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Foreword

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that I write this foreword for what will be the last ever Annual Report for the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group. The LCPCG was established in Lewisham in 1986 in the wake of the Scarman Report and has made a powerful contribution to building a strong and cohesive community here in Lewisham.

Its first chair, Asquith Gibbes MBE, sadly passed away in July last year. He played an outstanding role in the life of the borough and in his work with the LCPCG set the tone for the positive relationships that exist today between the police and the community in Lewisham. The work recounted in this report stands as a tribute to his legacy and to the tireless work of his successors, David Michael and the present chair Jackie Addison. I would also like to thank all those members of the Group who have contributed during those years.



The LCPCG is at its best when it engages all parts of the community about the police and crime issues that concern them. Its work in recent years with pensioners included a hugely successful outreach meeting where over a hundred people were shown demonstrations of scams and con tricks aimed at the elderly, all re-enacted by the Montage Theatre Arts older people's drama group.

The Group has also done some exceptional work with young people. In March 2013 I had the great pleasure of opening the "10,000 Hands – Staying Safe" conference, sponsored by the LCPCG in conjunction with the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, and the Lewisham Young Mayor. Attended by students from every secondary school in the borough, the conference featured workshops on community safety themes affecting young people and information from a huge range of community groups and other experts, as well as the chance to discuss their own ideas about policing and crime.

As the chair of the Safer Lewisham Partnership I have had to engage with many of the same people that LCPCG does but in a different context and it has been reassuring to know that LCPCG was there making sure that our community was engaged with these important issues. The Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group will now be replaced by the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board and I hope the new Board will build on the legacy of the LCPCG.

Sir Steve Bullock Mayor of Lewisham

LCPCG Membership

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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 Services Lewisham	Evelyn Brady
World Of Hope	Florence Emakpose
Community Safety Organisations	
London Probation Trust (Lewisham)	Louise Hubbard
Hestia Housing & Support	David Griffiths
Lewisham Borough Crown Prosecution Service	Shazia Ahmed
Lewisham Fire Brigade, Borough Commander	Mark Andrews
Lewisham Independent Custody Visitors	Rose Davidson
Lewisham Victim Support Scheme	Samantha Popely
Refuge (Lewisham)	Beverley Robinson
Education	
Goldsmiths, University of London	Graham Gaskell
LeSoCo (Lewisham and Southwark College)	Dith Banbury
Schoolhouse Education	Lynda Smith
Local Authority – Councillors	
LBL Cabinet Member for Youth	Crada Onuegbu
LBL Councillor	Marion Nisbett
LBL Councillor (Vice Chair of Council)	Jackie Addison
LBL Councillor	David Britton
LBL Councillor (Chair of Council)	Obajimi Adefiranye
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime	
MOPAC Programme Manager (Lewisham's link officer)	Naomi Simpson
Members of Parliament	
MP for Lewisham Deptford	Joan Ruddock
MP for Lewisham East	Heidi Alexander
MP for Lewisham West and Penge	Jim Dowd
Neighbourhood Watch	
Tyrwhitt Road Neighbourhood Watch	Bryan Pope
Tyrwinte Road Reigilbournood Water	Diyun i ope
Observers (non voting)	
LBL Head of Crime Reduction Service	Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney

Police		
British Transport Police, Lewisham	Insp Gary Knapton	
MPS Lewisham, Borough Commander	Ch Supt Russell Nyman	
MPS Lewisham, Ch Insp for Safer Neighbourhoods	Ch Insp Stuart Bell	
MPS Lewisham, Ch Insp Partnership	Ch Insp Graham Price	
MPS Lewisham, Supt Partnership	Supt Michael Gallagher	
Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels		
Bellingham Ward Panel	Margaret McCarthy	
Blackheath Ward Panel	David Irvine	
Brockley Ward Panel	Sian Williams	
Catford South Ward Panel	Kate Richardson	
Crofton Park Ward Panel	Christine Kibblewhite	
Downham Ward Panel	Richard Holland	
Evelyn Ward Panel	Angelo Caniani Trummer e Silva	
Forest Hill Ward Panel	David Brown	
Ladywell Ward Panel	Gitta Hutt	
Lee Green Ward Panel	Anita Whitfield	
Lewisham Central Ward Panel	Joanne Hall	
Telegraph Hill Ward Panel	Ken Wakeman	
Perry Vale Ward Panel	Kevin Hern	
Rushey Green Ward Panel	Laurel Saunders	
Sydenham Ward Panel	Angela Hall	
New Cross Ward Panel	Diana Byrnes	
Whitefoot Ward Panel	Timi Ogunbadewa	
Sport Organisations		
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	
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	
Positive Youth Experience (PYE) Project	Emmanuel Imuere	
Second Wave Youth Arts	Phil Turner	
Streetvibes Youth	Sonia Ramanah	
Walk In Space Youth Club	Jackie Addison	
XLP	Naomi Allen	

Asquith Gibbes MBE 1934–2013

The Measure of a Man

Asquith Gibbes, the first Chair of Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group, passed away in the early hours of 16 July 2013 after a long illness. Asquith served in the role of Chair for eighteen years. He formed a strong and productive working relationship with several Lewisham Borough Commanders and a number of Consultative Group Co-ordinators during his tenure as Chair. He was passionate and dedicated to good police community relations right up to his death.

I first met Asquith when I arrived in Lewisham as a nineteen year old police constable in early 1973. He had not long been appointed as the first Principal Race Equality Officer for the Lewisham Council for Community Relations. Asquith was at the vanguard and undoubtedly one of the architects of what is now known as community or citizen-focused policing.



He worked purposefully with successive Lewisham Borough Commanders and those in the role of what is now known as Chief Inspector Partnership. From my earliest recollections, Asquith was a strong advocate on behalf of the communities in Lewisham. He also formed common cause with the late Andy Hawkins, the former Leader of Lewisham Council who was also a passionate champion of fairness, human rights and equalities issues.

Asquith initiated the first 'Help on Arrest' scheme in Lewisham, which may well have been the first in the Metropolitan Police area and in the country. This preceded what many are now familiar with as an 'Appropriate Adult' attending the police station to provide help, assistance and to safeguard the interests of a child or young person in police detention. All this was many years before the universal safeguards for those arrested or suspected of offences provided by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act in 1984.

Asquith was not only the Chair of Lewisham CPCG; he was the founder of the Stop and Search Monitoring Group, which has become an integral part of the LCPCG. Asquith remained passionate about the impact and challenges of Stop and Search long after he relinquished the role of Chair. He went on to work on Stop and Search at strategic levels with members of the High Command at New Scotland Yard, The Home Office, the Commission for Racial Equality, as it then was, and others.

Asquith also founded the first local Police Independent Advisory Group (IAG) in Lewisham and the Metropolitan Police Area, which he continued to chair long after he stood down as LCPCG Chair. He also continued his involvement in attending Strategic Stop and Search and Central IAG meetings at New Scotland Yard and chaired the Millwall Anti-Racist Trust, now Millwall For All.

During the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry in 1998, the Metropolitan Police Service formed the first Police Central IAG in the country to advise the Metropolitan Police on race-related matters facilitated by Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, a former Lewisham Inspector, who stated that he wanted to invite some of the Metropolitan Police's strongest critics to become members. Not surprisingly, with Asquith's background as a Principal Race Equality Officer and record in Police Community Relations, he was invited to become one of the first Central IAG members.

