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To: Members of the



STRATEGIC GROUP

Chris Hafford, (Borough Commander) (Chairman)
Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)
Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
James Cleverly, (London Fire and Emergency Planning Committee, Greater London Authority)
Lissa Moore, (Croydon and Bromley Community Rehabilitation Company)
Paula Morrison, (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health)
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)
Anne Ball (MOPAC)
Louise Hubbard (National Probation Service)

A meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be held at Committee Room 6 - Bromley Civic Centre on FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2015 at 10.00 am

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SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.30am on 30 October 2014

Present:

Chris Hafford ((Borough Commander)) (Chairman)

Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services)

Sarah Denton, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)

Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)

13	INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	<p>Apologies were received from Lisa Moore from CRC, and from James Cleverley, Chairman, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Paula Morrison, Daniel Cartwright, Rachel Dunley, and Mr Clive Davison.</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>Due to the high number of apologies on this occasion, a public meeting was convened to fulfil LBB's statutory obligations, but was not a full meeting of the Strategic Board in the usual format. Certain matters on the published agenda may be addressed at the next meeting; the presentations will be re-scheduled in due course.</p> <p>Mr Steve Wood (Committee Clerk) was not required on this occasion, and minutes were subsequently forwarded to him for editing and publication.</p>	
14	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Action
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th June 2014 were agreed.	
15	MATTERS ARISING	Action
	The Matters Arising report was noted, and would be addressed fully at the next meeting of the Strategic Group.	
16	BOROUGH COMMANDER'S UPDATE	Action
	The police update was provided by David Tait—Chief Inspector of	

	<p>Operations, and head of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>The Chief Inspector updated the Group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a police roadshow held recently, where only 32 members of the public attended which was less than expected. • Issues raised at the roadshow centered on police visibility and concerns over future cuts • The police roadshow for Croydon was due to take place in the first week of November 2014 • One of the main issues concerning the police currently, was the matter of violence with injury. Operation Equinox had been launched to combat this. • Operation Bumblebee had been launched to combat burglary, this had reduced burglary rates by 8% • It was felt that the police roadshow had highlighted concerns over child sex exploitation, and domestic violence; it had highlighted concerns over the support services around both • It was noted that Mr Robert Vale would look into the issues surrounding poor attendance at police roadshows, and what measures could be taken to address this • It was noted that the previous meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Cluster was well attended, but that attendance at the most recent one was not so good. The Strategic Group would discuss the Safer Neighbourhood Protocol which had now been circulated. The Group were informed that Councillor Tim Stevens had promoted the document as an information document that could provide useful guidance for parents. • The MOPAC Roadshow of the 11th December was discussed, being hosted by Bromley Council. The Panel would consist of the Deputy Mayor for policing, Stephen Greenhalgh, Assistant Commissioner Helen King, and the Bromley Police Borough Commander. This would be an open public meeting where an update on policing would be given, and would include a question and answer session. <p>It was agreed that the Borough Commander's Update be noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Head of Trading Standards would report back to the Group in due course concerning the issues</p>	<p>RV</p>
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	<p>surrounding poor attendance at Police Roadshows.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Group would note the Safer Neighbourhood Protocol Document.</p>	
17	<p>PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATE</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety updated the Group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Neighbourhood Board bids had been approved. Full details of the bids could be obtained from the Board's administrator, Councillor Kate Lymer. • Feedback was provided on the Crime Summit. Councillor Stevens thanked the police for their support. Ninety people turned up, and the youth were well received. It was planned to do another one next year. • An update was provided concerning the Safer Neighbourhood Review that was being conducted by Chief Inspector David Tait. He would have attended all four Safer Neighbourhood Cluster meetings, and met many Panel chairs to identify if there are areas where more support is required from the MET Police. It was noted that this was intended to be a supportive review and was not about the MPS taking control or dictating to Panels. <p>It was agreed that the Portfolio Holder update be noted.</p>	Action
18	<p>SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE</p> <p>It was decided that this item would go to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder stated that he had not seen the protocol.</p> <p>The Borough Commander would brief the Group on the procedure for dealing with complaints at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Safer Neighbourhood Board Protocol for dealing with complaints about the police would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Action
19	<p>PRESENTATION ON TACKLING TROUBLED FAMILIES</p> <p>It was agreed that this presentation would be given at the next suitable date.</p>	Action

