

## **Back to School: Keeping Our Community Safe**

As children and young people return to school this September, Highfield Ward Neighbourhood Policing Team is encouraging everyone to play their part in keeping our community safe.

The start of the new school year brings increased traffic, busier roads, and more children travelling to and from school. We ask drivers to take extra care around school zones, observe speed limits, and remain vigilant for pedestrians and cyclists.

Parents and carers are also encouraged to speak with their children about personal safety, road awareness, and responsible online behaviour. Simple conversations about staying alert, protecting personal information, and reporting concerns can make a significant difference.

Cyclists should ensure their bikes are securely locked when unattended and consider recording serial numbers to help prevent theft. Young people should travel with friends where possible, stay aware of their surroundings, and keep valuables out of sight.

By working together, we can help ensure that every child enjoys a safe and successful start to the new academic year.

**Highfield Ward Neighbourhood Policing Team remains committed to supporting schools, engaging with residents, and helping keep Highfield a safe place for everyone.**   



### ROAD SAFETY

Let's keep our roads safe around schools.

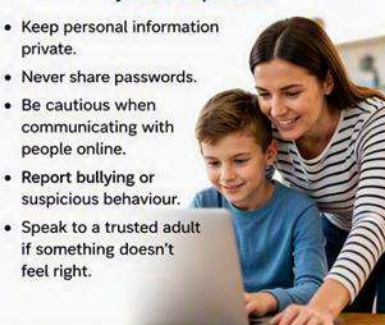


- Use designated crossing points where possible.
- Stop, look, listen and think before crossing.
- Avoid distractions such as mobile phones.
- Allow extra time for your journey.
- Drivers – slow down and be aware near schools and crossings.



### ONLINE SAFETY

Staying safe online is just as important.



- Keep personal information private.
- Never share passwords.
- Be cautious when communicating with people online.
- Report bullying or suspicious behaviour.
- Speak to a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.



### KEEP YOUR BIKE SAFE

Help prevent bike theft.



- Use a strong D-lock or high-quality lock.
- Secure both the frame and wheels.
- Lock your bike in a visible, well-lit location.
- Record your bike's serial number.
- Consider marking your bike to help police return it if found.



### HOME SECURITY

Simple steps can help protect your home.



- Lock doors and windows when leaving home.
- Keep keys away from doors and letterboxes.
- Store valuables out of sight.
- Do not leave bags, phones or laptops visible inside vehicles.
- Ensure garden gates and sheds are secure.

## TOP 5

### SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- 1 Stay aware of your surroundings.
- 2 Travel with friends whenever possible.
- 3 Keep phones and valuables out of sight.
- 4 Be careful what you share online.
- 5 Report concerns to a trusted adult or police.

**See it. Report it.  
Prevent it.**

### REPORTING CONCERNS

If you see suspicious activity or wish to report crime or anti-social behaviour:



