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GLOSSARY

BTP	- British Transport Police
KCPP	- Kingston Community and Police Partnership
LCP2	- London Communities Policing Partnership
LGBT	- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People
MPA	- Metropolitan Police Authority
MPS	- Metropolitan Police Service
RBK	- Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
SNT	- Safer Neighbourhood Teams
SNAP	- Safer Neighbourhood Area Partnership

GROUP OBJECTIVES

To ensure that KCPP accurately reflects “grass-roots” opinion, and that all communities have a voice in the policing of the borough and the opportunity to contribute actively towards reducing crime and disorder.

To have a variety of effective mechanisms for conveying the concerns of the community to the local police service, the MPA and other interested parties.

To raise public awareness of KCPP within the borough and by so doing help maintain good police and community relations.

To ensure KCPP has an active role on the Safer Kingston Partnership, helping to reduce local crime and disorder.

To make sure that KCPP is run in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

To continue to provide information and education for KCPP members on the workings of the MPS/MPA and on issues relating to crime and disorder.

These objectives have a number of specific measurable targets and activities attached to them. This report covers the KCPP’s work on these targets, some of which have been completed and some of which are on-going.

The above objectives continue into the current financial year.

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Issues discussed at meetings arise from various sources such as the MPA, MPS or Home Office, or items raised by individual members or organisations.

We continue with our outreach work to Safer Neighbourhood panels and have endeavoured to find KCPP members to attend each of the 16 panels. Representatives from some panels also attend KCPP meetings.

Safer Neighbourhood policing forms part of the policing strategy for the borough through the network of safer neighbourhood panels. As KCPP members attend these meetings they are made aware of concerns at local levels and ensure that these are taken into account when formulating future strategies.

Safer Neighbourhood Area Partnership (SNAP) meetings

These meetings provide the means of communication between SNTs, panel representatives, KCPP and problem solving partners.

Representatives from panels attended two themed SNAP meetings during the year in order to share emerging trends, discuss possible solutions, and share best practice.

In addition to these meetings once a year we hold a borough wide Safer Neighbourhood showcase to enable SNTs to share with the community all that has been achieved. This is our SuperSNAP event.

SuperSNAP

SuperSNAP is one of Kingston Community & Police Partnership's major events to highlight the achievements of Kingston's Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Each of the 16 SNTs and the Safer Transport Team displayed some of the work they had undertaken and during the course of the evening community members and invitees had the opportunity to visit each stand. In addition there were presentations from five of the teams demonstrating how community concerns were discussed and how problems were resolved.

Attendees commented that it was a brilliant evening and acknowledged the dedication of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

We have members from the Youth Parliament attend our meetings. One young person also sits on the Executive Committee. We also have links with the Youth Service with whom we have worked closely and will continue to do so.

EDUCATION OF THE KCPP

Updates & Discussions

We have regular updates on local and Pan London issues. We have been delighted to have guest speakers as well as receive reports from member organisations. Guest speakers reports received:-

Ports & Terrorism
Magistrates Court
The Effect of drugs on the Community
Sexual Offences

Reports

Reports are received at each meeting from:

Borough Commander
Fire Service Commander
Independent Custody Visitors
Chair
MPA

LOCAL LINKS

The KCPP has been represented at:-
the Safer Kingston Partnership
Independent Advisory Network

the Stop & Search Advisory Panel
Domestic Violence Forum.
London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2)
Safer Transport Advisory Group

The Chair has visited/will be visiting SN panels

PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION

Newsletters

We distribute over 2000 newsletters per edition and the Administrator monitors this to ensure each copy goes to the correct individuals/organisations/establishments. Due to budget constraints, more copies (approximately 50%) will be sent electronically in the coming year.

Each edition includes updates from member organisations, the Borough Commander, MPA and Safer Neighbourhood teams. Over the past year articles reporting on Kingston Carnival, Met Volunteers, 2011 Census and Drugs and Acquisitive Crime have also featured. The newsletter continues to prove popular with helpful themed crime prevention tips, and telephone numbers. Often speakers at the KCPP will write an article for our newsletter. We have been delighted to receive complimentary phone calls and emails regarding the quality and content of the newsletters.



Website

The KCPP has its own Webpage on the RBK Website. All material on the webpages is the responsibility of the KCPP.

TRAINING/EDUCATION

During the course of the year the Chair, members of the Executive and the Administrator have attended various seminars/training courses:-

Media Training
Nottinghill Carnival Planning
Stop & Account Conference
Murder Conference
Traffic Management

MPA MATTERS

As has been reported at our meetings, Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) are funded by the MPA. Each CPEG has to submit a work plan and proposed budget which is reviewed by the MPA who determine the level of funding given to each borough. Like many other organisations CPEG's have taken substantial budget cuts this year. KCPP has planned for the coming year in such a way as to work within these constraints. We will be taking smaller meeting rooms, having one less meeting per year and trying to find free accommodation for other ad hoc meetings. As mentioned we will also be cutting back on newsletter printing – not only reducing copies printed but also publishing smaller newsletters, however our website will contain fuller news articles.

As the year progresses we will also need to look at further reductions as further budget cuts will be made over the next two years.

MPA CONFERENCE

The Chair and Vice Chair/Honorary Treasurer attended the MPA conference in June 2010.

