

# Wednesfield Neighbourhood Team



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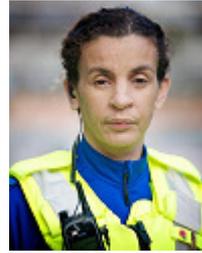
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Dear All,

Welcome to the April edition of the Wednesfield North/South Newsletter. Thankfully it seems the warmer weather has arrived. Well at least it isn't snowing anymore!

Since the last edition, the team have been busy visiting all forty two Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators across Wednesfield North and South, in an attempt to get the schemes running efficiently again. We have also started to leaflet drop areas not covered by a Neighbourhood watch in order to kick start new schemes. The initiative is being led by PC 8588 Bethan PYE who is working hard to improve communication between members of the community and the policing team. I am pleased to report that so far we have had several people prepared to take responsibility for their community and volunteer their services. If you are reading this and interested, please contact us using the details at the bottom of the Newsletter.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April the team were involved with the Vaisakhi procession organised by the Sikh community from the Wednesfield and Willenhall Gurdwara's. The procession is visited by approximately 2500 people from the Sikh community and see's attendee's make the three and a half mile journey on foot between the two temples. The occasion was a fantastic success, as usual and enjoyed by members of all community's on route.

### **Crime update**

#### **Burglary (dwelling).**

During March there have been three burglaries to houses in the Wednesfield North area. This is a decrease on the number in March; however all three of the offences were in Kitchen Lane. One of the offences involved items stolen from a front porch. Please remember to keep items of value out of sight from the road of passersby.

In another offence, three youths were described as gaining access to a garden and attempting to break into the rear of a property. If you see any groups of youths acting suspiciously in areas where you wouldn't expect them to be, please call the police.

In Wednesfield South there have been four offences. In two of the offences a male entered the premises whilst the occupants were at home. Of notice, in one of the offences, he asked for a glass of water and whilst the occupant was obliging the male entered and stole property.

Please remember, don't allow access to strangers. You are not obliged to answer the door. Legitimate visitors will have identification!

### **Burglary other buildings.**

There was an increase in incidents of burglary other buildings during April from seven in March to sixteen in April. That said, five of the offences were to commercial buildings or businesses. Since the success of starting the business watch in the Neachells Lane area, communication between the businesses and the police has improved and the number of reported offences has increased. Although this appears negative factor on paper, I consider it a positive product as the flow of intelligence from the business sector has also greatly improved.

The majority of offences at private homes continue to be items stolen from garden sheds. These offences are often seen as a seasonal trend when people start to cut the lawns and cycle etc in the warmer weather. Remember to secure garden gates and lock sheds when finishing the gardening.

### **Drugs**

During April the team executed a warrant in the Ashmore Park area under the Misuse of drugs Act. Four males were arrested for drug related offences. Three of the males were later bailed and one male remains on remand pending a trial at court. A fantastic result!

### **Neighbourhood Policing Issues.**

Currently of concern to the community are the following issues:

#### **Wednesfield South**

Inconsiderate parking around Perry Hall School.

Anti social behaviour at the The Castle public house.

Anti social behaviour at Castlebridge Gardens.

## **Wednesfield North**

Anti-Social behaviour bottom shops, Ashmore Park.

Speeding in Kitchen Lane.

Anti-Social behaviour in Adey Rd.

The Wednesfield South PACT meeting was held at Wednesfield High school on the 30<sup>th</sup> April where new policing priorities were set as above.

I will report further in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Issues of Anti-social behaviour at the bottom shops have continued to be at a low level during April. Officers were involved with the Easter egg hunt which took place at the bottom shops on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Although the weather was slightly inclement, the day was an astounding success. Numerous children attended the shops and took part in the hunt which was organised by the shop keepers. I personally spent three hours meeting members of the community and the shop keepers which was fantastic.

The team continued to conduct community speed watch initiatives in both Kitchen Lane and Linthouse Lane. Thank you to the members of the community that gave up their time to help out. The initiative culminated in a day of enforcement, during which several members of the public were issued with fixed penalty notices. Offenders were both local people and people passing through the area. Speeding remains a concern for the local community and as such we will be conducting further speed watch and enforcement days across the whole area. Please drive safely and considerately!

If you are interested in assisting with the community speed watch initiative please contact us at Wednesfield police station using the 101 telephone number.

## **PACT (Police And Communities Together)**

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield South will be 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, at Wednesfield High School.

The next PACT meeting for Wednesfield North will be 2nd July at 7pm at the Community Centre, Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park.

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, the meetings are open to all and usually last around an hour and a half. They offer an opportunity for members of the community to voice their concerns and meet members of their neighbourhood policing team and partner agencies. Please come along, your views are important. We are actively encouraging community members and group leaders to attend and have their opinion heard.

We realise that not everyone can attend these meetings so we are keen to circulate this newsletter as widely as possible. If you know any friends, family members or neighbours who would like to be included in this mailing list, please forward their email addresses to us via our email accounts which can be found on our neighbourhood website. (Follow below link).

<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/wolverhampton/nh.asp?ID=157>

We can also be contacted on Twitter via the link below:

<https://twitter.com/WednesfieldWMP>

The following link is to the Crime stoppers homepage where you will be able to access useful information for your area:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/in-your-area>

## **And Finally.....**

From the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) were brought in City wide making it possible for local authorities to designate places where certain restrictions on public drinking will apply. They are usually areas that have experienced alcohol-related disorder or nuisance.

The effect of the proposed Order is to grant the police the power to request that a person in a designated area not consume alcohol and to surrender opened containers containing alcohol. It is not intended as a comprehensive ban on drinking in the open air but rather to eliminate alcohol-related nuisance, annoyance and disorder.

The police and other accredited persons, such as Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), have the power to request that a person in a designated area does not drink alcohol in that area where an officer reasonably believes that the person has, or intends to do so. An officer also has the authority to ask that person to surrender the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers in their possession.

It is not an offence to drink alcohol in a designated public place, but to refuse an officer's request to either refrain from public drinking or to surrender any alcohol without reasonable excuse *is* an arrestable offence.

■ Thanks for reading,

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