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Foreword

When asked to write a report for the Annual Report of the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group (LCPCG) I was pleasantly surprised and happily agreed to do so. Lewisham Pensioners' Forum have worked in partnership with the LCPCG in the planning of three events especially for older people. once in June 2010, then in November 2011 and the third, most recently, in November 2012.

The meeting on 14th November 2012 was exceptionally good, concentrating on the scams carried out by conmen, who seem to target the most vulnerable people in the community. To use a local pensioner drama group, Montage Theatre Arts, was a touch of genius. They acted out the sort of scams that are in common practice and portrayed two reactions: one displaying the trustworthy reaction of older people and the other showing how to be politely cautious and catch them out. Fantastic.

Another plus is the practice of holding some LCPCG meetings during daytime so as to reach out to as many older people as possible. That is an example of the benefit of working with older people's organisations. The Forum has been very pleased to work in partnership with the LCPCG in reaching out into the community, as our aims are very similar. They are to pass on information regarding safety and care and to arrive at ways of addressing these issues.

The remit of Lewisham Pensioners' Forum is to listen to and address the concerns of older people in Lewisham and to react appropriately, be it in consultation or, as in the current attack on Lewisham Hospital services, to take direct action. The importance of reaching out and engaging with the community is the best way of ensuring that we become a more equal society. What Lewisham Pensioners' Forum is able to help achieve in the better care, health, safety and well being of our elders will hopefully ensure that our children, grandchildren and all other young people will live in a more equal society.

The matter of concern at the moment is the present government's plans to reduce the cost of public services. These propose a reduction in funding for bodies such as the LCPCG and also reducing the numbers of policemen in London. All to save government expenditure, and a clear example of short-term economics. We hope that the LCPCG escapes the policy of amputating the limbs of society and continues in the work of encouraging community engagement in the improvement of the society we live in. This is the aim of the Lewisham Pensioners' Forum and we will co-operate with other organisations to do so.

Doris Smith

Chair of Lewisham Pensioners' Forum



LCPCG Membership

Anti-Racist Organisations

Lewisham Anti-Racist Action Group	Jarman Parmar
Lewisham Council Black and Multi Cultural Forum	Mike Lewis

Business Organisations

LBBAC (Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime)	Martyn Grover
Lewisham Shopping Centre Management	Gordon Glean

Churches and Faith Groups of Lewisham

Churches of Lewisham	Pastor Lloyd Cespedes
Churches of Lewisham	Reverend Barry Carter
Deptford Churches Centre	Ingrid Chetram
Freedom House Worship Centre	Pastor Tom Irabor
Lewisham Islamic Centre	Tawfeeq Akande
London Sival Kovil Trust	Vallipuram Krishnanandharajah
Micah Community Projects	Ruhamah Sonson
Ransom Church of God	Bishop Owen Douce
Salvation Army, Catford	Lieutenant Mark Kent
St Dunstan's Parish Church	Rev Katherine Farrell
The Tabernacle	Tayo Disu

Community Groups

Ackroyd Community Association	Gurbakhsh Garcha
Active Communities against Trafficking (ACT) Lewisham	Lucy Olofinjana
Africa Development Network	Joseph Oladosu
African Welfare Organisation	Gilbert Oshevire
Age Concern	David Brown
Brockley Police and Community Centre	Janet Logan
Centre for Multi-Cultural Development & Integration	Kim Thomassi
Civic Development Centre	Babatunde Blyden
CURV (Communities Understanding & Reducing Violence)	Tom Mann
Deptford Family Project	Amina Ismail
Deptford Sector Working Group	Shelagh Fitzpatrick/ Trevor Jones
Friends of Home Park	Anthony Scully
Kiwanis International Club of London South East	Olivia Sandy
LEMP (Lewisham Ethnic Minority Partnership)	Pillai Siva
Lewisham Asian Association	Man Mohan
Lewisham Asian Community Organisation	Khalid Sharif
Lewisham Association of People with Disabilities	Carolynne Batley
Lewisham Community Action for Integration	Rev Flory-Prince Lumeka
Lewisham Community Development Partnership	Amanda Gosling
Lewisham Disability Forum	Carol Mew
Lewisham LGBT Community Involvement Group	Tony O'Donovan
Lewisham Mencap	Nick O'Shea
Lewisham Pensioners Forum	Jean Cawthorn

LCPCG Membership

Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network	Rosario Mincher
LGBT Panel	Bob Hodgson
NCBI	Royston John
Positive Mental Attitude	Sandra Longville
Rotary Club of Catford	Eileen McNally
Somali and Somaliland London Community	Mahad Abdullahi
South East London Humanists	James Dobson
South London Counselling Service	Oladipo Ayoola
Sydenham Society	Annabel McLaren
Under Pressure	Carol Webley-Brown
Voluntary Care Centre (VCC)	Evelyn Brady
World Of Hope	Florence Emakpose

