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Welcome to the May edition of the Kingston Police Bulletin.

You will find that this bulletin contains more links to online content that I encourage you to view. These links include videos of our officers from the South West BCU and our new police podcast called 'Plodcast'. These will give you further insight into policing and what is being done on the borough to tackle crime.

As always, if you have any feedback, please contact your local policing team.

Regards

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Though it flew by, May was certainly the busiest month since pre-pandemic operations in Kingston.

Anti-social behaviour has been the theme of demand of late, where ward officers across the borough have been drafted in alongside specialist units to deal with anti-social gatherings along the riverside.

For the best part of a year, there has been no opportunity for people to really enjoy social spaces. As further legal restrictions are lifting, residents have begun to get out and meet each other outdoors, safely. Friendly faces and sunny spaces have been long awaited for residents and visitors alike.

For some, however, all that pent up energy has manifested itself in inconsiderate and at times aggressive behaviour towards others. I hope that, with time, people will remember how to share the outdoors with each other in a responsible way.

Meanwhile; Grove, Canbury, Tudor and Coombe Hill ward officers have been using a blend of plain clothes and uniformed tactics to set a better tone along the riverside. If you follow us on social media, you'll see notices of S.35 dispersal orders when necessary, giving officers extra powers to remove those who can't do the right thing.

Of course, it's not all about the town centre. The usual high calibre of proactive work to protect vulnerable people is still going on in the background. The east Kingston ward cluster, led by Sergeant Chapman, shut down a drugs den as part of their contribution to cracking down on County Lines issues. Sergeant Swan's southern wards have worked closely with out friends in British Transport Police to tackle various issues in train stations.

Keep us in the loop! Get in touch with your teams via the contact details on the last page and let them know where the problems are. Ward officers constantly updating their social media with good work. If you want to see a good result, let us know what your issue is.

Tom Henderson
Neighbourhoods Inspector, Kingston.

IN MAY 2021, KINGSTON POLICE...

...Published the second episode of 'Plodcast'
Listen on Youtube [HERE](#).



... Marked the first anniversary of the
Violence Suppression Unit. Click play
below or watch on Youtube [HERE](#).



...Intensified efforts to tackle County
Lines



...Celebrated IDAHOBIT Day.
Watch on Youtube [HERE](#).



...Launched the campaign 'Hard Calls Save
Lives' in partnership with the independent
charity, Crimestoppers. Read about it [HERE](#).



...Patrolled your area

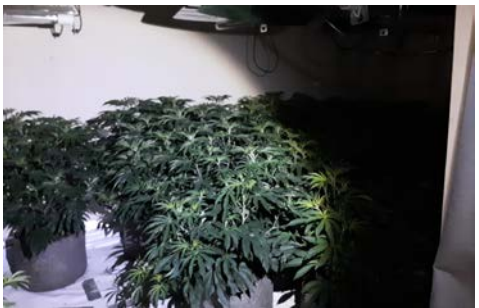


ACTIVITY TACKLING VIOLENT AND HIGH HARM CRIME



Violence reduction on our streets continues to be our highest priority and our teams have been working incredibly hard to prevent and detect violent crime, including drug supply which is linked to violence. Below are just some of the highlights from May.

- We have increased patrols in the areas of Kingston Town Centre and Riverside. On one such patrol, Grove police conducted four positive stop and searches. Three individuals were issued warnings for drug possession and the fourth was arrested for possessing a lockable knife in a public place.
- Response officers discovered a cannabis farm at an address in Kingston. This has all been seized for destruction.
- Chessington North, Chessington South and Tolworth Safer Neighbourhood Teams conducted a successful joint operation with British Transport Police at Chessington North station. This operation aimed to reduce ASB and crime coming into the area. During the operation a large knife was seized. This is pictured below.
- Response officers were on patrol in Kingston when a vehicle activated an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera. The vehicle was in the area and had recently made off from a serious assault in a different borough. The vehicle description was circulated along with its last known location. Police units managed to locate the vehicle and stop it. All four occupants were arrested for assault offences.
- Response officers stopped a vehicle, suspected of containing drugs. Officers requested the help of Police Dog Stella to assist in the search. On searching the vehicle PD Stella located a hiding place within the vehicle where a lock knife and a large quantity of class A drugs were found.



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COUNTY LINES

The Met is doing more than ever before to safeguard those exploited by county lines. This includes increasing the use of modern slavery legislation to charge those at the top of the county lines chain.

Kingston police, along with the rest of the South West BCU, took part in the latest national county lines intensification week, which ran from Monday 17 to Sunday 23 May. Through this operation, we:

- ✓ Safeguarded vulnerable adults and children and those at risk of being exploited for County Lines.
- ✓ Visited victims of cuckooing to provide support and assistance.
- ✓ Conducted foot patrols, proactive stops and warrants.
- ✓ Made numerous arrests for possession with intent to supply class A and B drugs and, as a result of one investigation linked to county lines, an adult female was arrested for human trafficking and child abduction of a 17 year old. In total, 8 Charges were brought to individuals who were involved in PWITS and concerned in supplying drugs linked to county lines.

