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To: Members of the



STRATEGIC GROUP

Chris Hafford, (Borough Commander) (Chairman)
Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Kate Lymer (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety) and
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. (Safer Neighbourhood Board)
Anne Ball, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)
Sara Bowrey, Education, Care & Health Services
Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
Barbara Godfrey, (Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust)
Dan Jones, (LBB Assistant Director Street Scene, Green Space and Public
Protection)
Trevor Lawry, Metropolitan Police
Paula Morrison, (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health)
Victoria Roberts, (LBB Domestic Violence Coordinator)
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., Safer Neighbourhood Board
Chief Inspector David Tait, (Metropolitan Police)
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)
Kay Weiss, (LBB Director: Children's Services)

**A meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be held at
Committee Room 1 - Bromley Civic Centre on THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2016 at
10.00 am**

A G E N D A

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 14)
- 3 MATTERS ARISING (Pages 15 - 18)
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
- 5 QUESTIONS TO THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, questions to the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group must be received in writing 4 working days before the date of the meeting. Therefore please ensure that questions are received by the Democratic Services Team by 5pm on 4th March 2016.

6 UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

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This is the most recent Newsletter from the Borough Commander

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 14th June 2016, subject to ratification of the LBB Programme of Meetings by the GP&L Committee.

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Agenda Item 2

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 3 December 2015

Present:

Nigel Davies ((LBB Executive Director, Environmental and Community Services)) (Chair)

Councillor Kate Lymer, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety
Sara Bowrey, Education, Care & Health Services
Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
Dan Jones, Environment & Community Services
Paula Morrison, (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health)
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)
Kay Weiss, (LBB Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Social Care)
Trevor Lawry (Deputy Borough Police Commander)
Barbara Godfrey (Oxleas-Head of Adult Social Care)

Also Present:

Terry Belcher, (Bromley Community Engagement Forum)
Susie Clark, (LBB Communications Officer)
Steve Wood (LBB Committee Services)
Samuel Davies (LBB Environmental and Community Services)
Joanna Davidson (Victim Support)
Lisa Whitley (Community Payback)
Matthew Chaplin (Community Payback)

41	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	Apologies were received from Anne Ball (MOPAC), Cllr Tim Stevens JP, Chris Hafford (Borough Commander) David Tait (Chief Inspector for Neighbourhood Policing), and Nicola Walters from Probation Services. Terry Belcher substituted for Cllr Tim Stevens.	
42	MINUTES OF THE MEETING PREVIOUS MEETING--28TH SEPTEMBER 2015	Action
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28 th September 2015 were agreed.	
43	MATTERS ARISING REPORT	Action
	Report CSD 16005 The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety updated the	

	<p>Group concerning the outcome of funding applications to provide administrative support for IOM (Integrated Offender Management) and for Community Safety. The Group were informed that Community Safety were now receiving administrative support from a graduate intern. The appointment of the graduate intern had meant that invaluable support had been provided to assist with the drafting of the Bromley Crime Data Strategic Assessment. There would be a full update on IOM in the meeting scheduled for March 2016.</p> <p>The Group noted that Matthew Chaplin and Lisa Whitely would be providing the update concerning Community Payback as outlined in the report.</p>	RV
44	<p>QUESTIONS TO THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP FROM COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>There were no questions received from Councillors or members of the public.</p>	Action
45	<p>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE</p> <p>The Chairman's update was provided by Superintendent Trevor Lawry.</p> <p>Mopac 7 offences continued to decrease against the financial year baseline of 2011/12. The current performance was that overall crime had reduced by 17.1%</p> <p>The Deputy Borough Commander broke this down as follows:</p> <p>Burglary had reduced by 27.1% Criminal Damage had reduced by 11.8% Robbery had reduced by 48.2% TFMN had reduced by 27.5% TOMV had increased by 5.5% Theft from the person had decreased by 9.2% Violence with Injury had increased by 6.8%</p> <p>It was noted that the increase in the percentage figures for TOMV was likely to be a seasonal spike, and was less than for the rest of the MET which was 18%. Burglary offences were just starting to rise again, which was also likely to be a seasonal spike; the police were "allowed" 6 burglaries a day, but were currently experiencing around 8/9. It was expected that these figures would reduce.</p> <p>Met Trace would be rolled out to over 440,000 homes over a three year period. Houses had been identified by the analysis of data compiled over three years. In 2015, 4300 houses had been identified. To date the police had provided 1850 households with kits. Nearly 300 households had refused them. The police expected to complete</p>	Action

