



# KINGSTON POLICE BULLETIN

JANUARY 2022



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Welcome to the latest edition of our performance bulletin, covering January 2022. I hope it gives you a sense of all the hard work done by your local police in our efforts to prevent and detect crime, and protect people from harm.

It takes a lot of work to produce the bulletins and I would be very grateful for any feedback or comments you have about the document. How can we improve it? Please do email me at [roger.arditti@met.police.uk](mailto:roger.arditti@met.police.uk)

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Happy New year!

I know for many Christmas and New Year was a challenging time as Covid and isolations continued to have an impact on us. For those that did get to spend time with family & friends, I hope you had a wonderful time.

Your officers have continued to conduct proactive operations across all Kingston wards which have resulted in a number of fantastic arrests for weapons, drugs, robbery & violence offences.

As expected, we saw an increase in ASB and burglary reports over the festive period. However, I want to reassure you we will continue to make this a priority for us by identifying vulnerable locations & ensuring officers are on patrol where you need them.

The new Town Centre Team has been working closely with our licensing teams, external partners and businesses. Their results have also been exceptional and they will continue to support our borough priorities to tackle Violence Against Women and Children, Violence Offences & ASB. Kingston has already seen a significant reduction in sexual & violence related offences because of the teams efforts.

We are introducing a number of initiatives across the Borough to invite members of our communities to be involved in campaigns to tackle our priorities. These include 'Walk & Talk' - This involves female members of the community patrolling with a female officer & discussing areas of concerns or ideas to help address VAWG.

Other initiatives include volunteering to support crime prevention (leaflet delivering, weapon sweeps & promoting Neighbourhood Watch). A priority in tackling violence against women and girls remains and we are currently looking to implement a forum in Kingston that focuses on the safety of women in public places. It will be an opportunity for a partnership approach, whereby Police, Statutory Bodies, community groups, businesses and residents seek to understand the issues and concerns, to work together, to share ideas, and to develop solutions. If this or any of the initiatives is something that you would be interested in participating in then please drop me an email –

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# VOLUME CRIME AND ASB

## **NEW ONS FIGURES REVEAL A DROP IN SEVERAL CRIME GROUPS ACROSS THE MET, INCLUDING VIOLENCE**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) have published the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) crime figures which continue to reflect both the ongoing pandemic related impact of crime levels, as well as the substantial activity targeted to maintain lower offending levels.

We are pleased to see the 12 month rolling stats to September 2021 have recorded decreases in ten specific crime groups including, theft, burglary and robbery. Driving down violence is the top priority for all in the Met. Our continued efforts are having an impact, with ONS data showing violence with injury crime decreasing by 4.5%. Our own stats from January to December 2021, compared to the same period prior to the pandemic in 2019, showed the following decreases in violent crime. Homicides have decreased by 13%, knife crime by 32%, knife crime with injury by 20%, knife injury by 27%, gun crime by 35% and lethal barrel discharges by 21%.

Also personal robbery has decreased by 44% (16,170 fewer victims) and personal robbery knife with injury has decreased by 34% (186 fewer victims), in part due to a lower footfall, however we have continued to promote the Met's 'Look Up. Look Out' street robbery advertising campaign to help tackle this. This is designed to remind those who live and work in London of the importance of being alert to their surroundings to help reduce their chances of becoming a victim. Using your mobile phone when out, or headphones in both ears, can distract you from what is going on around you. It also reminds Londoners to try not to draw attention to their valuables, for example their phone and jewellery. The campaign is focused in areas experiencing the greatest volume of street robberies with geo-targeted mobile phone advertising, priming people before they go into a high risk area and reminder advertising in hotspot areas

Despite these reductions, we know there is more to do. Our determination to tackle these crimes remains strong and we will continue to work with our partners and use every power and tactic available to serve and protect our communities. The ONS stats have shown burglary has also decreased by 18.1%, along with vehicle offences by 13.3% and theft from person has decreased by 10.5%. They also show a 15.6% increase in sexual offence reporting in London. We know sexual offending has historically been under-reported. It is hoped this increase in some way reflects improving levels of trust and confidence within communities, allowing us to see a true picture of these types of crimes.

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We are absolutely determined to improve the way we investigate rape and sexual assault. We continue to work hard with our partners and the Crown Prosecution Service to expedite the digital forensic and judicial process to support victims who have shown great bravery in reporting to police.

We are investing £11 million in digital forensics to help us bring more criminals to justice and deal more effectively and efficiently with victims of crime, including rape and serious sexual offences. This is enabling us to develop and use our technology to catch more criminals, speed up investigations, build more successful criminal cases and reassure victims. We have established specialist Predatory Offender Units across London to arrest and charge those who carry out violence, much of it domestic or sexual violence. Since November 2021 they have arrested over 3,000 suspects, of which 1,790 arrests related to domestic abuse. The Met is also growing and we are focusing on our town centres, transport hubs and busy high streets. We are deploying 650 new officers into new Town Centre Teams, working in city centres and high streets to reduce crime and increase confidence in communities through greater police visibility.

Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave, Front Line Policing, said:

“Following a year of sustained effort by the MPS to confront and prevent criminality, we are pleased to see crime falling in London by nearly 7% (6.8%). It is also clear that the targeted efforts the MPS has made, and continues to make, to suppress violence both during the lockdowns and after has been working. As a result we’ve seen significant reductions in several violent crime categories and managed to contain increases elsewhere. We are of course concerned by the increase in reported sexual offences, the majority of which will involve female victims and we look to progressing our recently published Violence Against Women and Girls action plan, which sets out exactly what we intend to do to tackle both the reality and perception of safety for women and girls in London. We know there is still work to be done here and we are committed to delivering it. In light of this, we are not complacent and know there will always be more to do. Our determination to tackle crime in all its forms remains as strong as ever and we will continue to work with our partners, and use every power and tactic available, to serve and protect Londoners.”

You can find the Violence Against Women and Girls action plan here alongside our Rebuilding Trust plan:

[Rebuilding Trust](#)

We want to hear the public’s feedback on this plan and comments on what else they think the Met should be doing. It can be done online here - [Public Feedback VAWG](#)



## CRACKDOWN ON VIOLENT CRIME DURING FESTIVE SEASON RESULTS IN 2,000 ARRESTS

Officers from across the Met increased their activity to clamp down on violence as part of the 'Winter Nights' operation. The five-week operation, which ran between 1 December and 9 January, resulted in:

- 111 knives removed from the streets;
- 66 other offensive weapons seized;
- 14 firearms recovered;
- 402 other illegal items, such as drugs, seized;
- 3,041 engagements, including community meetings and events with young people, where officers listened to local concerns and gave crime prevention advice;
- 385 licensing visits, to ensure these premises are a safe environment, helping to reduce night time economy crime;
- 2,048 arrests for various violence-related offences, including sexual offences.



These results were achieved by officers deploying to hotspot locations to tackle violence and robbery in the run up to Christmas. Officers flooded specific areas based on intelligence, and carried out proactive operations to prevent these crimes from happening in the first place.

There was a strong focus on tackling violence against women and girls and preventing predatory offending. High-visibility patrols were carried out to reassure local communities and protect the public, and officers worked alongside the newly-formed Town Centre Teams to target alcohol-related crime within the night time economy.

Officers also cracked down on high harm offenders, carrying out 95 arrest warrants, as well as conducting numerous weapon sweeps to find hidden or discarded weapons. Commander Alex Murray, the Met's violence lead, said:

“The festive season can bring unique challenges to policing, however our top priority continues to be suppressing violence; stopping people getting hurt; and saving lives. Winter Nights was an extension of our ongoing activity, and last year we saw positive reductions across violent crime categories, including a 32 per cent decrease in knife crime\*. We are absolutely determined to maintain that downward trend as we head into 2022. To help us achieve this, it is crucial that Londoners tell us, or the independent charity Crimestoppers, about any information they have about violent crime. We must all work together to stop violence and the devastation it causes to families and wider communities.”

Last year, January to December 2021 (Calendar Year), compared to the same period prior to the pandemic in 2019, saw:

- Homicides decrease by 13% (19 fewer victims)
- Knife crime decrease by 32% (4,914 fewer offences)
- Knife crime with injury decrease by 20% (790 fewer victims)
- Knife Injury (victims under 25 and non-DA) decrease by 27% (456 fewer victims)
- Personal robbery decrease by 44% (16,170 fewer victims)
- Personal robbery knife injury decrease by 34% (186 fewer victims)
- Gun crime decrease by 35% (741 fewer offences)
- Lethal barrel discharges decrease by 21% (58 fewer offences)

Despite these reductions, we know there is more to do. Our determination to tackle these crimes remains strong and we will continue to work with our partners, and use every power and tactic available, to serve and protect our communities.

If you have any information about knife crime, please contact police or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 – your anonymity is guaranteed. They are a totally independent charity and you remain 100 per cent anonymous, they never ask your name and they cannot trace your call, your IP address or device you use. Alternatively, visit their website

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

No detail you might have is too small - every bit of information helps towards the fight against violence in London. It can feel like a hard call, but it could save a life. If you are worried about someone you suspect may be carrying a knife or other weapon, advice and support is also available through organisations including [Knife Free](#) and [Fearless](#).



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## WEAPON SWEEPS AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Safer Neighbourhood Teams continued patrols no matter the weather. They targeted knife crime hotspots, anti-social behaviour venues and intel driven drug patrols.