Community Safety Organisations

Greenwich and Lewisham Probation Service	ACO Sara Robinson
Lewisham Fire Brigade, Borough Commander	Mark Andrews from December 2012 <i>Lee King to December 2012</i>
Crown Prosecution Service	<i>Vacant</i>
Lewisham Independent Custody Visitors	Rose Davidson
Lewisham Victim Support	Samantha Popely
Refuge (Lewisham)	Beverley Robinson
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime	Michael Taylor, BIE Officer for Lewisham

Educational Establishments

Goldsmiths, University of London	Graham Gaskell
Lewisham College	Dith Banbury

Local Authority Members

LBL Cabinet Member for Community Safety	Janet Daby
LBL Cabinet Member for Youth	Crada Onuegbu
LBL Councillor	Jackie Addison
LBL Councillor	Duwayne Brooks
LBL Councillor (Chair of Council)	Obajimi Adefiranye

Members of Parliament

MP for Lewisham Deptford	Joan Ruddock
MP for Lewisham East	Heidi Alexander
MP for Lewisham West and Penge	Jim Dowd

Observers (non voting)

LBL Head of Crime Reduction Service	Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney
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Police

British Transport Police, Lewisham	Insp Gary Knapton
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MPS Lewisham, Borough Commander	Russell Nyman from Aug 2012 <i>Jeremy Burton to Aug 2012</i>
MPS Lewisham Supt Partnership	<i>Suzanne Wallace to Dec 2012</i> Graham Price from Dec 2012
MPS Lewisham, Chief Insp Safer Neighbourhoods plus Partnership from Nov 2012	Ch Insp Stuart Bell
<i>MPS Lewisham, Chief Insp Partnership</i>	<i>Ch Insp Shaun Willshire to Nov 2012</i>

Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels

Bellingham Ward Panel	Margaret McCarthy
Brockley Ward Panel	Sian Williams
Catford South Ward Panel	tbc
Crofton Park Ward Panel	Christine Kibblewhite
Downham Ward Panel	Richard Holland
Evelyn Ward Panel	Angelo Caniani Trummer e Silva
Forest Hill Ward Panel	Adam Turner
Ladywell Ward Panel	Nicholas Springman
Lewisham Central Ward Panel	Joanne Hall
Lewisham Town Centre Business Panel	Joanne Hall
Perry Vale Ward Panel	Kevin Hern
Rushey Green Ward Panel	Laurel Saunders
Sydenham Ward Panel	Angela Hall
Whitefoot Ward Panel	tbc

Sport Organisations

Catford Wanderers Sports Club	Lorraine Smythers
Lewisham Sports Consortium	Harry Powell
Lewisham Wrestling Club	Muladi Badibengi
Millwall Football Club Community Scheme	Marc Elliot

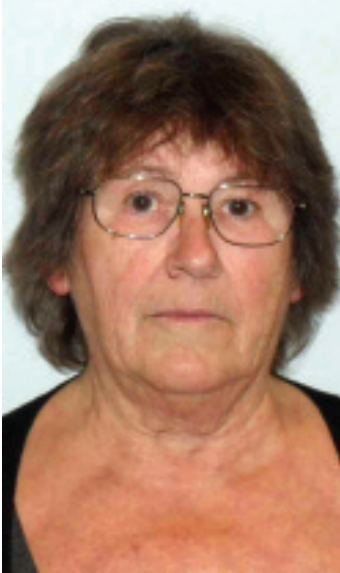
Tenants & Residents Groups

Colonnade & Terrace Tenants Residents Association	Joan Coulson
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Youth Organisations

Community Youth (CYL)	Corey Johnson
Discover Yourself	Janice Gushway
Irie! Dance Theatre	Beverley Glean
Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust	David Michael
Moonshot Phoenix Youth Club	Barbara Raymond
School House	Lynda Smith
Second Wave Youth Arts	Phil Turner
Streetvibes Youth	Sonia Ramanah
Sydenham & Forest Hill Youth Forum	Gerry Devine
XLP	Naomi Allen

Chair's Report



Jackie Addison
LCPCG Chair

I would like to present this my third report as Chair of LCPCG. This has been rather a rollercoaster of a year but, despite some very destabilising challenges, we have still managed to fulfil our commitments and even take on some important new ventures.

In Spring 2012 a couple of lines in Boris Johnson's election manifesto for London Mayor threw our very existence in doubt with his proposal to abolish Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) like ourselves and replace them with new structures called Safer Neighbourhood Boards. Since Boris was elected, we have waited for more information on this massive change but it has been in short supply. As to when it might happen, the date has been continually changing and we are now told it may be Autumn 2013.

The future of the group was already uncertain as the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has systematically reduced our grant, and we were already expecting a 50% cut. These two questions have hung over us all year, like a dark cloud blighting everything we do and, although we have tried to negotiate with MOPAC and the Deputy Mayor via the network of similar borough groups, we struggle to get a clear answer. It is very difficult to plan a programme of work when you don't know how long your organisation will exist for and what money, if any, will be there to fund it.

