



Targeted Activity

- Officers from the South Neighbourhood Team have executed a Section 8 Police and Criminal Evidence Act Warrant at an address on Arthur Street, Little Lever.

Despite sophisticated attempts to conceal its location and access points, a cannabis farm was located inside the address, consisting of approximately 40 plants. The electricity also appeared to have been bypassed.

A female, aged 40, has been arrested on suspicion of the cultivation of cannabis and abstraction of electricity.

- Officers from the Bolton North Neighbourhood Team have also recently executed a warrant under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act with support from Bolton West Neighbourhood Team. Entry was forced into the property and officers discovered a cannabis farm inside the address. Approximately 200 plants have been seized and destroyed, with an investigation ongoing.

Problem Solving

- A drink / drug campaign took place in Bolton Town Centre with Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue, where members of the public could see a simulation of a crash and speak to Police and Fire about the impacts of driving whilst impaired.

Inspector Nick Bonson of GMP’s Bolton Prevention Hub said, “The idea behind the installation was to raise awareness of driving under the influence and what it can lead to from a Bolton Police perspective.”

- There have been numerous instances of shoplifting from shops in Horwich Town Centre and stolen goods being sold in and around the area. The Horwich Neighbourhood Team have actively been seeking individuals who have been stealing from local shops.

One female has been arrested for five counts of theft and has been sentenced to 10 weeks imprisonment. A prolific male shoplifter has also been arrested and sentenced to a nine-month treatment for drug dependency.

Engaging Communities

- The Bolton Neighbourhood Teams are hosting monthly drop-in surgeries in your area. Sign up to Bee in the Loop for more information on the upcoming events in your area.
- PCSO’s have conducted school inputs at Rumworth School speaking with young people with Special Educational needs and challenging behaviours about how to stay safe and making good decisions.

PC Cushnahan also ran an event with the Mini Police, which was an award ceremony to celebrate Bolton Funds 5th Birthday. This was also attended by Bolton’s District Commander Helen Critchley.

Good News

- Bolton's Neighbourhood Crime Team, working in partnership with the local neighbourhood and response officers, have secured charges after a number of burglaries in the Bolton area as well as other districts. Evan Smethurst (29/12/2001) was arrested on the 3rd of January following a protracted hunt to locate and arrest him for a spree of burglaries which again were committed using the lock snap method. Smethurst has been charged with 14 counts of burglary, 3 counts of Theft of Motor Vehicle (TOMV), 3 counts of disqualified driving, 3 counts of driving with no insurance, 1 count of assault on an emergency worker and 1 count of Possession of Class B. Sergeant Oliver Cooper of the Bolton South Neighbourhood Team said, "These charges are a result of hard work from numerous Police Officers who worked extended shifts, deviated their shifts, and went above and beyond to ensure these investigations were progressed."
- On Thursday 2nd January 2025, a 40-year-old man was arrested in relation to a Theft from Motor Vehicle and a number of vehicle interferences that occurred in Bromley Cross, Egerton, and Astley Bridge. On Friday 3rd January, The Blackburn Neighbourhood Team charged John James Rice (01/12/1984) with a number of offences. He was remanded in Police custody and appeared in court the day after.

Other News

- During December, the Bolton West Neighbourhood Team have been engaged with Op Limit which is the GMP Operation around drink / drug driving and road safety. In total, the team issued 156 Traffic Offence Reports (TOR's) and seized 2 vehicles due to having no insurance. Other offences included excess speed, no seat belts, and Moving Traffic Offences.
- A new Closure Order has been obtained for Crompton Lodge Caravan Site by the Farnworth Neighbourhood Team, meaning that no person can enter the site, and there will be no one living there. The Closure Order runs until April 2025, where it will be reviewed and considered for extension.



Upcoming Events / Activities

- Police Drop-in Surgery @ All Souls Community Centre, BL1 8EY on 22/01/25 from 12:00 – 13:00.
- Police Drop-in Surgery @ The Church of Nazarene, BL1 3UR on 24/01/25 from 15:45 – 17:45.
- Bolton South PACT Meeting @ The Salvation Army, BL3 3QZ on 23/01/25 from 18:00 – 19:30.
- Police Drop-in Surgery @ Starbucks, BL1 7LR on 02/02/25 from 11:30 – 12:30.
- Coffee with a Cop @ Costa Trinity Retail Park, BL3 6DH on 25/01/25 from 13:00 – 14:00.
- Coffee with a Cop @ Costa Lower Bridgeman Street, BL2 1DG on 26/01/25 from 13:00 – 14:00.
- Police Drop-in Surgery @ Little Lever Library, BL3 1HH on 04/02/25 from 10:00 – 11:00.

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