Although a serving police officer, I became a member of the Met's Central IAG in my own right as a

representative of the Black Police Association. The IAG was made up of some very gifted and talented people who all brought added value to the group. However, no one was more meticulous in preparation, in keeping a thread of discussions over several meetings and conducting a critical analysis of information presented by police officers than Asquith. London and the Metropolitan Police were served well by him in that regard.

I had the privilege to serve as LCPCG Vice Chair when Asquith was Chair. In terms of division of labour, he showed trust and confidence in me by asking me to attend the London-wide CPCG Chairs meetings and those they had with the Commissioner and Senior Leadership Team at New Scotland Yard.

When I succeeded Asquith as Chair of Lewisham CPCG in December 2004, I said with a touch of humour to the group that my generation was made of a different constitution to Asquith and it would be unthinkable that I would be able to serve the group for eighteen years in the way that he did. Although working with a very knowledgeable and able Strategy Group as Chair, hardly a day went by without me having a conversation with Asquith or bouncing some ideas off him. We demonstrated to Asquith that we were building on his legacy and fully involved him in our conferences, AGMs and presentations. Although Asquith did not look for accolades for his work, it was pleasing that he got some public recognition for his significant contributions and achievements.

In March 2003, Asquith was the outright winner of the Metropolitan Police Volunteer Awards at a ceremony hosted by the Commissioner and the Mayor of London Ken Livingstone. He received a Borough Commander's Commendation from Chief Superintendent Archie Torrance and more recently an Assistant Commissioner's Commendation. In 2007, it was my pleasure to nominate Asquith for the South London Press 'Our Heroes' Awards in the Community Champion category and was very pleased to see him crowned the 'Star of South London'. Later, in 2009 Asquith received his MBE at Buckingham Palace for his services to policing and community relations.

Asquith's funeral was a reflection of how he lived his life, with every organisation and every walk of life that Asquith was involved in being represented. By Asquith's own request, three of his pall bearers were uniformed police constables. The list of those attending reads like a gallery of the famous – a page out of Lewisham history – just some of those who are not mentioned elsewhere include the First Secretary from the Grenada High Commission, Baroness Ros Howells OBE, Assistant Met Commissioner Cressida Dick, Lord Paul Boateng, Lord Herman Ouseley, Commander Tony Eastaugh and former Deputy Assistant Met Commissioner John Grieve along with former Borough Commanders Mike Humphrey and Ken Chapman. Also present were Chief Superintendent Vic Olisa, Superintendent Michael Gallagher and Superintendent Annette Wightman.

On 14 October 2013 at the Lewisham Borough Commander's Commendation Ceremony in the presence of the Mayor of Lewisham Sir Steve Bullock, Police Constable Mohammed Aziz from Lewisham Town Centre Team was made the first recipient of the Asquith Gibbes Memorial Award for Policing and Community Cohesion.

Asquith Gibbes made a big difference! His work is done but his legacy lives on.

David Michael (former Chair, Lewisham CPCG)

Chair's Report



Jackie Addison LCPCG Chair

It is with great sadness that I present my fourth and what seems likely to be the last ever LCPCG Annual Report. The elements of this Annual Report have reminded me of the extent of the contribution the LCPCG has made over its 27 years. However, I will start by looking at recent events and this year's work programme.

Public Meetings

Before April 2013 only specialist firearms and TSG police officers carried TASERs but in April, the Met increased the number of officers who were allowed to carry them by introducing them to local police response cars. There had been no public consultation on this so we made TASERs the topic for our June meeting. Sergeants Simon Parfitt and Ian McLone, MPS TASER instructors, gave a presentation and demonstration of their use. The two officers were rigorously questioned and those there were allowed to handle demo models. Statistics as to when TASERs are drawn, red dotted and fired are now given at all our meetings and we have been offered the opportunity to observe officers being trained.

Our October meeting looked at Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), which figures in most Ward Panel lists of priorities. Gary Connors, Strategic Manager of Lewisham Council's Crime Reduction Service, spoke about the actions the council can take to deal with this and outlined the new legislative changes in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill 2013-14. Vanesa Antar from Lewisham Homes answered questions on how neighbour disputes are dealt with by Housing Associations. Chief Inspector Graham Price spoke about how the police respond to ASB, including how 999 and 101 calls are managed. There was a further presentation on Operation Autumn Nights, the annual campaign to deal with the ASB associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Outreach Activities

The LCPCG recognises that not everyone wants to attend meetings and that some find it difficult to attend evening meetings in particular, and so we try to hold special events at times and in places to accommodate their needs. In 2013-14 we have been building on the successful outreach events we held in the previous year.

To this end we have commissioned the Montage Theatre Arts Older Persons' Group to revive the performance they gave at our special daytime meeting for pensioners in November 2012 in which they re-enacted actual situations, given to them by the police, that showed how scammers target older people and the resulting repercussions. This time they will do two performances in February 2014, one in the north of the borough at All Saints Church and the other in the south.

Working with Young People

We have also continued our partnership with the '10,000 Hands'

campaign. The Conference we held last year was the first event of a four-stage programme which, as you will see from the campaign's contribution later in this Annual Report, has grown beyond all expectations and it is now planning to go international. Simon Jones, the teacher from Prendergast Ladywell Fields College who spearheaded the campaign with his 'Young Citizens' group of pupils, has now left the school to work for The Jimmy Mizen Foundation – a great loss to education.

One of the central themes of the '10,000 Hands – Making Lewisham Safe' conference was that young people have choices and the choices they make can enhance or scar their future lives. The choice of friends and who to mix with are key choices for teenagers as they are linked to peer pressure. This was reinforced in the workshop on Sexual Violence, which also included a short presentation on Cyber Bullying. Encouraged by the response received to this, the presenter has since set up CLAY Media (Cyber Learning and Attitude for Youth), a not-for-profit social enterprise, to provide training and awareness-raising sessions on cyber bullying and online sexual exploitation and grooming. In 2014 the LCPCG is funding CLAY to deliver a Cyber Bullying Awareness programme of workshops and assemblies in four Lewisham Schools in the hope that in the future, more schools will take up this offer themselves.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards

You will recall that in my last year's report I told you about the Mayor of London's proposal, made in April 2012, to abolish Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) like ourselves and replace them with Safer Neighbourhood Boards. At that time we were experiencing difficulty obtaining accurate and reliable information as to what the boards would do, look like and how they would be set up.

We were led to believe that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) would provide a proposal for public consultation in the spring of 2013, with final decisions expected over the summer of 2013, and introduction of the boards in October. This did not emerge and the timetable got later and less certain as the months progressed. Throughout this time there was only a very slow flow of information, mostly verbal and anecdotal and shared amongst CPEGs through their Chairs' Forum, the London Community Policing Partnership (LCP2).