LONDON-WIDE ISSUES

KCPP members and our Administrator have attended the workshops/meetings arranged by LCP2 and have appreciated the opportunity not only to meet with others from across the capital but to gain greater understanding of the issues we all face, as well as enabling us to help in providing solutions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has continued to meet throughout the year and has discussed/debated the following: Safer Neighbourhoods, Annual Plan, Budgets and Finance, Portfolios. Careful planning by our Executive Committee has ensured that our main meetings continue to be inclusive, informative and productive.

During the year Executive member Mike Hoare stood down from the Executive Committee, although he remains on the group representing Merritt Patient Participation Group. The Executive Committee would like to thank Mike for all his hard work.

We welcomed Sheila Griffin and Ian Wilson to the Executive Committee.

Thank you to the Executive Committee for all their hard work during this last year and also to our Administrator who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the KCPP.

HISTORY

This Community Engagement group has existed in Kingston since 1982. The size and membership of the KCPP has varied but in recent years the KCPP has usually had about

50-55 members. There is a core of regular and active members with others attending when their commitments permit. In so far as it is possible, the KCPP aims to reflect the many diverse communities in the Borough. The KCPP meets five times a year at The Guildhall, which is a convenient central location with good public transport links, disabled access, and microphones for those with hearing difficulties.

The KCPP is funded by the Metropolitan Police Authority, has one part time member of staff and is run by volunteers. It is independent of the Police and Local Authority. The auditing, both internal and external, is administered by the local authority.(see Appendix D) The Executive Committee met six times this year: a list of members appears in Appendix B. The Executive Committee fulfils many roles including responding to any urgent issues which cannot wait until the next KCPP meeting, reviewing the membership and the Constitution, reviewing the KCPP's budget application and considering any complex reports prior to submission to the KCPP.

CONCLUSION

With all our meetings and events many, many hours of volunteer time contribute to the successful running of the group. Volunteers contributed an estimated 2200 hours to community engagement in Kingston. This huge contribution is recognised and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all members for their enthusiastic support during this last year, and for time so freely given.

APPENDIX A
Summary of Group related information

KCPP representatives on other groups:

LCP2: Sandra Flower, Rashid Laher

Safer Kingston Partnership Sandra Flower or Linda Chesters

Kingston Domestic Violence Forum: Linda Chesters

Safer Transport Steering Group: Linda Chesters, Francis Brannan

Independent Advisory Network: Rashid Laher, Jeffrey Nakar

APPENDIX B
Executive Committee and Membership detail

Executive Committee Members 2010/11

Chair of KCPP: Sandra Flower
Vice-Chair/Treasurer: John Azah
Vice-Chair, Londonwide: Rashid Laher
Vice Chair, Jeffrey Nakar

Five Community Representatives: Sheila Griffin, Ian Wilson, Francis Brannan, Darius Baird, Jim Taylor

Borough Commander: Martin Greenslade

Members of the KCPP May 2011

Safer Kingston Partnership
Age Concern, Kingston
Kingston Pensioner's Forum
Kingston College
Kingston University Students Union
Kingston University
Kingston Chamber of Commerce
Kingston Youth Council
Kingston Learning Disabilities Parliament
Chessington District Residents Association
The Groves Residents Association
School Lane Estate Management Forum
Oxygen
Cambridge Road Estates Residents Association
Downs View Lodge Resident Management Company

Inter-Faith Forum
Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
Buddhapadipa Temple
Kingston Circuit of Methodist Churches
Tolworth United Reform Church
Kingston and Surbiton Synagogue
Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness
St James Church

Kingston Race and Equalities Council
Milaap Centre
Institute of Tamil Culture
Kingston Gujarati School

Kingston Liberal Democrats
Kingston and Surbiton Conservatives
Kingston and Surbiton Labour Party
Richmond Park Labour Party

Kingston Centre for Independent Living

Kingston Victim Support
Kingston Borough Police Volunteers
Kingston Citizens Advice Bureau

Kingston St John Ambulance
Kaleidoscope
Kingston Hospital

Kingston Independent Custody Visitors Panel

Cllr Tim Dennen
Cllr Penny Shelton

London Fire Brigade, Kingston
Kingston Police Service – Borough Commander and Borough Liaison Officer
British Transport Police

APPENDIX C

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

All members of the KCPP
All members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
All members of the Independent Custody Visitors Panel
All members of the Domestic Violence Forum
All RBK Councillors
All Schools in the Borough (state and private)
All magistrates
All doctor surgeries
All daycentres
Some dental surgeries
All RBK libraries
All RBK adult education institutes
All RBK housing offices
Various RBK officers
Various MPA members and officers
All Victim Support volunteers
All Kingston Borough police volunteers
All Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators
Residents Associations
Registered social landlords who have expressed an interest
Guildhall receptions
Seven local sports and recreation centres
The Tourist Information Centre
Age Concern
Citizens Advice Bureau
Fifty-five churches (including Korean churches)
Twenty minority ethnic groups
Ninety-two voluntary groups (e.g British Legion, Red Cross, Scouts)
Trade organisations
Major retailers in the borough
Individuals with a specific interest in policing matters
Local press
All London CPP Secretaries/Administrators
Kingston Police Service
LCP2