

Barnes Police Liaison Group Meeting

Thursday, 10th September 2026 at Barnes Day Centre SW13.

Attending: Sgt Hirsch, PCSO Andy Jansen, PC May Moody, PCSO Matthew Morley, Wendy Kyrle-Pope (Acting Chair), Tristan McGuinness (PLG Secretary Bracken Gdns), Cllr Duncan Rasor, David Noakes (Community Safety Officer LBRUT), Ann Sullivan (Gerard, Nassau and Charlotte Rd), Peter Jamison (Lowther Road), Chris Hines (Berkeley Rd), Sue Nix, M McLaughlin (Lonsdale Rd), Catherine Morgan (Lonsdale Rd), Richard Seeley (Handel Mansions), Rosemary Scully (Lowther Rd), K. Pengelley and R Pengelley (Merthyr Terrace), Ginnette Grimes (Seaforth Lodge), Louise Grainger (Seaforth Lodge), Hilary Bierman (Merthyr Terrace), John Harrison (Elm Grove Rd).

Apologies: Lynn McInness (Chair), Mr Lovelace, Mr Winter, Cllr Hale, Cllr Sacks Marshal Graham (Grange Road).

1. Welcome by Chair, housekeeping, and introductions. Wendy welcomed everyone.
2. Minutes of the last meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
 - There are various safe havens in Barnes which are places that people can go to if they are feeling unsafe such as the OSO, couple estate agents, Castelnau Library, Bridge Pub. There are stickers to advertise these safe havens which should be up now. Abi Jonas, VAWG officer, has contacted the safe havens to ask them to check that they have their safe haven stickers visible. All venues can be found on the council website [Safe Havens - London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames](#).
 - Richmond Council is inviting Barnes residents to a free lighting workshop and evening walkabout on Tuesday 29th September from 7pm to 9 pm at OSO from 7pm. Looking at the areas by Barnes station and Barnes bridge. Led by lighting consultants Publica and Dark Source the session will explore how lighting affects people's experience of public spaces before heading out to identify places where better or different lighting could make a difference. Resident's views will help shape the borough's future Lighting Strategy.
 - During the summer Richmond had issues with of young people gathering in Richmond. The Safer Neighbourhood Board with the police and the Council are keeping open the Safe Space in forecourt at Richmond Station.
 - The Safer Neighbourhood Board's funded Chris Warden will advise you for free about security in your house and garden.
 - Various questions have been raised ahead of tonight's meeting.
 - Parking scams around the pond. There was a camera installed in Church Rd which reduced this particular scam. It is not isolated to Barnes but is cross borough. It tends to be a couple of people who say the parking machine is broken and then offer to help. David Noakes (Community Safety Officer RBUT) all the victims have been over 70 and Barnes was a hot spot but it is across the borough. Stickers are going onto the parking machines. The reports are of Asian well-dressed males.
 - Waterside Estate - there has been a spate of burglaries and motor vehicle stolen and vans broken into. Mr Winter (director of the Handel Mansions freehold/management company) would like to meet with the police to discuss some of the issues at Waterside and how to tackle the problems. The SNT will follow up and meet him.

- Could CCTV be reinstated on Ferry Rd because of theft from motor vehicles in Madrid Rd/Ferry Rd? SNT will look into whether this can be reinstated. It appears that people are still leaving items in the car.
- Parcel theft - is there any advice to help prevent this type of theft? The SNT advice is arranging delivery when you are in or ask a neighbour to take in your parcel or use the Amazon lockers which are covered by a camera. There are not as many reports now as the offenders have been moved on by the police.

3. Police report, results from previous priorities and current crime figures. Sgt Hirch passed over to PCSO Jansen and the current statistics on reported crimes.

(For awareness violent crimes listed below are incidents that have occurred on the street and do not include domestic incidents that have occurred inside a household)

Crime Type	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Drugs	0	1	1	0	1	8
ASB	11	6	20	32	7	2
Burglary	6	5	6	8	1	6
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1	0
Shoplifting	2	1	1	2	0	
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	13	5	6	4	8
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1	6	2	4	3
Violence	2	3	3	3	7	2

Violence - Gender (Victim)	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Male	1	6	2
Female	2	1	0

(Statistics taken from Met Police Website and Police Connect System)

Domestic violence is not included in the violence figures. There are certain addresses in the ward with ASB and these are known to the police and between neighbours. Robberies are low Theft from motor vehicle down, theft of motor vehicle up, targeted are high end motor vehicles. Christmas will see a spike in certain crimes and the summer tends to see a spike in ASB. Few reports of masked up scooter riders - tend to come from Putney and Hammersmith along the tow path but fortunately we do not have a gang problem. Drug offences tend to be linked to ASB. We don't have a lot of drug activity. Shoplifting is still very under reported.

4. Questions from the floor

- **Q** Lonsdale road has a problem with racing cars and bikes late at night. It appears to be youth wearing dark clothing and masked up. **SNT** Ring 101 the police have had reports but not many. If there are specific times then the police can get a team to the area.
- **Q** Guidance about walking over Hammersmith Bridge at about 9 or 10 pm. The issue is that the Hammersmith & Fulham are the team that any reports go to. **SNT** There are many cameras and very little report crime.
- **Q** A resident in Merthyr Terrace reported that three vehicles have all had the wires underneath cut. The second time there was a pile of neatly stacked wire next to the wheel of the cars/vans. Have the police heard of anything like this before? Is it foxes? It is likely that it could be foxes as some vehicles have their wires coated in soy which the foxes are attracted to. The one thing that deters foxes is male urine. Are there any control of foxes? **A** Cllr Rason will ask. Another resident mentioned that someone had poisoned the foxes and this was reported to the Police and Council. There is no Animal Welfare Officer in RBUT.
- David Noakes shared that there is an initiate around drugs - all the addresses that were of note are no longer an issue but Mortlake still has a few addresses.
- **Q** Private security cars cruising in Lowther Rd with flashing lights and music blaring in early hours. What can be done? Cllr Rason and the police met and a section 59, if using in antisocial behaviour, but anyone can use amber lights.
- **Q** Are they are fudging the figures to scare people into signing up? They do not pass information to the police. It is not in their interest to work with the police as it will take away their business. It was felt that using these private security firms just creates a lack of confidence and yet we are a very safe ward. The Council does not endorse the private security firms. RBUT trading standards has been in touch with the private security firms operating in Barnes too.

5. Ward priorities: Violent crime - suggested by the Police. 2 local priorities - selected by the Liaison Group - Current ward priorities:

- Violence (as suggested by Police)
- Anti-Sociable Behaviour
- Burglary (given seasonality and crime figures)
- Car crime

6. Confidence questions

Do your residents, visitors, businesses feel safe on the streets of your ward/this borough?
Y

Did the SNT/Borough police address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them? Y

If something terrible happens, do you have confidence in the police to deal with? Not applicable.

7. AOB: David Noakes - Vehicle stickers, cold callers' stickers, ASB leaflets and some general MET police crime booklets and personal alarms for people to take. Met Engage is a platform to get info across to the public and the public can raise any concerns.

Please note that the counter does have a wildlife and ecology officer called Tasha Worley.

Date of next meeting tbc.

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