

## **Welcome to our July newsletter**

### **Thinking of planning a holiday, or have one arranged in the near future? Even for a few days.**

Never leave your house in darkness. Consider a lamp on a timer. Timers can be brought in most hardware stores and some supermarkets. Do not leave your timer/ lamp in your hallway as burglars know that you do not live in the hallway. Leave a lamp on a timer in a room you usually live in. Set the timer to go on as soon as it gets dark, and to turn off the usual time you go to bed. Once this timer turns off, have a second lamp/timer coming on in your bedroom for a short time, making it look as you have just gone to bed.

Ensure that sheds and garages are locked, and that ladders are stored inside. Wheelie bins should not be left in the front of your property as they could be used to climb over fences/gates. Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your front door, ensuring that post and flyers are pushed through the letterbox. Consider a burglar alarm.



# Ward Priorities

Our last Ward Panel Meeting was held on 21st May 2026. The following priorities were agreed by the ward panel members for the next three months.

## **Violence related priority – Continued policing emphasis on robbery.**

**Action taken:** Patrolling local areas including subways during the hours young people leave school. Targeted Robbery patrols are ongoing in conjunction with the Town Centre Team's with hotspots identified and then patrolled during key times.

## **Priority: Shoplifting**

**Action taken:** Proactive patrols for persistent shoplifters at local shops. Actively conduct patrols at all shopping precincts. Using ASB and criminal orders to deal with persistent offenders.

Officers will look at all incoming investigations and be proactive in obtaining CCTV and outstanding evidence.

## **Priority: ASB**

**Action taken:** Drugs issues focusing on Victoria Road, South Street, Kingsmead Mansions, Eastern Road junction Carlton Road. Lodge Farm Park carpark, Carlton Road entrance.

To target those who are causing ongoing nuisance and Anti-social behaviour in the location to residents by a mixture of Targeted patrols, Resident led patrols, High visibility patrols and Plain clothes patrols.

**If you would like to become a member of our ward panel, or attend one of our meetings, which are held once every three months please email: [Eastaremailboxbcu-sntstedwardsmps@met.police.uk](mailto:Eastaremailboxbcu-sntstedwardsmps@met.police.uk)**

# You said, We did



Residents raised concerns regarding the overgrown foliage in the triangle of bushes at the junction of Carlton Road/Lodge Avenue. Drug dealing, drug consumption and plenty of places to hide from public view.

We contacted London Borough of Havering Community Safety and the bushes were quickly cut down.



# Operation Sceptre

As part of Operation Sceptre, weapons sweeps took place in Lodge Farm Park with Councillor Terry Brown, Councillor Diane Smith, Councillor Russell Smith and their very well-behaved dog. We are pleased to say that no knives/weapons were located.

Officers also completed a weapon sweep of our Town Centre Hotspot area, and located a kitchen knife, with a 21cm blade, hidden behind a drainpipe. This has now been relocated to a safe place – Romford Police Station to be destroyed.





## Live Facial Recognition

5 Wanted offenders arrested

- Harassment.
- Shoplifting.
- FTA for traffic offences.
- Harassment.
- DV Harassment

# Warrants

Since our last ward panel meeting our team have completed two warrants on our ward due to intelligence received.

Both warrants were in residential addresses in different locations with no connection to each other.

Both Warrants were issued by Croydon Magistrates Court.

In the first property 300 large empty gas cannisters were located. No arrests were made.

In the second property a small amount of cannabis was located resulting with one male arrested

# Operation Jasmine -

This was an investigation into a serious animal welfare concerns linked to the sale of multiple addresses.

Working in partnership with the RSPCA five suspects were arrested and taken into custody. Approximately £13,000 cash was seized and five puppies placed in the care of the RSPCA to ensure their welfare.

Our next community session will be on 18th July between 2-3 pm in Romford Library



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