

Grove, Ravenscourt and Wendell Ward Panel

MINUTES

Meeting 21st February 2025
Hammersmith Academy, Cathnor Road, W12

PRESENT

David Millar
Angela Horsfall
John Trotter
Robin Knott
Joanna Edmunds
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Matthew Trafford
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PC Jo Day (R)
PC Judy Mansah (R)
PCSO Theresa Keeley (R)
PC Christopher Walden (G)
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APOLOGIES

Stewart Proudley
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1. Welcome and introductions.

There was a good representation from our local police teams who introduced themselves and a guest from the Police Transformation team, there to observe a Ward Panel meeting in action.

2. Overview of policing and community engagement.

A new monthly H&F NPT powerpoint based newsletter has replaced the previous version, this was circulated to attendees in advance.
NPT (Neighbourhood Police Team) SNT (Safer Neighbourhoods

Team) LPT (Local Police Team) are all acronyms for the local police team. Clarification will be sought on which name/acronym should be used to provide consistent messaging.

The new crime reporting system, 'Connect', is still in its infancy and is experiencing teething problems. The hope is that by the next Ward panel meeting, crime stats by ward will be available to be circulated in advance.

Latest year on year crime stats for H&F borough.

- Total crime to end Jan -4%
- Theft from motor vehicles -40%
- House burglary -5%
- Violence with injury -16%

Overall priorities for the year ahead

- Increase the detection rate (number of crimes resolved)
- Increase number of arrests
- Drive down robbery levels
- Work with young people aged 13-22 years
- Develop drugs strategy to target key offenders

Three major incidents were discussed which involved a stabbing, knife crime and a murder. In each case these were isolated incidents with the individuals known to one another. Charges have been brought in each case.

3. Police update by ward.

Verbal stats were given by the various teams for Nov, Dec, Jan

Each ward team gave an overview of crimes/events that had come on their radar and the actions they had taken. This included closing down a Cannabis Farm in Wendell and a drugs address in Grove. The new traffic restrictions on Rivercourt Rd have led to a reduction in car break ins but this has shifted activity towards St Peter's and Westcroft Squares.

An update was requested for some recent attempted burglaries in Hartswood Road. This requires liaison with the Burglary Squad and will be supplied by the local team.

Particularly with drug related crimes and car break ins, it is clear there are a small number of individuals who cause the majority of the trouble, Once arrested, crime goes down, and when they are released it goes up again.

Local teams are still being diverted to assist in Central London as required which is putting pressure on the teams.

There is a limited budget for night time or weekend patrols to target specific problem areas. This is reliant on overtime.

The importance of reporting crime was again emphasised as this allows the police to gather intelligence on crime types and trends. The most efficient reporting methods are

- (A) In an emergency or if a crime is in progress dial 999.
- (B) Report on the police web site - www.met.police.uk
- (C) If you have video footage of a crime please contact the police who will provide you with a link to upload the video.
- (D) Only call 101 if you don't have online access
- (E) Whilst you can email, this won't be picked up as quickly as reporting via www.met.police.uk

4. Residents crime and ASB concerns.

Bike racks outside Westfield are not considered safe

E bike speeds and inconsiderate parking are of concern and increasingly so

5. Ward crime priorities.

The meeting agreed it was happy that the Police would determine their own priorities

6. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

The national NHW website is up and running albeit some historic NHW coordinators have found it challenging to register. <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Belinda Donovan and Anita Milne have recently become joint chairs of the NHW network in H&F and have been certified by the national body. They can link to all registered watches and so it is recommended that NHW co-ordinators register their schemes on this site if possible.

The Met are looking at rolling out a two way communications system used by many police forces in England, based on Neighbourhood Alert, to all London boroughs. Latest information indicates this will take place in the summer.

8. AOB

A Ward Panel Survey will be circulated with the next week or so and it is hoped that Ward Panel members will respond.

The next meeting will be in May (when police shifts are known) and will be held in Ravenscourt ward.