

# Pollards Hill Ward Panel

Quarter 2 – December 24 to April 25

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**TRUST** | **CRIME** | **STANDARDS**

## Previous Ward Priority Updates:

### Priority 1 – Serious Youth Violence

The team have made a significant impact on serious youth violence. As part of Operation Hessian which is a wider proactive operation run by Merton Safer Neighbourhood Team aimed at disrupting serious and violent crime. We executed 8 warrants in the Pollards Hill area in January 2025. A further 4 warrants in April.

Across these warrants, 10 arrests were made, 5 firearms, 3 knives and quantities of Class B & A drugs were seized along with a stolen Surron e-bike that has since been returned to the rightful owner.

These investigations are on-going, we will update you with the results when we can. All this disruptive action taken has helped drive down the violent crime numbers across the ward. But we will continue to work towards reducing this further.

### Priority 2 – Theft of Motor Vehicle

We have seen a decrease in the number of theft of motor vehicle offences when comparing year on year. The team have worked hard to make Pollards Hill a difficult place for criminals to both steal and hide vehicles on. We have recovered numerous stolen vehicles and mopeds over the quarter. We have also made a few arrests in relation to burglaries where car keys were stolen. Again, these investigations are ongoing and we will update you when we can.

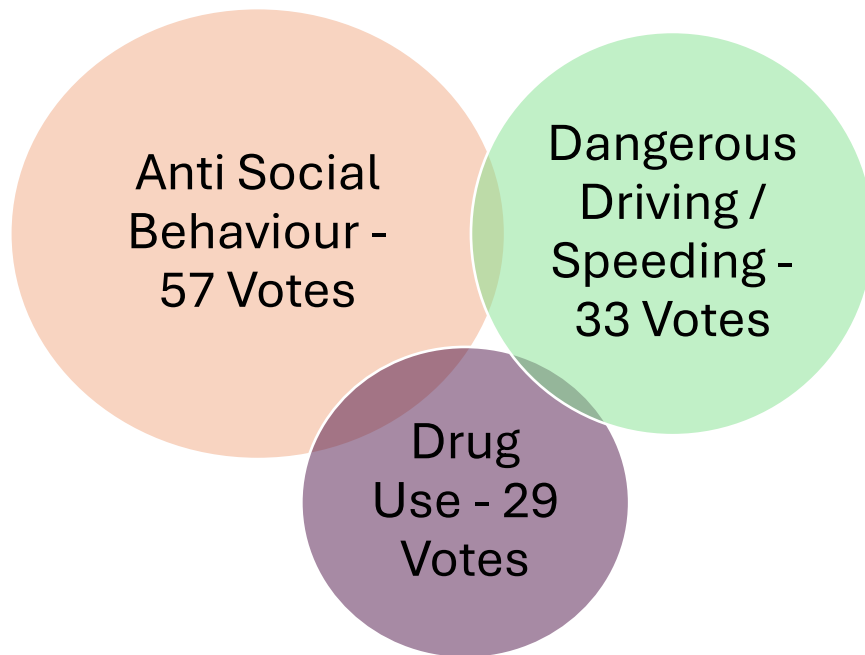
### Priority 3 – Higher Visibility

The team heard the concerns being brought up at the last public meeting around visibility and we have tried hard to make sure we are seen and heard more. We have managed to fight for suitable staffing giving us 3 Police Officers and 1 Police Community Support Officer bringing us up to full strength for the ward.

We have begun to use the base on South Lodge Avenue again when out on patrol and made a conscious effort to have the shutters up when we are in there so the community know that we are on the ward. Lastly, we have been pushing Met Engage and our aim would be to get almost every resident signed up by the end of the year!

## Survey Results & Crime Types:

Following our use of Met Engage starting at the end of April, residents who have completed the survey have noted these are their top 3 concerns on the ward:



In terms of crime figures we have seen reduction in all crime types apart from drug offences which has seen a very large increase. But this is more than likely due to our disruptive work around drug supply in the area as well as increase in reporting around drug offences.



## Quarter 3 Priorities (May 25 – Aug 25)

After considering the crime types, survey results and the biggest crime generators for the ward. The panel decided on the following ward priorities:

### Priority 1 – Serious Youth Violence

The MPS is committed to having violence as a ward priority and we would agree with this, the reductions are great, but we are committed to keep them down and we want to keep our efforts on stopping a repeat of the violent offences we saw across the ward last summer.

### Priority 2 – Drug Offences

Given the large increase of offences compared to last year, it being in the top 3 crimes residents are concerned about and the fact that we already have an operation focusing on trying to tackle drug importation and supply across the ward. The panel agreed that this should be a priority.

### Priority 3 – Higher Visibility

Given the large concerns raised at the last public meeting about police visibility, the panel were keen in light of the reductions in other crime, that the team focus on ensuring that we are more visible. Attending community events, encouraging more residents to sign up to Met Engage and holding regular drop in events for residents to meet with local officers.

### Date For Next Ward Panel:

Whilst a date has not been set. It will likely be either the start of August or the first week of September due to the operational requirements around this time (Notting Hill Carnival etc.) An invite will be sent out via Met Engage prior to this.

If you have any questions / feedback about this report. Please reach out to us on Met Engage. This is the first report like this we have put out, so please help us make it tailored to you.

**Pollards Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team**

