

## **POLICE REPORT for WARD PANEL MEETING 03/12/2025**

The team consists of Police Sergeant Blackburn, PC Riaz, PCSO Humphries and PCSO Usher. Inspector Fox is the Neighbourhoods Inspector.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour and drug offences**

Drug offences on the ward since our last meeting has seen a slight decrease, which is always good to report.

The team once again continue to patrol areas that have been highlighted to us by residents and patrols of these areas continue. This will continue in a further attempt to drive the numbers down even more.

Regarding ASB, there have been some neighbour disputes regarding noise and property issues. As mentioned in some of our previous reports, anything related to noise or property issues, we do try to help out initially where we can, but we do like to and find it helpful to refer the person/s to the local authority, or their housing association on these kinds of matters, as they are not issues Police would deal with. The local authority / housing associations have teams and departments in place for those related issues, which they can deal with and put things in place to try and prevent reoccurrences.

All the reported ASB incidents are always followed up and then continue to be by our team. We deal with them via our team conducting visits to the properties, to speak with the victims then onto deal with the suspect reported to be causing the issue. The SNT monitor the reported situations and then regularly contact the victim after the initial contact to check how things have been. Should we find out the suspect has not been complying with what has been asked of them by our team, then we revisit to remind them of the consequences that they may incur from Police.

Shoplifting offences on the ward have seen a slight rise, where certain shops do tend to get targeted by thieves.

PC Riaz, PCSO Humphries PCSO Usher have been proactively patrolling the ward on foot and cycles, which is a great way for the team to get around the ward, whilst being visible to the public. Showing that visibility has helped with deterring possible would-be shoplifters, aswell as by helping to reduce crime in our residential areas.

Patrols like this will continue across the ward, to show our presence and for us to reassure the public on the ward.

The team alongside Northwood Hills SNT, and another proactive team from Hillingdon, recently carried out arrest enquiries on the ward, neighbouring ward and on another Borough, which targeted wanted shoplifters, that had been targeting certain shops on the ward.

This returned some good results for the team, as those outstanding suspects wanted for various offences including shoplifting, robbery and offensive weapons offences were located and arrested.

Those offenders are currently being prosecuted through the courts for their offences.

The team are always liaising with shop managers as well as their staff and visiting shops on the ward, showing a visible presence where needed.

The visible presence as mentioned above has worked well, as some would be shoplifters have been deterred on seeing officers on the ward, those individuals have then left the area.

We continue to take a firm stance when it comes to people who steal from any shop on the ward, if caught they will be dealt with accordingly.

Images of other offenders are regularly circulated around various databases and through our neighbouring boroughs and other forces, to try and ascertain positive IDs of the individuals.

We have a close working relationship with the Hertfordshire Police Constabulary, who border Northwood, and we regularly meet up with them for meetings to discuss crime related information, that both teams can benefit from.

## **Burglaries**

Burglaries for residential have seen no change this quarter, business and commercial premises on the ward have seen a slight rise since our last panel meeting, which is still unfortunate to report back. Hopefully residents and commercial business owners are continuing to secure their homes, premises and vehicles when leaving them unattended. We must all remember to lock all windows / doors and set alarms, as well as putting other crime prevention deterrents in place, when leaving your property, even if for a short period of time.

## **Theft from motor vehicles**

Theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicles and interference of motor vehicles has also seen a slight decrease in reported incidents. Once again, this is not just in Northwood but in general across the Met. Information continues to be distributed via Met Engage and at local crime prevention stalls with regards to vehicle crime prevention and safety.

We carry out Hi Vis patrols at David Lloyd health club on Ducks Hill Road, Mount Vernon Hospital and the Cricket club which is located in between both, this was due to there being thefts at the location in the past.

We will continue to carry out crime prevention stalls around the ward, where we give out various crime prevention advice to all passing through.

The Team have also been busy out and about on the ward, promoting Met Engage. We have been visiting residential properties, speaking with those residents, explaining to them what Met Engage is, the benefits it has and then signing them up to the platform. We have also done the same with the businesses across the ward; by visiting shops and explaining to them the benefits of Met Engage.

## **Vulnerable Premise Visits**

As part of our VAWG commitment, the team have been visiting the community where some vulnerable premises are located, these were including sheltered accommodation settings where some of our elderly residents reside.

We had lots of interactions with those residents, where we spoke about any concerns or issues they may have. We also gave some valuable crime prevention and personal safety advice.

The team will regularly pop into these premises as well as other venues to show our presence to this ward commitment we have.

The team have also been carrying out hi vis foot patrols outside our local schools and Northwood Train Station, this has been during busy peak times, including when pupils are leaving school at the end of the day.

## **Business Watch**

Jennifer O'Dwyer who co-ordinates and oversees the business watch and its Whatsapp group, continues to manage it all, liaising with everyone as well as our team regularly.

We continue to encourage all shop owners to report any intelligence to Jennifer, which can then be passed onto our team to deal with accordingly. As a reminder, crimes should be reported by businesses either online, to 101 or 999 if and where needed.

Visits to businesses on the ward are still part of our patrols and we continue to liaise with the shop staff/business owners as much as we can when on shift.