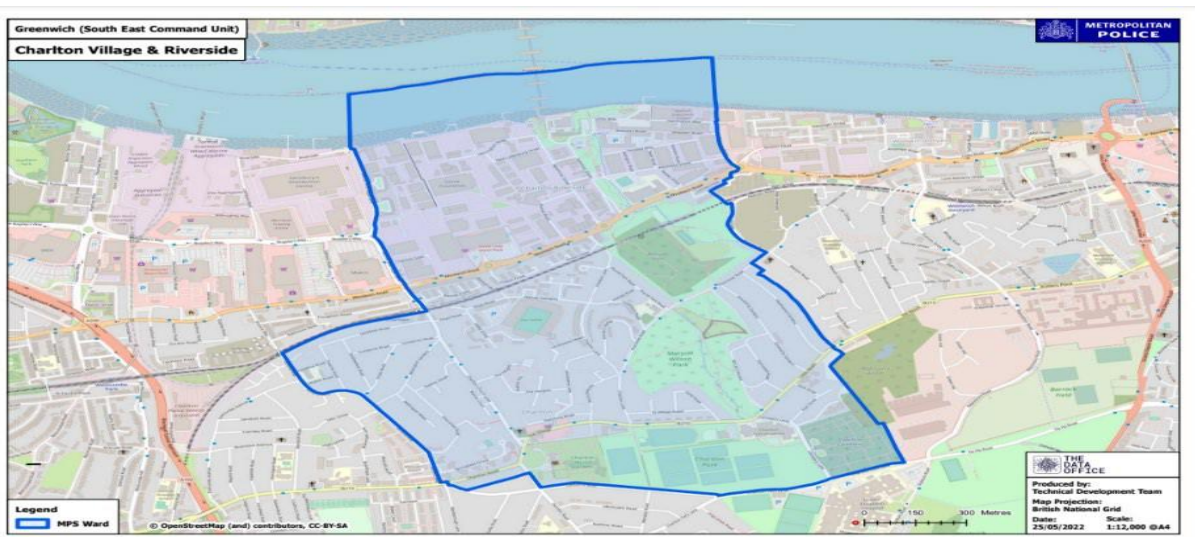


Charlton Village & Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter October 2026 Greenwich Police

Charlton Village & Riverside – Community Safety Updates

The October edition of our newsletter has arrived, and we are pleased to share several positive updates and successful outcomes from across the community. There has been considerable activity over the past month, and we are excited to keep residents of Charlton Village & Riverside informed about the work being carried out to help keep our neighbourhoods safe.



Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has been conducting high-visibility patrols throughout the ward in response to concerns raised by residents regarding antisocial behaviour (ASB). Attention has been given to key locations across the area, including Charlton House, The Heights, Charlton Station, Maryon Park, Charlton Park, Wellington Gardens, Pound Park Road, Woodland Terrace, Victoria Way, Barney Close, Valley Grove, Charlton Lane and Charlton Church Lane.

These patrols have focused on areas affected by anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, motor vehicle theft, and residential burglary. Regular patrols and community engagement help us gather valuable information, understand local concerns, and target our resources effectively.

Stop and Search Activity

Over the past month, the Safer Neighbourhood Team has carried out a number of proactive stop and searches across Charlton Village & Riverside as part of our ongoing efforts to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. These activities are intelligence-led and focused on locations identified through community concerns and local policing priorities.

Several searches resulted in cannabis being discovered, allowing officers to take positive action and help reduce drug-related activity within the ward. As a result of this enforcement activity, two community resolutions were issued in relation to cannabis possession, providing a proportionate outcome while addressing offending behaviour.

Stop-and-search activity remains an important tool in preventing crime, disrupting criminal activity, and keeping our neighbourhoods safe. We will continue to carry out targeted patrols and enforcement operations to address the issues that matter most to our residents.

Good news: Arrests and Positive Results

Arrests and Enforcement Activity

Arrest of Suspect Linked to Serious Violent Crime

Charlton Ward officers made a significant arrest after detaining an individual wanted in connection with a serious violent crime. This highlights the team's ongoing commitment to supporting major investigations, pursuing offenders, and helping to keep the community safe.

Arrests for Serious Assault Offences

Officers arrested two individuals in connection with offences involving serious assault and injury. These arrests demonstrate the team's determination to tackle violence, bring offenders to justice and protect residents from harm.