Another continually moving feast is what these new boards will look like. We have looked at the responsibilities these boards will be given and found that we are already doing many of them and could easily incorporate some of those we aren't already doing. However, there was a significant omission in that we found nothing that could be clearly recognised as "Community Engagement", which we regard as our most important "raison d'être". We have 27 years experience of this and it should not be lightly thrown away. Nonetheless we have been looking at whether we could adapt ourselves into the proposed new structure and be involved in the beginning of a Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board.

This exercise of survival has brought home to me the full extent of the range and volume of the work the LCPCG does and how important it is to the community we serve. We are made up of over ninety community groups and organisations, whose members have a wealth of experience and skills to offer. You only have to look at the examples of our work that I have chosen to write about below to appreciate its value and what could so easily be lost if it is not fought for...

Themed Public Meetings

We have continued our practice of holding themed meetings on aspects of Policing, Community Safety and the Criminal Justice Service.

Our June meeting was devoted to Stop and Search. Those attending heard about the Metropolitan Police's new STOPIT policy, which was based on a pilot scheme that had been trialled in Lewisham, and was now being rolled out across London and the input which the LCPCG Stop and Search Group, under former Chair Gordon Glean, had on its inception. The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce Emmanuel Imuere and Sadiki Harris, the Stop and Search Group's new Chair and Vice Chair, to the membership and listen to their aspirations and plans. The star of the evening, however, was Aaron Sonson, a young man from Lambeth who has developed a Stop and Search Phone App and whose enthusiasm and energy shone. www.stopandsearch.org

The December meeting was devoted to 'Victims of Crime'. Speakers were able to take those who attended through scenarios of what services they could expect from the police and partner agencies if they ever became a victim of crime. Other meetings in the pipeline for this year are 'The Future of CPEGs', 'Local Crime & Community Safety Priorities' and our AGM.

Perhaps our most successful meeting was the special daytime meeting for older residents on 'Scams' that we organised in conjunction with Lewisham Pensioners Forum, which over a hundred people attended – an even greater number than the previous year's successful meeting. The highlight of the morning was a performance by Montage Theatre Arts' older peoples' group, based at the Ackroyd Centre, who worked with officers from Scotland Yard's Operation Sterling to enact scenarios based on scams that target the elderly.

Working with Young People

You will recall that I mentioned in last year's report that we had promoted Prendergast Ladywell Fields College's Safe Havens work. We have continued this relationship and, in conjunction with the Lewisham Young Mayor's Office and Lewisham Police, are co-sponsoring an all-day conference on 15th March for Lewisham Secondary School students.

The conference entitled '10,000 Hands – Staying Safe' will explore what affects young people's perceptions of safety and how they can change and influence the various factors. There will be workshops, input from a cross-section of youth organisations and the day will close with an opportunity to put questions to a panel composed of the Borough Commander, Heidi Alexander MP, the Young Mayor and Barry Mizen of the Jimmy Mizen Foundation.

We intend to use the opportunity the conference affords to build stronger links with Lewisham schools, encourage them to become LCPCG members and increase involvement of young people with our organisation. We hope to develop a series of workshop sessions for young people to take into schools, youth clubs and other venues. A key component will be to involve young people in delivering the workshops and their willingness to be part of a solution

A time of change

This year we said goodbye to and in return welcomed new faces to the borough. Therefore I would like to remember and give special thanks to

- Chief Superintendent Jeremy Burton, who was Borough Commander for three and a half years, and has been called to Scotland Yard.
- Suzanne Wallace, Superintendent Partnership, who retired at Christmas and with whom we had a special relationship.

- Shaun Willshire, Chief Inspector Partnership, who has also retired and to whom Lewisham will be eternally grateful.
- Simon Davis, Chief Inspector for SNT, who was transferred to oversee policing in the Royal Parks in the spring and with whom we had worked closely for many years.

We were pleased to welcome two new faces to the borough – and welcome back a familiar face to the Police Partnership Team - in the forms of

- Chief Superintendent Russell Nyman, our new Borough Commander, who came to us at the end of August from Kent. We are already beginning to feel the benefit of some of the improvements he has made and we look forward to working with him for a number of years to come.
- Graham Price, Temporary Superintendent Partnership, who we all have good memories of working with in the past when he was Chief Inspector Partnership, and has just recently moved back into the Partnership Team, this time to lead it. We were all pleased to renew this working relationship.
- Chief Inspector Stuart Bell, who has moved from Lambeth to be responsible for Lewisham's Safer Neighbourhood Teams and has already made his enthusiasm felt.

Changes within the LCPCG too

I have already mentioned Emmanuel Imuere and Sadiki Harris, the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Stop and Search Group, who have brought a breath of fresh air to our organisation and have worked so hard to revitalise and rebrand the Group. In particular I would like to mention the work Sadiki has done to set up a separate Stop and Search Website, www.lewishamstopandsearch.co.uk, which we are launching on 22nd February and to thank Emmanuel for his support and advice with our Youth Engagement work, especially our Secondary Schools Conference.

