

Herne Hill and Thurlow Park Safer Neighbourhoods Teams join forces

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Herne Hill and Thurlow Park Safer Neighbourhoods teams (Lambeth borough) joined forces to execute two warrants and a PCSO led operation.

An early morning drugs warrant was executed in SE27. Two occupants were arrested for possession with intent to supply and money laundering. A large quantity of cannabis and cash were seized.



Later that morning, an operation commenced involving PCSO's and housing officers. They attended problem flats on an estate in SE5 to speak to residents and discovered a cannabis factory. Two occupants were arrested and a number of cannabis plants and lighting were seized.

Later that afternoon the Safer Neighbourhoods teams and trading standards officers executed a handling stolen goods warrant at a second-hand computer shop in SE5. Two males were arrested for handling stolen goods and one female for public order and fraud. In excess of 80 computers, iPads, Kindles, mobiles and Sat Navs were seized.



Sergeant Dodd from Herne Hill Safer Neighbourhoods team said:

“I am extremely pleased with the excellent work and results both teams have achieved. The seven arrests are testament to their dedication and ability to action fast time intel.”

A/Insp Whiter from Norwood Local Policing team said “This is a great result and has disrupted both a prominent drug dealer and handling address.”

Fifteen men in Hackney are sentenced to a total of 48½ years in prison

Fifteen men have been sentenced to a total of 48½ years in prison following a complex drugs operation in Hackney. Sentencing took place at Snaresbrook Crown Court on 24 and 25 November 2011.

The investigation by Hackney Police, in conjunction with Hackney Council and the UK Border Agency, involved a four-month operation in Ridley Road and Dalston Junction, E8, aimed at tackling class A drug dealing in the area.

On Tuesday 19 July 2011, arrests were made as part of Operation Marsican, an initiative to tackle serious and organised crime in Hackney, which was jointly run and funded by the police and Hackney Council.

Since the arrest phase of this operation, overall crime in Dalston has fallen by 34 %. Violent crime has fallen by 61% in the area. It is believed that these reductions have been achieved largely due to the reduction of drug availability in the area. The amount of thefts, dips and cycle thefts have also been significantly reduced.



Donovan Pringle, 29, of Homerton Road, E9, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for supplying class A drugs.

Detroit Johnson, 35, of Weymouth Terrance, E2, was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for 6 x supplying class A drugs and for supplying class B drugs.

Dexter Piper, aka Christopher Perkins, 27, of Victoria Park Road, E9, was sentenced to 36 weeks imprisonment suspended for 2 years and 200 hours community service for supply class B drugs.

Peter Elliot, 27, of Graham Road, E8, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for three counts of supplying class A drugs.

Michael Martin aka Michael Marks, 25, of Hillsborough, Sheffield, S6, was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for two counts of supplying class A drugs.

Treston Morris, 27, of Hall Street, EC1, was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for four counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of supplying class B.

Ricardo Harrison, 32, of Colville Estate, N1, was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for four counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of possession of class A.

Leon Agyeman, 25, of Regan Way, N1, was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for four counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of supplying class B.

Jason Sterling, 37, of Victoria Park, E9, was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for five counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of possession of class B.

Emmanuel Renwick, 49, of Manor Road, N16, was sentenced to 2.5 years imprisonment for two counts of supplying class A drugs.

Damian Bent, 25, of Well Street, E9, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for three counts of supplying class A drugs.

Vaughn Williams, 27, of Arrow Court, E5, was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for three counts of supplying class A drugs.

Omar Smith, 32, of Cranwood Street, EC1, was sentenced to 2.5 years imprisonment for two counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of possession of class B.

Rohan Hobson, 35, of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3, was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for three counts of supplying class A drugs.

Raldy McKenzie, 45, of Ridley Road, E8, was sentenced to 2.5 years imprisonment for supplying class A drugs.

All of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to supply drugs, however the crown has elected that these are to lie on file.

Daniel Lewis, 36, of Dalston Lane, E8, pleaded guilty to two counts of supplying class A drugs. On 19 August 2011 he was sentenced to 16 months imprisonment at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Mayor of Hackney Jules Pipe said: "These sentences demonstrate that those committing serious crimes in our borough will be brought to justice. Residents told us that these individuals had been causing major issues in Dalston for some time. The strong partnership between the Council and Police enabled us to tackle this entrenched problem and has led to a significant reduction in crime in the area. This should serve as a warning to the minority involved in criminality that their behaviour will not be tolerated in Hackney."