Many sweeps result in zero returns fortunately, but by using local knowledge they often reap rewards.



## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

A busy and cold morning with Kingston PCSOs conducting another Community Speedwatch on 20 MPH at Cranes Park, Surbiton.

17 speeding drivers booked in 45 minutes with a top speed of 32.

## VULNERABLE VICTIM SAVED

Following concerns raised by town centre bank staff, the Grove ward officers responded to an elderly victim allegedly being exploited by somebody entrusted with their care. One arrested for fraud by abuse of position. Investigation by SW Public Protection Unit is ongoing.

## DRUG DEALER ARRESTED

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022, Town Centre Team officers stopped a suspicious male in Fairfield Recreation Ground. He ran from the scene, discarding drugs. He was subsequently arrested for drug supply offences (Class A and B) after several wraps were recovered. The investigation is ongoing.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## E-SCOOTER CRACK DOWN

The team carried out several stops on vehicles and people including:

- 8 riders of e-scooters reported & vehicles seized
- 3 stop and search leading to drugs being found and offenders dealt with appropriately.

## TARGETED SPEEDWATCH

Another bit of speed enforcement for the West Roads Policing Team in Thornhill Road in Kingston. This was in response to residents' concerns. No offences on this occasion, but we had a conversation with a motorist who was being impatient whilst waiting in traffic.

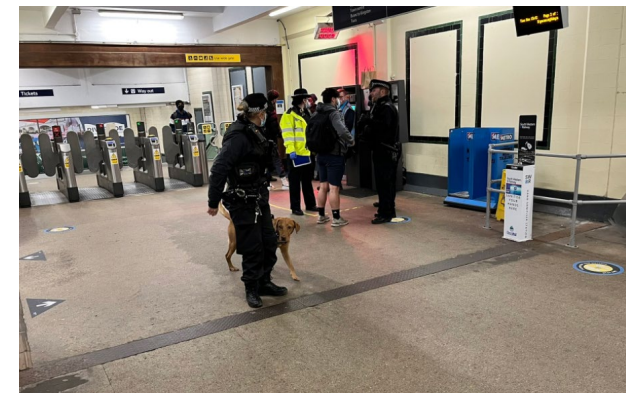


## MORE DRUGS OFF OUR STREETS

Male arrested for possession with intent to supply after making an exchange of drugs for cash in front of plain clothes officers. This was during targeted drugs patrols in the Town Centre led by local intelligence.

## PARTNER WORKING - BTP

2022 means more collaboration by the Richmond Proactive Team. They teamed up with Kingston officers at Surbiton Station targeting violence, anti-social behaviour and drugs offences. During the operation, two people were dealt with for drugs possession and one for being wanted on warrant.





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# SCHOOL AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Regular weekly activities:

## **TUESDAY**

Chessington World of Adventures work experience project  
Grand Avenue Primary School Junior Volunteer Police Cadets  
Kingsmeadow – Fulham FC Foundation Kicks for Boys aged 11-18  
Goals, Wimbledon – Fulham FC Foundation Kicks for Girls aged 11-18

## **WEDNESDAY**

Kingston Junior Volunteer Police Cadets  
Kingston Senior Volunteer Police Cadets  
Kingston College – patrols and engagement workshops

## **THURSDAY**

Chessington School – Fulham FC Foundation Kicks for Boys and Girls aged 11-18

## **FRIDAY**

Alric Allotment – Malden Oaks PRU community service award

Monthly activities:

BCU Familiarisation presentation to new recruits  
We have also delivered presentations and engagement in the following schools during January:

The Kingston Academy  
Coombe Girls School  
The Tiffin School  
Lime Tree Primary  
Alexandra Primary  
Malden Parochial Primary  
St John's Primary  
Coombe Boys School  
Richard Challoner School for Boys  
The Bridge (Primary PRU)  
Holy Cross School for Girls

On 31<sup>st</sup> January, the Chessington World of Adventures Junior Citizen Scheme 2022 began and ran until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. It was delivered to 1800 Year 6 students from 90% of Primary Schools across Kingston.

# LONDON'S POLICE FORCES ENCOURAGE MORE EMPLOYERS TO SUPPORT SPECIAL CONSTABLES

London's police forces are asking employers to help keep the Capital safe by signing up to a partnership programme which sees companies support their staff to become special constables.

At a ceremony held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, the Met Police, British Transport Police (BTP) and City of London Police (CoLP) recognised the contribution 22 employers have made by signing up to Employer Supported Policing (ESP).