20	PRESENTATION ON BROMLEY BOROUGH RESILIENCE FORUM	Action
	It was agreed that this presentation would be given at the next meeting.	
21	REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS	Action
	<p>The Strategic Group would receive updates from Sub Groups at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that Bromley Healthcare were currently focusing on the problems of smoking, lifestyle and obesity.</p> <p>Bromley Healthcare were also providing free training on signs to look out for concerning the sexual exploitation of children, and were also looking for partnership opportunities in this area.</p> <p>Bromley Healthcare had introduced a new smoking cessation programme, and to this end also had the use of a mobile “quitting van”. This was being use seven days a week. The service had been launched on the 5th August 2014. So far 328 clients had engaged and were attempting to quit smoking.</p> <p>It was agreed that the updates concerning Bromley Healthcare be noted.</p>	
22	COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE	Action
	There was no update available for this meeting.	
23	INFORMATION ITEMS	Action
	It was anticipated that a Borough Commander Newsletter be incorporated into the next agenda.	
24	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Action
	<p>An update was provided by Sarah Denton from MOPAC (Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Services were now under the auspices of MOPAC. MOPAC were negotiating with VS to finalise an agreement to continue the service. Any changes to the existing service would probably include the addition of young people and of international visitors • A “Hate Crime” strategy had been developed. • A “Funding Pot” had been set up to fund general victims and voluntary groups. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Justice Board was working to improve responses to youth offending across London • Further work was required around the issue of “Mapping the Money”. It was important that proper consideration was given to assessing what spending requirement was needed concerning youth offending in London. It was currently the case that most of the funding allocation had been given to offenders that had been sent to prison. It was felt that more funding should be allocated to those offenders who had been placed on community based punishment schemes • The Group discussed the “Community Trigger” and Bromley Council’s preparation for its launch. It was felt that the Borough was in a strong position to meet this demand, but it was anticipated that the administration of the “Community Trigger” would mean an increase in workload and responsibility for the authority. <p>It was suggested that consideration be given to inviting Lucy Bogue to speak at a future Group meeting.</p>	
25	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	Action
	<p>All meetings start at 10.00am unless otherwise notified.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.</p>	

The Meeting ended at 11.00am

Chairman

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Report No.
CSD 15019

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group**

Date: **20th February 2015**

Decision Type: Non Urgent Non Executive Non Key

Title: **MATTERS ARISING**

Contact Officer: Steve Wood, Democratic Services Officer
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Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 **Appendix A** updates Members on matters arising from previous meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Group is asked to review progress on matters arising from previous meetings.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of the last meetings, and the previous Matters Arising Report.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council/Safer Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £367,636
 5. Source of funding: 2014/15 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 10 posts (8.75fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Completion of "Matters Arising" Reports for PP&S PDS meetings can take up to a few hours per meeting.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of the Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

<u>Minute Number/Title</u>	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<u>Update</u>
13th June 2014 Integrated Offender Management	Lissa Moore proposed that an IOM Board be formed, with LBB leading the way in terms of forming and chairing the Board. It was also proposed that MOPAC funding be sought to facilitate this.	Application has been submitted by the Borough Commander for MOPAC funding. Awaiting response. A meeting has taken place between Lissa Moore and Rob Vale to discuss setting up the IOM Board.
13th June 2014. SNB Update	It was mentioned by the Portfolio Holder that guidance may be required to the SNB in terms of how the SNB should deal with police complaints.	To be discussed at this meeting.
13th June 2014. Resilience Forum	It was agreed that the Resilience Forum would feed back with a resilience strategy via James Cook.	The Group will be updated by James Cook (Emergency Planning and Corporate Resilience Manager) in due course.
13th June 2014. Minute 8: London Fire Brigade	Daniel Cartwright (LFB) encouraged LBB to examine what existed in terms of in house contingency plans in case of emergencies caused by fire.	The Group will be updated by James Cook (Emergency Planning and Corporate Resilience Manager in due course.
13th June 2014 AOB	It was noted that a report on "Legal Highs" would be brought to a future meeting.	To be confirmed.
30th October 2014 Police Update	It was noted that Rob Vale would investigate the matter of poor attendance at police road shows to see how this could be improved.	The Board will be updated in due course.