	<p>the initial rollout by February 2016.</p> <p>While engaging the public concerning “Smart Water”, the police also provide crime prevention advice. The intention was that 1 in 7 households would be using “Smart Water” by the end of the programme. The Group were informed that residents who had previously refused the “Smart Water” were now contacting the police and asking for it.</p> <p>Bromley had currently identified 30 gang nominals who lived on the borough and a further 12 nominals who had close gang associations. Of the 30 gang nominals, 6 were in custody, and 24 lived in the community. Most of these belonged to Bromley’s gangs.</p> <p>There were no questions for the Deputy Borough Commander.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the police update be noted.</p>	
46	<p>UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD</p> <p>The update on the Safer Neighbourhood Board was given by Cllr Kate Lymer.</p> <p>The Safer Neighbourhood Board had hosted a Crime Summit on 19th September 2015 at Bromley Civic Centre. There was an excellent presentation provided by Bromley Youth Council concerning behaviour on public transport. Mick McNally from the Home Office gave an update on the emerging problems of gangs in Bromley, and there was also an address from the Borough Police Commander. Seventy eight people attended, and forty two gave feedback; forty one of the feedbacks were positive. The next Crime Summit was scheduled for 16th September 2016.</p> <p>Cllr Lymer informed the Group that a new bumper edition of the “Safer Bromley News” was about to be distributed to every household in the borough.</p> <p>There had recently been a public meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Board on November 26th 2015 in Penge. This was successful, but attendance had been affected as it clashed with the turning on of the Christmas lights. Dave Gill from London Fire Brigade gave a talk on “Impact Courses” run by London Fire Brigade.</p> <p>The Impact Factor course was an initiative developed by the London Fire Brigade’s Crossfire Team and had been designed for young people aged between 12 and 14 (Year’s 8, 9 and 10) to support citizenship and PSHE programmes within secondary schools.</p> <p>These are one day programmes, exploring decision making, choices, and consequences through real life re-enactments of critical incidents. Presented by the emergency services working in partnership with</p>	Action

	<p>other organisations within the Borough, the students will be uniquely informed by local knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to engage a difficult to reach age group, where young people are at risk of offending, in positive activities that are delivered in partnership with the LFB, Police, Youth Offending Team (YOT), BYPASS (Drugs and Alcohol) and the Sexual Health Team, thereby supporting positive interactions between young people and local multi-agency services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update on the Safer Neighbourhood Board be noted.</p>	
47	<p>STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP CONTROL STRATEGY</p> <p>A new graduate intern had been resourced to help draft the Strategic Assessment Document. The update on the document was provided by the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety. He stated that this was an important piece of work, and that the intern was working two days a week, with roughly 70% of his time allocated to working on the Strategic Assessment.</p> <p>The document was compiled using data from LBB, MOPAC, the Police and the GLA. It was noted that this was the first serious draft of the document, but it was a document that would evolve. The next stage in the process would be to liaise with other partners for more data. Data would be required from the Probation Service, and the London Fire Brigade. It would also be the case that the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) would be studied. The LBB Assistant Director of Public Health informed the Group that the current JSNA document would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 8th December 2015 for sign off.</p> <p>The LBB Director of Children’s Services suggested that the Bromley Safeguarding Board Manager be asked to input into the Strategy, and that data be incorporated concerning domestic abuse.</p> <p>The Group agreed that further partnership input be sought to develop the Strategic Assessment Document further, and that there would be an update in March 2016.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) that the update on the Strategic Assessment Document be noted</p> <p>(2) that further partnership input be sought to develop the document further</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Group</p>

	(3) that an update be brought in March 2016	RV
48	REVIEW OF SBP INITIATIVES	Action
	<p>The minutes concerning SBP initiatives are detailed separately in the following three agenda sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading Standards and LFB Vulnerable Adults Initiative • New Psychoactive Substances • Update on the PREVENT Strategy 	
49	Trading Standards and London Fire Brigade Vulnerable Adults Initiative	Action
	<p>The Group heard that LBB and LFB were proactive in working to counter fraud, scammers, and rogue traders. The safeguarding of vulnerable adults and the elderly was a priority. This was a matter that would be discussed at the Safeguarding Adults Board the following week. LBB were seeking dialogue with voluntary organisations and resident's associations to increase awareness of these issues. A symbiotic relationship was developing between LBB and LFB in terms of information sharing, but work was required to fine tune the information sharing protocols.</p>	
50	New Psychoactive Substances	Action
	<p>The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety gave the update on NSP substances (New Psychoactive Substances). There had been few issues noted with respect to the shop in Anerley that had been selling NSP substances. A visit to the premises had been undertaken by the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety, the LBB Assistant Director of Public Health, and the Director of Public Health. One referral had been picked up by the Adult Safeguarding Team after an individual was hospitalised subsequent to using an NSP substance. This person would be visited by the Safeguarding Team. ASB would need to be reported before any action could be taken against the premises under the current legislation. New legislation was expected in April 2016 which would make these substances illegal.</p> <p>The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety informed the Group that he had been tasked by the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety to explore the possibility of using a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) to enforce a borough wide ban on NSP substances. He had met with LB Lambeth to discuss the PSPO that had been enforced in their borough. In this case, the police had requested the PSPO due to problems with the night time economy.</p>	