In Lewisham, the LCPCG Strategy Group agreed to take a relatively proactive approach, in the hope that they could preserve as much of the good work done by LCPCG as possible, and hopefully set the direction for MOPAC to develop SNBs. The Vice Chair, Royston John, and myself worked with Geeta Subramaniam to put together a vision of what LCPCG wanted the new boards to look like and how we thought they could operate. With the support of Lewisham Council's Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Janet Daby, we took these visions to private meetings with MOPAC officers and Adviser for Neighbourhoods, Steve O'Connell. There were positive comments but very little emerged in written form to confirm that our proposals would be accepted, or provide constructive and unambiguous directions for the planning that would be required.

We were not alone in feeling the uncertainty. Other boroughs' CPEGs were being given conflicting information and felt similarly doubtful. In December 2013, I was invited, along with representatives from two other boroughs, to give evidence before the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee on our progress towards setting up our boards and we were questioned on our concerns.

MOPAC did issue its SNB Guidance document at the end of October, which has given us some structure to work with. We have now defined what the Lewisham Board will look like, how it will operate and have set out a timetable for introduction. This was taken to our December public LCPCG meeting and was also approved at the December Safer Lewisham Partnership Board meeting. We also decided to hold a Shadow meeting of the Board in February 2014 to trial the process before it

officially comes into operation as well as hosting a meeting to elect the new Board's six Community Members.

The Future

The Terms of Reference that we have written to define the new Board have community/police engagement at their centre. As well making certain the Board can meet MOPAC's requirements, and will involve all the organisations that MOPAC requires, we have done our best to ensure that the Board will carry forward important elements from LCPCG's work, such as holding meetings in public, having some Board Members who are elected from community organisations, and ensuring that there is always an opportunity for members of the public to question the Borough Commander.

LCPCG's sub groups are crucial to our work and we have been able to negotiate for our key partners to provide them support in future. We are grateful to Lewisham Police, who have agreed to take over the administration of the Ward Panel Forum, so the Safer Neighbourhood Panels can continue to meet together and have dialogue with senior officers. We also recognise the generosity of Lewisham Council's Crime Reduction Service for offering to administer both our Stop and Search Group and our Hate Crime Group under the Safer Lewisham Partnership's Performance and Delivery Board. Both Groups will continue to be chaired by an independent community member, and retain their current Constitutions and Terms of Reference. They have been reassured that if, at any time, they feel their independence and credibility threatened by this arrangement, they will be free to withdraw and find alternative arrangements.

27 Years of Community Engagement

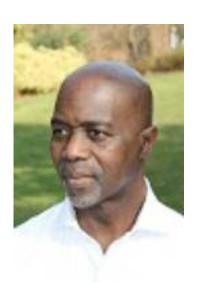
The LCPCG held its inaugural meeting on 21 January 1986 and now, after 27 years, we are holding our last meeting. Lewisham was a very different place in those days and so was policing. There was a distinct lack of public trust and confidence in the police, especially within the black community in the aftermath of the New Cross Fire and the subsequent march from New Cross down Fleet Street as well as rioting in Brixton, St Paul's Bristol, Toxteth and Broadwater Farm in the previous year.

It is difficult today to imagine how bad relations between police and public were, when we see the ease with which the police are generally accepted now. In the pre LCPCG days, some Lewisham primary schools even refused to let the police into their buildings. It has been a long road to get where we are now.

It has taken years of hard work by Community Police Consultative Groups, local authorities, and many other organisations, including of course the police themselves, to get us to where we are today. David Michael's wonderful tribute to Asquith Gibbes, our first Chair, shows how far we have travelled. The journey has been worthwhile but it is not over. Relationships must always be worked on and not taken for granted.

It has been a privilege to have been associated with the LCPCG over the past 27 years and an even greater privilege to have been elected as their third and now last Chair. I hope that the new Safer Neighbourhood Boards will be successful and expand on the legacy we are leaving and wish to thank everyone who has helped to prepare for the transfer. It is now up to you, the people of Lewisham, to ensure that it does.

Vice Chair's Report



Royston John
LCPCG Vice Chair

"A privilege to serve and to be of service" – Royston John

It's been a busy time in the role of LCPCG Vice-Chair. The agenda has been constant, varied and interesting and I do feel I am just beginning to help make a difference to those that the role has brought me into contact with.

My role as Vice-Chair has been made easier working with Jackie Addison, a Chair of several years' experience, who works very hard often in unseen ways, keeping it all together, and of course Daisy Cairns, a very thorough, proactive co-ordinator who ensures that nothing is overlooked.

It is a pity LCPCG will cease to exist from April 2014 but the Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) as its successor will, no doubt, pick up a number of initiatives from LCPCG and seek to ensure them going forward. Indeed we are all fortunate to be in Lewisham because the capacity and will exist to take whatever is given and make it work. We don't have to look too far to have this point reinforced across London. It is Lewisham that leads the way towards implementing the new SNBs.

So what exactly does the Vice-Chair of LCPCG do? That is a question I should have asked before undertaking the role! The answer is anything that needs to be done. In the last few months I have deputised for the Chair, received critical incident calls from the police, sat in on 'Gold' level Serious Incident meetings with the police (even on Sundays), attended various seminars, met with The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) at City Hall, represented Lewisham at London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2), supported the role of Treasurer, assessed funding applications, made key decisions on behalf of LCPCG, visited Scotland Yard, Empress House and other police locations and supported individuals and groups experiencing challenges or non-compliance issues. And all this is on a part-time basis. Indeed there is so much more. We often have three or four meetings between each LCPCG meeting as well as a very useful flow of communication from Daisy.

A particular interest of mine is 'unity and harmony' and the role of Vice-Chair has reinforced the challenges that exist achieving and maintaining harmony; particularly true as police and community try to reach for and understand each other better. More needs to be done to remove the sometimes "stale air" that is ongoing between these two groups and I would like the opportunity to do this work in the future.

One particularly enlightening moment for me was the presentation on the use of TASERs by the Metropolitan Police. There is still a need to be sure the circumstances are right for the deployment of TASERs, but I am now more relaxed about its impact on the individual.

I am also conscious that more needs to be done with emotive issues such as Stop and Search and Hate Crime. I would like to see more done for 360° support for all engaged with these groups.

Statement of Accounts

Table 1 Main Statement of Accounts for 2011/12, 2012/13 including partial accounts for 2013/14 April to December

2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 ¹
Full year	Full year	9 months only ¹
38,493	41,903	19,576
453	1,737	45
1,347	1,915	2,136
419	2,523	553
1,066	672	180
646	696	372
623	1,541	311
£43,047	£50,987	£23,173
43 750	35 438	21,580
13,730	33, 130	21,300
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20,487	21,191	6,142
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£21,190	£6,142	£4,549
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Notes

- 1 At the time of compiling this report, the LCPCG was only 9 months through the financial year 2013/14, and the table above only shows the spending that could be confirmed at that point. In the remaining 3 months, we are projecting a further spend of £10,964, which should bring the final spend for the year 2013/14 to £34,148 and with a final balance of £0 at the end of the year.
- 2 For clarification of spending on 'special' projects please see Table 2 below.
- 3 In the main table above, printing, postage and particularly catering are each shown by category of item purchased for comparison with LCPCG's previous year's statements of accounts.
- 4 The 10,000 Hands Secondary Schools Conference in March 2013 was also given direct fiscal support by the Lewisham Young Mayor's Team.