Like the Stop and Search Group, the Strategy Group is looking at how we will have to change. I have already touched on our financial future, the changes to or possible demise of our organisation and, as you read further into the Annual Report, you will see that the Police and the Crime Reduction Service are facing serious changes too. Changes that are forced upon you by outside forces do not always produce the best solutions. Changes that come from inside an organisation, where they recognise a need and change to fill it, are always preferable. "Service led" is always better than "Cuts led". It would be nice to have that choice.

Policing has always been a bit of a "political football" and never more so than now with the introduction of the new Police and Crime Commissioner posts (in London this is assigned to the London Mayor). I feel this is a worrying development and think that the LCPCG membership needs to carefully consider how we proceed in this changing climate. The LCPCG is an independent body and as such will speak up for you against any political group or grouping that tries to take away your voice. We do not want the interests of the community whose views we communicate to be kicked around for political gain by any political party, whatever its persuasion.

Vice Chair's Report



Tayo Disu

**LCPCG Vice Chair
and Lead for
Diversity**

I am pleased to report a second time as the Vice-Chair of the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group (LCPCG). The last twelve months have seen a lot of changes, with many more to come. I have concentrated on outreach in order to involve more community groups so they may better understand our role and engage with the LCPCG

I represented the LCPCG at several consultations both in and out of the Borough including: pre-Olympic briefing, post-riots meetings, the Positive Ageing Council AGM, the Police Foundation's Annual Conference and a London Communities Policing Partnership meeting.

I am delighted to note that this year witnessed improved Police engagement with the community, notably during the Olympics, Paralympics and Jubilee celebrations. This showed a marked improvement of positive engagement by the Police with community representatives compared to the experiences of August 2011.

I have maintained an active interest in diversity strands and represent LCPCG on Equaliteam Lewisham, the newly commissioned organisation on equality issues, the Hate Crime Working Party and the Stop and Search Group, both sub-groups of LCPCG. These groups all deliberate on meeting the needs of diverse community groups facing one or other form of injustice – a topic that touches the very core of my being. There is a lot of work required to further progress these themes.

It has been of general consensus that better reporting of crime should be encouraged, victims must be well supported and education is necessary in reducing/eliminating Hate Crime in Lewisham. It is noteworthy to commend the interest and involvement of the Police and Council to combat this form of crime in Lewisham. However, there is need for more resources and commitment to achieve this laudable goal.

I attend regular update meetings with the Borough Commander and Lewisham Council's Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People. I also attended community meetings, Critical Incident Briefings and Ward Panel Forum meetings. I have attended dip sampling of Stop and Search slips and vetted Induction Training materials for officers at Lewisham Police station. I have also engaged with Lewisham Police Senior Management to look into complaints, their procedures and options available outside the standard complaints procedures for people who are dissatisfied with the service they received from Police officers in Lewisham. I have also been on training courses, both in and out of the Borough, so as to be better prepared for ongoing changes. I would like to say a big thanks to all that have contributed to the work of the LCPCG.

Statement of Accounts

(Projection
for full year
spend)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08
External printing and design – Annual Report etc	1,214	1,066	656	3,610	6,073	17,785
Catering for AGM and all other projects	2,348	419	1,633	392	1,031	2,233
Postage, Printing for meetings; Other general office expenditure;	1,356	646	792	3,557	2,511	1,092
Staffing Costs	42,403	38,493	36,801	35,330	36,187	42,475
Strategy Group development and expenses	1,621	623	282	360	1,850	0
Stop & Search scrutiny group projects	2,149	453	602			
Special projects and other miscellaneous	5,192	1,347	253	7,335	0	3,681
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	56,283	43,047	41,019	50,584	47,652	67,266
LCPCG IS FUNDED BY:						
MPA Grant allocation	35,438	43,750	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
MPA Contribution towards Stop and Search						9,000
MPA Grant allocation for Gun Crime Conference						1,000
Contribution from MPS for Admin Support				100		
Other Income				1,800	6,237	7,300
Balance B/F from previous year	21,191	20,487	11,505	1,189	1,604	1,570
Monies held over re: Community Call to Action Report				9,000	-9,000	
TOTAL INCOME	56,629	64,237	61,505	62,089	48,841	68,870
BALANCE C/F to following year	346	21,190	20,486	11,505	1,189	1,604

Treasurer's Report

Joanne Hall
LCPCG Treasurer

I am pleased to present my first report as Treasurer to the LCPCG. My role as Treasurer is to ensure the limited budget is spent wisely and effectively to ensure the best use of funds while still delivering effective and responsible Community Engagement and the development of new projects.

I am pleased to report that LCPCG continues to be very prudent with how the budget is spent; in previous years we have been able to carry these savings forward. However, this year the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), which now funds all Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs), has decreed that this sensible use of any surplus monies cannot continue, and all of the grant has to be spent within the financial year.

At the time of writing (late January 2013), we are still unsure whether we will have a grant at all in 2013/14. MOPAC has hinted that we might have a drastically reduced grant of £25,000, which would not cover the basic costs – including the very important matter of the salary of the LCPCG Co-ordinator, who supplies essential administration skills and support; without this vital support the LCPCG would struggle to function. In addition MOPAC has given no indication, as to whether it intends to carry on funding CPEGs at all beyond next year.

