

# KCPP Update

The Newsletter of Kingston Community & Police Partnership

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*Superintendent Paul McGregor* writes ....

At the end of June Kingston Police held an **Open Day** at the Police station and nearly a thousand people poured through the doors to enjoy a peek behind the scenes. Bomb disposal and forensic teams shared how they work with youngsters and their parents whilst younger children had their fingerprints taken, perched on a high speed bike and sat inside police cars. Classic police cars, police horses and a member of the dog team were on hand and the domestic violence unit ran a face mask decorating stall. The two big hits of the day were an opportunity to sit inside a caged police detention van in handcuffs and a tour of the custody suite. It was a great opportunity for people to see the vast range of things that we do to keep them safe.

Crime levels are continuing to fall on the borough with the latest figures for serious violence showing a significant reduction this year. This is a result of the hard work that has been undertaken to tackle violent crimes in the town centre. We have benefited from the flexing of police resources across the South West Area under **Operation Target** enabling us to increase our presence at times of high demand. This has been complemented by holding to greater account operators in the night time economy, and a renewed focus on licensing enforcement. I am determined that the message gets out there that Kingston is a safe place to enjoy but if you come to cause trouble you are not welcome and will be robustly dealt with. The future of **Safer Neighbourhood** policing

has been the subject of speculation since last October. We are pleased that the model agreed by the police authority, will continue with two constables and three Police Community Support Officers for each ward. We are fortunate to have secured, in advance of the new budgetary constraints, new SNT bases right at the heart of our community although some wards, whilst continuing to operate independently, will now share a sergeant. We were delighted with the positive response to Operation Ten Pin run recently in Chessington. (We can't resist giving everything an operation name!) Ten Pin is the coming together of SNTs across the borough, working with the probation service and the local authority to run a day of action tackling crime and public nuisance.

The operations activities included

- A series of dawn raids to carry out drugs warrants at three homes.
- Traffic speed enforcement with pupils from Ellingham Primary School. 25 cars were stopped; nine drivers issued with either a warning letter or fixed penalty notice.
- An Automatic Number Plate Operation in Hook Road resulted in two cars being seized, two drivers summonsed to court and a man arrested for being a wanted offender.

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- Compliance with the sale of alcohol by licensed premises with the Police Cadets carrying out test purchases

- Operations at Chessington North and South BR Stations.

No crime was reported in the Chessington area during the day. Another six similar operations will take place across the borough during the next eighteen months.

We continue in our drive to reduce burglary. The success of Operation Juniper, involving months of detective work across South Wets London, has seen the conviction and imprisonment of a local gang who were committing letterbox burglaries to steal keys of expensive cars. They were found guilty of over 75 burglaries and the theft of the vehicles valued at over £2 million.

Although Kingston remains the safest borough within the Met, we are not complacent and want to build on recent success.



You can help us. If you see anything suspicious, happening there and then, please dial 999. This is particularly pertinent with burglary and possible suspects.

**For any calls demanding a non-emergency response Dial 101 - a new number to contact the Police.**

101 provides a simple single number for the public to contact police to obtain crime prevention advice, make us aware of any issues in the local area, or report crime that does not require an immediate or urgent response.

## **Kingston Carnival Sunday 4th September 12noon-6pm**



**At venues around Kingston Town Centre.**

**"One Kingston. One World. Celebrating Diverse Cultures!"**

Come and join in the fun at this year's Kingston Carnival. It's a great day out for all the family - with a colourful procession, free music and entertainment, dedicated children's area, fantastic food and lots more.

Join the procession, soak up the atmosphere, take a stall, but most of all - enjoy!

For more information contact KREC on 020 8547 2332

## **Chessington**

The Chessington South Safer Neighbourhood Team works very closely with the Management and Staff at Chessington World of Adventures. This year as part of their evolving partnership approach to issues in the environs of the theme park they have offered the seasonal staff some input in the areas of crime prevention training, conflict management and forensic crime scene preservation. This was carried out in a single day as part of the new staff's induction training. There was advice for the staff who work in the car parks on identifying possible vulnerable vehicles and how to reduce these. Also should the situation arise where they identify a vehicle that has been subject to a crime they have some knowledge on how to preserve the crime scene and prevent the loss of evidence which may lead to the apprehension of an offender. Since the theme park opened for the season on 19th March 2011 there has been no reported vehicle crime in their car parks. The theme park can get up to 10,000 visitors in a day.

