



# KINGSTON POLICE BULLETIN

AUGUST 2021



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August has been a challenging month for the Met seeing 2000 officers deployed each day to Extinction Rebellion's two weeks of action. Despite officers being abstracted from their day jobs, business as usual continued locally with response times remaining largely unaffected.

There was an increased policing presence across the borough over the bank holiday weekend to conduct high visibility violence patrols, prevent unlicensed music events and associated crime and disorder.

Teams also co-ordinated an operation to tackle violence against women and girls in London. Extra engagement activity and enforcement took place on every borough, leading to more than 100 arrests for offences including domestic abuse, sexual offences and harassment. Read about it [HERE](#).

Regards,  
Roger Arditti  
Neighbourhoods  
South West BCU

It goes without saying that our policing priorities must change with the fluctuating nature of demand and risk in Kingston.

Whilst I am delighted to see a significant reduction in antisocial behaviour across the borough, the tragic murder of [Kai Davis](#) on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August has highlighted just how important our renewed focus on violence and the night time economy is. I am grateful once more, to our colleagues on response teams for their swift reaction on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. It is thanks to their efforts at the scene that forensic opportunities and suspect enquiries were successful, contributing to a comprehensive investigation led by ever-diligent specialist homicide detectives. The latest update on suspects arrested and charged in relation to this investigation can be found [HERE](#).

We have worked closely with members of the Safer Kingston Partnership to shape our policing activities, once again blending plain clothes patrols and a visible presence throughout the town centre and continuing across the borough.

Soon, we will see the welcome return of university students back to the Kingston halls of residence. The on-site accredited security team do a fantastic job and we are working closely to ensure our presence is felt whilst giving students the space to settle in and meet.

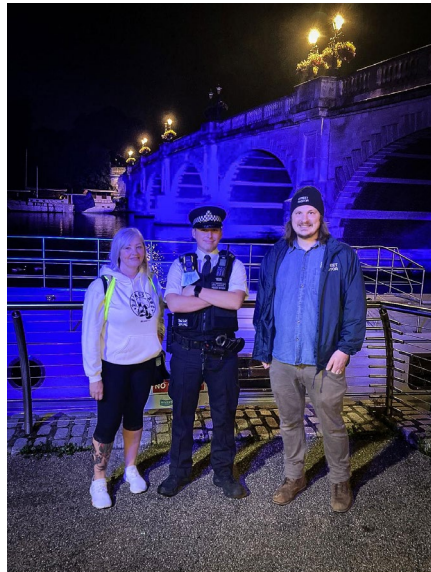
With our new focus comes new leadership. As you know, I have been acting as Inspector/semi-professional plate spinner upon Inspector Whitten's departure at the beginning of the year. Yes, it's scary how time flies! I am glad to announce that Inspector Trudy Hutchinson has taken over operations in Kingston-Upon-Thames as the new neighbourhood leader. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout a turbulent year and you will no doubt hear from me in my new role as Sergeant for the South cluster; Chessington North, South, Tolworth and Hook.

Tom Henderson  
Neighbourhoods Inspector, Kingston



# IN AUGUST 2021, KINGSTON POLICE...

Conducted Evening patrols with Kingston Council and Kingston Street Pastors



Seized Drugs.



Launched *Ask for Angela*



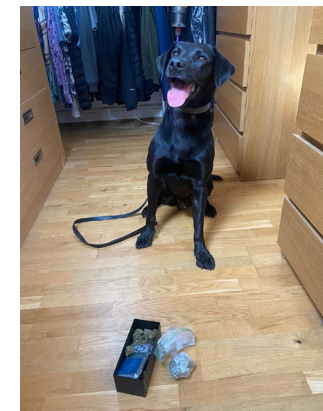
Returned stolen bicycles to their respective owners.



Arrested High harm offenders. Watch Detective Reynolds explain about the work of the Predatory Offender Unit [HERE](#).



Conducted warrants with the help of our four-legged friends.



# ACTIVITY TACKLING VIOLENT AND HIGH HARM CRIME

## Knife Crime

- Police were called by a member of public who had seen a male near Kingston Train station with a knife. Officers have raced to the area to find the male, and have seen a male running from police into the Rotunda opposite the station. PCs have met a male matching the description inside, and have detained the male under section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence act for the purpose of a search - a stop and search. Officers have found the pictured knife stashed under an arcade machine nearby. The male was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon and taken to a police station.
- Throughout the town centre, officers have been conducting weapon sweeps. These can be either intelligence led or are of a proactive nature.



