

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel (NSNWP)
Held at James Court, Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1UD
on Wednesday 24 September 2025**

Present (7):

Hoda Lacey	Panel Chair, NRA
John Usher	PCSO SNT
Max Humphries	PCSO SNT
Shesta Riaz	PC SNT
Senga Karst	Resident
Jeremy Stern	Resident
Malcolm Lucas	IAG

1. Welcome & Apologies

Hoda welcomed everyone & acknowledged apologies from Richard Lewis, Henry Higgins, Ed Walter, James Woods & Hasmita Solanki. Sharon Goldstein has resigned after many years' service & Hoda expressed appreciation for her valuable contribution.

2. Previous Minutes and matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2025 were reviewed & approved. Gareth was previously unhappy that a long time was spent discussing the school survey at the March meeting & there was not enough time to properly discuss the police report nor priorities for the next quarter.

ACTION: If future agenda involve school surveys or other projects, Hoda will allocate times for follow-up questions.

FORWARD: Both girls' schools would like to undertake a project rather than repeat the annual survey. Suggestions from members were VAWG & mobile phone theft.

ACTION: Hoda is awaiting names of the new students & will then discuss project ideas with the school reps & enquire what further ideas they have.

Senga chairs a new initiative where 26 vulnerable housing buildings in Hillingdon meet to discuss concerns. She will report back to the panel.

3. Chair's Report (Hoda)

The London Communities & Policing partnership (LCP2) are doing a ward panel review, to develop compliance & consistency.

Northwood's panel has insufficient members & it does not properly represent all communities nor demographics. Hoda is keen to find ways to promote the ward panel & obtain new members.

ACTION: Articles will continue to be written in various publications, though this has not yet yielded much success. It was agreed the best solution is to ask NHW to email all 431 members in Northwood, asking them whether they would be willing get involved with the ward panel.

ACTION: Hoda to liaise with Kevin Mephram at NHW.

4. **Police and Crime Report** (John)

Crime statistics are for the 3 months to August 2025 (compared to the previous 3 months):

Theft down 3 to 57, of which shoplifting is up 6 to 47. A reduction is now anticipated because greater visibility of the SNT has deterred thieves & security has improved at Waitrose.

Violence against the person down 18 to 32.

Volumes of other crime types changed as follows: vehicle up 8 to 24, criminal damage down 1 to 12, burglary up 7 to 20, robbery up 2 to 6, drugs down 1 to 4, sexual down 1 to 4.

Total crime volume for the quarter was 183, up 5 from 178.

ACTION: It was agreed by members that it would be useful for the police report to compare the latest 3 months to both the previous 3 months & to the same 3 months of the previous year (because of seasonal factors).

Malcolm had previously asked that whether statistics on antisocial behaviour could be identified. Different instances of ASB are reported to either the police or to the council. We want to see a full picture.

ACTION: Hoda will discuss with Donna (from the SNB) how to obtain this data.

Hoda expressed concern about drug dealers operating in the Green Lane car park late at night. Future sightings should be witnessed & evidenced.

5. **Priorities**

Violence is the number one priority across the MPS. The scope has been broadened to include men, rather than only VAWG.

Malcolm had previously asked whether future statistics could show numbers of VAWG crimes (currently only sexual offences are shown), because all priorities should be SMART.

ACTION: Max will try to find out how this data can be obtained.

The panel **agreed** the following additional two priorities:

Theft from vehicles, around the David Lloyd club, the Cricket club & Mount Vernon Hospital (no change).

Public Order offences. 20 for the past 3 months, so clarify what they were & see whether that type of crime can be actioned.

6. **Met Engage** (Hoda)

Hoda was concerned that the take-up rate in Northwood was still low at 431, so there is a lot of work to do to register more residents. There will be a Met Engage/NHW stall outside Costa in Northwood this Saturday 27 September. John will provide forms for residents who wish to sign up & Hoda emphasised that they should tick the relevant box to register for both Met Engage & NHW.

7. **AOB** – none

8. **Next Meetings** - Wednesday 3 December, at either St. Helen's or Northwood College