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Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy 2014 – 2017

This strategy presents the three year outline of how the Safer Bromley Partnership will work to make Bromley a safer place for all.

This Strategy is produced every three years (previously bi-yearly) and is used to identify longer-term concerns and implications of crime, whilst taking into account the changing landscape of the partnership through change programmes due to austerity cuts. 2013 saw the introduction of the London Crime Prevention Fund from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). As a result, the Safer Bromley Partnership is driving forward work that will achieve the outcomes set by MOPAC. So far, 2014 has seen Safer Neighbourhood Boards introduced; this will provide the Partnership with a mechanism to engage at a borough level with community representatives, victims of crime and young people.

The three year plan is to be approved at the Safer Bromley Partnership Group. This is a new Group established to build on the previous Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP), and complements the newly formed Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB).

This strategy offers a framework of what will be prioritised over the next three years and how. It is proposed that there will be an annual plan, guided by statistical analysis, highlighting what the focus is for the Partnership that year, and how further excellent results will be achieved.

Introduction

The Partnership has made significant progress over the past two years to reduce crime. The Partnership is working towards the MOPAC 7 reduction targets, which is a 3 year plan to reduce 7 crime types, and is baselined against crime from 2012-2013. These 7 crime types include:

Burglary (both residential and non-residential)
Criminal Damage
Robbery
Theft from Motor Vehicle (TFMV)
Theft of Motor Vehicle (TOMV)
Theft Person
Violence With Injury (VWI)

Performance

MOPAC 7 priority crimes	Year On Year Reduction	
	2012 – 13	2013 – 14
Burglary*	2.2% ↓	6.9% ↓
Robbery	18.2% ↓	8.6% ↓
Violence with Injury	18% ↓	11.8% ↑
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3.5% ↓	27.2 ↓
Theft From Motor Vehicle		3.1 % ↑
Theft from the person		10.5% ↑
Vandalism (criminal damage)		

*2013 onwards Residential and Non-Residential Burglary are not dealt with separately.



Other priority crimes

	2012 – 13	2013 - 14
Serious Youth Violence	14.7% ↓	9.1% ↓
Gun Crime	7.3% ↓	17.5% ↓
Homophobic Crime	23.5% ↓	25% ↓
Racial & Religious Crime	14.7% ↓	11.9% ↑
Domestic Violence	15% ↓	17.5% ↑

Overall reduction

Number of crimes overall in Bromley	2012 – 2013	2013 - 2014
	1,600 ↓	1,000 ↓

Policy

The Safer Bromley Partnership is committed to continuously improve safety in Bromley. We want a borough where people can live, work, play and learn safely. Although burglary has seen reductions over the last two years, this remains a challenge for the borough. The Police and Local Authority continue to work together to address this challenge. The Safer Bromley van is used to good effect for vulnerable or repeat victims of burglary. Reducing and supporting victims of Domestic Violence is the work of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee (MARAC) where operational leads from across the partnership work together to identify and support victims. The TRYangle project continues to tackle Domestic Violence Perpetrators, by supporting and encouraging prevention of the cycle of offending. The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) was introduced in 2013 to jointly help protect the most vulnerable youngsters in Bromley. The recent introduction of the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) uses enforcement against the most prolific offenders when appropriate , and supports them to move away from criminality.

Strategic Assessment

Each year the Partnership will formulate and implement an Annual Partnership Plan with specific objectives of reducing identified problems within the borough, ASB and reoffending.

To enable the Partnership to formulate this Plan we will complete an annual assessment The Metropolitan Police

- Metropolitan Police Borough Crime Picture
- London Borough of Bromley reporting data
- London Fire Brigade
- London Probation
- Any other relevant data from responsible authorities

Using this information we will:

1. Measure & analyse levels, patterns and trends of crime & disorder, antisocial behaviour, reoffending, and combating substance misuse occurring in Bromley.
2. Identify:
 - a. the public priorities for tackling reported crime and disorder ; and
 - b. Barriers to 'feeling safe'.



3. Assess the effectiveness of the previous 'Plan'.
4. Adopt a set of clear priorities for reducing crime & disorder in Bromley.

