Lambeth Neighbourhood Policing Monthly Newsletter April 2025

Weapon sweeps with the Local Authority

A great example of the police working with partners to improve public safety. "Joint Weapon Sweep in Gypsy Hill and Knight's Hill Removes Dangerous Items and Boosts Community Confidence"

Last week, a coordinated operation by Chloe Nixon from Lambeth Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officer and Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Team, working alongside the Metropolitan Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) for Gypsy Hill and Knight's Hill, achieved significant results in improving local safety. During proactive weapon sweeps across parks, Estates, green spaces, and high-footfall areas, officers recovered three knives and located two stolen vehicles. The operation prioritised community reassurance, with teams engaging directly with residents to address concerns and highlight ongoing efforts to combat crime. Teams also encouraged residents to report concerns through dedicated council and police channels.

Operation Scavenger

This month, multiple calls were received in Lambeth reporting a series of phone theft snatches. These initially came in to the area of the SOUTHBANK, so officers responded, conducting an area search. The motorcycles sighted a suspect on an electric bike that made off. Two handlers and their Police Dogs searched the route, retrieving hidden objects that had been recently discarded, including 6 mobile phones individually hidden across the park and a large Rambo-style hunting knife. The suspect was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon, robbery, Theft, Failing to stop and Dangerous Driving. Two of the phones have already been returned to their owners. The total value of the property is estimated at around £6,500.



A Message from A/BCU Commander Emma Bond

The past two weeks has seen flurry of activity across the BCU, we have responded to a wide range of incidents and as usual we have received some great feedback. I am on a period of leave until 20th May and D/Supt Vanessa Britton will be A/BCU Cdr in my absence. Thank you for all your support, Emma

Recognition

An operation led by our MSC coordinator PC Marcus Kudliskis and MSC Inspector Gary Holmes targeted at TFL hotspot of the Rotherhithe tunnel and included officers from 5 different commands. Chief Inspector Mark Gilchrist had the privilege of addressing the officer involved and managed to speak to members of the community who were very positive about the police action targeting illegal use of two wheeled vehicles. The operation achieve approx. 50 x TOR's, 13 x Seizures and 2 x Arrests. Our MSC colleagues offer significant amounts of free policing times to the communities of Southwark and Lambeth and their work and time is greatly appreciated.

Recognition

A member of the public has taken the time to write to officers that helped his son

I just wanted to reach out and say Thank you to PCSO Keller-Smith, PC Leigh & PC Robinson for taking care of my son on Tuesday 1st April. It was much appreciated that you picked him up and kept him safe until I could get to Brixton to pick him up. Thank you for the time taken and your patience and especially PCSO Keller-Smith who went above and beyond to stay with him beyond his working hours. Best, Paul

