

TEDDINGTON POLICE LIAISON GROUP

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEDDINGTON POLICE LIAISON GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2011 AT ELLERAY HALL

PRESENT M Kingsford Chairman
 Sgt. A Lovegrove SNT Team Leader
 P.C. Lee Wollaston
 P.C. Abby Hassan
 PCSO Paul Spratley
 PCSO John Dowd
 Special Constable P Denholm
 Mrs. J Schomberg Note taker

Cllr. M Ellengorn
Mr.B. Holder Teddington Society
Mr. J. Demott Teddington Society
Mrs. Sue Stevens Police Volunteer
Mr. Peter Stevens

And members of the public

MK welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Sgt. AL who in turn introduced his team to the meeting.

There were apologies from Councillors Knight and Churchill.

Sgt. AL introduced PC AH who gave an update on crime. This is listed on an attached sheet.

The team is looking into three aspects of crime -

SHOPLIFTING

BURGLARY

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

These would appear to be most important to this area.

Sgt. AL stressed the fact that the SNT are responsible to the Ward. He commended PCAH (Abby) to the meeting. Abby is a level 2 shield trained officer and was present at the August riots.. He is liable to be

called to duty at 15 mins. Notice. The Chairman congratulated him and said how grateful we all are to have him back safely. Well done Abby.

Also a grateful thanks to PC Wollaston who was called to cover the Kingston and Croydon area during the same riots and we all know how difficult and stressful that must have been. Well done Lee.

Sgt. AL said that we must all be mindful of the fact that all officers can be called away at any time at very short notice leaving the Ward short of cover and putting more pressure on those that are left.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

MK commented on the link between Quality Grocers in the High Street and the trouble in Udney Gardens and praised the officers for their work in this case.

Peter Stevens asked if there was any kind of a pattern in the burglaries in the area and it would appear there is not.

In the case of non-residential burglaries and garage break-ins very often nothing is taken.

Sgt. AL stressed very strongly that the public must be careful where they place items - NOT on seats in cars (cell phones, computers, handbags etc.) With Christmas coming again NOT to leave presents under the tree if in front of the window. Place them somewhere hidden from view.

Brian Holder reported on a scam being carried out at the ATM outside HSBC in Teddington. So PLEASE all protect your card details. NEVER GIVE THE NUMBER OUT OVER THE TELEPHONE IF REQUIRED TO DO SO. This will definitely be a scam.

Peter Stevens asked if there is anything that can be done about cyclists running the red lights. This continued onto the subject of cyclists on the pavements. After a discussion when some members of the meeting did not think this was a problem but Mrs. Schomberg pointed out that her husband is registered blind and is sometimes really quite surprised, and pleased !!!, to have got home safely passing these cyclists.

Martin Ellengorn came up with the suggestion that there is publicity put out that cycling on the shopping streets' pavements (High Street and Broad Street) will not be tolerated and this to include running a red light. This was agreed to be a good idea. The notice would be put into TW11 magazine (a very informative and interesting read) and the local papers.

Metal thieving is still going on in the area.

Cllr. ME has had his front gate stolen and apparently £8000 worth of lead has been taken from the roof of St. Johns Church.

John Demott reported that the Christmas lights in Teddington are being turned on 24th November 2011 and extra policing would be required. Sgt. AL said that this was in hand.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS

Shoplifting to be high on the Agenda

The problem of cyclists on the shopping street pavements to be tackled

Burlaries generally

The next meeting to be held in February - date to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.