The Annual Partnership Plan

Based on the Strategic Assessment the Partnership group will agree the Plan for the financial year ahead. This will assist the Partnership to set clear priorities (in times of limited resources), and help to shape how available funds are directed.

The plan will:

- Identify agreed priorities
- Identify those responsible for delivery
- Outline actions to be taken.

New Directions for 2014 – 17

2014 – 17 will see the Partnership facing new challenges, with new direction and the need to prioritise more than ever. The key challenge will be meeting the needs of the community under increasing budgetary restraints and significant new developments including the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Boards and changes to antisocial behaviour legislation.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards

Bromley's Safer Neighbourhood Board was set up in 2014. The role of the Board is to sit at the apex of community engagement across Bromley and to monitor the work of the partnership and associated agencies. The Safer Bromley Partnership is responsible for ensuring this Board is introduced successfully with relevant stakeholders represented. It is proposed that the Board will meet four times a year to review performance and identify areas that Bromley can improve.

Delivery

The Safer Bromley Partnership will ensure successful delivery of the strategy, with regular monitoring of progress made throughout the year.

Accountability

The Partnership is held to account by the Safer Neighbourhood Board. The work of the Partnership is also scrutinised by the Policy & Development Scrutiny Committee who are responsible for ensuring successful delivery of this strategy.

Background information

The Safer Bromley Partnership

The Safer Bromley Partnership was set up in line with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that the public sector agencies, voluntary groups and businesses work together with local communities to reduce crime and improve safety.

Members of the Safer Bromley Partnership include chief officers from the Local Authority, Police, Public Health, London Probation Trust, London Fire Service, Community Links Bromley, London Ambulance Service, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and Local Housing Associations.

The Safer Bromley Partnership is a strategic group chaired by the Metropolitan Police Borough Commander for Bromley and members of this group include the Metropolitan Police, Local Authority for Bromley, London Fire Brigade, London Probation Trust, Public Health and the London Assembly Member for Bromley & Bexley.

The Vision of the Partnership

The safer Bromley Partnership is committed to continuously improve safety in Bromley. We Will work together to achieve this. During the last year the Metropolitan Police have gone through a change programme working towards the One Met Model. The first stages of this saw the introduction of the Local Policing Model (LPM) which was introduced in September 2013. The Metropolitan Police introduced this across London, with Bromley being within the second tranche of boroughs to go live with LPM. The LPM saw an increase of police constable numbers into the borough with neighbourhoods remaining at the heart of policing. Moving forward some of the support functions for the Metropolitan Police are moving to a hub based model, where a number of borough resources are clustered to reduce costs and optimise the landscape of administrative and support functions. In early 2014 Bromley resources (including duties planning) and some intelligence functions moved to this hub-based model.

The Partnership aims

In seeking to achieve this vision the partnership has established the following four aims which all the partner agencies will work towards.

1. To increase public confidence that Bromley is becoming a safer place
2. To reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.
3. To have safer, well maintained public spaces and town centres.
4. Work in partnership with local communities in high crime areas and empower local communities in local decision making.

Priorities

In meeting the aims of the strategy the partnerships key priorities are based on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime priority crimes.

From these priority crimes, the partnership will strive to:

- Ensure vulnerable people are safe
- Reducing property related crime
- Reducing antisocial behaviour



Safer Bromley Partnership Members

London Borough of Bromley
Metropolitan Police
London Fire Brigade
Community Links Bromley
Victim Support

London Probation
London Ambulance Service
Local Housing Associations
Public Health

Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group Attendees

Met Borough Commander (Chairman)
London Borough of Bromley
Local Authority
London Fire Brigade

London Probation
Public Health
London Assembly Member for Bromley & Bexley.