These combined uncertainties make planning for next year extremely difficult, particularly when it comes to developing new ideas on how to improve understanding between local people and local police.

Ideally, we would like the LCPCG to continue the work we have been doing this year: to still be a fully effective consultative group; to engage and work with all sections of the community; to work with partners and to develop new projects but, in view of the current economic climate and the uncertainty of the future of CPEGs, it is unrealistic to expect this to happen.

If the LCPCG is to continue in its current form then, given the uncertainty of future funding, other options will have to be explored, including whether it is practical to apply for charitable funding or whether administrative functions can be undertaken by its members. This of course would be a huge commitment from those that already donate a lot of unpaid time to the work of the LCPCG. Whatever the outcome, it remains vitally important that the people of Lewisham continue to have a totally independent, non-political and unbiased link and representation between them and the Police.

Borough Commander's Report



**Chief
Superintendent
Russell Nyman**

**Borough Commander
Lewisham Police**

**Metropolitan Police
Service**

I am honoured and privileged to be making my first annual report to the LCPCG as Borough Commander.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and officers from Lewisham Borough have had a significant year. Lewisham officers have worked tremendously hard over the last twelve months playing key roles in the delivery of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Diamond Jubilee and a number of key demonstrations and national events. Perhaps most significantly for Lewisham was helping provide safe passage of the Olympic torch through the borough and facilitating the Blackheath Olympic Live Site.

With such wide ranging commitments it has undoubtedly been a challenging year and, although Lewisham resources have been tested, we have maintained a concentrated focus on delivering a quality service to people that live, work and travel through Lewisham Borough.

I was especially proud to award in excess of 60 commendations to Lewisham officers in November for their outstanding contributions to keeping Lewisham and London safe.

In December New Cross Safer Neighbourhood Team was awarded the Commissioner's Total Policing Award for Top Safer Neighbourhood Team in the MPS and PCSO Michelle Narcisco (New Cross SNT) was awarded the Top PCSO award. The SNT award was subject to a public vote, a real endorsement for the work that Lewisham SNTs conduct on a daily basis.

Going forward into 2013 the MPS will be rolling out the Local Policing Model, as part of the 'One Met Model'. This will provide greater focus in the way Boroughs deliver front line policing, with a strong emphasis on Neighbourhood policing.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) will build on our existing ward-based model and will be based on clusters of SNT ward areas. NPTs will have a mix of PCSOs and Police Officers, who will engage with and reassure the public, patrol local areas and investigate 'beat crimes', with the initial 'primary' investigation on the day and any follow-up 'secondary' inquiries. This means victims will benefit from a consistent approach by an identified individual with responsibility for investigating that offence.

Emergency Response Teams: Every MPS borough will have a dedicated team of uniformed police officers to deal primarily with calls from the public that require an immediate response, a response within the hour or a diarised appointment.

There will be a number of other changes, for example around the delivery of custody services. It is my intention, throughout the changes ahead, to keep the LCPCG updated as events progress.

Another major theme for policing going forward will be how we deal with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). We have already set up a Customer Service Desk at Lewisham. The aim is to engage quickly with victims of anti-social behaviour, listen to their concerns and work with them and partner agencies to provide sustainable solutions. I am particularly keen that this work focuses on repeat and vulnerable victims in our community and to take robust action against those who engage in ASB.

We will continue to focus on Serious Youth Violence and Gun and Knife Crime. There have unfortunately been some very tragic incidents in the Borough this year, meaning we have to be relentless in our efforts to suppress these crime types by removing weapons from our streets and continuing to engage with young people. A tactic to reduce this will be the continued use of intelligence-led and focused 'Stop and Search'. We have achieved a significant reduction in Serious Youth Violence this year.

We will continue to support the Commissioner's aspirations around 'Stop and Search'. I am very pleased with the work of the 'Stop and Search' Monitoring Group which has recently taken on a new Chair and Vice-Chair. I welcome their continued scrutiny, advice and views. I note that there are exciting developments around a new website, Stop and Search 'Roadshows' aimed at engaging as fully as possible with the community around this important aspect of police work.

There can be no doubt that 2013 will be a challenging year for both Lewisham Borough and the MPS. As I have outlined, the way policing will be delivered will change. However, I am committed to providing a high quality service to the public and to continually improve how we provide Policing Services, working with our Partners in Lewisham Borough, in what is a challenging Policing environment.

I extend my personal thank you to members of the LCPCG, and in particular to the Chair, Jackie Addison, for providing support, guidance and advice during the past year. I look forward to working with you all during 2013.

Safer Lewisham Partnership – Lead Officer’s Report



Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney

Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People London Borough of Lewisham

“If you don’t like something change it; if you can’t change it, change the way you think about it.”

As we predicted, the significant changes in the world of Criminal Justice came into being in 2011. Lewisham was at the forefront in testing many of these models and most significantly in trying new approaches and developing services that meet the needs of its residents. Thinking about things differently and innovative approaches with stakeholders have helped shape the work, lending itself to positive changes.