Table 2 Breakdown of spending on Special Projects 3

	2012/13	2013/14
	Full year Actual spend	Full year forecast
Pensioners Meeting – Stay Safe from Scams Joint project Lewisham Pensioners Forum - Nov 2012	502	
Theatre project for Pensioners Meeting Montage Theatre Arts Nov 2012	320	
Jingle Bells Project LBBAC - Dec 2012	400	
Secondary Schools Conference - 10,000 Hands launch event Mar 2013	1,997	
Further sponsorship of the 10,000 Hands project Summer 2013		1,198
Two further "Stop the Scammers" Theatre Montage Theatre Arts-Spring 2	2014	500
Four Sexting/Cyber dangers assemblies in schools CLAY Media - Spring 2	2014	1,000
Preparation of LCPCG historical papers for archiving Spring 2014		500
Hate Crime focus groups with community organisations LCPCG Hate Crime Group – 2013/14		160
Stop & Search (S&S) Scrutiny Group Projects		
S&S/Metropolitan Police Authority Short Film Competition (remaining spending from a 2011/12 project)	250	
S&S Third Party Reporting Line (remaining spending from a 2011/12 pro	ject) 125	
S&S Website development	407	33
S&S "How We See It" event – Feb 2013	1,459	
S&S engagement and events 2013/2014 (Details to be confirmed)		1,000

This additional information has been included to give readers a more detailed understanding of the additional projects that LCPCG has undertaken recently, above and beyond its core annual work cycle of public meetings, supporting committees and sub-group meetings.

Unlike Table 1 on the previous page, this breakdown includes the anticipated spending for the full year 2013/14. Also unlike Table 1, it shows the costs allocated by the project, rather than the category of item purchased. For these two reasons, there will not be a direct correlation between the figures shown in the two tables.

Daisy Cairns

LCPCG Co-ordinator

Treasurer's Report



Jackie Addison

Joint Acting

Treasurer

I did not expect to be writing a Treasurer's Report as well a Chair's Report but in the Autumn Joanne Hall, our Treasurer, resigned and, in view of the short time left before the organisation was due to disband, the Strategy Group agreed that Royston John and myself would take over the Treasurer's responsibilities rather than go through the process of electing a new Treasurer for an organisation that was soon to be disbanded.

The LCPCG is grant funded by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). Every year we have to bid for the money and every year we have received the maximum allocation, previously £50,000. For the past three years MOPAC has been reducing the amount it is prepared to provide in ever increasing percentages until its 50% target cut was achieved. This year we again received the maximum amount but it was half of what we had had in the past and was not enough to cover the LCPCG Co-ordinator's salary and she is now only paid to work for us for three days a week.

We have always been very frugal and careful with our grant money. Every year we have tried to make savings so that we had something in reserve to act as a contingency in light of rising costs and to prepare for the next year's cuts in grant money. Ever since it started to reduce our funding MOPAC has pressed us to spend up to budget, made it difficult for us to move money from one budget heading to another and even more difficult to roll any remaining money forward into the next year. However, it has been the money we managed to take forward into the next year that made the difference between us being simply an organisation that holds public meetings and one that can directly influence change...

You will see from the Statement of Accounts on the preceding page that, despite our ever tightening financial situation, our strategy has paid off and we have still been able to continue supporting and developing the work that we supported last year and in particular sponsoring the 10,000 Hands project and two further "Stop the Scammers" theatre performances for pensioners. We have even been able to take on some new work that emerged from last year's '10,000 Hands – Staying Safe' conference and are sponsoring CLAY Media to hold Sexting/Cyber Danger Roadshows in schools. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers we have made a little money go a long way and have had remarkable outcomes.

Good Housekeeping and Good Results. It sets a high tone for the Safer Neighbourhood Board to follow and is our legacy to them.

Borough Commander's Report



Chief
Superintendent
Russell Nyman
Borough Commander
Lewisham Police
Metropolitan Police
Service

This is my second annual report to the LCPCG as Borough Commander, and is almost certainly the last as we see the introduction of Safer Neighbourhoods Boards in the New Year.

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 successful delivery of events across London and in Lewisham Borough. This year saw the reintroduction of Lewisham People's Day in July, a tremendously successful event that attracted thousands of people from across London. In November the annual Blackheath fireworks display took place; billed as one of the biggest free community events in the capital, it attracts around 100,000 people each year.

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.

In October 2013, I was especially proud to award 56 commendations to Lewisham officers for their outstanding contributions to keeping Lewisham and London safe. This ceremony introduced the Asquith Gibbes Award. Asquith had a strong affinity with Lewisham and we felt it appropriate to recognise this through an award for community cohesion, something Asquith was deeply passionate about.

In December, the Rushey Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team was shortlisted for the Commissioner's Total Policing award for MPS Safer Neighbourhoods Team of the Year and Police Sergeant Jay Franklin-Lester (currently an Acting Inspector on Emergency Response and Patrol Team) was shortlisted for the Leadership Award.

In September, Lewisham fully implemented the Local Policing Model (LPM). This has seen the introduction of clustered Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT) and Emergency Response Patrol Teams (ERPT). The three SNT clusters have a dedicated police constable for each ward; eight Safer Schools Officers; and a mix of police officers and Police Community Support Officers that deliver front-line policing. The ERP Teams primarily deal with calls from the public that require either an immediate response or a response within an hour.

The Public Access Survey was conducted this year. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) sanctioned the closure of Brockley and Sydenham Police Stations. The introduction of Contact Points across the borough (Blackheath Railway Station; Deptford Lounge; Catford Hill Police Station; Sainsbury's Superstore Bell Green; and 189-193 Torridon Rd) provides the public with an opportunity to meet and speak to a police officer.

Borough Commander's Report

Further changes relating to our shared support services, for example the intelligence functions, are planned throughout the next year. It is my intention throughout the changes ahead to keep the LCPCG updated as events progress.

We have focused on how we deal with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The Customer Service Desk reviews all ASB related incidents and where an officer is not able to visit the caller, the Service Desk makes contact with them. 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. Lewisham has seen a reduction of 12% for ASB related calls in the past 12 months, compared to the previous 12 months.

MOPAC has set the MPS a challenge to achieve a 20% reduction on the number of offences within seven crime types by 2015. Burglary (residential and non-residential); criminal damage; robbery (personal and commercial); theft from motor vehicles; theft of motor vehicles; theft from the person; and violence with injury, along with public confidence and ASB, will be our main focus over the coming year.

I thank the LCPCG sub groups for their work during the past year: the Ward Panel Forum, chaired by Nico Springman, for providing an opportunity for SN Ward Panel Chairs to discuss developments and share ideas; the Stop and Search Scrutiny Group chaired by Emmanuel Imuere, for its continued scrutiny, advice and views; and the Hate Crime Group, chaired by Tayo Disu with valuable input from Second Wave Youth Arts.

There can be no doubt that 2014 will be a challenging year for both Lewisham Borough and the MPS. I am committed to providing a high-quality service to the public, and that we 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. The LCPCG was founded in 1986 and is now set to be replaced with a Safer Neighbourhood Board. On behalf of previous Lewisham Borough Commanders, I would like to acknowledge the work the LCPCG has carried out over the past 27 years and thank all of those who have contributed to its effectiveness as a independent community forum. I look forward to working with the newly formed Safer Neighbourhood Board in 2014.

