

Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Activity Update: Whitehall Park Area

Burglary

Burglary continues to be the main issue within this part of the ward.

Most recently, on Saturday 3rd March, suspects forced their way into a flat on Cheverton Road in the early hours where cash and other items were taken. The occupants woke, and confronted the suspects who fled the scene.

Two weeks ago, there was a burglary and an attempted burglary in Parolles Road, both carried out by the same suspects on a moped. A crow bar was used to force sash windows. After failing at the first house crossed the road and successfully forced a second, making off with some personal effects.

The Hillrise Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), in conjunction with other SNTs from the North area conducted covert and overt mobile patrols last week. No known burglars were seen during this period.

Car theft

The one other crime that affects the ward as a whole is theft from cars; three were broken into between 24th and 25th Feb in Dresden Road, Mount View Road (to the East) and Fairbridge Rd (to the South). One was left unlocked, one had the number plates removed and the other had a front window smashed. Unlikely this was the same suspect as all different M.O.

Cannabis

The mobile patrols over the last few weeks made four arrests for the possession of cannabis: one for intent to supply; one for possession; and two for cultivating (growing). Two other persons were given official "street" warnings for possession of cannabis.

Hillrise officers are in contact with Highgate SNT officers who seem to be experiencing a similar problem. A new name has been given to us to look at.

Last month, following a tip off from a member of the public a search warrant was issued to search premises just off the Holloway Rd, Archway where a cannabis farm was believed to have been set up.

The day prior to the planned raid (Thursday 29th Feb), a call was put through to the office stating that a person was there now and caller feared they might remove the plants.

Officers from Hillrise, Tollington, Junction and St Georges wards went immediately to the scene and gained entry to a small courtyard and detained a male present. A locked room was forced where 20-30 cannabis plants in various stages of maturity

were found. Two persons were arrested during the day and are currently on police bail.

Rap videos on the Elthorne Estate

We have recently been busy dealing with youths that have returned to the nearby Elthorne estate that had been quiet for 6 months. The “gang” AKA Busy Block have been making rap videos to be posted on You Tube (you can view most of them by searching under that gang name).

Officers viewed the videos, identified key individuals and as they were Islington borough social housing residents, were called into the local council offices with their parents where they were warned re their behaviour which was clearly anti social.

The parents were warned that they were putting their tenancy in jeopardy and the youths signed contracts (Acceptable Behaviour Contracts) not to engage in further behaviour, they also agreed not to go onto that estate and one other. We are now 3 weeks into those agreements with no further problems.

Vehicle Insurance Monitoring

In January, as part of the new Commissioners initiative to tackle crime, Hillrise SNT officers took part in an op set up on the Archway Rd southbound aimed at vehicles with no insurance. Dozens of vehicles were stopped for a variety of reasons with two car transporters filled with seized vehicles. This was the third operation of its kind in this borough alone and continues in all 32 London boroughs.

Hillrise officers have also taken an active part in two operations on the borough to tackle gang related crime. The initiative involves “flooding” an area with police officers and PCSOs and stopping and searching persons believed involved in such activity (within the law). Again, these have been successful operations and will continue into the spring.

PC Mick Murray