	RESOLVED that the update on the PREVENT strategy be noted, and that clarification be sought from the LBB Director for Education concerning the implementation of the PREVENT strategy in schools.	RV
52	VICTIM SUPPORT UPDATE	Action
	<p>The Victim Support Presentation was given by Joanna Davidson—Senior Service Delivery Manager.</p> <p>Ms Davidson advised the Group of the names locations and locations of the IDVA's (Independent Domestic Violence Advisors) based in Bromley. She informed the Group that a central number was available for IDVA's, and that she would circulate this to Group Members.</p> <p>Victim Support was working in partnership with Safer Neighbourhood Boards, ASB Panels, the Gangs Unit and Community Links. Ms Davidson was newly appointed to Bromley and was in the process of establishing networks. She wanted to set up Victim Impact Training Days, and set up outreach sites that would provide ease of access for victims. She was hoping to establish outreach sites at Bromley Civic Centre, Bromley Library, Bromley Police Station, Bromley Fire Station, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Children's Centres.</p> <p>Susie Clark (LBB Communications Officer) asked if individuals were making contact with VS digitally—the answer was yes, and Victim Support was active on Twitter.</p> <p>The Group were informed that the Service Delivery Manager for Bromley was Kate Frail, who managed 7 caseworkers. The Portfolio Holder encouraged the Group to establish contact with Kate.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Public Health asked Ms Davidson if she would present to the Child Safeguarding Board, which she agreed to do.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) that the Victim Support update be noted</p> <p>(2) that Ms Davidson forward requested contact details to the Strategic Group</p> <p>(3) that Ms Davidson present in due course to the Child Safeguarding Board</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
53	PRESENTATION FROM COMMUNITY PAYBACK	Action
	The Community Payback Presentation was given by Mr Matthew Chaplin-- Deputy Operations Manager for Community Payback. Ms	

Lisa Whitley—Community Payback Manager also attended to help answer any questions that arose from the presentation.

“Service Users” are sentenced via the courts to undertake unpaid work. This work is known as Community Payback (CP). CP Teams are targeted on how quickly service users are put to work, and on successful completion of the programme. London Community Payback accounted for 20% of CP in England and Wales.

The Group were informed that CP recommenced in LBB around 8 weeks prior to the meeting. The local co-ordinator was Jackie Baxter. CP had just completed a big project in Penge, and had been working on other projects at schools and at a big refurbishment project at Anerley Town Hall. Work had also been undertaken at Christchurch Lunch Club, where service users prepared food and served lunch. In this case they were awarded a Health and Hygiene Certificate.

The Group were informed that if they wished to try and secure CP places, they should contact Jackie Baxter. Mr Chaplin was keen to manage expectations, and stated that there was a limit to what CP could deliver; it was also the case that CP required a new infrastructure. Questions were asked concerning the training that service users may receive. The training that may be received by service users would vary depending on what programme they had been allocated to. Training was not always the priority, sometimes it was punitive. It was hoped that Probation Services would allocate offenders to a scheme that provided some element of training if they regarded this as appropriate.

Ms Whitley explained that an important aim of CP for young people was to instill basic life skills like getting out of bed, going to work and bringing lunch. It was important to build a sense of purpose. This may seem very basic, but many of these young people had come from fractured homes. It was hoped that CP may be able to develop training programmes later.

The Borough Fire Commander was keen to develop training, and felt that Community Links would be a good organisation to link up with to source project work. They may also be able to help further down the line with sourcing paid employment.

The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection informed the Group that according to the Terms of Reference for the Safer Neighbourhood Board, the SNB should have a representative from CP on the Board. The Deputy Borough Commander and the Executive Director for Environmental and Community Services were keen to link up with CP. The overlap with youth offending was noted. Mr Chaplin stated that it was difficult to run a specific Youth Offender Project. Interested Heads of Service should make contact with Mr Chaplin.

	RESOLVED that the Community Payback update be noted.	
54	REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS	Action
	Updates from Sub Groups are noted in the relevant Sub Group sections.	
55	Domestic Abuse Sub Group Update	Action
	There was not much to report as the Domestic Abuse Lead was on maternity leave. There would be a detailed update at the next meeting.	
56	Youth Offending Sub Group Update	Action
	<p>The Youth Offending Sub Group update was provided by the Director of Children’s Services. She informed the Group that the Management Board met once a month, as did the Improvement Board. A new manager had been appointed, and a person from the Youth Justice Board had also been drafted in. Discussions were ongoing with the police, including discussions around casework capacity. Caseloads had now been reduced. New Children’s Workers had been appointed, but they required training as they had not worked in the Youth Offending Service previously.</p> <p>A recent audit on pre contract work was satisfactory, but an audit on Court and Commissioning was still inadequate. The YOS had been participating in the voluntary “deep dive” audit led by the YJB, but no outcomes were currently available. In year savings were required.</p> <p>The Director concluded by stating that everything was now in place to grow service delivery.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update on the Youth Offending Sub Group be noted.</p>	
57	Gangs Sub Group Update	Action
	<p>The Gangs update was given by the Deputy Borough Police Commander.</p> <p>He informed the Group that thirty gang nominals had been identified; six were in custody and twenty four were in the community. The Gangs Sub Group met recently, and were focusing on enforcement. Due to limited resources, the question was posed as to how much time could be reasonably allocated to other priorities such as Prevention and Intervention. The Deputy Borough Commander expressed frustration over difficulties with school engagement, and noted that a scheduled meeting with Harris Academy had recently been cancelled.</p>	