Arrests Resulting from Proactive Policing Activity

Through proactive policing and targeted enquiries, officers arrested two individuals, one of whom was linked to the intimidation of a witness. This reflects the team's commitment to protecting the integrity of criminal investigations and ensuring that intimidation and threatening behaviour are dealt with robustly.

Arrest in connection with Breaches of Court Orders and Stalking

Officers arrested an individual for allegedly failing to comply with court-imposed requirements and in connection with a stalking investigation. This demonstrates the team's commitment to safeguarding victims, enforcing court orders, and taking reports of stalking and harassment seriously.

Additional Arrests

During the reporting period, officers also arrested two individuals for alleged breaches of court-imposed bail conditions. These arrests reinforce the team's commitment to supporting compliance with legal requirements and taking appropriate action when breaches occur.

Community Engagement Events

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

On 7 October 2026, officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) attended a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) community engagement event at Charlton House between 9.00am and 10.00am.

The event provided an opportunity for residents and visitors to speak directly with local officers, discuss community safety concerns, receive crime prevention advice, and learn more about the work being undertaken to tackle violence against women and girls. Officers were available to offer reassurance, share safety information, and listen to issues affecting those who live and work in the area.

Events such as these play an important role in strengthening relationships between the police and the community, promoting awareness, and encouraging open conversations about personal safety and crime prevention.

SNT School Engagement at Thorntree Primary School

On 8 October 2026, officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) visited Thorntree Primary School to deliver an educational talk to pupils about policing and personal safety.

During the session, officers explained the role of the police within the community and the different ways they help keep people safe. Pupils also received important safety advice, including how to recognise potential dangers, the importance of staying alert and practical steps they can take to stay safe both at school and in the wider community.

The aim of this engagement was to help keep children safe by equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to recognise warning signs, make informed decisions and know where to seek help when needed. Working closely with local schools also helps officers better understand the needs and concerns of young people and their families, enabling them to provide appropriate support and identify issues affecting our community at an early stage.

The SNT is committed to continuing its engagement with local schools and young people to help build safer, stronger, and more informed communities.

Community Engagement - Drop-In Surgery

On 25 October 2026, between 11.00am and 12.00pm, Safer Neighbourhood Team officers held a drop-in surgery at Charlton House, SE7. The event provided an opportunity to speak directly with local officers, raise concerns affecting the community and receive crime prevention and personal safety advice. These engagements play an important role in building strong relationships with the community, helping officers better understand local issues and work alongside residents to keep Charlton Village & Riverside safe.

Operation Retail: Engaging with Local Businesses

As part of Operation Retail, the Safer Neighbourhood Team's engagement work extends beyond residents and schools to include our local business community. Throughout the month, SNT officers have continued to visit shops, cafés, and other businesses across Charlton Village & Riverside, strengthening relationships and discussing issues affecting the area.

A key focus of these visits is tackling shoplifting and other business-related crime. By maintaining regular contact with local businesses, officers can better understand the challenges they face, identify crime trends, and gather valuable information and intelligence. This ongoing engagement helps us develop effective crime prevention strategies and create targeted plans to reduce offending and prevent further incidents.

Working closely with businesses allows us to raise awareness of current issues, provide crime prevention advice and ensure that local concerns are reflected in our policing priorities. By building strong partnerships with the business community, we can work together to reduce crime, improve safety, and make Charlton Village & Riverside a safer place to live, work and visit.

Partnership Working – OXLEAS Mental Health Assessments

Throughout the reporting period, the Safer Neighbourhood Team has continued to work closely with partner agencies, including OXLEAS Mental Health Services, to support individuals experiencing mental health crises and other vulnerabilities. By attending joint assessments and sharing information where appropriate, officers help ensure that those most in need receive the right support, safeguarding, and access to specialist services.

This collaborative approach enables agencies to better protect vulnerable members of the community, reduce risks to individuals and the public, and provide a coordinated response to complex situations. Working alongside our partners remains an essential part of neighbourhood policing, helping to promote wellbeing, enhance community safety, and ensure that vulnerable residents receive the care and support they need.

Supporting Wider Policing Activity

Alongside local neighbourhood policing, Charlton Ward officers have supported wider operational commitments connected to the Filton trials. Extra patrols and deployments are also scheduled for Halloween and Bonfire Night to help keep the community safe, prevent disorder, and provide a visible policing presence during these key events.

