

SUMMARY OF WARD PANEL MINUTES – Wednesday 20th September 2006

The three priorities highlighted at the previous meeting were:

1. Speeding along Burdon Lane/Sandy Lane, along with general driving offences, including using a mobile phone whilst driving – this is still a problem
2. Youth disorder in Matlock Crescent j/w Church Hill Road – this appears to have been resolved, with no recent problems being reported
3. Nonsuch Park/Cheam Park – incidences of youths drinking has reduced after patrols by the SNT and Parks Police. There have been a couple of indecent exposures – one in Cheam Park, one in Nonsuch Park – so increased Police presence is planned

There has been a slight increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles – Cannons car park, Cuddington Golf Club car park, but no 'hot spots'.

Counterfeit Scottish notes have been in circulation in Cheam Village.

Arrests have been made in connection with a burglary in Higher Drive, the possession of cannabis in a local car park and theft from a motor vehicle in Cheam Library car park.

Community Pay Back - where young offenders who have been given community service orders work in the local area, has resulted in a newly-painted wall along the path leading from the A217 to Cheam Station.

Learner Drivers – roads have been patrolled and the SNT has written to approximately 10 companies, providing them with information to be passed to their instructors in the event of them seeing anything suspicious. Sgt. McWilliams is firmly of the opinion that if these cars were not in the area throughout the day, the incidence of burglary would be much greater.

Road Safety Event – this is being planned for Sunday 29th April 2007 in Cheam Park. The SNT from Cheam and representatives from the London Fire Brigade will be there, along with others yet to be confirmed. This event will cover all aspects of road safety for motorists and cyclists.

London Fire Brigade – a representative informed the meeting that if any resident phones Freefone 0800 028 4428, an officer will come and fit a smoke alarm, and check the premises for potential hazards. To date, some 30,000 alarms have been fitted in the Sutton area during the last year. The numbers of both primary (house, business premises) and secondary (rubbish, skip, wasteland) fires have reduced over the last year, as have the numbers of deaths and injuries as a result of fire. Courses are run for fire-setters, who are usually males aged between 12 and 18, which can be successful in deterring them from future activity.

Parks Police – a fairly quiet year so far, after the success as mentioned above (Priority 3)

Scams – Sgt. McWilliams is trying to get hold of a direct mailing list, to try and find out who has replied and check and see if they are happy with the situation, or have been 'cold-called' and are possibly a little confused and therefore vulnerable to those wishing to take financial advantage. The Police have close contact with most banks and if an elderly person is seen to be withdrawing large sums of cash, the bank will get in touch with the Police.

Parties – recently there was a very noisy party in the South Cheam area, which went on until the early hours of the morning, so PC Nolan plans to speak to a representative of their residents' association. The SNT is not on duty 24 hours a day, but if a report is made, they will attend when next on duty.

Priorities for the next three months

1. Cheam Park - continue to patrol to reduce the incidence of youth disorder, underage drinking and flashing
2. Speeding/driving offences/junctions – continue to monitor, training on the use of the radar is planned for the team
3. Patrolling car parks/Cheam B.R. – to control incidence of theft from motor vehicles