Safer Lewisham Partnership – Lead Officer's Report



Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney

Lewisham Council's Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People

Lead Officer for the Safer Lewisham Partnership

Over the last 4 years the world of Criminal Justice and Crime Reduction has seen some of the greatest and most significant changes in recent decades. In Lewisham, the Partnership has equally seen changes, and it has grown from strength to strength.

Much of the work of the Partnership has been cutting edge, gaining recognition locally, regionally, nationally and some internationally. The co-designing and co-working with our local residents and voluntary sector as well as statutory partners has shown how we can deliver services and meet the challenges we face in Lewisham together.

Over the past 4 years I have shared the following quotes in the LCPCG annual report, which sum up the ethos and vision we collectively have shared and aspire towards:

"Honest differences are often healthy signs of progress"

Mahatma Gandhi

"When one door closes another one opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us" — Bell, Alexander Graham

"Doing the same thing over and over, yet expecting different results, is the definition of crazy."

"If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it."

As we move forward into the ever changing landscape of criminal justice, the Partnership remains strong and committed to ensuring that Lewisham is a safe place to live, work and learn. We are integral to ensuring that through each change, victims are placed at the heart of our work and that the needs of residents are met.

There will be increasing pressure to meet all the challenges through financial reductions and uncertainty about how services within the statutory sector will deliver into the future. However, we are fit and ready to tackle each one and to work closely with the incoming Safer Neighbourhood Board Structure in building on all the strong relationships and work done to date.

It's an uncertain landscape through which we will together continue to make a positive difference to the lives of residents in Lewisham.

LCPCG Strategy Group Membership

Chair

Jackie Addison, London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) Councillor

Vice Chair

Royston John, NCBI London

Treasurer

Joanne Hall to September 2013, Lewisham Central Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Stop and Search Scrutiny Group Chair,

Emmanuel Imuere, The PYE Project

Ward Panel Forum Chair

Nico Springman, Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Deputies for Ward Panel Forum Chair

Richard Holland, Downham Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Joanne Hall, Lewisham Central Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Community Members

David Michael, Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust Florence Emakpose, World of Hope Gordon Glean, Lewisham Shopping Centre Management Mahad Abdullahi, Somali and Somaliland London Community Martyn Grover, Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime (LBBAC) Phil Turner, Second Wave Youth Arts

Statutory Representative Members

Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, LBL Head of Crime Reduction Service Chief Inspector Graham Price, Partnership – Lewisham Police Louise Hubbard, Lewisham Probation Service – Safer Lewisham Partnership Representative

Stop & Search Scrutiny Group Report



Emmanuel Imuere
Chair of the Stop
and Search
Scrutiny Group

The Lewisham Stop and Search Scrutiny Group's purpose is to serve the people of the local community. We are committed to supporting individuals and groups, providing a space and a voice for those most impacted upon and affected by Stop and Search. We enable the community to express any concerns, share personal experiences, make suggestions, and find solutions to common problems, in order to improve the quality of encounters.

We are aware that the use of Stop and Search in the borough contributes towards the reduction and prevention of some types of crime. We understand and support the use of Stop and Search when used lawfully and in line with crime priorities. Through scrutiny of statistical data, field observations and engaging with individuals, we seek to hold the police accountable for their actions and behaviour where unfair or unlawful use of powers are identified. The group remains concerned that many innocent adults and young people are still being affected by Stop and Search in a negative way.

Over the last year we have been involved with several local and London-wide events. In February 2013 we organised and facilitated an event called 'How We See It'. The event was a success and provided opportunities to build new community links and expand our existing networks. The evening was very well attended and a huge step forward in both increasing our public profile and providing a meaningful platform for individuals and groups not limited to, but mainly from the African and Caribbean communities; to learn together and meet face to face with senior police officers and leading professionals.

The event was also used as a launch for a bespoke Lewisham Stop and Search Website, www.lewishamstopandsearch.co.uk, which we developed to provide information to residents and visitors in the borough of Lewisham, including details of their rights and responsibilities. The site has received more than 2,000 visits.

The Group welcomed the Home Office's public consultation on Stop and Search over summer 2013, and used this as a great opportunity to widen the reach of our work and hear from the public directly. In addition to completing the questionnaires the group engaged in several other activities including:

- Stop and Search workshops as part of 10,000 Hands Schools Conference in March 2013
- Stop and Search schools learning workshops (delivered by the PYE Project as part of an 'Ending Gangs and Youth Violence' Lewisham project)
- One to one interviews with young people from various backgrounds and experiences

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- LCPCG/Stop and Search exhibition stall at Lewisham People's Day event
- Interactive Workshops around Stop and Search rights and responsibilities delivered to young people with young people from the YOS, and local schools
- Media interviews with BBC Radio 1 Newsbeat, supported by the Home Office press team
- Attending Goldsmiths College Stop and Search event

Through honest and transparent partnership work I am confident that we can continue to better understand and find solutions to key issues related to Stop and Search in Lewisham.

I would like to thank the group's Vice Chair (Sadiki Harris), all group members, local councillors, community individuals and organisations such as Irie! Dance Theatre, Second Wave Youth Arts, and my colleagues at The PYE Project, who have supported and worked hard to raise awareness and increase the profile of the group. It has been a great pleasure working with you all.

Stop & Search Group Membership

Emmanuel Imuere	Chair (The PYE Project)
Sadiki Harris	Vice Chair (316 Media)
Ch Insp Graham Price (from autumn 2013)	Lewisham Police
Sgt Chris Mackin (to summer 2013)	Lewisham Police
Insp Gary Madams (to summer 2013)	Lewisham Police
Barbara Robinson Perry	Play Adventist
Phil Turner	Second Wave Youth Arts
Ruth Bloomfield (from September 2013)	LCPCG Strategy Group appointee (Lewisham Probation)
Sam Dias	LBL Community Services
Tayo Disu	The Tabernacle
Jackie Addison	LCPCG Chair – ex officio
Royston John	LCPCG Vice Chair – ex officio
Alvan Wright (to autumn 2013)	LBL Youth Services
Mervyn Kaye (from autumn 2013)	LBL Youth Services
Insp David Slade	TSG 4
Sgt Dean Williamson	TSG 4
David Michael (from September 2013)	LCPCG Strategy Group appointee (Marsha Phoenix Trust)
Duwayne Brooks	LBL Councillor
Gary Connors	LBL Head of Community Safety
Gordon Glean	Business Community representative
Jenni Steele (from September 2013)	LCPCG Strategy Group appointee (Lewisham IAG)
Mohamed Mohamed	Somali and Somaliland London Community
Nicola Smikle	LBL Detached Youth Worker
Tanya Edwards	LBL Head of Youth Offending Service
Keith Cohen	(deputy for Tanya Edwards)

Ward Panel Forum Report

Nico Springman Chair of the Ward Panel Forum

This is my second report on behalf of the Ward Panel Forum. I was re-elected as the Chair in July; at the same time, we decided to seek a pair of joint Vice Chairs; Joanne Hall and Richard Holland were duly elected. We have continued to work closely with Chief Inspector Stuart Bell, and all of us have benefited from the organisational skills of our LCPCG co-ordinator, Daisy Cairns.

