

saferbromley news

Your online update on the Safer Bromley Partnership | Summer 2014



Panel of speakers at Bromley's new Safer Neighbourhood Board's first public meeting for Penge and Beckenham. Left to right: Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford, Safer Neighbourhood Board Vice Chairman Terry Belcher, Fire Borough Commander Daniel Cartwright and Cllr Tim Stevens

New Board meets residents

Residents had the opportunity to discuss crime and safety issues in their part of the borough at the first in a series of public meetings organised by Bromley's new Safer Neighbourhood Board.

The Board, set up with guidance from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), plans to hold further meetings in other areas of the borough to encourage communities to be more closely involved in crime prevention and problem solving.

The meeting at Citygate Church focused on Penge and Beckenham and featured presentations from the Police Borough Commander, Fire Borough Commander, Cllr Tim Stevens and Teena Marshall from Streetwise Youth Hub in Anerley.

Members of the Bromley Youth Council also presented their manifesto pledges for this year. Independent vice-chairman Terry Belcher invited people to view stalls and exhibits and to take part in a Q&A session at the end of the evening.

The next opportunity for residents to share their views will be at a Crime Summit covering the entire borough at 10am on Saturday, 27 September at Bromley Civic Centre. This event will include a keynote speech by Steve O'Connell, MOPAC's Advisor for Neighbourhoods, interactive stands, workshops and attractions with time for questions and light refreshment. Residents interested in attending should register their interest at kate.lymer@gmail.com

Dear resident

The first meeting of the new Safer Neighbourhood Board covering Penge and Beckenham was a good opportunity to talk about local policing and crime issues. As chairman of the board, I was pleased to see so many people attending. As this was the first of a series of meetings, I do hope that we will see many of you at one of these sessions. The next will be our annual Crime Summit in September which should prove to be an interesting and informative morning. Don't forget to sign up if you would like to come along – see the lead story for the address.

What a summer we've had so far! We've all had windows and doors wide open - but do make sure you don't tempt burglars. See page four for our tips.

And while on the subject of summer, if you have young people at home getting bored during the summer break, direct them to our activities in the parks, there's something for everyone and everything's free. However, some people have asked if they can make a contribution and now you can through the Council's website.

Councillor Tim Stevens
Chairman Safer Neighbourhood Board

Activities for young people at
www.bromley.gov.uk/youthactivities



Teena Marshall

Bromley Youth Council

Victim support



Summer Fun

There's no need for young people to get bored and risk getting into trouble this summer. Bromley Council's exciting programme of free summer activities in the borough's parks and youth hubs is running Monday to Friday until 29 August. Join in all the favourites for ages 10 to 19, or up to 25 for those with a disability. There is a special Saturday in Queen's Gardens on 23 August featuring a silent disco for over 12s.

Dates and venues on facebook/
BromleyYouthActivities, on
twitter @BromleyYouth and www.bromley.gov.uk/youthactivities

Skateboard park gets makeover

Coney Hall skateboard park is getting a complete refurbishment thanks to the Safer Bromley Partnership.

Hot on the heels of the popular skate parks at Biggin Hill, Church House Gardens and Tubbenden Rec, Coney Hall will get brand new equipment to replace the 20-year-old half pipe which is now uneconomical to repair.

The project should be completed during August.



Stamping out ASB

Bromley Council is aiming to stamp out antisocial behaviour such as littering, dog fouling and dumping rubbish. The Council will take robust action against those who flout the law. If you have any information about fly-tipping please report it immediately to the Police or the Council.

Here are some of the notable results:

In camera - A Lewisham woman caught on camera dumping house clearance waste at Cotmandene Crescent car park in St Paul's Cray was fined a total of £620 following a prosecution by Bromley Council.

Every little report helps - A south-east London delivery driver appeared at Bromley Magistrates Court following a prosecution by Bromley Council for fly tipping waste in a Bromley supermarket car park. He was sentenced to a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay the Council a total of £1,088 costs plus a victim surcharge of £20 after pleading guilty to one charge of fly tipping.

Fly tipper - A south-east London businessman was prosecuted and told to pay a total of £1,312 after pleading guilty to fly tipping waste roofing materials on a secluded road in Beckenham.

Report fly-tipping problems quickly and easily from your pc, phone or tablet at www.bromley.gov.uk
You could be eligible for an enviro crime reward of up to £500 if your information leads to a successful prosecution.



Orpington Fire Station on track

Building of new Orpington Fire Station is well under way.



The old fire station has now been completely demolished and fire fighters have been moved into a temporary station on site.

The new station will be environmentally friendly and will include innovative energy efficiency features in accordance with the London Fire Brigade's commitment to sustainability and to achieving low or zero carbon emissions.

The building itself will offer flexible facilities that will accommodate and adapt to the evolving operational, equal opportunities and staff needs of the Brigade and will provide community areas where members of the public will be invited to attend and obtain fire safety advice.

At a recent visit to the site with Cllr Tim Stevens, Fire Borough Commander Daniel Cartwright said: *'We are really excited about the new station. It will not only support the delivery of the varied emergency services provided by fire crews in Bromley borough but also offer the opportunity to promote our fire prevention work through the provision of a publicly accessible building with community engagement at its heart.'*

The new station is expected to open early in 2015.

New Borough Commander gives his view of Bromley



Bromley's Borough Commander has community policing running right through his veins. He was in at the start of Safer Neighbourhoods and now the local policing model is successfully embedded in the borough, he can afford to indulge his passion once more.

"It was absolutely right that enforcement was our main focus as the local policing

model was established in Bromley. Now that the model has 'landed', with successful sign off from the Assistant Commissioner, I'm reviewing our engagement strategy," Chief Superintendent Chris Hafford explains.