	<p>The Group heard that there had been a meeting of the sub group in October, and that there had been an increase in the number of thefts of motor bikes over the last two months.</p> <p>The problem of fly tipping had not gone away, especially around Star Lane. Some suggestions to deal with this issue were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Width restrictions • Making the road one way • CCTV • Review charges for waste sites <p>It was suggested that if charges and restrictions concerning waste sites in the area were reviewed and relaxed, then this may lead to less fly tipping.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander asked if the Group had the authority to make these decisions. The Group noted that this was serious issue; the local community seemed to know who the offenders were, but were not disclosing. Lisa Whitely suggested that CP could get involved in site clearance project work at Star Lane and that Toby Smith (LBB Street Scene and Greenspace) should make contact with CP to discuss. The Borough Fire Commander stated that a decision was required urgently as roads were being blocked by fly tipping and was hindering the access of the fire service when responding to calls for assistance from the public.</p> <p>RESOLVED that action be taken to resolve the problem of fly tipping around Star Lane urgently.</p>	
60	COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE	Action
	<p>The Communications Update was provided by Susie Clarke (LBB Communications Officer) who updated the Group on the contents of the latest edition of the Safer Bromley News.</p>	
61	INFORMATION ITEMS	Action
	<p>The Group noted the latest edition of the Borough Police Commander's Newsletter.</p>	
62	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Action
	<p>It was noted that the Substance Misuse Service had been reprocurd, and that Dr Agnes Marossy (LBB Consultant in Public Health) was leading on this.</p> <p>The Assistant Director for Education and Housing Needs stated that there was much interest currently in the rising number of Eastern European nationals arriving in the area and rough sleeping.</p>	

	<p>Intelligence was always welcome concerning this. This seemed to be an emerging issue. Information on “beds and sheds” would be forwarded to the Fire Service.</p> <p>RESOLVED that attention be given to the issue concerning the rising number of Eastern European nationals sleeping rough, and that intelligence on rough sleepers in “beds and sheds” be fed back to the Fire Service.</p>	SB
63	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	Action
	The next meeting was confirmed as scheduled for 10 th March 2016 at 10.00am.	

The Meeting ended at 12.00 pm

Chairman

Report No.
CSD 16040

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group

Date:

Decision Type: Non Urgent Non Executive Non Key

Title: **MATTERS ARISING**

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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 meeting, 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: **£326,980.**
 5. Source of funding: 2015/16 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 Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group.
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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>
11-16th June 2015 Domestic Abuse Sub Group Update.	It was agreed at the June 2015 meeting that the Borough Commander would contact relevant groups or organisations that had not been engaging with the Bromley Domestic Abuse and VAWG Steering Group to encourage participation and support.	The vacancy for the Domestic Abuse Commissioner role has now been filled. The new Commissioner will update the Group at the March meeting.
Minute 29 28th September 2015 Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015	It was resolved that future updates be brought to the Group as required, especially concerning the training of front line staff.	The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety will update the Group at the March meeting.
Minute 47 3rd December 2015 Strategic Assessment	It was resolved that further partnership input be sought to develop the Strategic Assessment Document further.	An update on this will be brought to the March meeting
Minute 50 3rd December 2015 NPS Substances	It was agreed that the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety would update the Group in due course, subsequent to new legislation being introduced, and that at that time, an action plan would be developed.	An action plan will be developed subsequent to the new legislation being introduced.
Minute 51 3rd December 2015 PREVENT Strategy	It was noted that an action plan was required, but there were problems due to lack of money, and the absence of a Prevent Co-ordinator. Clarity was required around Home Office expectations. The Director of Children's Services asked for clarity concerning the implementation of the PREVENT strategy in schools.	The Head of Community Safety will provide a PREVENT update at the March meeting. The Prevent Duty rests with schools and academies as individual organisations and the Council is not responsible for ensuring that schools are meeting that duty. The Safeguarding Board does have a role within Prevent, but the LA is not accountable for how each individual school is carrying out this duty.
Minute 57 3rd December 2015 Gangs Sub Group	It was resolved that the Director of Education be contacted to discuss measures to promote intervention projects like GAV in schools. It was resolved that the Children's Director liaise with Chief Inspector David Tait to discuss who should be tasked with developing diversionary activities.	GAV are to present gang workshops in 5 primary schools paid for by Cllr Lymer. The workshops are currently being delivered. The new intern (Sam Davies) has been tasked with this, and will be presenting a report to the Chief Inspector shortly. It is intended that this document will be delivered to the next meeting of the gangs strategic group on March 31 st .