The Partnership undertook an annual refresh of the Strategic Assessment, identifying four key priorities for 2012/13. These included:

- Knife Crime
- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour
- Domestic Violence and Violence against Girls
- Managing Offenders in the Community

Activity has been significant across the Partnership, with the following areas being of note:

- The Partnership continues to deliver programmes in relation to Ending Gang and Youth Violence with the Home Office and was peer reviewed in November of 2012, with outstanding comments made on the practice and services delivered to victims, perpetrators and families in respect of Serious Youth Violence.
- The Youth Offending Service was subject to an Her Majesty’s Inspection of Probation (HMIP) inspection report released in March 2012. It highlighted some excellent areas of good practice in safeguarding and reoffending.
- The Partnership was part of a pilot with the Ministry of Justice on Justice Reinvestment. This was to test a model to see if local partnerships could help reduce the demand in the Criminal Justice system. The Borough has been extremely successful in its results with substantial reductions in demand.
- A new Aftercare Provision for drug and alcohol started in the summer. This provision is working closely with a range of services to help support clients following treatment.
- Targeted support and action where appropriate has been taken in respect of businesses and Anti Social Behaviour, which has resulted in a reduction in ASB.

- Work continues across the borough to jointly tackle and resolve resident concerns around ASB, Crime and Community Safety.
- Several events took place showcasing and promoting the work of the Partnership including a “Victims Conference” promoted by the new Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Cllr Janet Daby, “Recovery from Drugs and Alcohol”, an Open Day at the Youth Offending Service and ongoing Roadshows throughout the Borough promoting Community Safety and Crime Reduction messages.

The forthcoming year will pose further challenges for everyone, with many funding aspects changing and potential pressures being placed on individuals and families through central government welfare reform.

The Partnership will continue to build on the strength and commitment of its officers to ensure that we continue to make Lewisham a safe place for all those who live, work, learn or pass through the Borough.

LCPCG Strategy Group Membership

Chair

Jackie Addison, London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) Councillor

Vice Chair

Tayo Disu, The Tabernacle

Treasurer

Joanne Hall, Lewisham Central Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Stop and Search Scrutiny Group Chair,

Emanuel Imuere, The Pye Project

Ward Panel Forum Chair

Nico Springman, Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Community Members

Gordon Glean, Lewisham Shopping Centre Management

David Michael, Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust

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Phil Turner, Second Wave Youth Arts

Mahad Abdullahi, Somali and Somaliland London Community

Florence Emakpose, World of Hope

Statutory Representative Members

Chief Superintendent Russell Nyman, Borough Commander from August 2012

Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, LBL Head of Crime Reduction Service

Temporary Superintendent Graham Price, Partnership Lead from December 2012

Samantha Popely, Victim Support – Safer Lewisham Partnership Representative, from January 2013

Chief Superintendent Jeremy Burton, Borough Commander to August 2012

Superintendent Suzanne Wallace, Partnership Lead to December 2012

Lee King, Lewisham Fire Brigade Borough Commander - Safer Lewisham Partnership Representative to September 2012

Stop & Search Scrutiny Group Report



Emmanuel Imuere
Chair of the Stop and Search (and Recommendation 61) Scrutiny Group

“As a scrutiny group we are aware that there are particular groups within the borough that are most affected by Stop and Search, with this in mind we should be proactive in enabling such groups access to relevant and informative education around their rights and responsibilities during Stop and Search encounters “ Emmanuel Imuere

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to serve as Chair of the Lewisham Stop and Search Scrutiny Group. I am a local resident and business owner who has lived in Lewisham for over 35 years, with 15 years experience in Youth and Community related practice. I am passionate about my community and the future of our young people living in such times.

I was elected in April 2012 with a view to improving and finding new methods to better engage with the local community and provide a platform for constructive dialogue between police and community members and groups most affected by Stop and Search. As Chair, I feel it is necessary for such scrutiny groups to also offer support to individuals and groups, such as young people, vulnerable adults, those to whom English is a second language and individuals who may suffer from mental health issues, who have difficulty in representing themselves in making complaints and comments relating to their experiences of Stop and Search. This is a vital area: building public confidence and trust in police.

Over the last several months we have continued to work hard with our members, voluntary and statutory partners to re-examine the priorities set out in the group’s previous action plans as well as undertaking new work to raise awareness of the group’s existence and effectiveness. As part of my role I have attended several relevant engagements and outreach events representing the group and borough. This included meetings at Scotland Yard, attending other boroughs’ Community Engagement Events and attending Community Monitoring Meetings facilitated by MOPAC. Locally I have visited a number of community and youth facilities to better understand the issues and impact as well as exploring what could be done to improve police practice. Other activities include workshops in local schools and meeting with the Mayor’s NEET Group.

Despite challenges and difficulties, the group has made steady progress, continuing to monitor data and police practice. We carried out a Dip Sampling exercise of Stop/Search slips, as well as viewing new Stop and Search training for officers. The group is currently working towards developing and implementing a ‘community website’ at www.lewishamstopandsearch.co.uk, which will provide the public with useful information, a local complaints system, and Youth and Community Engagement Roadshow Events. We are also looking into producing media toolkits and literature around Stop and Search best practice.