Safer Bromley Partnership Safer Neighbourhood Board attendees

The Safer Bromley Partnership is overseen by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. Representatives on Bromley's Board are as follows:

Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Conservative Cllr
Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee Chairman
Head of Community Safety & Trading Standards
Liberal Democrat Cllr
Labour Cllr
Federation of Residents Associations
Police Custody Visitation Group
Chief Inspector, Safer Neighbourhoods

Stop and Search Group
London Probation
Victim Support Bromley Manager
Neighbourhood Watch
Safer Neighbourhood Panel
Bromley Youth
Ethnic Communities
Community Links
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)
Independent Advisory Group

Safer Neighbourhood Cluster Model

North East	Inspector Andy Buckley
	Bickley, Bromley Town, Chislehurst, Mottingham & Chislehurst North, Plaistow & Sundridge
North West	Inspector David Antionne
	Clockhouse, Copers Cope, Crystal Palace, Kelsey & Eden Park, Penge & Cator, Shortlands
South West	Inspector Ian Brown
	Biggin Hill, Bromley Common & Keston, Darwin, Hayes & Coney Hall, West Wickham
South East	Inspector Toby Noar
	Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom, Cray Valley East, Cray Valley West, Farnborough & Crofton, Orpington, Petts Wood & Knoll

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Bromley Borough Commander's Newsletter



January 2015

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015.

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you were able to enjoy the Festive period with family and friends. After a break of almost ten months and due to popular demand, I'm re-introducing our monthly Borough Commander's Newsletter. I can't promise to match the literary talents of my predecessor, Detective Chief Superintendent Steph Roberts but I am committed to providing you on a monthly basis with operational news, crime prevention advice and contact details for your Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Crime Update

You will be pleased to hear that the levels of crime in the Borough continue to decrease. Across the key seven crime types that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) hold me to account for, there is currently a 5% reduction which means over 500 fewer victims of crime. Our performance is strong in relation to burglary with 526 less victims (-16.8%), robbery with 198 less victims (-34.4%) and theft from motor vehicle where there have been 301 less victims (-15.3%). We have been facing some challenges with our violence with injury offences which are up by 274 offences (+16.2%) and criminal damage which is up by 263 offences (+12.9%). Please be reassured that we are constantly reviewing our deployment plans to ensure we are targeting the rights areas and focusing on the right people.

Operation Equinox

Since October I have focused more officers on preventing and detecting violent crime. The increase I outlined above is a combination of both domestic abuse and public space violence and to some extent represents better standards of reporting and increased confidence of communities to report offences - but does also demonstrate an increase in violent crime in some areas. Many of you will have seen the additional officers on foot patrol in some key locations, such as Bromley town centre, Orpington High Street and Beckenham junction on Friday and Saturday nights. We have been working with Bromley Council and other stakeholders to reduce the number of alcohol related incidents and I'm pleased to report we have had some success. Door staff at some pubs and clubs are now assisting to marshal taxi queues and to take responsibility for behaviour of their clientele outside their premises. On Saturday we served a Closure Notice on one venue that prevented them opening for 24 hours as a result of several incidents the night before. This should serve as an example to others.

Operation Bumblebee

After leading the London-wide burglary operation last year, I've been pleased to support it again this year as your Borough Commander. Although we are currently reducing the number of burglaries that occur on the Borough, we can't be complacent. Our approach is to use intelligence to predict the areas likely to be targeted by offenders and ensure we patrol them with both uniform officers and covert officers in unmarked cars. My Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been distributing crime prevention leaflets, undertaking property marking initiatives and visiting properties near to reported burglaries to advise occupiers that the offence has taken place and to offer specific advice to target harden premises.

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Operational News

• **Market Square incident**

At around 4:30am on Sunday 25th January police were called to reports of a fight in East Street, Bromley. As officers were attending Bromley Council CCTV operators observed that one man appeared carrying what looked like an assault rifle. The group fighting dispersed before officers arrived at the scene, but excellent work by the CCTV staff traced the suspect to a nearby address. Firearms officers entered the address and several men were arrested and three weapons seized. The weapons were subsequently found to be imitation weapons and were not viable firearms, although clearly this couldn't be confirmed immediately. One man has been charged with an offence relating to having an imitation firearm in a public place and appeared at Bromley Magistrates Court. A further local man is currently on police bail.

• **Petts Wood armed robbery**

During an armed robbery in Petts Wood, four members of the public gave chase and detained the suspect who was escaping from Lloyds Bank. This was captured by Council CCTV staff and others who called us via 999. He was struggling violently and trying to escape and was believed to still have a firearm. This was an outstanding example of civic duty and featured in the national and local press at the time. The suspect was charged with a number of armed robbery offences all over South London.