They officially welcomed 11 businesses to the policing partnership, who joined last year. Despite facing unprecedented challenges during the pandemic, 18 employers from national organisations to small, independent companies, have joined ESP since July 2018, demonstrating how much the initiative is valued by businesses. These employers have committed to allowing staff paid leave to volunteer as specials for the police and also support their staff to carry out the initial police training programme necessary to become a special. As special constables, the employees acquire extensive skills, training and experience that enrich them personally and in their 'day job'.

There are almost 2,000 special constables in the Capital – with 1,800 in the Met alone – who are every day bringing their community knowledge, passion for change and professional skills to their volunteer police role, in which they have the same police powers as regular police officers. Special constables dedicate a minimum of 16 hours a month to arresting criminals, preventing crime and building relationships with communities. In 2021, Met specials alone contributed over 541,000 policing hours – an average of just over 45,000 hours a month.

By supporting staff to fulfil their volunteer police work, employers on the programme are themselves playing a vital role in keeping London safe.

At the event held at the iconic New Scotland Yard, 11 organisations who joined the programme in 2021 were awarded "participation certificates". These are Transport for London (TfL), Nationwide, Budweiser, the Ministry Of Justice, the National Crime Agency, the Cabinet Office, the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Penrose Care UK, CGI UK, Camden Council and Private Public Limited.

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A further 11 businesses who were already part of ESP were also awarded “appreciation certificates” in acknowledgement of their significant, ongoing support. These were the Mayor’s Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC), Civil Service Fast Stream, the Home Office, Lloyds of London, Team London Bridge, British Airways, HSBC, Virgin Atlantic, Network Rail, Accenture and the Met Police – some of whose police staff also volunteer as special constables.

Met Police Commissioner Cressida Dick joined Chief Officer Conway, CoLP’s Chief Officer James Phipson, BTP’s Assistant Chief Constable Allan Gregory and Chief Officer Ben Clifford BTP at the ceremony today, as well as guest speaker Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden, who had the honour of accepting MOPAC’s certificate. Read their quotes here in the full [press release](#). They spoke with some of the specials who have selflessly offered up their personal and work time to help keep London safe.

Companies that want to play a proactive role in policing by supporting their staff through ESP can find out more and apply by searching for ‘ESP’ at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

The Met Police is currently recruiting police officers and specials – see [www.met.police.uk/careers](http://www.met.police.uk/careers) for more details on the roles, including how to apply.

# WE'RE RECRUITING – POLICE CONSTABLE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

## Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship

Combines on the job learning with working towards a **BSc Degree in Professional Policing Practice**, all while earning a great salary and protecting Londoners

This is a fantastic route for you if you are looking for an alternative to university but still want a degree, or are undecided whether you would like to go in to policing now, or do a degree first.

## Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship



Blocks of learning at university

Operational rotation  
The exact order of your rotations may vary

### THREE YEARS

- Open to non-degree holders
- Starting at **£29,943**

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

It's a practical programme designed specifically to teach the skills you need to be an excellent police officer. You'll learn about operational policing, safeguarding and public protection, crime investigation and intelligence management, community policing, policing and leadership, and much more.

# WE'RE RECRUITING – DEGREE HOLDER ENTRY PROGRAMME - CONSTABLES

## Degree Holder Entry Programme

Combines on the job learning with working towards a **Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice**, all while earning a great salary and protecting Londoners

This is a fantastic route for you if you are looking to go to university first and join us later once you have achieved your degree. If you do want to do this, you might want to consider being a part time volunteer officer alongside your studies.

## Degree-Holder Entry Programme



**Blocks of learning at university**

**Operational rotation**  
The exact order of your rotations may vary

### TWO YEARS

- Open to degree holders
- Starting at **£31,020**

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

It's a practical programme designed specifically to teach the skills you need to be an excellent police officer. You'll learn about operational policing, safeguarding and public protection, crime investigation and intelligence management, community policing, policing and leadership, and much more.

# WE'RE RECRUITING – DEGREE HOLDER ENTRY PROGRAMME - DETECTIVES

## Degree Holder Entry Programme

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## Degree-Holder Entry Programme | Detective Pathway



**Blocks of learning at university**

**Operational rotation**  
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- Open to degree holders
- Starting at **£31,020**

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# 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

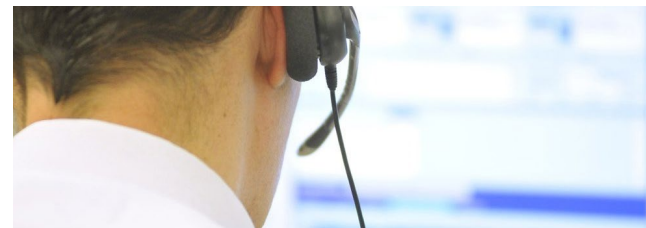
Text on 61016 to report incidents on the train and tube discreetly.

### 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  
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### Chessington North

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07342 713 970  
@MPSChessingtonN

### Chessington South

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