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Launches Major Crackdown on Neighbourhood Crime

As part of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's 'war on crime' a major operation cracking down on neighbourhood criminals took place on Thursday 24 November 2011.

Operation Hawk saw up to 4,000 Safer Neighbourhoods officers and PCSOs, supported by specialist colleagues including the Dogs Unit and Territorial Support Group, carrying out robust and visible operations in one day across London's 32 boroughs.

Officers in Brent responded directly to community intelligence to target drug dealers, perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and other criminals who impact on communities.

23 people have been arrested and search warrants have been executed at nine addresses across the borough. Quantities of crack cocaine and cannabis have been seized.

As part of the day's activities, officers conducted a Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) in Cricklewood Broadway to scan the number plates of passing vehicles to identify those vehicles whose drivers were suspected of being uninsured or of interest to police, such as stolen cars or those involved in crime. 95 vehicles were stopped, four vehicles were seized and two arrests were made for handling stolen goods (stolen credit cards) and possession of cannabis.

A knife arch was used at a local school. 315 people were searched. An educational presentation around knife crime was delivered by Schools Officers.

Knife detection wands were used at another education venue. 32 people were searched and an educational programme on gangs and knife crime was delivered by the Youth Engagement Team.

Traffic officers attended schools to provide lessons of road safety.

A passive drugs dog operation took place at Willesden Green tube station with the assistance of officers from British Transport Police. 20 people were stopped and officers recovered cocaine and cannabis. Three arrests were made for drug offences.

A weapon sweep was carried out around the Church End Estate, Chalkhill Estate and the Peel Precinct.

Community Payback were out sweeping up leaves around Queens Park.

During the day Brent officers and partner agencies also carried out licensing visits to premises/locations known for anti-social behaviour and linked to alcohol related disorder. Officers working in partnership with Crime Reduction Initiative (CRI), Thamesreach, Cricklewood Homeless Concern (CHC) and Brent anti-social behaviour team were available to speak to those sleeping rough, aggressive begging and street drinking.

The Bark Patrol, a joint police, RSPCA and council venture carried out five visits around dangerous dogs. Two dogs were micro chipped.

The Safer Transport Team carried out patrols on the route 18 bus and a male was arrested for carrying a knife.

Community events took place at Willesden and Harlesden Libraries, involving crime prevention advice, Brent Neighbourhood Watch & the Local Integrated Community Safety Team and other voluntary agencies. These events were well attended with significant community engagement taking place.

Brent officers and members of the Brent Independent Advisory Group (IAG) carried out a walkabout around the various activities across the borough.

Brent officers carried out late night anti-social behaviour patrols within identified hot spot areas.



Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector Sean Lynch said:

"Today's operation was in direct response to concerns raised by the local community and intelligence provided to local officers. The intention of the operation was for local police to tackle local crime and arrest those involved in a criminal activity. Brent Safer Neighbourhoods officers have built a strong relationship with the local community and if it was not for their help in providing us with this information we would not have got this great result. Tell your local Safer Neighbourhoods team who is committing crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour in your local area and we'll help make it stop."

With your help we can make your area safer. Tell us who is committing crime, anti-social behaviour or disorder in your area and we'll help make it stop. Information passed to us will be carefully considered and acted on as quickly as possible. In an emergency always dial 999

If you would like to be kept up to date with news and events in Brent then register for Neighbourhood Link. Neighbourhood Link is a free messaging service that enables you to regularly receive information from the Metropolitan Police Service. The information will be in relation to crime and safety in the areas you work and live. To register please visit: www.neighbourhoodlink.met.police.uk

Hylands Safer Neighbourhoods Team organise drop-in surgery

Every Wednesday students can come in their lunch hour to speak to an officer from Hylands Safer Neighbourhoods team (Havering borough) on any issue they may have. This could be a problem at school, at home or out in the street. It is personal and confidential. This is also a good opportunity for officers to speak to children in their school environment with a teacher or a parent present if they have come to notice in and around the community.

PC Mark Carter has recently held a competition for students to design a poster to advertise the drop-in surgery and the winner was selected by the Hylands team.



The photograph shows the competition winner, Emily Fitzpatrick, Mr. Trimble, Assistant Deputy Head of Albany School and PC Mark Carter of Hylands Safer Neighbourhoods team.