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saferbromley news

Your update on the Safer Bromley Partnership

Spring 2016



Safeguarding is everyone's business

A man was jailed for three years following action by Bromley Trading Standards after he conned an 80-year-old Beckenham resident out of £21,700.

A concerned resident reported the fraud to Bromley Council when they heard their elderly neighbour had paid a very large sum for property repairs, which were later valued at only £500. The man turned up while a member of the Council's Trading Standards team was visiting the elderly man and ran off, but was later arrested by Police. In addition to the prison sentence, he has been banned for five years from cold calling in England and Wales.

This is just one of many cases of criminal traders preying on older people in the borough where Trading Standards, in partnership with the Police and others, work tirelessly to bring criminals to justice or to thwart them in the first place.

Trading Standards is training people who work in the community, including social workers, post office staff and fire officers, to look out for signs that an older person may be falling victim to an unscrupulous trader or to scam mail. "We need everyone's help," said head of Trading Standards, Rob Vale. "If it hadn't been for a concerned neighbour, this criminal may have got away with it. Please contact us immediately if you become aware of traders acting in an inappropriate way."

Trading Standards Rapid Response number 07903 852090.

LATEST NEWS – A Lincolnshire-based man has been found guilty of conspiracy to commit fraud following a Trading Standards investigation. The victim, a 73-year-old man from Orpington, was cold called in 2013 and agreed to property repairs. He was then tricked into gifting his house as payment for the repairs with the promise he could remain living there until he died. Trading

Standards were alerted by a worried neighbour who was told by the victim he was being forced to leave his home. The perpetrator was due to be sentenced in March 2016.

Remember, never agree to buy goods or services at the door.

If you're not sure, don't open the door.
www.bromley.gov.uk/scams



Looking out for each other

Rogue traders are becoming ever more audacious in the way they pick on our older residents and attempt to rip them off with unnecessary and expensive home maintenance. Bromley Trading Standards are having real impact in tackling this widespread problem, but we believe that looking out for our more vulnerable residents is everyone's business. If you become aware of someone who may be being targeted by these despicable criminals please get in touch with Trading Standards.

Cllr Kate Lymer

Portfolio Holder for
Public Protection and Safety



Meet the Board

The Safer Neighbourhood Board exists to make sure your views are fed back to the key Safer Bromley Partners. We have already held a number of events around the borough, including our popular annual Crime Summit, and are planning more.

I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the following events – look out for details of locations on the events section of the Council website:

- Thursday 19 May 7pm - Crays
- Thursday 21 July 7pm - West Wickham
- Saturday 17 September - morning Crime Summit, Civic Centre
- Thursday 17 November - Kelsey and Eden Park

Cllr Tim Stevens

Chairman of the
Safer Neighbourhood Board



“Our partners are working together with the community to address this problem”

Fly-tippers – *we're watching you*

Illegal dumping of waste around the borough has been on the rise so our partners are working together with the community to address this problem. We want to send out a clear message that we're watching – through CCTV in hotspots and visible presence on the streets. We are also tapping into the 'eyes and ears' of the community and urging anyone who sees fly-tipping to report it with any information that may lead to a prosecution of the offender. You could even qualify for a reward of up

to £500 if your information leads to a prosecution.

Often unscrupulous builders are to blame, so householders should be aware of their responsibility to inspect the waste licence of anyone taking rubbish away for them as they will be liable to criminal prosecution if it is illegally dumped and traced back to them.

You can report envirocrime at
www.bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime

Dealing with abuse

Domestic violence wrecks lives and relationships. Bromley is running a Domestic Violence Intervention Project aimed at men who want to change their behaviour.

A 26-week group treatment programme based in Orpington is open to any man who identifies that he has a problem with abusive or violent behaviour in his relationships with women. Structured sessions help men to understand why they use abusive behaviour, how they can change this, and how they can work towards respectful relationships with women. The programme challenges men to take responsibility for their actions rather than blaming their partners or outside factors for their violence. Men are taught to critically assess their gender-based expectations of themselves and their partners. It is not an anger management or counselling group; it is designed specifically to address domestic abuse.

Referrals from individuals, GP or local agency, provided the resident is over 18, not in Court proceedings and acknowledges a willingness to address his domestic abuse issues. Contact DVIP on 020 7633 9181 or email: vpp@dvip.org

www.bromley.gov.uk/domesticabuse

Crime Support

Experiencing a crime can be upsetting and sometimes it is difficult to know who to turn to. Victim Support is an independent charity that offers free services to anyone who has experienced a crime, whether or not it has been reported and regardless of when it happened.

