting
raging fire**

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TWO MALES ARRESTED AFTER STEALING OVER £500 OF GOODS FROM BOOTS ON ST JOHN'S ROAD, BATTERSEA

On Friday, 16th May, officers were on plain-clothed patrols working under Operation Slaven, when they noticed two males acting suspiciously outside Boots on St John's Road in Battersea. The officers observed the men make their way into the store and clear the shelves of over £500 worth of goods. When the suspects left the store, they were immediately arrested and taken into custody.

Operation Slaven was set up to reduce retail crime across Wandsworth. The operation is made up of a dedicated team of officers who began analysing data to identify crime hotspots and have subsequently focused on Putney High Street, Balham and Clapham Junction with both high visibility uniformed and plain-clothed patrols.

Gary Burt (Executive BID Manager), who was able to observe the operation, said:

"The Junction BID has been working closely with the Op Slaven Team, sharing intelligence and known hotspots for retail crime. The arrests, by plain clothes Officers, demonstrate how retailers are being affected by criminal behaviour daily. We continue to encourage retailers to contact the Police and record all shoplifting incidents as they happen, and have noticed a positive response on Police attendance in the area."



ROEHAMPTON OFFICERS ARRESTED SUSPECT FOR ARSON WHILST FIGHTING RAGING FIRE

On Thursday, 15th May, the Roehampton Safer Neighbourhood Team were on a routine patrol when they noticed smoke emerging from a road off Roehampton Lane and three suspects running from the scene.

Officers managed to detain one of the suspects, who was found in possession of a lighter and was identified by a key witness. The suspect was arrested for conspiracy to commit arson.

Whilst searching for the remaining suspects, the officers identified the source of the smoke on Vitali Close, where they discovered that a bike shed was now consumed by fire.

The team coordinated the London Fire Brigade and the estate security team to keep members of the public safe whilst helping to quell the fire with an extinguisher to reduce the damage.

Officers from the emergency response team offered much needed support in closing Roehampton Lane due to thick smog settling, making it highly dangerous for drivers.

The fire was dealt with swiftly, with minimal damage and no casualties. Officers are reviewing CCTV to identify the remaining two suspects.



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