One of the priorities that we all agreed on is that it is important that representation from all the Safer Neighbourhood Panels should be actively encouraged. Both Daisy and Stuart have been instrumental in raising awareness of the Ward Panel Forum among the SNT sergeants, the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of each SNP. We felt encouraged that there was representation from more SNPs at our recent October meeting, but there is still room for representatives from even more panels to join us.

Members of the Forum have expressed their concerns about the closure of police stations across the Borough; it has been uncomfortable accepting that the cuts imposed on spending have caused these decisions to be made. But the Ward Panel Forum has not been in a position to alter the decisions taken at higher levels within the Police Service itself and the Mayor's Office. The community has little realistic option but to work with the Metropolitan Police on this issue.

Earlier on in the year, Richard Holland and I attended a large presentation at the Empress State Building to learn more about the changes to Neighbourhood Policing, and other new practices that the MPS and MOPAC would be adopting. We initially found the concept of "ward promises" and "ward priorities" confusing, but hope that it will become more understandable once the policy has gone into practice. We were told that staffing levels of police available in each ward would be higher and more flexible than with the previous model; we wait to see whether this will become reality in due course.

Another of our concerns has been whether the Ward Panel Forum would continue in its present form, or whether it would need to be altered to fit with the new policing model, and also how it would continue after the LCPCG comes to an end. We are very pleased that Chief Inspector Stuart Bell has guaranteed to support the Ward Panel chairs continuing to meet together from April 2014. At the time of writing this, MOPAC's proposals concerning changes to policing across London have now come into effect, but at our last meeting, it was felt that it was too soon to be able to accurately gauge the result on the policing that takes place at a neighbourhood level.

Lewisham Ward Panel Forum Membership

Chair of the Ward Panel Forum	
Nico Springman	Ladywell Secretary
Co-Vice-Chair of the Ward Panel Forum	
Richard Holland	Downham Chair
Co-Vice-Chair of the Ward Panel Forum	
Joanne Hall	Lewisham Central Chair
Margaret McCarthy	Bellingham Chair
Antony Scully	Bellingham Vice Chair
David Webster	Blackheath & Lee Green Chair *
Anita Whitfield	Blackheath & Lee Green Vice Chair *
Sian Williams	Brockley Chair
Kate Richardson	Catford South Chair
Judith Seymour	Crofton Park Chair
Deirdre Mason	Crofton Park Vice Chair
Beryl Blair	Downham Vice Chair
Angelo Caniani Trummer e Silva	Evelyn Chair
John Carlin	Evelyn Vice Chair
Adam Turner	Forest Hill Chair
David Brown	Forest Hill Panel Member
Chris Blake	Grove Park Chair
Gill Lewis	Grove Park Vice Chair
Sherine Baptiste	Grove Park Chair to autumn 2013
Gitta Hutt	Ladywell Chair
Tayo Disu	Ladywell Vice Chair
Jean Beckley	Lewisham Central Vice Chair
Diana Byrnes	New Cross Chair
Thomas Johnston	New Cross Vice Chair
Kevin Hern	Perry Vale Chair
Janice Hern	Perry Vale Vice Chair
James Dobson	Rushey Green Chair
Nigel Mumford	Rushey Green Vice Chair
Angela Hall	Sydenham Chair
James Mitchell	Sydenham Secretary
Ken Wakeman	Telegraph Hill Chair
Timi Ogunbadewa	Whitefoot Chair
Mark Ingleby	Whitefoot Vice Chair
Chief Inspector for Local Policing	Stuart Bell
LCPCG Co-ordinator	Daisy Cairns
Jackie Addison	LCPCG Chair – ex officio
Royston John	LCPCG Vice Chair – ex officio

^{*} Blackheath has a Joint Panel with Lee Green

Contact Details for Police in Lewisham

Always Dial 999 in an emergency

Dial 101 for non-urgent enquiries

Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (Met Police)

http://www.met.police.uk/teams/lewisham/

Ward/Team	Landline	E-mail addresses replace @ with @met.police.uk	Dedicated Ward Constable	Dedicated Ward PCSO
Bellingham	020 8721 2489	Bellingham.SNT@	PC Markos Shakides	PCSO Richard Falcon-Uff
Blackheath	020 8284 8497	Blackheath.SNT@	PC Gary Washington	PCSO Scott Sparrow
Brockley	020 8649 3599	Brockley.SNT@	PC Svetlana Gillard	PCSO Lisa Burrows
Catford South	020 8721 2488	CatfordSouth.SNT@	PC Graham Stevens	PCSO Guleser Cater
Crofton Park	020 8721 2485	CroftonPark.SNT@	PC Richard Cheeseman	PCSO Katherine Carney
Downham	020 8721 2486	Downham.SNT@	PC Dean Hyett-Powell	PCSO Lee Foster
Evelyn	020 8721 2740	Evelyn.SNT@	PC Jake Levene	PCSO Dawn Sheehy
Forest Hill	020 8721 2723	ForestHill.SNT@	PC Michael Hill	PCSO Amie McCreery
Grove Park	020 8721 2483	GrovePark.SNT@	PC Rob Affleck	PCSO Ahmed Nadori
Ladywell	020 8721 2484	Ladywell.SNT@	PC Amanda Thompson	PSCO Karen Creech
Lee Green	020 8721 2482	LeeGreen.SNT@	PC Ben Smith	PCSO Zoe Lucas
Lewisham Central	020 8721 2481	LewishamCentral.SNT@	PC Donna Conneely	PCSO Samantha Davis
New Cross	020 8284 8578	NewCross.SNT@	PC Leigh Hammond	PCSO Michelle Narciso
Perry Vale	020 8721 2480	PerryVale.SNT@	PC Richard Bailey	PCSO Mert Cakir
Rushey Green	020 8284 5128	RusheyGreen.SNT@	PC David Walmsley	PCSO Claren Foster
Sydenham	020 8649 3598	Sydenham.SNT@	PC Emma Sweetman	PCSO Peter Okonji
Telegraph Hill	020 8721 2722	TelegraphHill.SNT@	PC Tyrone Bird	PCSO Carmen Panton
Whitefoot	020 8721 2723	Whitefoot.SNT@	PC Julie Lloyd	PCSO Sam Noonan
Lewisham Town Centre	020 8284 8319	LewishamTownCentre@	PC Adam Harris	PCSO Yves Mapli-Kpakpoe

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team Clusters, Inspectors and Sergeants (Met Police)

North Cluster	Insp Gary Madams	Central Cluster	Insp Daren Donoghue	South Cluster	Insp David Brighouse
Brockley	PS John Biddle	Blackheath	PS Ruth Willshire	Bellingham	PS Christopher Ellen
Crofton Park	PS David Hawtin	Catford South	A/PS Neil Turvey	Downham	PS Karl Parish
Evelyn	PS Charlene Pavitt	Grove Park	PS Stephen Ellis	Forest Hill	PS Phillip Moore
Ladywell	PS David Hawtin	Lee Green	PS Ruth Willshire	Perry Vale	PS Phillip Moore
New Cross	PS Mark Alger	Lewisham Central	PS Matt McGrath	Sydenham	PS Amanda Ritchie
Telegraph Hill	A/PS Richard Adams	Rushey Green	PS Helen Cannon	Whitefoot	PS Matthew French
		Lewisham Town Centre	PS Matt McGrath		