“We offer tailored support for specific crime areas including domestic abuse, rape, fraud and others, both from an emotional and practical point of view,” said Kate Frail who heads up Victim Support for Bromley. “The Safer Bromley Van, for instance, provides a

Purple Prize

Beckenham has been given the prestigious Purple Flag award by the Association of Town and City Management in recognition of its night time economy which offers clean and safe environments, great bars and clubs, a variety of arts and cultural attractions and excellent transport links. Partnership initiatives included greater Police visible presence at key times and Bromley Council's Licensing Team ensuring premises abide by the law and help support people to get home safely with the Beckenham Town Team in a co-ordinating role.

The Purple Flag award was launched in 2009 and now 42 towns nationwide possess the status. The award is supported by the Home Office, Association of Chief Police Officers, Local Authorities' Regulatory Services, drinks company Diageo and other organisations.

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free home security assessment and upgrades if required.”

Kate added: “The charity is built on our volunteers, without whom it could not continue to do its positive work for victims and some witnesses of crime. We always need new volunteers. So if you are interested, please contact us for an application form or to ask any questions.” Call 0208 776 7071.

Man guilty of noise offences – three times

A man from Beckenham was fined a total of £225, ordered to pay £500 costs and a £20 victim surcharge for noise offences following three successful prosecutions served on him in five years.

Bromley Council first took action in 2011 when a Noise Abatement Notice was served on the man after amplified music was heard from his property. A further prosecution followed in December 2014 and the latest breach was last year.

Magistrates commented on the information provided by, and the credibility of, the Bromley Council Officers giving evidence in this case. Despite the defence having an experienced expert witness with regard to the recordings, they failed to convince the bench that the Officers' opinions were incorrect and invalid.

www.bromley.gov.uk/report

“I want to see Bromley become the safest borough in London”

Chris Hafford
Bromley Police Borough Commander



Fewer victims of crime in Bromley

Bromley Police have achieved more than a 17 per cent fall in crimes compared to four years ago. This means there are just over 2,000 fewer victims of crime in Bromley this year than there were in 2011/12.

“I am very happy with the borough’s recent record of tackling crime,” said Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford. “We have achieved results through some excellent preventative work by my officers in close partnership with Bromley Council, and other partners, many of whom are members of the community themselves. We have tried some different ways of tasking our officers to the key areas in the borough where they have been successful in preventing crime and arresting offenders.”

Four years ago, the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) challenged London boroughs to achieve a 20 per cent reduction on seven key crimes by 2016. Bromley is very close to that target

despite starting from a much lower crime base than many other London boroughs.

“Whilst we have seen challenges with some of the seven crime types, I am pleased to say that burglary has reduced by more than 25 per cent, robbery by more than 47 per cent and theft from motor vehicles by almost 31 per cent. In just these three areas there are around 1,800 fewer victims,” the Borough Commander added.

“Despite our successes, we will never be complacent but will continue to try new ways of being more effective in our fight to make Bromley the safest borough in London.”

www.met.police.uk/bromley



The ‘MOPAC 7’

The Police and Crime Plan contains a target for the MPS to reduce crime by 20 per cent by 2016 in seven priority categories that Londoners said most affected their lives. Find out more at MOPAC Crime Dashboard.

The crimes are:

Burglary, criminal damage, robbery, theft from a motor vehicle, theft from a person, theft of a motor vehicle and violence with injury.

Making an Impact

Bromley firefighters are working with Bromley schools to run special Impact Factor Days. The events give year 9 and 10 students the chance to learn about emergency incidents, try on firefighting gear, and learn lifesaving skills, and to better understand the consequences of their actions and choices in life. The days involve representatives from all the emergency services, as well as other groups offering advice and guidance on issues affecting young people.

“These sessions give young people the chance to learn new skills and to focus on making positive choices as well as think about the possible outcomes if they choose to follow the wrong path in life,” said Dan Cartwright, Bromley’s Fire Borough Commander.



All fired up

New Fire station is fully functional

Orpington’s new fire station in Avalon Road is now fully operational, with the official opening this spring.

Fire Borough Commander Dan Cartwright said: “This brand new fire station is good news for the local community. The former Orpington Fire Station no longer met the demands of a modern fire and rescue service. The new station provides us with facilities fit for the 21st century and reinforces our commitment to providing the best possible service to Londoners.”

Not only does the station have great new office space, and areas for firefighters such as a lecture room,

quiet study rooms, changing and resting areas but also a larger appliance bay. There are also areas the public can visit to get important fire safety information and a community room available for bookings. The station meets the highest environmental standards, designed to make the best use of natural light, and draws energy for power and heating from renewable sources.

