

Dear residents,

Thank you for taking a moment to read this February update. Across Brent, Harrow and Barnet, teams have been working hard to keep people safe – from proactive operations and targeted patrols to arrests that take offenders off our streets and community activity that supports residents, schools and businesses. Below are a few highlights from last month.

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## BRENT

### Firearm recovered and removed from the streets

Officers searching communal grounds in Brent recovered a blank-firing pistol hidden beneath a bush, along with a magazine and ammunition. The weapon was secured and removed from circulation, preventing it from being accessed for criminal use.

### Five arrested after robbery near Dollis Hill Station

Specialist and neighbourhood officers carried out targeted activity around Dollis Hill Station following reports of a robbery. Working with British Transport Police, officers used CCTV enquiries and focused patrols to identify suspects. Within two days, five people were arrested at separate locations across the area; they have since been charged and remanded while the investigation continues. Following further enquiries, officers on patrol in a nearby town centre located a sixth suspect. The individual was arrested on suspicion of robbery and taken into custody. Uniformed patrols will remain at key times to reassure the public and deter offending, with continued partnership work across the transport network.



### NW10 operation targets high-harm offending

A targeted enforcement operation in NW10 led to 14 vehicles being seized, seven arrests and the recovery of a discarded knife. The arrests covered offences including robbery, dangerous driving, assault, drugs and handling criminal property. The operation showed a clear focus on tackling high-harm offending and criminal use of vehicles in an area affected by repeat violence and robbery.

## BARNET

### Burnt Oak drug supply disrupted after four arrests

In Burnt Oak, officers made four arrests on separate days as part of work to disrupt Class A drug dealing around Watling Park and Watling Avenue. Around 725 street deals' worth of Class A drugs were recovered dealing a significant blow to local supply. The action also triggered safeguarding work with partner agencies to protect the young people involved.



### Protecting life-saving equipment

Officers arrested a suspect linked to the theft of two LIFE packs from London Ambulance Service vehicles. The suspect was later charged in relation to both thefts, helping protect critical equipment used in life-saving emergencies.

### Brent Cross retail crime operation delivers results

A three-day plain-clothes operation at Brent Cross Shopping Centre targeted repeat shoplifting and related offending alongside store security and retail partners. The activity led to multiple arrests, banning orders, penalty notices and community resolutions, with offenders also remanded. Officers also recorded fewer incidents than in the same period last year, showing the value of focused work with local businesses.



## HARROW

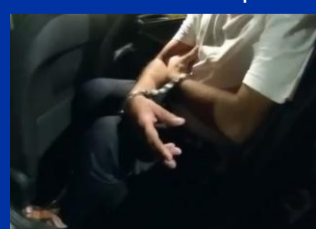


### Stolen safe recovered—precious items returned

Following a residential burglary, officers from neighbouring teams carried out enquiries and searches in the local area. A stolen safe was located, secured and examined, and a number of sentimental items were returned to the family. The victims told us how much the recovery meant to them. Enquiries into the burglary are ongoing, with officers reviewing evidence and continuing patrols in nearby streets to deter further offences.

### Town centre patrol leads to arrest near cash machines

While on patrol in Harrow town centre, officers were approached by a member of the public who reported two people behaving suspiciously near cash machines. Officers moved to the area and saw one person in a face covering approach someone who was using an ATM. The individual was stopped and detained on suspicion of attempted theft. Further checks showed he was also wanted in relation to a robbery matter and he was arrested. Neighbourhood officers from across the town centre continued reassurance patrols and worked with local security and businesses to keep the area safe.



### Following the money

The Proactive Money Laundering Team stopped a cash courier moving a very large sum linked to suspected money laundering. Over £180,000 in cash was found and seized. The suspect has since pleaded guilty to money laundering, with sentencing to follow. Disrupting organised crime helps reduce violence and other offending that harms our neighbourhoods.

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