



KINGSTON POLICE BULLETIN

JULY 2021



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Dear all,

I hope you have enjoyed the recent warmer spells of weather and are adjusting to the easing of COVID restrictions. Whilst some will welcome the lifting of restrictions, others will still be cautious. As such, our officers will continue to wear face masks where social distancing is not possible and any other PPE where necessary,

With the easing of restrictions we have started to see more community events being held which our officers have been attending. If you see them at such events, please do not hesitate to say hello and ask any questions that you may have – they will be more than happy to stop and have a chat.

Regards,

Roger Arditti
Neighbourhoods
South West BCU

A quick internet search will tell you that July is Kingston's third driest month of the year and a good time to visit. Some of the rather wet scenes towards the end of the month in New Malden and the fringes of Worcester Park suggest otherwise!

Thinking of emboldened drivers becoming stranded in ridiculous puddles; road safety is always a big focus in Kingston. This month is certainly a reminder for everyone to stay safe whilst out and about in, or on, any transport. Plenty of work has been conducted in the town centre regarding unregulated and uninsured use of e-scooters. Meanwhile, make sure you keep an eye on our social media outputs for upcoming road traffic safety events undertaken by your neighbourhood ward teams.

Whilst COVID restrictions have lifted across the UK, it is still comforting to see people choosing to be safe, sensible and aware of their surroundings in Kingston town centre and other shopping areas such as Surbiton and New Malden high street.

In other news, our ward teams based in Surbiton and Chessington have been working closely with BTP to tackle drug issues in stations across the south of Kingston. These will continue in August.

There has also been a tremendous amount of background work to tackle antisocial behaviour along the riverside during the warmer weather. Officers covering Grove, Canbury, Tudor and Coombe Hill have worked tirelessly not only to tackle sporadic disorder along the riverside, but to target the individuals within the crowds. It's slow but diligent work and 10 or so attendees have had personal home visits and been issued ASB warning notices. Keep it up team, top work.

Tom Henderson
Neighbourhoods Inspector, Kingston

IN JULY 2021, KINGSTON POLICE...

Reunited stolen bikes with their owners.



Seized E-Scooters and E-boards being driven illegally.



Started piloting new legislation that will help to intervene and prevent knife-enabled violence in London. Read about a Knife Crime Prevention Order (KCPO) on the next page.



Supported Anti Social Behaviour Awareness Week.



Patrolled the Borough.



Rescued two distressed dogs who were overheating in a car, having been left without ventilation or water.



ACTIVITY TACKLING VIOLENT AND HIGH HARM CRIME

Knife Crime – Piloting New Legislation

The Metropolitan Police Service has started piloting new legislation that will help to intervene and prevent knife-enabled violence in London. A Knife Crime Prevention Order (KCPO) is a new civil order that may be imposed on any person aged 12 or over who is known to be regularly carrying a knife or sentenced upon conviction of a knife-related offence.

Those under an order can be prevented from associating with certain people, restricted from specific geographical areas and can be set curfews. They will also include positive requirements such as attendance at educational courses, life skills programmes, participation in group sports, drug rehabilitation and anger management classes.

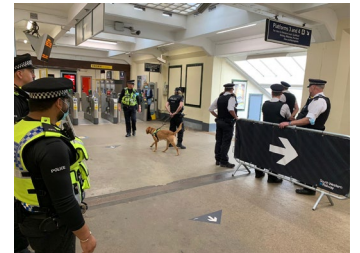
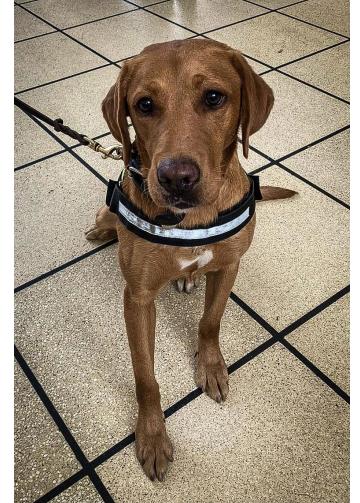
The Met, who were instrumental in the development of the legislation, will pilot KCPOs for 14 months. Read more about it [HERE](#).

County Lines

Drug-related violence has been the focus across the South of the borough this month. Officers based in both Surbiton and Hook worked closely with colleagues in British Transport Police (BTP) and their drug dogs at Surbiton rail station. They were there to identify anyone with drugs on them and who could be involved in county lines activity.