Where can you arrange to meet local Borough police? (Met Police)

http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Lewisham/Contact

Name	Actual Address	Opening Hours
Lewisham Police Station	43 Lewisham High Street, Lewisham, SE13 5JZ	24 Hours a day,
		7 days a week
Deptford Police Station	114 Amersham Vale, New Cross, SE14 6LG	Mon, Tues, Wed 7am-3pm;
		Thu, Fri 2-10pm
Catford Police Station	333 Bromley Road, SE6 2RJ	Mon, Tues, Wed 7am-3pm;
		Thu, Fri 2-10pm
Blackheath/Contact Point 1	Blackheath Railway Station, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, SE3 9LE	Wed, Thu evenings 7-8pm;
		Sat daytime 2-3pm
Deptford/Contact Point 2	Deptford Lounge, 9 Giffin Street, Deptford SE8 4RJ	Wed, Thu evenings 7-8pm;
		Sat daytime 2-3pm
Bellingham/Contact Point 3	Catford Hill Police Station, Catford Hill, Catford, SE6 4PU	Wed, Thu evenings 7-8pm;
		Sat daytime 2-3pm
Sydenham/Contact Point 4	Sainsbury's Savacentre, Southend Lane, Sydenham, SE26 4PU	Wed, Thu evenings 7-8pm;
		Sat daytime 2-3pm
Catford South/Contact Point 5	The Post Office,189-193 Torridon Road, Catford, SE6 1RF	Wed, Thu evenings 7-8pm;
		Sat daytime 2-3pm
Appointments	For non-emergency reporting of crime, it may be possible to	Phone 101:
	arrange an appointment for a police officer to visit.	24 Hours a day, 7 days a
		week
Street Briefings and	Your local officers hold regular events where you can meet them,	Publicised locally and on
Drop in Surgeries	both street meetings, and one-to-one surgeries.	team webpages

http://www.met.police.uk/teams/lewisham/

Safer Transport Teams (Met Police)

(buses, taxis, cycle theft & major road routes) www.met.police.uk/teams/transportse/lewisham/

Main contact number	020 8284 5973	Insp Dave Blundell	020 8284 9906
Main email address	PO-STT@met.police.uk	PS Crawford Buchanan	Crawford.Buchanan@met.police.uk
		PC Fiona Noakes	020 8284 5986

British Transport Police (BTP)

(Police for all railways: trains, tube, Overground, DLR)

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

Report railway crime on 0800 40 50 40 You can also text non-urgent reports to 61016

BTP Team Name	Provides Neighbourhood Policing for these local stations		Phone number(s)	E-mail address	Based at
Bromley	Bellingham Catford Bridge Hither Green Ravensbourne	Crofton Park Catford Grove Park	Main: 020 8209 6365 Other: 07825 258829	Bromley.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk	Shortlands Railway Station
London Overground South	Brockley Honor Oak Park New Cross	Forest Hill New Cross Gate Sydenham	Main: 0208 209 6360 Other: 07917 073 246	lorolsouth@btp.pnn.police.uk	Norwood Junction Railway Station
DLR	Deptford Bridge Lewisham	Elverson Road	Main: 07545 201 145	DLR.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk	Poplar BTP Station
Lewisham	Lewisham Lee	Blackheath	Main: 020 8209 6350	Lewisham.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk	Lewisham Railway Station

Hate Crime Group Report



Tayo Disu

Hate Crime Group
Chair

From 2008 till date I have represented The Tabernacle Church on the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group (LCPCG). The Tabernacle Church has maintained a long-standing commitment to community safety and cohesion having been in Lewisham for over five decades. As The Tabernacle has witnessed growth in its membership, so has its involvement in community initiatives and support grown. The vision of the Church is to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of God. This we believe should be in a loving, caring, practical and relevant way. The God we serve is Love; there is no place for hate, which explains my passion which I have expressed in my work in preventing hate crime.

The Hate Crime Group had a lot of deliberations on hate incidents/crimes in Lewisham; reached out to colleges; organised focus groups and attended conferences to

- Better understand the issues involved in hate crime
- Raise awareness of hate crime
- Learn from victims their experience and concerns
- Look at advice and guidance to potential victims
- Build trust and confidence in the Police and Crime Reduction Service
- Break down barriers to under-reporting Third party reporting sites
- Agree an evaluative framework on data collection and analysis

This has provided the police and the Council with invaluable feedback. Some of the key findings are that under-reporting is attributed to a lack of confidence in the Police; inadequate training of officers dealing with victims, and the difficulty of reporting procedures for vulnerable people. The Police and the Council are diligently working together to reduce incidents of hate crime in Lewisham.

I would like to challenge all residents, staff and businesses in Lewisham to take collective responsibility to eradicate hate of any strand, motivated or aggravated, from our Borough. This requires we give support to any targeted person or group and stand against anybody trying to perpetrate acts of harassment or discrimination, also be willing to provide intelligence or evidence on any incidents.

The Group has been very successful due to the tireless efforts of Phil Turner who started and coordinates the group, along with senior officers within the Police, the Council, LCPCG, EqualiTeam, Somali and Somaliland Lewisham Community, Lewisham Disability Coalition and many others I am unable to mention here. Their contribution has been pivotal to the work of the group.

I would like to recognise the efforts of past representatives of the Tabernacle on the LCPCG from the Late Bishop Leon White, the Founder, to Pastor Griffith and Elder Michael Clarke, who was the Treasurer for LCPCG just before my tenure and the Senior Pastor Michael White who gave me the opportunity to represent the Tabernacle.

Hate Crime Group Membership

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Tayo Disu	The Tabernacle	
Convenor		
Phil Turner	Second Wave Youth Arts	
Cllr Janet Daby	LBL Cabinet Member for Community Safety	
Imam Shakeel Begg	Lewisham Islamic Centre	
Nigel Long	Lewisham Disability Coalition	
Mahad Abdullahi	Somali & Somaliland London Community	
Anthony Reid	Equaliteam Lewisham	
Rosalind Jackson	LeSoCo (was Lewisham College)	
VK Raj & Bala Vallipuram	Lewisham Sivan Temple	
Malcolm Hancock	Lewisham NHS Trust	
Gary Connors	LBL Crime Reduction Service	
Liz Fowler	LBL Neighbourhood Community Safety Team	
Superintendent Mick Gallagher	Lewisham Police	
Chief Inspector Graham Price	Lewisham Police	
Inspector Gary Madams	Lewisham Police	
Inspector Paul Arnold	Lewisham Police	
Sergeant Helen Corris	Lewisham Police	

We also wish to thank:

Victim Support Lewisham

MetroCentre (Lewisham & Greenwich),

PC Susan Hailes, PC Fiona Noakes, PC Marvyn Snelgrove, PC Vlad Komarnytskyy,

Kloe Dean and Martins Imhangbe (Second Wave),

Brenda Downes (The Irish Centre),

Simon Jones (10,000 Hands),

Royston John (NCBI),

Jackie Addison, David Michael, and Daisy Cairns (LCPCG)

Second Wave Youth Arts

The best policing depends on the active co-operation of the public who are served by the police. Interactions based on mutual respect, trust and fairness are essential features of that relationship. If these qualities are lost – for whatever reason – the process becomes more confrontational and less effective on both sides. Mutual respect then gives way to mutual suspicion or mistrust, and public confidence is reduced in the powers and procedures of the police.