Partnership Working with TfL

The Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to work closely with Transport for London (TfL) to enhance safety across the local transport network. Officers carry out regular reassurance patrols on bus routes throughout the ward, providing a visible police presence and engaging with passengers, bus staff and members of the public.

These daily patrols aim to deter crime and anti-social behaviour, increase public confidence, and ensure that residents can travel safely. By working in partnership with TfL, we can identify emerging issues, gather valuable community intelligence, and respond proactively to concerns affecting public transport users.

Traffic Enforcement Operations

The Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to carry out proactive traffic enforcement operations across Charlton Village & Riverside to improve road safety and reduce risks to the community. During the past month, officers stopped several vehicles and identified drivers committing offences including driving without insurance, driving without a valid licence, and failing to wear a seat belt.

These operations are aimed at preventing collisions, protecting all road users, and ensuring that those using our roads do so safely and legally. By acting against unsafe and irresponsible driving, we help reduce the risk of harm to both the wider community and motorists themselves.

As part of these ongoing efforts, officers stopped a vehicle linked to suspected criminal activity and discovered the driver was driving without a valid licence. The vehicle was subsequently seized, and the driver was reported for road traffic offences.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to conduct regular vehicle checks and traffic enforcement operations as part of our commitment to keeping Charlton Village & Riverside safe for residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

Warrants and Breach of the Peace Operations

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has also been actively involved in executing warrants and responding to breaches of the peace across Charlton Village & Riverside. These operations form an important part of our work to tackle crime, protect vulnerable individuals, and address those involved in offending within our communities.

Working alongside specialist policing teams and partner agencies, officers have carried out a number of enforcement activities aimed at disrupting criminal behaviour, locating wanted individuals, and preventing incidents from escalating. Responding swiftly to breaches of the peace helps maintain public safety, reduce disorder, and provide reassurance to residents.

The SNT remains committed to taking positive action against crime and antisocial behaviour, ensuring that Charlton Village & Riverside continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

MET ENGAGE - Stay Connected with Your Local Police

The **MET ENGAGE** platform continues to be one of the most effective ways for residents to connect directly with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team. The service allows members of the community to receive updates about crime trends, policing activity, community events and crime prevention advice specific to their area.

MET ENGAGE is more than just an information platform; It provides residents with an opportunity to tell us about the issues that matter most to them, helping officers understand local concerns and shape policing priorities based on community feedback. Whether your concerns relate to anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime, drug-related activity, burglary, shoplifting or general community safety, your views help us focus our efforts where they are most needed.

The platform also enables officers to share appeals for information, provide updates on arrests and investigations, advertise community engagement events and offer practical advice to help residents protect themselves, their families and their property from crime. By maintaining regular communication with residents, MET ENGAGE helps strengthen the relationship between the police and the communities we serve.

We encourage all residents who have not yet signed up to register and make use of this valuable service. The more information we receive from our community, the better we can understand local issues and respond effectively to emerging concerns.

Contact: CharltonVillage&Riverside@contact.metengage.co.uk

Sign up here: <https://www.metengage.co.uk>

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code provided in this newsletter to register and start receiving updates from your local policing team.



Working Together for a Safer Charlton

While officers may occasionally be required to support policing operations outside the ward, your Safer Neighbourhood Team remains fully committed to Charlton Village & Riverside. We will continue to use our resources as effectively as possible to tackle local concerns, prevent crime, and keep our community safe.

We encourage residents to remain vigilant and continue reporting any concerns or suspicious activity.

Your information and support are invaluable in helping us protect the area and build a safer, stronger community for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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Connect with your neighborhood on www.nextdoor.co.uk or download the app.

www.immobilise.com

Register your items to help reduce property crime and improve the chances of recovering them if they are lost or stolen.

Telephone - In an emergency, please call **999**. If the matter is non-urgent but requires a police response, please dial **101**

Useful Contacts



Crimestoppers If you wish to contact police anonymously you can contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or go to their website crimestoppers-uk.org/

Royal Borough of Greenwich: Switchboard: 0208 854 8888

Trading Standards: 0208 921 8223. Email: tradingstandards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Citizens Advice: Consumer Service: 03454 04 05 06

Anti-social behavior: 02089214411 Email: contact-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Fly-tipping: 0208 921 4731. Email: enviocrime@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Abandoned vehicles: to check whether a vehicle is taxed, visit: www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax

Untaxed but NOT abandoned: Report via www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle

Untaxed AND abandoned vehicle: contact the Abandoned Vehicle Section by Email: contact-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk