

WANDSWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

28th April 2025



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COMMUNITY CRIME FIGHTING

OFFICERS MAKE 15 ARRESTS IN OPERATION TARGETING SHOPLIFTING GANG

Officers from across South West London made 15 arrests in an operation to disrupt an organised shoplifting gang operating in Wandsworth and Merton.

On Wednesday 9th April 2025, eight off licenses/newsagents were raided after they were suspected of buying items such as food and alcohol that had been stolen from major retailers and selling them on at lower prices.

In a first for the Met, officers marked the most commonly stolen items, such as alcohol and chocolates, with SelectaDNA. Each mark is unique and can be traced back to the original store which means officers can return to gather more evidence, such as CCTV and victim impact statements to help bring prosecutions.

After marking 5,000 items with synthetic DNA officers were able to identify and recover around £150,000 worth of stolen goods. Officers also found several own-brand items that had been made for particular supermarkets available for sale in the shops.

HIGHLIGHTS

Local officers make 15 arrests targeting shoplifting gang

A new dedicated team of officers set up to reduce retail crime in Wandsworth



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NEW DEDICATED TEAM TO REDUCE RETAIL CRIME IN WANDSWORTH

A new dedicated team of officers has been set up to reduce retail crime across Wandsworth.

The team have begun analysing data to identify crime hotspots and subsequently focus on those areas with both high visibility uniformed and plain-clothed patrols. Although working across Wandsworth, the team have identified Putney High Street, Balham and Clapham Junction as the busiest areas for retail crime.

Officers have been working in partnership with Town Centre BIDS and store detectives to identify and arrest prolific offenders at the time of offending. Officers are making sure to issue a Community Protection Warning or Notice to every offender who is identified, and that the legislation is utilised to halt the suspect's recurring offending.

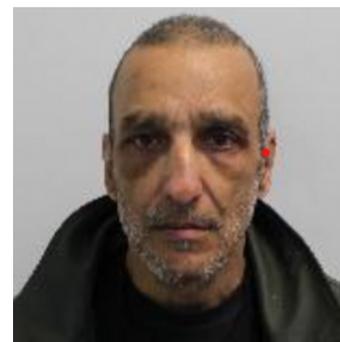
The team will be focused on reducing retail crime in Wandsworth for a minimum of twelve weeks.

PROLIFIC SHOPLIFTER PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING WANDSWORTH FOR TEN YEARS

A prolific shoplifter and parcel thief Alan Sach, who frequently targeted residents of Battersea Park and Nine Elms ward was arrested for multiple offences by the Battersea Safer Neighbourhood Team last month. Mr Sach appeared in court and was remanded in custody for three weeks due to his offending behaviour.

On Thursday 16th April 2025, the defendant was issued a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for ten years that prohibits them from entering the borough of Wandsworth, entering specific shops, being in possession of certain retail items and drug paraphernalia, plus other conditions.

Please report any sightings of Alan Sach in Wandsworth by calling 101 or if a crime is in progress or if it is an emergency dial 999.



Alan Sach

JOIN WANDSWORTH BUSINESS AGAINST CRIME (WBAC)



Do you operate or manage a licensed or retail premises in Wandsworth? You can join Wandsworth Business Against Crime, a free membership scheme that allows businesses to work in partnership with the police and local authority to help reduce crime and disorder in the borough.

WBAC members will have the ability to work collectively to ban persistent offenders from all member premises for a period of time.

Scan the QR code below to find out more and sign up for free.



Coming up in the next issue...your feedback from our New Met for London Event.

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OFFICERS TACKLE ASB AND DRUG SUPPLY IN BATTERSEA

The Battersea Park Safer Neighbourhood Team have dedicated the last eight months to tackling drug supply and reducing anti-social behaviour in Connor Court, a residential block on the Doddington Estate in Battersea.

Over this period, the team executed three drug warrants where one firearm, four knives, stolen goods, a police uniform and Class B drugs were seized. Three arrests have been made for possession with the intent to supply drugs in the vicinity.

This month, officers worked with the Wandsworth ASB Team to secure three part closure orders on addresses in the block and the first block closure order in the South West. The closure order prohibits those who do not live in the block or are visiting residents from entering the premises. For example, this order can be used effectively to address issues of ASB in communal stairwells, as this is now an arrestable offence.

NEW TOUCHDOWN SPACE OPEN IN ROEHAMPTON

Roehampton officers can now access a space at the heart of the community, which allows them more time to patrol high-crime areas, deal with antisocial behaviour, and connect with residents to listen to their concerns.

On Friday, 11th April 2025, the Roehampton Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team were joined by our MP for Roehampton, Fleur Anderson, Cabinet member for Public Health and Community Safety Cllr Graeme Henderson and Wandsworth Council's Community Safety Team at Roehampton Parish Hall, where it was agreed to provide the touchdown space to local neighbourhood officers.

The impact of having officers on foot/cycle patrols in our communities is immeasurable. It provides a visual deterrent to would-be criminals, reassurance to the vulnerable, and confidence to many that their local policing team are aware and dealing with issues that have a daily impact on the quality of their lives.

We are thrilled to be part of this exciting partnership and are looking forward to bringing about change in Wandsworth.

HIGHLIGHTS

Reducing ASB and drug supply in
Battersea

New touchdown space in
Roehampton



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LONDON RACE ACTION PLAN

‘ London Police Race Action Plan represents a core mechanism by which the Mayor’s Action Plan and the New Met for London will be delivered.’