Young people in Lewisham – who are far more often victims rather than perpetrators of crime – need to feel well-protected in their daily lives. They are entitled to live peacefully in an environment that safeguards their freedom and dignity as young citizens. Over the last ten years, a process of ongoing dialogue with Lewisham police officers has been supported in the 'safe space' created by Second Wave. This enables a wide range of critical issues associated with neighbourhood policing (particularly street-level encounters) to be explored in a context of practical collaboration for local solutions.

In the autumn of 2013, members of Second Wave have led a series of workshops and seminar discussions with more than 30 newly-appointed Lewisham officers. These sessions have offered opportunities for listening and reasoning on both sides. Young people have shared their experiences of being policed and their insights into how the quality of these interactions could be improved. They have also enhanced their own understanding, confidence and skills in the process of civic engagement. Police officers participating in these sessions have recognised the opportunity to acknowledge their professional responsibilities and difficulties in practice (for example, persistent failures of communication with local young people), and to receive advice on key features of procedural fairness.

In 2013, Second Wave members have also developed partnership work on a range of neighbourhood safety concerns, including violence against young women, hate-motivated intimidation, territorial rivalry issues, public transport/bus-related incidents, and experiences of domestic violence. Second Wave's community development worker (Phil Turner) continues to play an active role in the work of LCPCG, including the Strategy Group, the Stop and Search Monitoring Group, and the Hate Crime Group. Phil is also a member of Lewisham Police Independent Advisory Group.

On behalf of Second Wave, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who have offered tireless support to the work of Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group over many years. We hope the same level of diligence and integrity can be maintained, in difficult circumstances, as we face challenges to the future of community policing and find new ways of working together.

Cheryl Brown
Chair of Trustees
Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts



10,000 Hands – Staying Safe

In 2013 the LCPCG agreed to support and fund a team of ambitious Lewisham pupils whose hope was to build stronger and safer communities. Launched at Lewisham Town Hall in March, the 10,000 Hands introduced the City Safe Haven campaign to all 15 of our secondary schools and asked pupils to collect handprints and promises from their community to work together for peace.

The campaign has been more successful than we could have hoped. The 10,000 Hands Peace Cloth is now over one mile long, and our new target is for 100,000 handprints, by the end of 2014. During 2013 we have received the support of 1,500 teachers and staff, 16,000 pupils, 10,000 families, 800 police officers, 3 Mayors, 1 Home Secretary, 1 Secretary of State, 1 Shadow Cabinet, 30 MPs, 10 local councillors, 36 faith groups, 35 youth organisations, 1 council, 13 press stories, 3 radio interviews; all in all more than 35,000 people have now added their handprints.

We have also teamed up with the wonderful Jimmy Mizen Foundation's Release the Peace initiative. Release the Peace identifies and creates opportunities for young people by bringing together individuals, institutions, and organisations to spread Peace, create Hope and positively Change young people's lives. 2014 will see us introduce the 10,000 Hands Release the Peace Cloth to Lewisham's primary schools, and also to secondary schools in Bromley and Southwark.

In February 2014 everyone with a cloth will come outside of their school, building, church, temple, mosque or business and hold it aloft – there will be 30,000 hands held towards the sky. The Metropolitan Police's helicopter will fly over Lewisham on a pre-arranged route to salute and film the 'Peace Cloth', uniting young people, the police and the community of Lewisham. The 10,000 Hands schools will each form one of the letters of the message 'Release the Peace'.

On the same day each of the 200 peace cloths will be gathered into a single cloth and unrolled along Downing Street for the Prime Minister to add his support. The summer will see the cloth visit People's Day and Lewisham Shopping Centre..

Working with the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, the 10,000 Hands Team are developing a number of other initiatives.

Release the Peace - Deptford High Street

Teams of 10,000 Hands pupils from Deptford Green & Addey and Stanhope Schools are leading the Release the Peace initiative; bringing the community together around the message 'Hope in our young people, Peace on our Streets and positive Change'. They are also working in partnership with businesses on Deptford High Street, Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime (LBBAC), Lewisham Council, Lewisham Police, the LCPCG, Millwall Football Club, Second Wave and local faith groups in a number of community events and the LBBAC community safety scheme will result.

Led by the young people of Deptford, the Deptford project hopes to bring us all together, building friendships and a stronger sense of community, and achieving increased levels of perceived and actual safety. Shops will experience lower levels of shoplifting, reduced numbers of criminal and anti social incidents and fewer police resources used in the area. Happier shopkeepers and shoppers will result.

Release the Peace Buses

The pupils of Sedgehill School - working with the Lewisham Young Mayor's team, the Positive Ageing Council, Lewisham Transport Police, and representatives from other user groups are piloting the campaign with the 181 bus. A 10,000 Hands passenger and driver charter will be agreed and a 'Talking Heads' video will be created and presented in school assemblies.

Following the success of this trial we will push for a Lewisham-wide launch through all of our 10,000 Hands Secondary Schools. On the day of the launch we will invite the Mayors of Lewisham and London to have breakfast with us and then travel to Sedgehill School.

Release the Peace in Europe

Working with the Young Mayors team we are taking the 10,000 Hands to Prague, Berlin, Paris and Sortland (Oslo) during 2014 and 2015. Whilst there, we will support the work of the Young Mayor's team to strengthen the links and relationships between these cities and Lewisham, encouraging and supporting young people to build stronger and more peaceful communities.



Working with the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, the Young

Mayor's team, Lewisham Council and TNG, we are opening a community cafe – The 10,000 Hands Cafe – as a social enterprise. The cafe will seek to support young people, provide work experience and work with the local community



The Lewisham Council Charter to young people is the first of a number of 'Charters' – a formal promise/pledge/charter for the young people of Lewisham. Working with Lewisham Young Mayor's team we will help Lewisham Council to launch the 'Lewisham's Charter to young people': The Lewisham pledge; Ten statements; Lewisham Council's promise to its young people.

We want all of Lewisham's service providers to write their own promise to young people. The charters will be made into pieces of art, a cloth 20m by 10m with the words of the promises painted on the cloth. Those making and receiving the promise will add their hand prints and names to the cloth.

10,000 Hands International

We are visiting South Africa in October 2014 with Barry & Margaret Mizen, and twenty of Lewisham's young people, taking the 10,000 Hands Peace Cloth to the local schools and community around Klerksdorp, Transvaal and also meeting with Desmond Tutu, who is a Freeman of the Borough of Lewisham, and taking part in his Foundation's International Peace Conference.

It remains only for us to thank the LCPCG without whose support, trust and funding the 10,000 Hands would not have been possible. Thanks also to the Young Mayor's team, Lewisham Council, Lewisham Police, LBBAC, Second Wave and everyone else who has supported our young people this year.

Lewisham Together for Peace.

Simon Jones

10,000 Hands Making Lewisham Safe.



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