

Blackheath Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team

The current members of your team are PC Gary Washington and Police Community Support Officer Frank Jayeola. They are supported by a local police team of five police officers who are often utilised for a number of different tasks across the borough when needed but when not being used elsewhere will default back to Blackheath and Lee Green Wards to carry out patrols. Overall supervision is conducted by Sergeant Littlewood.

The team have been busy over the last few months, having executed fifteen search warrants on residential premises as a result of intelligence received. These warrants have resulted in large amounts of cash, substantial amount of cannabis, crack cocaine and heroin being seized. A number of convictions have been obtained and persons being evicted due to their criminal behaviour. This has disrupted criminal networks operating in our ward and has reduced anti social behaviour in those areas.

These results were not only obtained through hard work of police, but due to the information received from members of the public. Information or concerns can be brought to the attention of the police anonymously through CRIME STOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

There have been a few local concerns raised over the last few months:

A knife point robbery occurred in St Margarets Passage, SE13. This was quickly raised with the local Neighbourhood Watch who sent out e-mails to local members letting them know what had happened and raised concerns of the lighting in the passage due to overgrown vegetation. Extra patrols have been carried out in the area by using plain clothes and uniformed patrols, whilst arrangements are being made to cut back the vegetation that blocks the light.

If you wish to join or set up a local Neighbourhood Watch, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by sending us an e-mail at Blackheath@met.police.uk.

Over the last four months the north of the ward had suffered from an unusual high number of robberies, nineteen (19) in total. These peaked at nine (9) for November and have slowly reduced in the following months. Commuters were coming from Lewisham Station and appeared to be targeted by youths who initially asked for the time but then demanded

property whilst intimating that they had a knife. Extra patrols were carried out which resulted in two youths being arrested for robbery and another on a separate occasion being arrested for being in possession of a knife and hammer.

The parking around St Mathew Academy in St Josephs Vale SE3 has been brought to our attention again during pick up and drop off times of children. We are liaising with the school's in house police officer, however, we are unable to enforce parking restriction with the exception of the zebra crossing and causing highway obstruction. We have previously had a presence during these times, but as you would suspect, everyone behaved and parked impeccably.

We have had a few complaints about excessive speeding through Blackheath Village, SE3. Although, we are not equipped to deal evidentially with speeding, we will endeavour to set up a road safety campaign to deal with suspected speeding drivers.

There are a few recent events coming up on the Heath which the team are aware of such as:

The London Marathon on Sunday 26th April

John Ball Primary School on Sunday 10th May will be doing a "health for heath" charity fun run.

Race for Life will take place on Sunday 5th July.

On Blackheath Music Festival takes place on 12th and 13th September

A majority of these will be resourced and planned by the police events team with limited input by the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Inevitably there will be some small events that have not been brought to our attention.

If you wish to contact the team, call us on 07768178292 or e-mail at Blackheath@met.police.uk, but these are not emergency contacts, if it's an emergency, you need a police officer then and there, call 999.

To report a crime or incident please ring 101.