Bromley borough was one of nine areas across London chosen to receive a new fire station as existing buildings ceased to be fit for purpose any longer.

www.london-fire.gov.uk



Changing lives through mentoring

Vickie has a full time job running a printing consultancy, but still finds time to be a special person in the lives of young people as a Bromley mentor.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about how I could personally help turn the tide towards a healthier, happier young generation," said Vickie. "Life has changed since I was young. We live in a global community where relationships are fragile, social media invades every aspect of life, and children are forced to abandon their innocence so quickly."

After seeing an advertisement for volunteers two years ago, Vickie met Bromley's mentoring co-ordinator Jane Belding who soon signed her up to the mentoring programme. Vickie has helped a young student make the transition to secondary school, coping with the trauma of bullying; a young carer where family illness had a massive impact on her life; and a teenager who made unfortunate choices in life and was excluded from school.

"Mentoring helps mentees define their identity, think about their future, take responsibility and approach the world in a more balanced and thoughtful way," Vickie explained. "And not only that, but mentoring makes me feel incredible too. I care deeply about each one of them. I feel so proud when I see them succeed."

"And who knows, when they're grown up, they may remember that 'special person that came into their life when they badly needed it' and that might prompt them to volunteer too."

Interested in mentoring?
Contact Jane Belding 020 8461 6240
or email ebp.admin@bromley.gov.uk

Getting involved

The Metropolitan Police in Bromley has a small but dedicated team of volunteers who provide support to the local police. They get involved behind the scenes at Bromley Police Station by assisting with administrative tasks, freeing up officers and staff to take on other duties. Volunteers help at the Dog Training Establishment in Keston and others provide front counter service in West Wickham.

"We are always looking for motivated people to volunteer with us," said Bromley Volunteer Programme Manager Adrian Smith. If you would like to know more, contact Adrian on 07557 318921 or email adrian.t.smith@met.police.uk

saferbromley partnership

The Safer Bromley Partnership includes Bromley Council, Police, Fire Service, Health, Probation and Housing Associations working together to keep Bromley safe.

Contact us at:
community.safety@bromley.gov.uk
Follow us on [Twitter@saferbromley](https://twitter.com/saferbromley)

Neighbourhood Watch news

Neighbourhood Watch in Bromley continues its success with some 600 watches across the borough. If you don't have a watch in your road – or don't know if you have one – go to the Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association's website at www.bnwa.co.uk where you will find lots of information and an application form. Your dedicated ward police officers should also be able to help.

"Invitations are going out for our Annual General Meeting," said Alf Kennedy, Chairman Bromley Neighbourhood Watch. "All co-ordinators are welcome from 7 for 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 April at Orpington Methodist Church Hall, Sevenoaks Road, BR6 9JH. Key local speakers will take part and it will be a time to catch up on news about changes to Neighbourhood Watch. We are looking for volunteers for the Neighbourhood Watch management committee. If you have not already received an invitation, we may not have your correct email address, so please email us." info@bromleynwa.org.uk



Keep your property safe

Lock it or lose it

Make sure you lock up your property and don't forget sheds and garages too. They often contain valuable equipment, so don't make it easy for thieves.

Windows:

- Close and lock windows, even if you are only going out for a few moments.
- Accessible areas should be toughened glass or double glazed.
- Fit appropriate window locks.
- Avoid leaving valuables and keys near windows or doors.

Doors:

- Fit external doors with a five-lever mortice deadlock.
- Ensure the frame is strong enough.
- Letter boxes should have an internal cover plate and you could fit a spyhole.

Garden:

- Secure your shed door with at least one heavy hasp and closed-shackle padlock.
- Secure bikes to a ground anchor stand and store tools in a locked box.

Who to contact

Bromley Police

Find contact numbers at www.met.police.uk/bromley
Non-emergency number: 101
In an emergency call 999

Bromley Council

Report, apply and pay at www.bromley.gov.uk
Report street and park problems at www.bromley.gov.uk/fix

Trading Standards rapid response
07903 852090

Tackling Domestic Abuse

Bromley Women's Aid 020 8313 9303
www.bromley.gov.uk/domesticabuse

Bromley Fire Brigade

www.london-fire.gov.uk

Bromley Neighbourhood Watch

www.bnwa.co.uk

Don't be scammed

Remember:

- Banks never ask for your pin number over the phone
- If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Advice about scams at www.bromley.gov.uk/scams

Bromley Borough Commander's Newsletter



December 2015

Season's greetings to you all and a thank you from all my officers and staff for all that you do with us, and within the community to make Bromley one of the safest boroughs in London. I am sorry that I have not been able to produce a newsletter over the last two months, there has just been too much going on, some of which I will outline within the newsletter itself. Clearly there has been the reaction to the Paris attacks and more recently to the events in Haringey. Both events had a significant impact on our local officers with additional patrols in central London and in key locations within the borough itself.