‘ A New Met for London sets out our three priorities for reform: community crime-fighting, culture change and fixing our foundations.’

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**WORKING TOWARDS
THE MPS BECOMING AN
ANTI DISCRIMINATORY
(ANTI-RACIST) POLICE
SERVICE**

Come and influence, how the Metropolitan Police Service is changing to deliver more trust, less crime and high standards for Londoners.

We would love you to join officers in a conversation to explore The London Race Action Plan, which outlines the next steps in the Met’s mission to become an anti-racist organisation and a service that is more inclusive, diverse and representative of London.

The plan sets out how the Met will better represent, respect, involve and protect Black Londoners. Come and join us to share your views.

A light buffet will be available throughout the event for those participating.

When —Thursday 24th April 2025 1830 - 2030hrs (arrival 1800hrs onwards)

Where —York Gardens Library, 34 Lavender Road, SW11 2UG

Coming up in the next issue...how Wandsworth Police are tackling retail crime.



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SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Officers from St Mary's and Falconbrook wards have done an excellent job at keeping vulnerable residents on the Winstanley Estate safe from cuckooing whilst tackling issues of drug supply and dangerous weapons.

Last week, the Safer Neighbourhood Team completed a search on an address in Hicks Close and a drugs warrant on an address in Sporle Court. This resulted in an arrest for offensive weapons, a community resolution and two voluntary interviews for drug offences.

Most importantly, officers worked hard to safeguard vulnerable residents by partnering with the local authority to arrange emergency housing and secure premises.

OFFICERS JOINED BY MP MARSHA DE CORDOVA

Last week, the Battersea Park Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted a walk around the Doddington and Rollo Estate with our MP for Battersea. Marsha De Cordova discussed residents' concerns and issues in the area with particular attention to Connor Court due to ongoing anti-social behaviour.

HIGHLIGHTS

Safeguarding vulnerable residents on the Winstanley Estate

Weapon and drugs seized during joint operation at Balham Train Station



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JOINT OPERATION AT BALHAM TRAIN STATION

On Friday 21st March 2025, the Balham Safer Neighbourhood Team and Wandsworth Safer Transport Team joined the British Transport Police to lead a proactive operation at Balham Train Station.

Balham Station has been identified as a hotspot for robbery offences on board trains, and there has been an increase in reports of drink spiking targeting the night time economy in the area.

The operation was conducted on a Friday evening to target those heading out for the evening carrying equipment to commit these offences.

The operation resulted in two arrests, one being for possession of an offensive weapon, and eighteen positive stop and searches for drug offences.

WANDSWORTH INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP

This week, the Wandsworth Independent Advisory Group (IAG) met at Lavender Hill Police Station. The Wandsworth IAG is made up of community members who advise the police and give feedback about community tensions.



The Chair, Larry Davis commented, "I am delighted to hear that HMICFRS has moved the Metropolitan Police out of special measures. The progress made by the Met is truly commendable, especially given the ongoing funding challenges. Through our regular meetings at Lavender Hill Police Station, we will continue working closely with senior officers to ensure policing decisions reflect and respect community perspectives."

JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch members were recently invited to a drop-in session in Tooting to meet their local policing team and Wandsworth Council.

You can become an active member of Neighbourhood Watch and help make your community safer by registering online via www.ourwatch.org.uk/join

For more info about the Neighbourhood watch in Wandsworth email wandsworthNWassociation@gmail.com



Coming up in the next issue...further updates on Connor Court!

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SIX CBOs ISSUED TO BIKE THIEVES

The Wandsworth ASB Team have had six Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) issued by Kingston Crown Court to an organised group of bike thieves and burglars.

The six individuals were involved in a large scale theft and burglary operation of pedal cycles.

The group sold the stolen bikes through Facebook marketplace and were responsible for stealing approximately £100,000 worth of property.

A CBO can only be issued following a conviction in court and will include certain requirements and exclusions, for example the offender may be prohibited from entering a certain area, or being in contact with specific people.

A CBO is an effective tool that provides police with further powers to deal with offenders should they continue their behaviours.

HIGHLIGHTS

Six Criminal Behaviour Orders issued to organised bike thieves

£800 worth of Class A and B drugs seized in Roehampton warrant



Court outcome

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CLASS A DRUGS SEIZED AT WARRANT IN ROEHAMPTON

Officers from Putney Safer Neighbourhood Team executed a sec. 23 Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant in Roehampton on Sunday 2nd March 2025.

Approximately £800.00 worth of Class A and Class B drugs were seized from the address alongside suspected stolen property.

A man and woman were arrested at the property for possession with intent to supply drugs and handling stolen goods.

Both individuals have been bailed until April pending further investigation.

This is part of our ongoing work to tackle drug supply and ASB in our local communities.

CULTURE CHANGE

CLIMB AND CHAT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Officers from Wandsworth Town Safer Neighbourhood Team organised a Climb and Chat session at Parthian Climbing Centre to celebrate International Women's Day. The event was a great opportunity to discuss issues of VAWG in an unique environment where women and girls feel safe to express themselves.

WOMEN'S WALK, TALK AND DO EVENT IN BATTERSEA

Shaftesbury and Queenstown Safer Neighbourhood Team lead a Women's Walk, Talk and Do Event in Battersea. The event facilitated some insightful discussions regarding how women can defend themselves and stay vigilant, as well as how to report a crime to the police.

Welcome Special Constables!



We are pleased to welcome Special PC Bennett and Special PC Davies to the Wandsworth Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Both have recently passed their cycle training and have been putting their new skills to the test across Wandsworth.