Operation Hawk

As part of our total war on crime your local Safer Neighbourhoods team is targeting criminals in this area under Operation Hawk. Tell us who is committing crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour in this area and we’ll help make it stop.

Operation Hawk is local police tackling local crime with local information. Following information from the community we have been taking action against suspected criminals in this area. Safer Neighbourhoods Teams are here to serve you.

Good news

On Thursday 24 November as a result of information received from the community officers carried out a number of operations in the area.

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.

The Junior Citizenship scheme has been taking place all week at Bridge Park, Community Leisure centre and will finish this Friday. 1100 pupils will have passed through the event.

A passive drugs dog operation took place at Willesden Green tube station with the assistance of officers from BTP. 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 ASB 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 microchipped.

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.”

Genny Renard, Head of integrated Community Safety and Development said: “Neighbourhood policing, partnership working and engaging communities is at the core of keeping communities safe. The Council will continue to work with the community and their partners to halt the activities of those few criminals that blight the lives of the law abiding residents in Brent.”

How you can help us
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

Neighbourhood Link
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.
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