## Preventative Work

Officers from Kingston Police Licensing teams have been working to ensure that Kingston remains safe as people enjoy the night-time economy. Working with local venues, their security staff and the local authority, the team are taking steps to ensure clubs, pubs and late-night venues can be visited without incident. This includes giving training to staff at these venues on a number of ways to help visitors.

Such training includes educating staff and security about '[Ask for Angela](#)', a discreet code which individuals can use if they feel unsafe or at risk in pubs and clubs. By Asking for Angela, this tells the bar staff or security that they need assistance. The team are also providing training on how staff can spot the signs of potentially vulnerable visitors including through intoxication, as well as how to help look after their welfare. We refer to this as WAVE training: Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement.

Lastly we have also been working with Police colleagues in our design out crime team who are looking at what steps can be made to the town centre environment to improve safety.



# ACTIVITY TACKLING VIOLENT AND HIGH HARM CRIME



## Operation Harbour

Detectives from the South West BCU's Predatory Offender Unit undertake 8 arrests as part of Operation Harbour tackling Child Sexual Exploitation.

As part of our efforts to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) on the South West BCU (the boroughs of Richmond, Kingston, Merton and Wandsworth) officers have been undertaking a series to activity involving arrests and visits to higher-risk areas.

8 people were arrested after a series of enquiries across the four borough. This includes arrests for a variety of offences investigated by detectives in our Community Safety Unit, Sapphire and Child Abuse Investigation Teams.

One notable success includes the arrest of a male wanted for the offence of rape. The enquiry involved joint work between detectives, the Marine Unit and Dog units in order to bring the individual into custody.

As well as conducting visits to potential hotspots, officers have been speaking with a number of local hotels to help them spot the signs of exploitation.

This includes promoting the Ask for Angela Initiative, a scheme to promote the discreet code word which visitors to bars, pubs and venues can to use to ask for assistance from staff if they feel at risk while out.

(Pictured: Officers and Detectives during arrest operation)

# IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION IN A VENUE? THEN 'ASK FOR ANGELA'

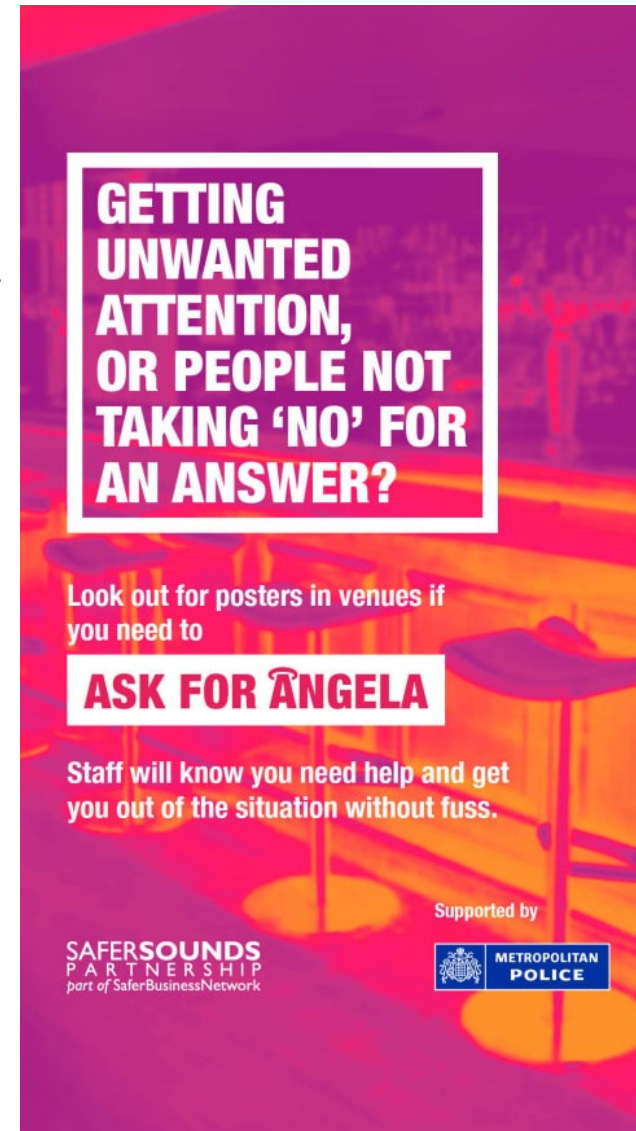
The Metropolitan Police and the Mayor of London have joined together with Safer Sounds, which is part of the Safer Business Network, and licensed venues across the Capital to help keep people safe while enjoying a night out.