It was great to meet with our new Borough Commander who is supportive of the group’s work and has expressed his willingness to support where and when possible.

Stop & Search Group Membership

Emmanuel Imuere	Chair (The Pye Project)
Sadiki Harris	Vice Chair (316 Media)
Jackie Addison	LCPCG Chair (LBL Councillor)
Tayo Disu	LCPCG Vice Chair (The Tabernacle)
Gordon Glean	LCPCG Strategy Group Member (Lewisham Shopping)
Phil Turner	LCPCG Strategy Group Member (Second Wave)
Barbara Robinson Perry	PLAY Adventist
Inspector Gary Madams	Lewisham Police
Sergeant Chris Mackin	Lewisham Police
Sergeant Dean Williamson	TSG4 Metropolitan Police
Inspector David Slade	TSG4 Metropolitan Police
CLlr Duwayne Brooks	LBL Councillor
Sam Dias	Acting Director (Equaliteam)
Tanya Edwards	LBL Youth Offending Team
Nicola Smikle	LBL Detached Youth Work Co-ordinator
Mohamed Mohamed	Somali and Somaliland London Community (from Dec 2012)
Alvan Wright	LBL Youth Service
<i>CI Shaun Willshire</i>	<i>Lewisham Police (to Dec 2012)</i>
<i>Mahad Abdullahi</i>	<i>LCPCG Strategy Group Member (SSLC) (to Nov 2012)</i>

Ward Panel Forum Report

Nico Springman **Chair of the Ward** **Panel Forum**

Since October 2012, I have been elected the new Chair for the Ward Panel Forum. I was born in London and I have lived in it for most of my adult life. For the last eight years, my home has been in Ladywell where I chair the Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel.

Over the past few years, the Ward Panel Forum has been chaired by Joanne Hall. Earlier on last year, she decided to relinquish this position. She has always demonstrated a strong and efficient understanding of the role and will be an extremely hard act to follow. She was elected as the Vice Chair at our meeting in October, so I will be able to call on her for help and support throughout the coming months.

The Ward Panel Forum is a meeting for the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all of the individual Safer Neighbourhood Panels, enabling them to get together with each other and representatives from the Police and the Council. It is a chance for all concerned to give and receive necessary updates and share experiences. The October meeting was held at Lewisham Police station, courtesy of Stuart Bell, Lewisham's new Chief Inspector with responsibility for SNTs, who has joined our borough from Lambeth. There, he was involved in the introduction of "Operation Hannah" which sought to alter the way that Local Neighbourhood Policing was delivered in their wards. CI Bell is keen to bring this experience to bear on the different wards in Lewisham.

The Forum told CI Bell that it is concerned about the future of policing in the Borough, particularly in Sydenham, where it has been openly speculated that the police station there will be closed. At this meeting, it was not possible for C I Bell to confirm or deny the rumours – now known to be true – that had arisen because the MPS has to make expenditure cuts across the whole of London. But, the Forum has made it clear that this very important issue will be a consistent item on the Agenda, requiring updates at all subsequent meetings.

We have traditionally met at the Civic Suite in Catford, but it was thought a good idea to try a different part of the Borough to see if that encouraged more people to attend. CI Bell has agreed to write to each of the Safer Neighbourhood Team sergeants to obtain up-to-date contact details for their panel Chairs, Vice Chairs and Secretaries. The Forum would be greatly enhanced if more representatives from the wards attended. I fervently hope that more Ward Representatives will make the time to come to the Forum and share their knowledge, concerns and experience with the other members.

Lewisham Ward Panel Forum Membership

Ward	Chair	Vice Chair
Bellingham	Margaret McCarthy	To be confirmed
Blackheath *	David Webster	Anita Whitfield
Brockley	Sian Williams	
Catford South	To be confirmed	Ron Dixon
Crofton Park	Deirdre Mason	Judith Seymour
Downham	Richard Holland	Beryl Blair
Evelyn	Angelo Trummer e Silva	John Carlin
Forest Hill	Adam Turner	David Brown
Grove Park	Sherene Baptiste	Gill Lewis
Ladywell	Nico Springman	Tayo Disu
Lee Green *	David Webster	Anita Whitfield
Lewisham Central	Joanne Hall	Jean Beckle
Lewisham Town Centre	Joanne Hall	Martyn Grover
New Cross	Phil Gannon	Heidi Spiers/Thelma Gabriel
Perry Vale	Kevin Hern	
Rushey Green	James Dobson	Nigel Mumford
Sydenham	Angela Hall	James Mitchell
Telegraph Hill	To be confirmed	
Whitefoot	Alan Phipps (Acting Chair)	

* Blackheath has a Joint Panel with Lee Green

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Safer Neighbourhood Teams – MPS

