

## **POLICE REPORT for WARD PANEL MEETING 25/03/2026**

The team consists of Police Sergeant Blackburn, PC Riaz, PCSO Humphries and PCSO Usher. Inspector Flowers & Inspector Molyneux are the new Neighbourhoods Inspectors.

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

Drug offences on the ward since our last meeting has seen an increase.

The team continue to patrol areas that get highlighted by residents and patrols of these areas are carried out. This will continue in a further attempt to drive the numbers down even more.

Shoplifting offences on the ward have seen a rise, as we are aware, certain shops do tend to get targeted by thieves.

The team alongside Northwood Hills SNT, have carried out many arrests on the ward over the past 3 months, targeting shoplifters, who had been targeting businesses on the ward.

Sergeant Blackburn has led the way with the targeting of offenders, operations were carried out with our police officers putting in some long hours processing and remanding those suspects arrested, this has been a great team effort all round and has returned some excellent results for both teams. This has been ongoing, and we are actively targeting those offenders that come to the ward to commit crime.

Those offenders are currently being prosecuted through the courts for their offences and some serving time in prison, as well as some given CBO's, CPW's and CPN's.

The team still liaise with shop managers as well as their staff and visiting shops on the ward, showing a visible presence, which we find works well.

PC Riaz, PCSO Humphries PCSO Usher continue to patrol the ward on foot and cycle, whilst being visible to the public, the visibility can help with deterring shoplifters coming to the ward, as well as by helping to reduce crime in our residential areas and reassure the public.

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.

### **Burglaries**

Burglaries for residential have seen a slight decrease, whereas 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.

### **Theft from motor vehicles**

Theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicles and interference of motor vehicles has seen no reported increase with incidents. 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 have been carrying out Hi Vis patrols on Oaklandsgate off Green Lane, 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.

PCSO Humphries and PCSO Usher are continuing to promote Met Engage, 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 continue to visit the community where some vulnerable premises are located, including sheltered accommodation settings where some of our elderly residents reside.

We continue to interact with those residents, where we speak about any concerns or issues they may have. We also give some valuable crime prevention and personal safety advice.

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

The team have also continued 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.