**EMERGENCY  
999**



**NON-EMERGENCY  
101**



**REPORT ONLINE  
[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)**

### WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Your Highfield Ward Neighbourhood Team is committed to:

- ✓ Engaging with our community
- ✓ Preventing crime
- ✓ Keeping Highfield safe

*Together we can make a difference.*



**HIGHFIELD WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

**ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY • PREVENTING CRIME • KEEPING HIGHFIELD SAFE**

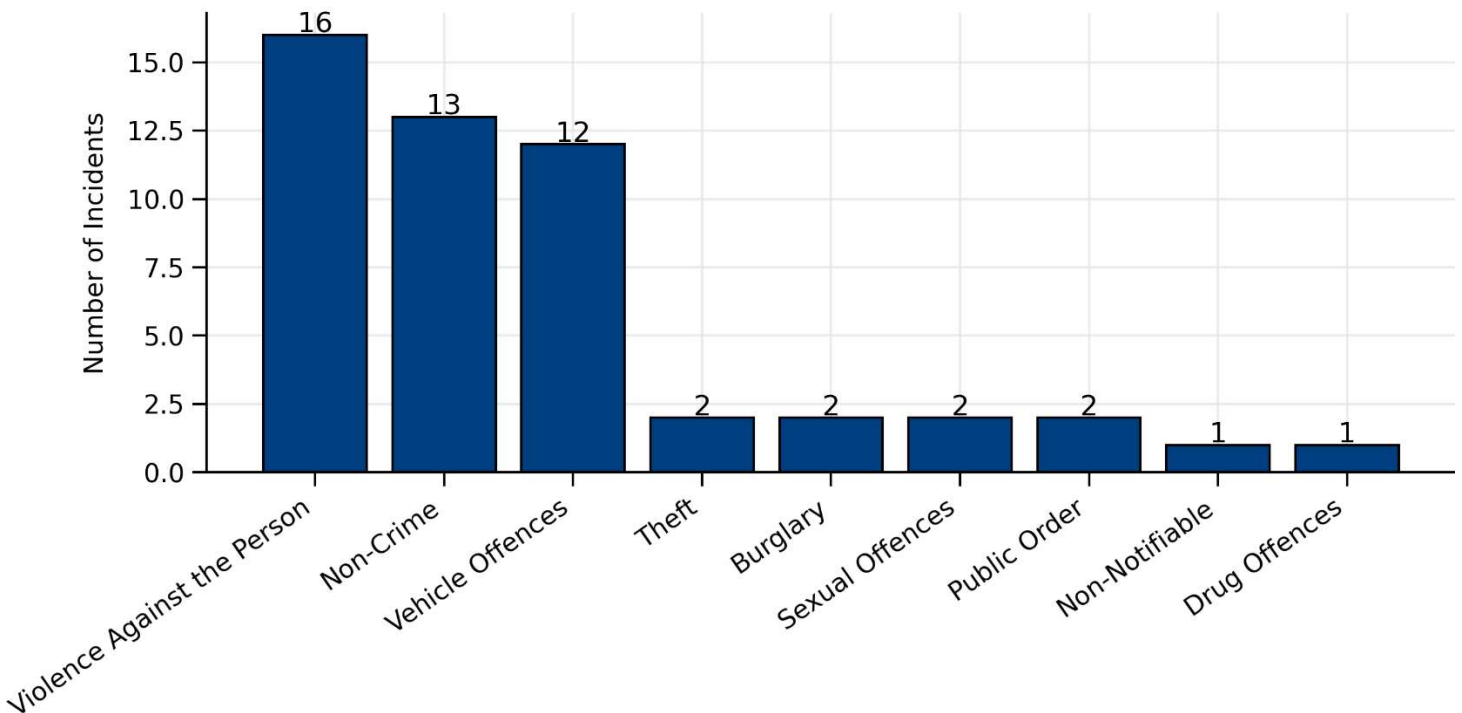


### Highfield Ward Crime & Incident Overview | August 2026

#### Keeping Our Community Safe

Throughout August, Highfield Ward officers continued to respond to incidents, support victims, and tackle issues affecting the local community. A total of **51 incidents** were recorded across the ward.

Highfield Ward - Incidents Reported in August



#### What the Data Tells Us

Violence-related incidents remained the most reported category during August, accounting for nearly one-third of all reports received. Vehicle crime also continues to be an area of focus, highlighting the importance of securing vehicles and removing valuables from sight.

The number of burglary and theft offences remained comparatively low, thanks in part to proactive patrols, crime prevention activity, and support from residents reporting suspicious behaviour.

### **Burglary**

On **10 August**, an attempted burglary was reported in **Munster Gardens**. The occupant returned home and disturbed the suspect(s), who had smashed a rear garden door before leaving the scene. Fortunately, no items were stolen.

