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Sanderstead AGM Meeting

Sanderstead Local Policing Team Report

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Team Changes

New Inspector

The team would like introduce our new Inspector for the ward:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Inspector Cathy Thomas.

Firstly, I apologise that I am unable to attend your AGM via Zoom however I am sure that there will be many other occasions when I will get to meet you all, hopefully not in the far distant future and maybe even in face to face meetings as the lock down continues to lift.

Secondly, I would like to inform you of the recent changes within Croydon' Safer Neighbourhood's Team. Due to internal restructuring that has meant an uplift in additional resources within the SNT strand I have been appointed as Inspector for Croydon SNT South, managing 16 South Croydon wards working alongside Inspector Steve Warnes, who continues to manage SNT Central and North Wards. In addition Sergeant Dave Dickinson has joined my team and now manages Sanderstead, Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown, Waddon and South Croydon wards.

I have been based at Croydon for approximately 5 years, posted to Croydon on promotion as Sergeant from Southwark to manage the Town Centre teams and later the Youth Offending Teams across South Area BCU. During this time I was promoted to Inspector, previously managing Partnership and Prevention across Bromley, Sutton and Croydon which incorporates within its remit Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Licencing, Faith and Hate Crime. I believe that my experience within these roles has provided me with the grounding and knowledge to tackle the issues that matter most to you and I look forward to undertaking them in the months ahead. Even in these challenging times, with the gradual lift of lockdown meaning that ward officers have undertaken aid to support the MPS in dealing with Breach of Covid Regulations they have continued to conduct plain clothes and high visibility patrols, executed warrants, implemented Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Operations and continue to work in partnership with the council in your area to reduce Burglary, Motor Vehicle crime, Drug related offences and ASB.

Over the next few weeks all Dedicated Ward Officers (DWO's) will also be focusing their efforts on ensuring communities are safe as restrictions are lifted across the UK. This also includes specific operations targeting our open spaces i.e. parks in Croydon to decrease violence related offences including Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and ASB related issues. The good news is that as restrictions lift officers can begin to restart community engagement and will advertise each engagement and event through Social Media. Like myself they are very much looking forward to meeting with residents again!

Finally if anyone wishes to speak with me directly please do not hesitate to get in contact with me as I will look forward to speaking to you.



New Sergeant

The team would like introduce our new Sergeant for the ward:

My name is David Dickinson and I recently took over as your new Safer Neighbourhood (SNT) Sergeant. Hopefully I'll be able to introduce myself to you all at our next ward panel meeting, but in the meantime I thought I would take this opportunity.

So, a bit about myself - I'm originally from the Newcastle Upon Tyne and joined the Metropolitan Police in 2001 and found myself posted to Brixton on a response team answering 999 calls. After ten years I moved to Aviation Security as a firearms officer and two years later moved onto their Armed Response Vehicles (ARV's), a role I performed for the past eight years. Last year I was fortunate enough to successfully pass the Sergeants promotion process and I asked to be posted to Croydon. Whilst I have never done any SNT policing before, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to 'get stuck in' and perform the role to the best of my ability. So far I've been very impressed with the officers on your ward, who are clearly very dedicated and I look forward to working with them for the foreseeable.

Local News

Operation in Hamsey Green

An Operation was set up by Sanderstead team in order to execute 3 search warrants on the same road in the Hamsey Green area. We received intelligence of drugs and possibly firearms at these addresses. It was believed that the addresses were are linked, which is why all 3 search were coordinated together and executed at the same time.

Officers recovered numerous Firearms, Weapons, Ammunitions and Drugs at the addresses. Over 40 officers across Croydon were involved on the day. Much planning was involved in the setup of this Operation. A lot of praise goes to PC Waters who lead the Operation. We believe the actions carried out will have a positive effect on the area and reduce the ASB/Drug issues in Hamsey Green.

Catalytic converters

The Operation Basswood team led a pan-London and South East region crime operation targeting an organised crime group heavily involved in the theft of catalytic converters. With nearly 300 officers, including officers from our own team were involved. 20 search warrants were executed at locations primarily in Hackney, both residential and businesses, and locations in Essex including a caravan storage site and London Gateway docks.

Four arrests were made, 33 catalytic converters were recovered. 15 were found at a scrap metal dealer, along with stolen BT cable leading to the manager being arrested. Stolen vehicles were recovered and numerous were seized along with £60k in cash. We are confident that the action taken by the team will disrupt and impede this organised crime for some time.

In Sanderstead, there hasn't been a single catalytic converter theft since January.

Burglary

'Every cloud has a silver lining', at the beginning of the pandemic we had 2 months where Sanderstead didn't have a single. During these difficult times, I am glad to bring you some good news. Look to update your security. Do a walk-around of your house, think like a burglar. Focus on entry points such as doors and windows, and think about ways to make them more secure. Look for areas where a burglar might be able to hide.



A warning to residents to be extra vigilant if they get an unexpected callers to their homes during this current period. On one occasion a male claiming to be from a charity selling household goods for which he requested payment by bank transfer to a personal account. Next day victim has realised that the man who came to the door also entered the home address and took a money box with cash inside.

Arrests

1) Whilst on patrol, the team stopped a vehicle and a smell of cannabis emitted from inside the vehicle in an area which has a history of ASB and drug use. A search was conducted on the occupants and the vehicle. No drugs were found, but a large amount of cash, burner phone and scales were found. Suspect is well known to police and has previously being arrested for drug related offences. Police arrested on the suspect for suspicion of supply. Once in custody, the home address of suspect was a searched. When searching the property drug were found.

2) A vehicle was left unlocked in Purley Downs Road and a device was stolen from inside the vehicle. Victim had CCTV which managed to catch the suspect taking the device. Images of the suspect were seen on NextDoor and the suspect was identified by a local resident. The team reacted to this and suspect, who resides in Sanderstead was arrested for Interference of a motor vehicle x2 and theft from motor vehicle and was charge.

Anti-Social (ASB)

The team continues to work hard to reduce all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. The team regularly patrols areas that have had ASB/drug related issues in the past. During our routine ASB patrols.

Since last summer, the team have been receiving reports from residents about groups of youths congregating in Hamsey Green using drugs and causing general ASB.

We have been conducting daily patrols in marked and unmarked units. We stopped and searched numerous males and females, with some of carrying small quantities of cannabis. One male was arrested. Community resolutions and PND fines were handed. We also notified a number of the parents, so they were aware.

The Operation that was conducted Hamsey Green had links to the ASB problem.

Speed awareness

We have been conducting regularly speed checks and educating those drivers who are speeding. We recently set up a speed and prevention stop site on Purley Downs Road. We also regularly stops vehicles when we are patrolling the wards. During our stops we have come across individuals who in possession of drugs, breaking Covid restrictions, without insurance or breaking immigration offences.

We conducted a jointed ANPR Operation, where we targeted uninsured drivers along with subjects seeking to transport drugs and weapons. This yielded the following results, Arrests for catalytic converter thefts, for possession of a controlled substance, for driving whilst under the influence of drugs. We also seized 5 vehicles for being driven without insurance (two of which were riding of E-scooter) and issued one penalty notice for disorder for possession of cannabis.



Map of the Ward



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	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021
Offences	0	1	1	6	6	8	5	7	7	3	2	2



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	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021
Offences	3	4	4	14	9	5	13	8	9	6	3	2

