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## #YouSaid - What matters to you

1. Concerns have been raised regarding an increase in vehicle crime across the beat, including theft from motor vehicles, theft of number plates, and vehicle interference. There has been a marked increase of these reports along with neighbouring beats.



Local officers and Safer Streets Team are taking the lead regarding this priority. Actions to be taken include conducting targeted patrols in identified hotspots including plain clothes and high visibility, provide crime prevention advice to residents, and work with partner agencies to promote the use of anti theft measures. We will also review CCTV opportunities, engage with local garages and retailers regarding number plate security, and act promptly on any intelligence received to identify and deter offenders.

2. E-scooter and high-powered electric cycles on the Ward continue to blight the community.

This is a concern that is constantly raised by members of the community, despite high-profile guidance around the use of such vehicles in public places.

Despite increased social media reports and broadcasts on other channels, the issue surrounding illegal use of e-scooters and high-powered modified e-bikes continues.

A number of operations have been conducted over the last three months which has resulted in a further 21 E-Bikes and 36 E-Scooters seized on the beat and wider NPA.



3. We are currently addressing concerns regarding a noticeable increase in reports of shop theft from retailers across the beat

Our focus in the coming months on working closely with local businesses to prevent further offences, identify repeat offenders, and ensure robust enforcement action is taken.

Well the year appears to be galloping along at an alarming rate ...here we are one third of the way through already!!

As always it has been a busy month on The Abbey Ward and this newsletter aims to capture just a brief overview of what has been happening and what the team have been up to .

Several days of this month have been taken up with some training days for the team with days staggered to maintain cover throughout this period. Training days are a really important way of keeping us all updated on best practice and the

most effective ways of dealing with the problems we encounter during the day to day work on the beat.



It has also been the Easter Holidays of course and with the improving weather we traditionally see an increase in reports of Anti Social Behaviour. ASB is a huge part of our work , particularly as we Police a large residential area so over the coming months the team will be visiting local schools to speak with children and young people about what ASB is , how to avoid getting caught up in it and what the consequences could be . As Neighbourhood Officers , we try to avoid criminalising

young people if we possibly can if it is appropriate and education and diversion is a part of this. We work with external agencies to provide young people with options and opportunities they may not otherwise have open to them to try to avoid the criminal path. It is not of course just young people that become involved in ASB ( although most complaints to us do implicate young people ) ASB can come in the guise of neighbour disputes , alcohol fuelled problems , loud music and gatherings in public places to name just a few . If you feel you are a victim of ASB , please get in touch with the team and we can speak with you on the phone , via email , in person or at a location away from your home to discuss the matter.

This month we have welcomed a new recruit to the team...PCSO Rianne has joined fresh out of training to do her in company period with PCSO Anne for 6 weeks of patrol experience , learning to deal with day to day incidents that crop up during the course of our duties. Whilst on this part of her training , Rianne will have to prove her competence across a number of areas and feel confident to go out on independent patrol. If you see Anne and Rianne out and about please feel free to come and say hello !



You may notice from the front page of the newsletter that our Beat Priorities have changed.

These priorities are led by a number of factors , part of which are influenced by you , the community when you speak with us and engage with our surveys etc. Priorities for the next three months are as follows...

- 1...The rise in reports of vehicle crime
- 2...the on going issue of illegal E-scooters and E-bikes
- 3...A rise in reports of shop theft

# Upcoming Safer Streets Winter Street Surgeries



Date	Time	Location
1st MAY	12-1	GREGGS
7th MAY	11-12	PEPPERCORNS CAFE
11th MAY	11—12	THE TUDOR CENTRE
12th MAY	10-10.30	MORRISONS
15th MAY	11-12	THE ONE CHURCH
20th MAY	10:30-11:30	THE LITTLE BLUE CHURCH



Here on the Abbey Ward Team, we pride ourselves in getting out amongst the community . We engage with the ever changing community through our meetings, or Beat Surgeries as we like to call them.

We try and reach everyone around the fabulous Abbey Ward, creating and attending other meetings chaired by other Community groups too.

If you have a group that you would like us to attend, or provide a presentation on what we do here on Abbey Ward, please let us know.

We also occasionally have requests to visit people in their homes if they are unable to get to these meetings.



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