The safety initiative 'Ask for Angela' has started to be rolled out to venues across the borough. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This code-phrase will indicate to staff that they require help with their situation and a trained member of staff will then look to support and assist them. This might be through reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

Venues that support Ask for Angela will also have been given or offered Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) training. Delivered by the Met's licensing officers and Safer Sounds, it gives staff the ability to help customers who may be in a situation that makes them vulnerable or unsafe. Following completion of training, venues will receive Ask for Angela posters and digital media to display in their premises. So far over 350 frontline staff from over 150 London venues have been trained since the start of August.

Ask for Angela was originally developed by Lincolnshire County Council and adopted by the Met in 2016 as a localised initiative by its police licensing officers. The introduction of WAVE training in 2017 underpinned the delivery of Ask for Angela and more venues began to take on the initiative. Lockdown interrupted its progression but now that businesses are reopening, they are keen to make their venues as safe as possible. The initiative has now been re-energised as a wider campaign supported with enhanced training and broadened to include anyone who feels vulnerable.

Organisations can receive WAVE training through the Safer Sounds Partnership or via their local licensing team. The training explores what vulnerability is, how to identify it and appropriate interventions. A range of online assets and webinars are available. You can visit [www.saferounds.org.uk/wave](http://www.saferounds.org.uk/wave) to find out more.



## Volume Crime

### Burglary

PCs Barter and Dawson stopped a van on one Friday in August after it was seen to be driving in a suspicious manner in the Kingston area. The two occupants were searched and after checks were conducted. One of the male's was found Wanted for a Burglary offence and so was arrested.

Whilst speaking with both males, a call was circulated to officers relating to a very recent burglary offence in the vicinity. The males and the vehicle matched the description and so both were subsequently arrested for the further offence of burglary.

### ATM Fraud

Grove conducted a an operation at Kingston train station. During this op, three males were seen behaving suspiciously while getting off the train at Kingston. All three were searched, and were found to be carrying tools for use in ATM fraud. They were of course promptly arrested.

Pictured is the cash and ATM cover found during the search.

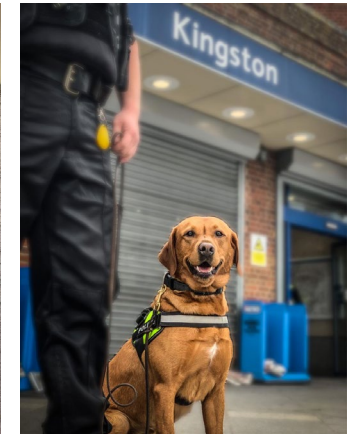
Remember, stay vigilant when using ATM machines - if something seems off, if it appears different, or if it doesn't spit out your money or card it could well be tampered with.

## Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Officers from across the wards have been deployed during peak hours at Kingston riverside in an effort to prevent and detect any ASB.

Arrests, dispersals, and searches were conducted proportionately and we're pleased to report that Kingston has seen a significant reduction in ASB throughout the month.

Now that the night time economy is returning, our patrols will now be widened to cover the town centre environs. Officers from response teams as well as the local Neighbourhoods Teams will be conducting evening patrols to support a safe and enjoyable time for students during Freshers week in September.





## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Plant to Plate

As part of our work to speak to young people locally, Kingston Police Youth engagement Officers PC Smith and PC Dolly started our 'Plant to Plate' project. Normally, this is aimed at children and vulnerable young people who are coming to notice of police in order for us to intervene and build better relationships. However, over the summer it was opened up to all children in Kingston.

In week one we filled our session with building a scare crow. We were definitely in need of one of these for our plot as we have lost all of our raspberries to the birds. It was a fantastic effort by the young people, who all got stuck in. They worked as team, and helped get 'Big Mac' (named by the children) stuffed, stood up and ready to do his job.