• **Courier Fraud offences**

My CID have done a fantastic job recently when investigating a series of courier frauds where victims are cold-called by someone, sometimes purporting to be from the victim's bank or even a police officer. They are then persuaded to give their bank card and pin to a courier who attends their address. A suspect was initially charged with eight offences and was remanded in custody but the investigation continued by a very determined officer who recently attended HMP Highdown and charged him with a further 34 similar offences. This is a great job because he preys on the vulnerable and elderly and is now where he belongs, behind bars!

• **New Year's Eve Rave**

This year, I put extra police officers on local patrols to address licensing related activity over what is traditionally a very busy night for the police. We received some information during the day that there was a rave being organised on an industrial estate in SE20. We sent one of our teams to search the industrial estate and identify the premises. They found a sound system, bar and preparations being made for the rave to start around midnight, and due to last many hours (sometimes they last for 24-48 hours). My officers seized the equipment, ensured the premises was made secure and spoilt the party for the expected revellers. What was also prevented was noise, criminal offences and vulnerability for those attending and those living nearby by the quick and effective action taken.

• **MOPAC Roadshow feedback**

December saw the MOPAC Roadshow event at the Civic Centre, hosted by the Leader of the Council., Stephen Carr. This was a presentation to the public by the Major's Office and ourselves about the Local Policing Model and how we are doing. Members of the public were able to ask questions of the panel with AC Helen King, Stephen Greenhalgh, Tim Stevens and myself answering questions around police visibility, communication, road safety and the use of technology it was good to note that we also received praise from the audience around our current policing performance.


Chris Hafford
Borough Commander

Bromley Borough Commander's Newsletter



January 2015

Contacting the police in Bromley

There are a number of ways that you can contact the police.

If a crime is currently taking place and you are in immediate danger, please always dial 999.

If you wish to contact the Metropolitan Police Service and it is not an emergency, please call our non-emergency number, 101. You can request a visit from a local officer within 48 hours via this number too.

Certain categories of crime or incidents committed in the London area can now be reported over the internet, as long as an urgent response is not required. Please visit the MPS website for further information – www.met.police.uk

You can also contact any of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams by telephone or email – visit the MPS website www.met.police.uk, type your postcode into the team finder and you'll be directed to your local team's webpage which contains their contact details.

In non-emergency situations you can visit any Front Counter:

- **Bromley Police Station**, High Street, Bromley, BR1 1ER has a front counter open 24 hours a day
- **Penge SNT base**, Maple Road, Penge, SE20 8RE is open:

Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) between 11 am - 7 pm (closed 3pm- 4pm).

- **West Wickham SNT base**, 9 High Street, West Wickham, BR4 0LP is open:

Monday and Thursday:	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	10am - 1pm

There are also currently three Contact Points across the Borough. Contact points provide a convenient opportunity to speak to the local police face to face. They are an alternative to visiting a police station front counter for non urgent issues. These are:

- **Biggin Hill SNT base**, 192-194 Main Road, Biggin Hill, TN16 5DT
- **Cray Valley SNT base**, 43 - 45 High Street, St Mary Cray, BR5 3NJ
- **Green Street Green SNT base**, 49 High Street, Green St Green, BR6 6BG

Their opening times are:

Wednesday and Thursday evenings:	7pm - 8pm
Saturday afternoons:	2pm - 3pm



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A/Inspector Andy Buckley

**Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in
the North East Neighbourhood**

Bickley	020 8721 2610
Bromley Town	020 8721 2859
Chislehurst	020 8721 2612
Mottingham & Chislehurst North	020 8721 2889
Plaistow & Sundridge	020 8721 2613



Inspector Ian Brown

**Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in
the South West Neighbourhood**

Biggin Hill	020 8721 2820
Bromley Common & Keston	020 8721 2607
Darwin	020 8721 2603
Hayes & Coney Hall	020 8649 3548
West Wickham	020 8721 2608



Inspector David Antoine

**Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in
the North West Neighbourhood**

Clock House	020 8721 2615
Copers Cope	020 8721 2772
Crystal Palace	020 8721 2604
Kelsey & Eden Park	020 8721 2616
Penge & Cator	020 8649 3541
Shortlands	020 8721 2614



Inspector Toby Noar

**Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in
the South East Neighbourhood**

Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom	020 8721 2605
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