"It's really important that we work more effectively with tenants' and residents' associations as well as Neighbourhood Watch and attend community events to make sure we get the balance right between enforcement and the police visibility that we know people want.

"Partnerships are good here in Bromley and working together with the Council and other key organisations is crucial to this too.

"We know that we are moving in the right direction; the crime reductions across most offences and increasing victim satisfaction levels reinforce this. We saw an overall fall in crime last year of 4.1 per cent – that's 827 fewer crimes and more importantly fewer victims of crime. Also, levels of satisfaction among

those affected by crime have risen by nearly a percentage point in just three months.

"There are still challenges for us around violence with injury which has shown an increase of around 200 offences. We know that the majority of these relate to domestic issues and we believe people are telling us about crimes that are traditionally under reported because they have the confidence to come forward and talk to us. They know something will be done."

The Borough Commander makes it clear that he and his team do not plan to rest on their laurels. "There is always more we can do," he says, "but I hope that residents will be reassured by our continued successes in tackling crime and antisocial behaviour around the borough. Our campaign with The Newshopper to deal with mopeds and dangerous riding is an example of this. Together, the community and my officers can really make a difference."

We can get satisfaction!

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) aims to be 'the best police service in the world'. One of the areas of focus is 'victim care' and judging by recent figures, Bromley Police are striding out in the right direction.

A monthly survey which asks around 500 victims of crime about their satisfaction with the service provided by police has shown nearly a percentage point increase in satisfaction figures over a three-month period to May.

Overall satisfaction has increased from 80 per cent to 80.7 per cent, up five places to thirteenth in the MPS. The target is at least 85 per cent which could place them best in London. Currently, Bromley is sixth in the top boroughs making progress in Victim Satisfaction.

By contacting people in this way, Police can make sure that issues are taken seriously by officers. www.met.police.uk/bromley



Total Policing

Victim Care is one of the areas of focus in Total Policing and the ambition **'to be the best police service in the world'**

Total Policing:

- **Total War on Crime**
- **Total Victim Care**
- **Total Professionalism**
- **Total Technology**

The Metropolitan Police Service aims to cut crime, cut costs, and continue to develop the culture of the organisation. This will be achieved with; humility, integrity and transparency.

www.met.police.uk/bromley

See next page for Safe Summer tips

Safe Summer – our handy tips

Don't let burglars have easy access to your home

- Walk in burglaries increase during the summer months so please make sure that you shut and lock any doors or windows.
- When out enjoying your garden, remember to shut and lock all windows at the front - it only takes a minute to become a victim.

Enjoy your summer holiday but make sure your home looks lived in

- Use timer switches on lights to make your home look occupied in the evenings.
- If possible leave a car in your driveway or ask a neighbour to park their car there while you are away.
- Ask a neighbour to check on your home while you are away and to move any post out of sight.
- Cancel deliveries such as milk and newspapers.
- If you have a lawn, cut it before you go away and trim back bushes or shrubs where burglars could hide.
- Lock away valuable items such as bicycles – they may be safer in your home than in an outhouse or shed.

Protect your bike

- Mark the frame of your bike with your postcode and house number using a UV pen or tamperproof label. Keep details of the frame number, make, model and type and also a photograph.
- Register your bike at the free online database which police use to check stolen property.
www.immobilise.com
- Never leave your bike unlocked – even if you're just popping into the newsagents for a couple of minutes.
- The best lock is quality solid steel d-shaped shackle and always lock your bike to something solid in a public area.

Secure your car and look after your valuables

- Don't leave valuables in your car – even if you know a bag is empty, a thief won't.
- Remove your sat nav and its holder from your car. Don't leave it in the glove box as this is the first place a thief will look and make sure you wipe away any suction markers from the holder.
- Remember to shut windows and sunroof.
- Use an approved steering lock and gear clamp.
- Set your immobiliser and alarm if you have one fitted.

Lock away garden tools

- Keep your shed securely locked by using strong hasp and close shackle padlocks. Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges, hasp and staples.
- Mark garden furniture and DIY equipment with your postcode and house number (or name) by engraving or painting.
- Keep your garden fences in good repair and consider a trellis on top to discourage anyone climbing over.
- Check your household insurance covers theft from your garden or outbuildings.

For information or specific advice call 101 and speak to a member of your local Neighbourhood Policing team.

Who to contact

Bromley Police

Find contact numbers for local Safer Neighbourhood teams
www.met.police.uk/bromley
Non-emergency number: 101
In an emergency always call 999

Bromley Council

You can now report, apply and pay for more online
www.bromley.gov.uk

Trading Standards

Report rogue traders immediately on the Rapid Response Number: 07903 852090

Tackling Domestic Abuse

Bromley Victim Support 020 8776 7071
Women's Aid 020 8313 9303
www.bromley.gov.uk/domesticabuse

Volunteering

www.bromley.gov.uk/volunteering

Bromley Fire Brigade

Details of fire safety precautions and fire safety visits
www.london-fire.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Find safety tips and how you can get involved
www.bnwa.co.uk

The Safer Bromley Partnership includes Bromley Council, Police, Fire Service, Health, Probation and Housing Associations working together to keep Bromley safe. Sign up for Safer Bromley News at community.safety@bromley.gov.uk

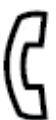
Be alert to scams

Scams can have devastating effects on people and their families. Fraud can happen on your doorstep, by post, over the phone or via the internet. Con-men and women are often very plausible. Be vigilant, don't hand over money to people you don't know or trust. The Police Little Book of Big Scams is a helpful guide to what to look out for. Download a copy and find further advice about cons, tricks and scams at www.content.met.police.uk/Site/fraudalert

Report a fraud on 0300 123 2040

Report doorstep rogue traders on Bromley Trading Standards Rapid Response number: 07903 852090.

NEW NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER



101

IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999