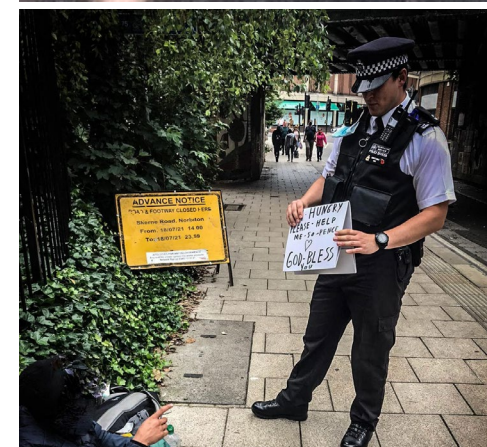
Domestic Violence

Thanks to the hard work of our detectives, on the 8th July, a female was sentenced to a total of 3 years and 10 months for committing a Domestic GBH and for breaching a suspended sentence. On the 27th December 2020, the female had used a knife to cause serious injury to her partner in their home. This left the victim with severe physical injuries and unable to work for some time. Whilst in prison the female made numerous calls to the victim in order to convince him to say the incident was just an accident so the case could get thrown out of court. On reviewing the calls made by the female, the calls provided substantial evidence which led to her pleading guilty to GBH at court. If anyone is suffering from Domestic Abuse, please report it. We are here to help you.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Grove Safer Neighbourhoods Team have been doing a lot of background work in identify individuals involved in antisocial behaviour along the riverside. Once individuals have been identified, schools and parents alike are approached and ASB warnings have been issued to many young people who haven't adhered to social standards expected in the borough.
- In addition, the team also conducted plain clothes patrols along the riverside and stopped and searched where grounds existed. One afternoon, the team conducted seven stop and searches which resulted in various seizures and either written warnings or interviews under caution.
- In response to recurring ASB incidents at an address, Alexandra Safer Neighbourhoods Team and Kingston council served a notice of possession to the tenants of the address causing ASB.
- The Tudor Safer Neighbourhoods team have taken action against dog fouling in Canbury gardens as requested by the local community. PCSOs and PCs have been out speaking to dog walkers, reminding them of their responsibilities to clear up after their dog(s) and offering out free dog waste bags. This is not only an effort to keep the area clean and tidy, but also to protect green biodiversity and the safety of other dogs. Thank you to Sainsbury's, Sury Basin for donating the dog waste bags.
- Grove Safer Neighbourhoods Team have been addressing ASB caused by begging in Kingston town centre. Sadly, some people who are not in need, take advantage of the generous nature of our residents and visitors under false pretences. The local policing team have been working with the charities SPEAR and Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness to offer help and support to those with genuine needs. Where 'professional' beggars are identified, advice and warnings are given. This month, two 'professional' beggars did not heed the warnings and were arrested.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Putting unclaimed bikes back into use for young people in supported accommodation.

In partnership with Achieving for Children, Grove Safer neighbourhood team donated three bikes to Green Leas Supported accommodation for Young People. As part of a process for making use of unclaimed property, these cycles will now have a new lease of life being available for their residents.

The local team have a good working relationship with the supported living accommodation on the ward. The team found out that the accommodation were looking for bikes to make available to their members who otherwise wouldn't be able to access or afford their own. The bikes came from our property services. They had come into police ownership but had not been claimed by their owners.

Thankfully one of our probationary constables used to work for a bike shop and serviced the bikes prior to their donation.

Green Leas supported accommodation said: *"It is lovely that as police officers in the local community have thought of us and it is much appreciated by not only myself but the whole team at GL."*

More Youth Engagement

Officers in the south east of the borough have been engaging with young people at Goals football. The team were there to encourage young people to consider a career in the Met as part of our recruitment campaign. However, whilst the team were there, they were able to offer advice and assistance to some young people who had been victims of crime but had not previously reported it to police.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships with Kingston's Korean Community.

On Thursday 22nd July, Neighbourhoods Superintendent Roger Arditti met with Senior Superintendent Choi from the Korean National Police force.

New Malden in Kingston is the most populated area among Koreans in Europe, and there are about 20,000 Korean residents living in the area, including around 1000 Korean businesses.

The meeting, arranged by the Korean Embassy, was held to discuss ways to better serve the Korean community living on the four boroughs of the South West Basic Command Unit.

In this meeting, the two discussed the ways to better protect Korean nationals residing in the UK, especially in Kingston, New Malden, and Wimbledon, and agreed to further enhance the relationships with the Korean community and the Embassy in terms of policing.

Bike Marking Events.

Coombe Hill officers have worked closely with Kingston hospital security to crack down on a recent spate of bicycle thefts in the area.

Following some positive results and arrests, DWOs have been running bike marking events with the cycling community. These will continue in August, so keep an eye on their social media to find your nearest event.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Competition Time!

This year we've launched our Summer art competition for children aged 4 -16. We're asking children to draw, paint or collage their hero. This could be anyone – such as a parent, an emergency worker, delivery driver, shop worker, train driver etc – the list goes on.

The drawings will be judged in age categories by Chief Superintendent Elisabeth Chapple and prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Artwork is to be submitted at one of the following police stations, which are open 24/7.

