

News from your local police

Welcome to our September newsletter

Ward Priorities

Our last Ward Panel Meeting was held on 18th August 2026. The following priorities were agreed by the ward panel members for the next three months.

Violence related priority – Continued policing emphasis on robbery.

Action taken: Patrolling local areas including subways during the hours young people leave school. Targeted Robbery patrols are ongoing in conjunction with the Town Centre Team's, with hotspots identified and then patrolled during key times.

Priority: Drugs and ASB related activity around Como Street and surrounding hotspots

Action taken: To target those who are responsible for ongoing nuisance, anti-social behaviour and drug related activity affecting residents through a mixture of targeted patrols, resident led patrols, high visibility patrols and plain clothes operations. Officers will take enforcement action against those found in possession of drugs or involved in persistent anti-social behaviour through the use of ASB Warnings, Community Protection Warnings (CPW) Community Protection Notice (CPN) and Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs)

Priority: Theft from Motor Vehicle

Action taken: We will tackle theft from motor vehicle through targeted high-visibility and plain-clothes patrols in identified hotspot location. Officers will conduct crime prevent engagement events and leaflet drops, while proactively targeting prolific offenders through intelligence-led activity and enforcement opportunities.

**If you would like to join our ward panel, please email
sue.m.sullivan@met.police.uk**

Operation Reckoning

Operation Reckoning is part of our robbery initiative where we are working in partnership with other agencies to try and reduce the theft of mobile phones. On 16/09/26 working with trading standards, officers attended all the shops, outlets and stalls that purchased and sold secondhand mobile phones. Upon arriving at these venues we asked if we could choose several mobile phones to allow us to check the IMEI number and confirm that they had not been stolen. This was a very successful operation. We encouraged sellers to sign up for the 'Safe Sellers' scheme, and posters were placed in the shops.

We want to highlight the importance of having access to the National Mobile Property Register (NMPR) as part of our efforts to tackle crime and recover stolen property. (some of you may already know about this!)

NMPR is a vital tool that allows us to check and trace registered items, such as mobile phones and other valuables, against national databases.

Immobilise.com ([The National Property Register, for Phones, Gadgets, Bicycles & More..](#)). Residents can register valuable items. It is free and is straight forward to set up. You can pay for things such as item tagging but this is entirely optional, anything registered on immobilise.com with a serial number can now be found on NMPR.

This capability significantly improves our chances of identifying stolen goods, returning property to rightful owners

On Friday 18th September officers were in the Brewery Shopping Centre and within 90 minutes we had signed up 113 shoppers/residents, and many more took a leaflet to sign up their family members.



OPERATION CUBO



Our team were working in partnership with London Borough of Havering Environmental Enforcement Officers, and during this operation 156 vehicles were stopped and checked.

- 3 TORS were issued
- 2 Reported for driving not in accordance with their licence
- 1 Driving whilst using their mobile phone
- 3 Stop and search
- 1 vehicle seizure
- 1 Arrest for a non driving offence

Followed by a speed gun operation

8 vehicles stopped – advice provided – vehicles speed 34-35 mph



Out on Patrol

Officers from the Town Centre Team were out on patrol when they stopped a vehicle as the behaviour of the driver led them to believe that he may have been involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

The driver was detained and searched under Section 23 of Misuse of drugs Act.

Officers recovered a substantial quantity of cash believed to be in excess of £20,000. Further searches led to the discovery of approximately 100,000 illegal cigarettes.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of money laundering and has been bailed pending further investigation.



If there is anything you wish to discuss with your local team, please join us at one of our Community Contact sessions.

We hold them in different parts of the ward to make them accessible for all to attend.

Our Next Community Contact will be on 2nd October 12-1 pm in Costa Coffee Main Road Romford.

Come and join us.

Officers were invited to Gidea Park Primary school for their Inflatable day



A great day was had by everyone that attended, the children enjoyed having their finger prints taken, and Then talking them home on a MET crested card.

With special thanks to the **Lumiere Cinema** Romford for providing us with ten cinema tickets for our children's competition '**How many police badges in the jar**'.

The winner received four tickets, and two runner ups received three cinema tickets each