The Christmas and New Year period is always a good time for some reflection, both personally and organisationally. The Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe recently shared his thoughts with us on 2015 and I thought you might like to hear them. In March, police officer numbers reached a new high in London of 32,000, including more women and black and minority ethnic officers than ever before. In Bromley we are still above our target strength and I hope this will remain the case for many months to come. As part of the re-organisation of the MPS towards 2020, Met Detention was formed as a separate command so although there are still cells and custody facilities at Bromley police station, the officers and staff are no longer mine. In May, we had the General Election and my officers worked with Bromley Council to ensure it ran smoothly on the borough. June saw the BBC TV documentary, 'The Met' which gave a real insight into the challenges that police officers face on a daily basis. I had the added value of seeing many colleagues I know personally in starring roles and this led to many 'entertaining' feedback discussions. In August the MPS introduced CCTV in police vans, including here in Bromley, we have upgraded some of our CCTV in Custody and we have introduced body worn video for two of our emergency response teams on each borough. This will roll-out to all borough-based officers in due course.

Of course, there have been significant operational matters as well, some of which have challenged us in many ways. From the Rugby World Cup (seventeen matches in London attended by 400,000 international visitors) to the response to Paris, it has been a busy year. Despite this, there has been an almost 19% reduction in crime from the baseline year of 2011/12 which speaks volumes for partnership between the police, our partners and the community.

Operational policing update

As I have explained previously, the MPS was set a four-year target to reduce crime across seven crime types by 20% by April 2016. We are now just three months away from this date. Overall, the MPS is currently (23rd December) at -18.5% which equates to almost 76,000 less victims of crime. In Bromley, we are currently at -17% which means there are now 1,992 fewer victims of crime than there were in the baseline year of 2011/12. I'm hoping this continues to improve and get even closer to the target, not because it's a target but because it means there are less people who become victims of crime.

In relation to the different offence types, there is some very good news. Burglary is down by 26.2% (or 897 offences), criminal damage is at -11.4% (295 offences), robbery has reduced by 335 offences (-47.8%), theft from motor vehicle is down by 29.7% (622 offences) and theft from the person has reduced by 6.9%, which equates to 21 offences. Violence with injury offences have increased by 6.3% (119 offences) and theft of motor vehicle is up by 7.9% (59 offences) although the rise for this crime type is more significantly up in the last year.

We will continue to do all we can to prevent crime and arrest offenders.



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Good news for the MPS budget

The recent announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review appears to be good news for policing. The Chancellor stated there would be no cuts to police budgets in his statement and the Commissioner and Management Board are waiting to see what this means when the Home Office allocations are announced. We had expected cuts to our budget of between 25-40% and there had been plenty of discussion around what this would mean to policing, including the future of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and the number of police officers in London. There has been and will continue to be discussion between the MPS and key partners regarding the future structure of policing but the current view is that we will continue with some of the proposed changes as it will make us more effective and enable us to meet future challenges.

There was excellent news for our PCSOs last week when the Commissioner announced that neighbourhood PCSOs would be saved. We have a commitment to making sure that every ward will continue to have a dedicated PCSO which means we will be keeping 629 PCSOs within neighbourhood policing posts. Many boroughs, including Bromley have more PCSOs than we currently need within our wards so we will need to redistribute some to reach the right number but overall this was welcome news to our communities and staff.

Other Bromley News

This year's Christmas Tree appeal has had a fantastic response with over 350 presents being donated by the community and my officers to disadvantaged children in the borough. My thanks go to all those who have contributed to make this happen, especially the Salvation Army for co-ordinating the collecting and wrapping.

This is always a busy time of year at the INTU shopping centre in Bromley but this was compounded two weeks ago when a suspicious package led to a full evacuation. Good work by staff and the officers who attended ensured it went smoothly and without incident.

My officers continue to address the issues that cause the community concern. We have continued with our road safety campaign and continue to run short, sharp operations to combat speeding, uninsured vehicles and drivers using mobile phones. We are supported in this by our colleagues from Roads Transport Policing Command. Also, we have executed a number of search warrants and conducted proactive operations for drugs supplying over the last four weeks as part of our pre-Christmas policing plan. One operation in the south-east of the borough resulted in over 200 wraps of cocaine / heroin being found.

In terms of crime prevention, there has been a short-term increase in burglary, no doubt because of the darker evenings so please don't leave valuables on display and ensure your property is secure. There is also a spate of theft of vans, predominantly Fords so please take care of yours if you have one.

Once again, I wish you all a very happy Christmas, whether you celebrate it or not and please accept my best wishes for 2016.

Chris Hafford
Borough Commander



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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 four 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 3BB
- **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

- **Orpington Library** The Walnuts, Orpington, BR6 0TW
Tuesday 11-1pm, Wednesday 11-1pm, Thursday 3.30-5.30pm.



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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 Phyllis Rooney

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
Cray Valley East	020 8284 8113
Cray Valley West	020 8721 2611
Farnborough & Crofton	020 8721 2606
Orpington	020 8721 2729
Petts Wood & Knoll	020 8721 2609