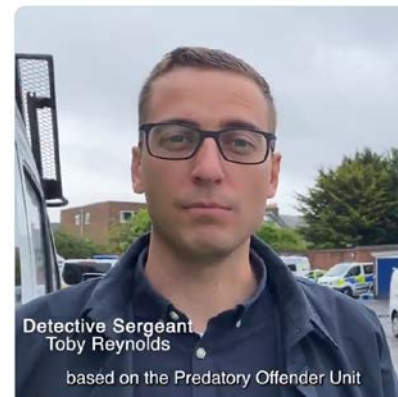
Read more about the National operation [here](#).

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

On Thursday, 13 May, officers across every London borough, carried out a range of activity to highlight what we are doing to prevent violence against women and girls. In Kingston, this included:

- ✓ Visits to local schools to give presentations on staying safe, consent and discouraging sexually harmful behaviour.
- ✓ Increasing patrols by officers, council wardens and special constables in public spaces
- ✓ Visiting pubs and other venues to talk to staff about how they can help keep their customers safe as the lockdown further eases.
- ✓ Executing arrest warrants and tracking down wanted offenders.

Watch our local Violence Suppression Unit discuss their work and arrest a registered sex offender as part of this day of action. You can watch the video on Twitter [HERE](#).



Volume Crime

We have listened to community concerns about the use of Electronic Scooters on the roads and pavements of Kingston. To ride E-scooters on roads or in public spaces is currently illegal so Neighbourhood officers from Canbury and Tudor wards conducted an operation to address this. On their day of action, twelve riders were stopped and reported for traffic offences and their e-scooters were seized. For full information on the legality of e-scooters, click [HERE](#).

We are also working to tackle theft of motor vehicles. This month we had great success in arresting a car thief. One night, a car was stolen by keyless theft, and in the process the owner was awoken. The owner quickly called police, got into another car and followed the vehicle until response officers and a police helicopter got behind the car. The vehicle was safely stopped and the offender taken into custody. A great result for all involved.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

With the further easing of restrictions in May, we have seen increased ASB across the borough, particularly in Kingston town centre and by the riverside. In efforts to tackle ASB, we have been increasing patrols in the locality and putting in place S.35 dispersal orders where necessary. A dispersal order gives police greater powers to tackle ASB within a specified period. Whilst a dispersal order is in effect, it is an offence to:

- Fail to comply with a direction from PCs and PCSOs to disperse from the area.
- Fail to surrender items likely to cause antisocial behaviour when asked to do so by PCs and PCSOs.
- Return within a specified period after having been directed to disperse from the area.

Our licensing teams have also been devising a plan around Eagle Brewery Wharf to reduce ASB at the location.

In terms of ASB in residential areas, St James Neighbourhoods officers have been working with the Royal Borough of Kingston Housing to tackle recurring ASB and criminality at a property in Burlington Road. This partnership work and evidence gathering has resulted in the occupant being evicted from the property to put a stop to the ASB in this location.

To report ASB, click [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engaging with the Public

Tackling violence and increasing the levels of trust and community confidence are the Met's most important priorities.

Whilst the Met does have high levels of community confidence, not all communities have the same levels of trust in us and trust is lowest from Black Londoners – particularly young Black men.

Therefore, as part of our ongoing drive to improve the trust and confidence of Kingston communities, we are increasing engagement with young people and asking them to take part in a new, anonymous survey so we can listen and respond to their feedback. The survey takes around three minutes to complete and can be done online [here](#).

Those completing the survey will be offered the opportunity to go on a 'ride-along' with an emergency response team, the Territorial Support Group or the Violent Crime Task Force, to see for themselves the work offices do during a shift to keep people safe. To find out more about the ride-along, click [here](#).

Recruitment

We understand the importance of having a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve. That is why the Met aims, by 2022, for 40% of new recruits to come from Black and other ethnic minority backgrounds. Locally, we have created a new outreach team, which is engaging with communities on the South West to discuss policing careers.

This month the team held a couple of virtual recruitment sessions. For example, as part of Black Inclusion Week, we hosted an online Question and Answer session on our Twitter page to answer the public's questions about joining the job. Furthermore, in celebration of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), the a virtual recruitment event with the LGBTQ+ community was hosted on the 17th May. During this event, officers from different ranks and backgrounds discussed and shared their journey with the public, then answered their questions.

HOW TO CONTACT THE MET

Reporting Crime

In an Emergency

Call 999 if:

- A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed.
- Someone is in immediate danger or harm.
- Property is in danger of being damaged.
- A serious disruption to the public is likely.

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

Non-emergency

Phone

Call **101** for non-emergency enquiries.

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service on **18001 101**.

Calling from abroad: **+44 20 7230 1212**. (Please use this number if you're contacting us from outside of the UK).

Online

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/>

Social Media

Message **@MetCC** on Twitter.

In Person

Visit us at your local police station. If you need to speak in person in a safe place you can visit a local police station 24/7. Find out where your nearest police front desk is [here](#).

Partner Agencies

Crimestoppers

Stay 100% anonymous by reporting information to the independent charity Crimestoppers.

Report online at crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 111

Anti-terrorist hotline

Call the UK Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321 if you've seen or heard something that you think could suggest terrorist activity.

British Transport Police

Text on 61016 to report incidents on the train and tube discreetly.

Report Hate Crime

To report hate crime indirectly to police visit [True Vision](#) at, or to [TellMAMA](#).

Contacting your local Neighbourhoods Policing Team

Find out who your local Neighbourhood policing team is, Contact a PC or PCSO, find out when their next meeting is and see local crime information by typing in your postcode here: <https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/>



Looking for your local Kingston Neighbourhood Policing Team?

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