## **Safer Transport Team**

Operation SKYP stands for Safer Kingston for Young People and is a Kingston Safer Transport Team operation that started in September last year. The aim of the operation was to reduce the number of young people of University age becoming victims of crime whilst out in Kingston, and preventing them from committing crime. The operation set about to achieve this aim by creating a bespoke crime prevention and safety DVD that was shown to all first year students in September last year. The DVD covered topics ranging from prevention messages including the dangers of walking home at night on their own, drink spiking, use of illegal taxi's, going home with a stranger etc. as well as covering topics like being respectful to the community late at night, schemes being operated by Kingston Police to ban individuals from licensed premises if they get a conviction for drunken behaviour.

The DVD was a great success and will be shown again next year to all students attending Kingston University.

As well as the DVD the Operation set up and ran the Kingston Student Night Bus which is a free service for students that takes them from the town centre to the University Halls of Residence across the borough. This operated 3 days a week from midnight to 4am and has also been a great success. This was funded through TFL initially but has been so successful that the University have adopted the service and will be covering the cost for next year onwards and it will now be a permanent addition to the bus service already provided by the University.

## **Korean Engagement Project**

Since January the team has been running a drop in for the Korean Community to which at least two volunteers from the Korean community attend. This has been happening at the Church in New Malden High Street and has seen a number of members of Korean community attend. This project has been developed to help increase the contact between Police and the Korean Community. Within New Malden there is currently the largest Korean Community outside of Korea. The intention is to help build bridges between the Safer Neighbourhood Team & members of the Korean Community.

As well as the neighbourhood police team, several other agencies were present. The London Fire Brigade have also attended to offer advice on smoke alarms and fire safety. Jo Keogh from the Crisis Intervention Team at Kingston has also attended to provide information regarding legal options, support with relocation and also work with victims to achieve solutions to their problems. Finally to assist in reporting any issues or crimes, several members of the Korean community who

volunteer to run the police station at the CI Tower, New Malden are also present to assist. The aim of this project is to provide a convenient way for members of the Korean Community to report crimes or discuss concerns without there being a language barrier which can lead to reluctance to report such issues.

## **Business Watch**

This month has seen the regeneration of Business Watch within New Malden. The team has worked hard to bring the Business Community together in an attempt to stamp out thefts on New Malden High Street. Business Watch operates very much in the manner of Neighbourhood Watch, with quarterly meetings where stores and the local Police Team can swap information. Also there will be regular sharing of images of shoplifters and a joint banning policy for arrested shop lifters.

## **Beverley tackles Pick Pockets**

After identifying an increase in pick pocketing offences on New Malden High Street, the team started a campaign that has seen a significant reduction in the number of offences. The team has created posters for the high street and they are displayed in Banks and charity Shops and anti-theft bells have been given to members of the public. These bells attach to bags and purses to ensure if someone attempts to take them you will hear it happening. The team has also completed regular plain clothed and high visibility patrols along the high street. Unfortunately we have run out of bells at this time but are in the process of trying to secure funding to gain more of these so this project can continue.

## **KCPP Funding**

The good news is, we have funding for this year, albeit reduced. As a result we face many challenges. One consequence in the reduction in funding is that we will have to produce smaller newsletters (a fuller version is available on our website). Also we will have to reduce the number of meetings we hold from 5 to 4 and we are using less expensive venues.

Members continue to be fully committed to carrying out the work of KCPP. [www.kingston.gov.uk/information/nhoodhome/kingston\\_community\\_and\\_police\\_partnership.htm](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/information/nhoodhome/kingston_community_and_police_partnership.htm)

## **FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS BY THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE**

*Borough Fire*

*Commander John Elwell Writes:*

London Fire Brigade wants you to be safe and sound and is carrying out free home fire safety checks for residents in the Royal Borough of Kingston and the other boroughs in London.

Free smoke alarms will be fitted where needed.

If you would like a visit or would like to arrange a free home fire safety check on behalf of a member of your family or a friend please check with them first and then contact:

- calling us free on 08000 28 44 28
- emailing us at [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)
- faxing us at 020 7587 4222

Fires in the home are the main cause of fire deaths. Getting a smoke alarm, regularly testing and maintaining it, as well as planning your escape route in the event of a fire can dramatically decrease the risk of death or serious injury.