



Drugs seizure in Camden

Officers from the **Bloomsbury Safer Neighbourhoods team**, and the **Holborn and Covent Garden Safer Neighbourhoods team**, executed a drugs search warrant at an address in Herbrand Street, which resulted in the arrest of two residents for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs.

These arrests followed concerns raised by the local community regarding the supply of drugs at the address.

Sergeant Darren Bone, from the Bloomsbury Safer Neighbourhoods team, said: "People who engage in drug use have a direct impact on anti-social behaviour. We will continue to identify and arrest those involved in the use and supply of drugs that make life unpleasant for our communities. This is a good example of how local people and police with local knowledge have worked together to improve the quality of life for Bloomsbury residents."

Tottenham Hotspur help launch Kickz project in Waltham Forest

Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods officers and Tottenham Hotspur football club teamed up to launch the **Kickz** football in the community project.

The Safer Neighbourhoods officers were joined by children, football coaches and special guest, Spurs goalkeeper Radek Cerny, to celebrate the launch at Rushcroft Sports College in Chingford.

Kickz is an estates-based football inclusion initiative, aimed at providing young people with alternatives to potential involvement with crime and anti-social behaviour, within a constructive and safe environment.

The project is widely supported by the Metropolitan Police Service and operates three nights a week, 48 weeks of the year in Waltham Forest.

Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods officers actively support the project by helping to deliver football coaching and training and other activities including boxing and climbing.

Chief Superintendent Mark Benbow, the borough commander for Waltham Forest, said: "There is a need for Kickz in this area, as there is in all corners of London. Young people need opportunities for positive activity wherever they happen to live.

Kickz provides a safe environment for our young people to spend time improving their general fitness and well-being.



Not only are my officers and PCSOs promoting Kickz to boys and girls they meet in the streets, on estates and in schools, they actively support the project by providing sports training.

Kickz is an excellent initiative and Waltham Forest Police is very proud to be a part of it."

Cannabis factory closed in Lewisham

Officers from the **Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhoods team**, in Lewisham, executed a search warrant at an address in Colfe Road, Forest Hill.

Officers had received information that they suspected the address was being used as a cannabis factory.

Inside they discovered equipment used for the cultivation and harvest of cannabis. In total, 334 cannabis plants were found, believed to have a street value of £250,000.

Constable Colin Mathews, from the Perry Vale Safer Neighbourhoods team, said: "This is the third cannabis factory discovered in our ward in the past six weeks. Our team is here to improve the quality of life for the local community of Perry Vale. This type of activity will not be tolerated. We will always act on information we receive from members of the public.

Combating the fear of crime in Hackney

Officers from the **Kings Park Safer Neighbourhoods team**, in Hackney, have been working in partnership with local housing associations to combat the fear and perception of crime within their ward. A number of measures have been taken including removing abandoned and untaxed vehicles, improving street lighting and cleaning and securing communal areas.

There was also an extensive problem of mini mopeds being driven erratically in the area, causing local residents to feel threatened. The team dealt with the anti-social use of mopeds, by handing out warnings and seizing some of them.

Sergeant Andy Port, of the Kings Park Safer Neighbourhoods team, said: "The difference that this has made is colossal. The aim was to provide visible reassurance to the community in the places and at the times people felt most vulnerable. We have far surpassed our initial goal. Residents have informed us that they feel safer."