Week two was a mixture of activity. The young people made bird feeders from toilets rolls, lard and bird seed. They also made 'Grass Heads' which if watered should eventually grow grass as hair to be cut and styled. We did some allotment maintenance, weeding and tidying, and also harvesting some crops. Potatoes were dug out, runner beans picked, and onions pulled – all taken home for a fresh healthy dinner. We hope the kids enjoyed it and can keep out of trouble now they've met some of their local officers!





## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Challenge South London

Met Police engaged with young people aged between 13 and 18 at 'Challenge South London', a two-day event in which young people from across Richmond, Kingston, Merton and Wandsworth, took part in challenges set by the Armed Forces, the Met police, the Fire Brigade and various representatives from the sports and fitness industry.

The event started off with a gripping motivational talk from triple amputee and former Royal Marine Jon White. The talk focused on how to overcome the difficulties that are thrown at us through life with key takeaways relevant to the youngsters attending. The groups were then thrown into a range of challenging activities.

After a well-deserved lunch, the Commando Recruiting Team gave an exciting unarmed combat display which got the afternoon going with a bang, crash, wallop. Following this, football skills with Power League and boxing with Wandsworth Boxing club filled the remainder of the afternoon.

Both days then culminated with prizes for the youngsters who best displayed the Commando Spirit: Determination, Unselfishness, Courage and Cheerfulness in the face of adversity.

Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London – spoke to the youngsters and awarded prizes.

An amazing time with our local young people and we look forward to helping with this community outreach event next year! Check out a video of the day [HERE](#).



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Summer Camp

Children from Kingston borough have had the opportunity to attend a summer camp held in Wandsworth which was run by Parallel Youth Enterprise and Met Officers. Activities available to the children included on-site workshops for various interests such as music, dance, computers, video, arts & crafts, beauty & hair care and face painting.


The children also had police officers on site from our youth engagement teams as well as visits from Roads and Transport units, Firearms and Territorial Support Groups. The children were able to test out policing equipment and speak to officers about what they do.

On the last day of Wandsworth Summer Camp, Chief Inspector Cameron gave out certificates, judged the young peoples Crime Prevention artwork competition and joined in with their sports day - we hear he's very good at ping pong!

Thanks to the young people, parents and staff who helped make the summer camp so much fun! Projects like this provide a safe space for young people to go and we hope it also helps to build positive relationships between young people and police.







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## We're Recruiting

Joining us on our Degree Holder Entry Programme provides you with a direct route in to a career as a detective constable, without first undertaking a role in uniform policing.

As a detective you will deal with serious and complex investigations, uncovering the truth and analysing evidence on cases. This could range from undertaking search warrants and making arrests to pushing a case through the courts. At times it can be a challenging role, but also incredibly rewarding – you'll help make London safer, serve our local communities, and strive to achieve the right outcome for victims and their families. If you thrive on problem solving; have good communication skills; love team work; and want to make a difference then this is the job for you.

As a new recruit on the two-year Detective Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP) you will spend the majority of your time on the frontline, learning alongside experienced officers. Unlike more traditional qualifications, the DHEP is a vocational course that focuses on practical learning and is specifically tailored for a career in policing ultimately leading to a graduate diploma in Professional Policing Practice. All learning and operational deployments on the Detective pathway are contextualised and relevant to an investigative context.

Find out more about the Detective Pathway [HERE](#).

# 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/](http://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](http://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

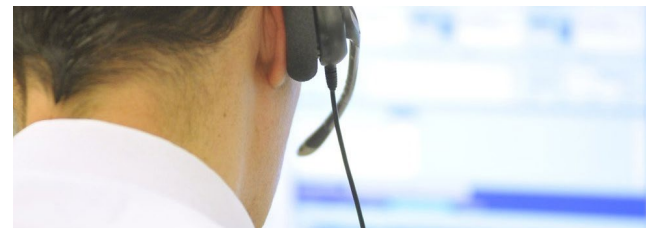
Text on 61016 to report incidents on the train and tube discreetly.

### 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  
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### Norbiton

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@MPSNorbiton

### Old Malden

OldMalden@met.police.uk  
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### Surbiton Hill

SurbitonHill@met.police.uk  
0208 721 2518  
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### St. Marks

StMarks@met.police.uk  
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### St James

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Tudor@met.police.uk  
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### Tolworth & Hook

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