- Twickenham: 41 London Road, TW1 3SY
- Kingston: 5 & 7 High Street, KT1 1LB
- Wandsworth: 176 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JX
- Wimbledon: 15-23 Queens Road, SW19 8NN

All artwork submissions must include:

- ✓ The child's name and age
- ✓ The name, telephone number and email of the parent/ guardian.

Only one entry per person and must reside in the South West BCU (Kingston, Merton, Richmond or Wandsworth)

The last day of submission is the 31st August 2021, anything received after this date won't be included. Winners will have their artwork displayed outside the police stations, along with their hero story. They will also have their photo taken with the Commander for our social media. Good luck, we can't wait to see the entries!



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We're Recruiting

There's never been a more exciting time to join the Met. We offer two entry routes into policing, which will enable you to gain an externally recognised qualification on successful completion. One of these is the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) (Work towards achieving a degree).

Embark on an interesting and rewarding career at the Met with our new Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) and earn a competitive salary, while studying towards a fully funded degree.

Open to non-degree holders, this three-year apprenticeship programme provides you with the opportunity to learn as you earn and achieve a BSc (Hons) degree in Professional Policing Practice on successful completion.

You'll be employed as an officer from day one, making a difference to London's communities while being fully supported in applying your learning practically on the Job. This programme will be delivered in partnership with four London universities (Brunel University London; the University of West London; Anglia Ruskin University; and the University of East London).

As a new full-time police constable in the Met on the PCDA entry route, your total starting salary package will be circa £30,000 (including London allowances) increasing to circa £33,000 on successful completion of your probationary period. Base salary increases annually and typically police constables with seven years' service can expect to earn circa £48,000 (including allowances.) Part-time officers' salaries will be based on the pro-rata equivalent of a full-time officer

For more information visit www.met.police.uk/Outreach

UNHAPPY WITH AN INVESTIGATION OR HOW YOU HAVE BEEN TREATED?

How to complain, escalate an issue and contact the right person.



VICTIM LEAFLETS

When you report a crime you may be given a victim information leaflet. This has information about the investigating officer, how to get in touch with them, as well as the crime reference number.

If you reported online or on 101 the investigating officer will contact you as soon as they can.

HOW TO GET AN UPDATE ON A CRIME REPORT

If you want to update a crime report, or get in touch with the officer in the case you can do so on our website here:

<https://www.met.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>

You can also phone 101, or visit a police station.



HOW TO ESCALATE AN ISSUE

If you've reported a crime and you're concerned it's not being progressed, or you are unhappy with the investigation, the next step is to ask to speak to the investigating officer's line manager.

This will be their Sergeant in most cases. You can ask for this through the investigating officer or through updating your crime report as above.

If you are unhappy about the service you have received you can contact your local ward officers and ask them to help. You can contact them at: www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/.

If the concern relates to a ward team you can contact Neighbourhood Inspectors who lead each team: <https://www.met.police.uk/contact/>

HOW TO COMPLAIN

If the above methods do not resolve the issue, it's easy to make a formal complaint to us. You can do it in several ways:

- Use our online complaints form here: <https://www.met.police.uk/fo/feedback/tc/tanks-and-complaints>
- Write to us, call 101 or visit a police station.



For more information, to complain, or to contact us, visit <https://www.met.police.uk/>

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

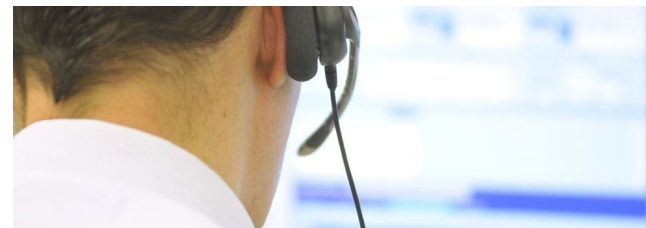
Text on 61016 to report incidents on the train and tube discreetly.

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?

Alexandra

Alexandra@met.police.uk
0208 721 2516
@MPSAlexandra

Berrylands

Berrylands@met.police.uk
0208 721 2002
@MPSBerrylands

Beverley

Beverley@met.police.uk
0208 721 2750
@MPSBeverley

Canbury

Canbury@met.police.uk
07810 830 702
@MPSCanbury

Chessington North

ChessingtonNorth
@met.police.uk
07342 713 970
@MPSChessingtonN

Chessington South

ChessingtonSouth
@met.police.uk
0208 721 2001
@MPSChessingtonS

Coombe Hill

CoombeHill@met.police.uk
07810 815 660
@MPSCoombeHill

Coombe Vale

CoombeVale@met.police.uk
0208 721 2515
@MPSCoombeVale

Grove

Grove@met.police.uk
0208 721 2588
@MPSGrove

Norbiton

Norbiton@met.police.uk
0208 721 2000
@MPSNorbiton

Old Malden

OldMalden@met.police.uk
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