

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF SNB MEETING ON 9 JULY 2026

1. Feedback from Police Liaison Groups /Ward Panels

Key Messages

1. Although meeting formats vary, chairs are doing a great job in promoting discussion and good relationships with their SNT. Our great thanks to them
2. Each Ward has its “pressure points”, for example Waterloo Place in South Richmond and Riverdale Gardens in Twickenham Riverside, which need to be addressed by the SNT and the Council. This is happening, albeit with varying degrees of success. Serious and continuing issues should continue to be escalated to the SNB.

More general observations

1. Numbers in attendance are on the low side and could benefit from assistance in promoting their sessions.
2. A feedback session should be retained as a part of the main quarterly SNB meeting agenda. The feedback should cover both ward priorities and also comments about working with the MPS. As the CSP and MPS (obviously) are in attendance at all PLGs, none of the observations would be a surprise to either organisation but they will be of interest to the members of the SNB.
3. The summary analysis of output could benefit from a geographical representation to discover whether similar problems are shared across neighbouring wards.
4. An annual ward chair event should be hosted by the SNB to show appreciation of their work. The event could comprise a short working session followed by presentations by senior representatives of the SNB, CSP and MPS. And, of course, drinks and eats.

2. SNB Projects Update

Key Messages

1. As our work is undertaken by volunteers, weekend working is less constrained than for the CSP. Also, with the MPS seeming to step back from extensive community engagement, the SNB gazebo at an increasing number of events could assist both the CSP and MPS in reaching out to the general public. More specifically, the SNB may be

able to assist in some way with the organisation of a Met-In-The-Park event or similar. It will be missed this year.

2. At fairs where the MPS do have a fixed presence, pitches alongside the SNB work to mutual benefit, for example at Richmond Fair. Once MPS community engagement plans for the following year have been agreed, it would be useful to share those with the SNB so that the SNB could liaise with event organisers for joint pitches, where possible.
3. Messaging for the PLGs is to become more high profile with John Murray designing posters which can be used by each ward.

More general observations

1. Available information concerning the SNB, what it does and how it can help the general public is very poor (cf. SNB Lewisham, for example). Improving this has to be a priority. However, the resulting website should not be seen as a threat to either the information provided by MPS or the CPS but merely a “initial landing ground” which will direct visitors to the appropriate MPS or CPS site for specific advice where sought.
2. The SNB currently relies on a very small team of volunteers for its effectiveness. Increasing its visibility both via a stall at fairs/events and a more informative website could attract more volunteers to share the burden.

3. AOB/Further questions for the MPS

- I believe that a beneficial addition to the MPS presentation of crime statistics for the Borough would be a commentary on progress on solving crimes affecting Richmond. On matters such as burglaries, this would probably mean tapping into data held at BCU level. The nature of the BCU data would dictate how it should be presented and who could present it and, possibly as a first step, this could be discussed at the next full SNB meeting. But could we progress to such a presentation, please?