Ward	Landline	E-mail addresses	Sergeant
Bellingham	020 8721 2489	Bellingham.SNT@met.police.uk	Chris Ellen PS32PL
Blackheath	020 8284 8497	Blackheath.SNT@met.police.uk	Ruth Willshire PS24PL
Brockley	020 8284 8558	Brockley.SNT@met.police.uk	Jon Biddle PS36PL
Catford South	020 8721 2488	CatfordSouth.SNT@met.police.uk	Matt French PS 13PL
Crofton Park	020 8721 2485	CroftonPark.SNT@met.police.uk	David Hawtin PS 56PL
Downham	020 8721 2486	Downham.SNT@met.police.uk	Duncan Anderson PS 15PL
Evelyn	020 8284 8579	Evelyn.SNT@met.police.uk	Peter Campbell PS 63PL
Forest Hill	020 8721 2723	ForestHill.SNT@met.police.uk	Scott Ferguson PS 46PL
Grove Park	020 8721 2483	GrovePark.SNT@met.police.uk	Duncan Anderson PS 15PL
Ladywell	020 8721 2484	Ladywell.SNT@met.police.uk	David Hawtin PS 56PL
Lee Green	020 8284 8497	LeeGreen.SNT@met.police.uk	Ruth Willshire S24PL
Lewisham Central	020 8721 2481	LewishamCentral.SNT@met.police.uk	Paul Humphreys A/PS332PL
New Cross	020 8284 8578	NewCross.SNT@met.police.uk	Mark Alger PS 42PL
Perry Vale	020 8721 2480	PerryVale.SNT@met.police.uk	Phil Moore PS 91PL
Rushey Green	020 8284 5128	RusheyGreen.SNT@met.police.uk	Michelle Pryal PS 45PL
Sydenham	020 8649 3598	Sydenham.SNT@met.police.uk	Amanda Ritchie PS 72PL
Telegraph Hill	020 8721 2722	TelegraphHill.SNT@met.police.uk	Karl Parish PS 1PL
Whitefoot	020 8721 2487	Whitefoot.SNT@met.police.uk	Matt French PS 13PL

www.met.police.uk/teams/lewisham

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Safer Neighbourhood Inspectors – MPS

South Cluster Inspector Richard Clinch	Bellingham, Forest Hill, Perry Vale, Sydenham, Catford South, Downham, Grove Park & Whitefoot.
Central Cluster Inspector Daren Donoghue	Lewisham Central, Lewisham Town Centre Team, Rushey Green, Blackheath & Lee Green.
North Cluster Acting Inspector Dave Hawtin	Evelyn, New Cross, Telegraph Hill, Brockley, Ladywell, Crofton Park.

Lewisham Town Centre Team – MPS

Covers shopping areas along Lewisham High St & Rushey Green up to Catford/Plassy Island.

Landline	E-mail addresses	Sergeant
020 8284 8319	lewishamtowncentre@metpolice.uk	Matt McGrath PS 8PL

Safer Transport Teams – MPS

Covers buses, taxis and major road routes in the borough

Main contact number	Sergeant Chris Davies (Operations Sergeant)	Inspector Dave Blundell
0208 284 5973	0208 284 9908	0208 284 9906

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Based at	Landline	E-mail addresses	Sergeant
Lewisham Railway Station	020 8209 6350	Lewisham-NPT@btp.pnn.police.uk	Ricky Usher

http://www.btp.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/london_south.aspx

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Hate Crime Working Group Report

The Hate Crime Working Group was established this year to build a process of effective consultation on all aspects of Hate Crime in Lewisham, to acknowledge its far-reaching impact on community relations, and to identify the incidence of Hate Crime as a local priority.

Hate Crime involves the hostile targeting of individuals, groups and communities because of their race or ethnic identity, religion or belief, immigration status or nationality, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age or disability. This targeted hostility is predominantly motivated by prejudice and includes: physical assault, damage to property, threatening behaviour, physical or verbal abuse, harassment or intimidation.

The Working Group is committed to establishing effective methods of reporting, recording and investigating these incidents, and to ensuring that the victims of Hate Crime gain the best possible support, information and protection. These are important issues because the members of our community who are most vulnerable to Hate Crime are also the victims who are least likely to report such incidents. Often they do not expect to be believed or taken seriously. When they are subjected to repeated patterns of hostility, they tend to lose confidence in the capacity of the police to offer them reasonable levels of protection. Casual harassment which goes unchallenged can permeate deep into community life, leaving the victims of Hate Crime isolated or fearful of conducting their lives with normal expectations of freedom and safety.

The Working Group seeks to build a collaborative, cross-sector approach based on effective networking between the Local Authority, the Police and Community Partners in the borough. This requires a sustained collective effort. The group includes representatives from the LCPCG, Lewisham Crime Reduction Service and Lewisham Borough Police. We have appreciated the support of Somali and Somaliland London Community, Lewisham Disability Coalition, Lewisham Islamic Centre, London Sivan Temple, Lewisham College and Downham Tamil Association.

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We hope Second Wave's participation will help to strengthen relationships between young people, the Police and the wider community in this important area of work.

Kloe Dean and Phil Turner

Second Wave



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