A residential burglary occurred in **Laburnum Grove** on **21 August** when three suspects entered a property after forcing entry through a rear garden door. An untidy search was carried out inside the address before the suspects left.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Vehicle crime remained a significant issue during August, with several thefts and break-ins reported across the ward.

In **Connaught Gardens**, officers discovered a vehicle with doors left unsecured and signs that the interior had been searched. Additional reports from the same location involved thefts from vehicles parked overnight.

Several thefts from vehicles were reported, including:

- A **Blue Badge theft** from a vehicle in **Dorchester Avenue**.
- A theft from a vehicle in **Firs Lane**, where a car key was stolen from inside.
- A vehicle break-in in **Ash Grove**, during which the vehicle was searched and a Blue Badge stolen.
- A theft of tools worth approximately **£1,300** from a work van parked near **Applegreen on the North Circular Road**.

There was also an attempted theft from a vehicle in **Madeira Road**, captured on CCTV.

### **Theft of Motor Vehicles**

Three vehicle theft offences were recorded during August:

- A van was stolen from **Firs Farm Playing Fields** on **5 August**.
- A white Mercedes was stolen from the **North Circular Road** on **25 August**.
- On **26 August**, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent in **Mintern Close**. The suspect was later linked to a road traffic collision and alleged driving offences.

### **Other Theft Offences**

Two other theft offences were reported:

- An Oyster card was stolen from a victim travelling on the **W6 bus route**.
- A resident reported items stolen from luggage while returning home from overseas.

### **Criminal Damage**

On **15 August**, officers recovered a suspected stolen vehicle in **Barrowell Green** following an aggravated vehicle taking incident. The vehicle sustained damage after being abandoned by the occupant.

### **Drug Offences**

On **1 August**, Border Force officers seized a controlled drug unlawfully imported through the UK. A named suspect was identified, and the matter was recorded as a drug importation offence.

### **Violence Against the Person**

Violence-related offences accounted for the highest number of recorded crimes during August, with **16 incidents reported**, comprising:

- **6 Domestic Abuse offences**
- **6 Common Assault offences**
- **2 Threats to Kill offences**
- **2 Harassment Without Violence offences**

### **Crime Prevention Reminder**

- ✓ Lock vehicles and remove valuables.
- ✓ Ensure homes and sheds are secure.
- ✓ Stay aware of your surroundings when out and about.
- ✓ Report suspicious activity promptly.
- ✓ Contact police on **101** for non-emergencies or **999** in an emergency.

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## **Working Together for a Safer Highfield**

Highfield Ward Neighbourhood Team remains committed to working alongside residents, businesses, schools and partner agencies to reduce crime, address community concerns and keep Highfield a safe place to live, work and visit.



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

## YOUR LOCAL POLICE

*Here for our community*



### USEFUL CONTACTS



**Edmonton Police Station**  
462 Fore Street,  
Edmonton N9 0PW



**999 – URGENT** attendance  
required – Response time  
of under 15mins.



**101** - Police required but not as  
an emergency response and also  
to report crime, you can also  
report crime online at  
[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) by clicking  
the Report button.



If anyone would like a crime  
prevention survey please email us at  
[highfield@met.police.uk](mailto:highfield@met.police.uk)



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Crime Prevention Advice:**  
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Access practical advice on protecting your  
home, vehicle, business, and personal  
property, along with the latest crime  
prevention guidance from  
the Metropolitan Police.



**MORE  
TRUST**



**LESS  
CRIME**



**HIGH  
STANDARDS**



### TEAM MEMBERS

Based at Edmonton Police Station your  
Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) on  
**Highfield ward** are:



**PS Ozal Mehmet**  
Police Sergeant



**PC Andrew Palmer**  
Police Constable



**PC Husam Ahmed**  
Police Constable



**PCSO Apollonia Tanner**  
Police Community  
Support Officer



**PCSO Victoria Calaby**  
Police Community  
Support Officer



**PCSO Jolanta Kurzynska**  
Police Community  
Support Officer



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shaping our service

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