



JANUARY BULLETIN

EAST SECTOR

East Sector is responsible for:

Park North & South / Walcot East / Liden / Covingham / Eldene / Dorcan / Nythe / Upper & Lower Stratton

The weeks immediately before and following Christmas saw the East Policing team engaged in a number of positive initiatives particularly aimed at increasing public reassurance and safety. Whilst criminality will always remain a strong focus for our efforts you will also note that we are committed to engaging with our communities and delivering a service reflective of their wants and needs.

Detailed below are a number of actions carried out through December and into the New Year:

- Community Re-assurance following the stabbing of a Police officer in Liden. Immediate reaction to the incident by the NPT led to the implementation of Community Focus Plans designed at providing support and information for local residents.
- Intervention work in Liden followed a number of reports of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the shops and Crumpled Horn Public House. Engagement with the licensees and retailers is leading to a partnership approach to solving the problem. The parents of individuals linked to anti-social behaviour have been made aware of the specific issues and 8 warning letters have now been served with warnings of escalating action should the situation not improve. In conjunction with the Borough Anti-social behaviour team, assemblies have been delivered to all year groups at Dorcan School surrounding Crime and Anti-social behaviour - the same has also been delivered to all primary schools in the area at year 6 level.
- Three individuals nominated to take part in SPLASH projects; initiatives designed to get ASB offenders away from the streets and into Community Service based projects.
- A range of overt and covert tactics were used in an Operation to evidence the supply of Class A drugs in the Parks & East Walcot. As a result 3 males and 1 female have been arrested and a quantity of drugs and a significant amount of cash were recovered. Persons were remanded in custody and all are being investigated for offences linked to the supply of drugs and money laundering offences.
- Following a spate of thefts from motor vehicles in the Greenbridge area a pro-active operation led to the arrest of a person upon suspicion of theft and damage. This individual has indicated he is going to admit another 6-10 similar offences. The Empire Cinema has been very supportive in the distribution of crime-prevention information to patrons with their cinema-tickets regarding the risk of attacks on their vehicles and safe storage of valuables. SBC Street Wardens are identifying any vehicles that are displaying valuables and bringing them to the attention of the local NPT. As a result a measurable reduction in vehicle related offences has been seen.
- Community Beat Manager PC Billy O'Sullivan featured on BBC Radio Swindon, talking about the success of neighbourhood partnership work in the Walcot East area. BBC Swindon are keen to continue with further interviews to discuss drug and gang related matters and a feature within the Advertiser is expected to follow shortly.
- Officers from the team have worked actively toward reducing the incidence of street-robbery and arrested a suspect who has since been charged with offences and remanded into Custody. This individual has subsequently indicated their involvement in more than one offence and these are to be taken into consideration during court proceedings.
- Officers have conducted high-visibility patrols throughout the sector and in excess of one hundred persons have been engaged and searched during these evening shifts. This has led to the identification of previously unknown intelligence and arrests for theft related offences and drugs.

- Following support from partnerships and the borough, East officers are now able to work effectively from locations at Evelyn House, Park South, Liden Library, Bailey's Farm Gardens and the Beechcroft Library with full I.T. access. This means that members of the team will be far more mobile and will be spending more of their time on their beat area.
- A 'Safe & Clean' initiative in partnership with a variety of agencies took place on 20.12.2007. This led to the following successful outcomes designed at improving the general quality of life in our communities:

Graffiti: Cleared – small tags (10); larger tags (68) – of which 10 were offensive;

Fly tipping: Black bags (12); larger amounts (2.5 tonnes);

Litter: Bags (119); Warnings given (5); Accumulation of waste letters (3); Needles collected (7); Shopping trolleys collected (2);

Fire: Fire home safety referrals (11); Installation of home safety devices (2);

Parking Services: Penalty charge notices for parking offences (3); Abandoned vehicles (3);

Probation: Litter picked – Buckhurst Field in the Parks and Walcot area;

Police: Focused on crime prevention surrounding theft from vehicles and damage to vehicles.

As you can see it has been a busy time and it is our intention to keep it so. With your support and assistance we will continue to achieve throughout 2008 – a happy new year to you all.

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