



## Cannon Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest update from your Cannon Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team

**The "Cannon" Mystery:** The name dates back to at least the 1500s when the Augustinian Canons of Merton Priory owned the land, then recorded as "*Cannondownhyll*". Folklore also attributes the name to Oliver Cromwell's Parliamentary forces, who supposedly mounted cannons on the hill during the English Civil War to defend London.

### Vehicle Recovered Thanks to Vigilant Member of the public

Officers recently recovered a stolen vehicle in Meretune Court following information provided by a vigilant member of the public who reported suspicious vehicle.

Thanks to this prompt information and a swift police response, the vehicle was located and recovered before any further loss or damage occurred. We were pleased to reunite the vehicle with its rightful owner.

This incident highlights the important role that the community play in helping to keep our neighbourhoods safe. We would like to thank the member of the public who took the time to report their concerns.

If you see anything suspicious in your area, please continue to report it. Community information and intelligence are invaluable in helping us prevent and detect crime.

**Working together, we can make Cannon Hill a safer place for everyone.**



New technology being rolled out as part of the Met's crackdown on retail crime has quadrupled the number of shoplifters being brought to justice in the capital.

The system, which until now has been piloted in six London boroughs, will be in use in a further eight boroughs from today with more to follow in the coming months.

**Dementia Disco** is a free monthly afternoon event featuring music from 60's, 70's and 80's along with food and drink for people living with dementia, there families and carers.

Held at St John Fisher Church Hall, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB

Sunday 13th September 2:30 pm—4:30 pm and Sunday 25th October 2:30—4:30 pm

### Local Councillors

Asif Ashraf - asif.ashraf@merton.gov.uk

Robert Mitchell - robert.mitchell@merton.gov.uk

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# Speeding - On Cannon Hill

Speeding on roads across Cannon Hill continues to be a concern for local residents. To address this, regular speed enforcement operations are being carried out, including the deployment of the police speed enforcement van at identified locations throughout the ward.

The Council has also been made aware of ongoing concerns regarding speeding on various roads in Cannon Hill, and discussions continue around measures that may help improve road safety.

We would like to remind all drivers to observe speed limits, drive according to road conditions, and be mindful of other road users, particularly pedestrians, cyclists, children, and older residents. Slowing down helps keep our community safe and can prevent serious collisions.



Through our new platform Met Engage you can get to know your local officers, help shape how we police your local area and have direct access to key information and advice.



St George's, with partners Wandsworth Council and Wandsworth Community Safety Partnership, is tackling knife crime by becoming the UK's first hospital to install a secure bin to anonymously dispose of knives and other weapons.

Provided by knife crime charity Word 4 Weapons – was recently opened, a shocking cache of 79 weapons was discovered, including machetes, Zombie knives, knuckledusters, and other sharp objects that would otherwise have been out in the community.

## Upcoming Events

### Community Drop-In surgeries:

04/09/2026 09:00 - 09:45

Morden Leisure Centre, Epsom Rd

16/09/2026 10:00 - 11:00

AELTC Community Centre, Grand Drive

22/09/2026 11:00 - 12:00

Oaks Court, Eastway

### Cannon Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Nathan ELLIS

PC Richard STOBBS

PC Robin YOUNG

Contact your local police:

0207 175 9724

Cannonhill@met.police.uk

## Vehicle crime

### Keyless Car Theft (Using the Keys signal to copy it code)

Use a Faraday pouch for keyless car keys.

### Hanoi Burglary (Burglary for car keys, drive off with the vehicle)

Protect your home with a Home Security System, Sensor lights, CCTV and ensure windows, doors and gates are securely locked.

### OBD - On-Board Diagnostic Port Compromise

Consider protecting your vehicle's OBD port with a lock or security cover to prevent unauthorised access.

## Local Priorities

Our current priorities are:

- Shoplifting
- Vehicle crime
- Open Spaces –ASB

# Wordsearch

G L M Y E S N O P S E R A B N  
 G G R I T R W H G R J O O H R  
 I A O I J I C C D J P A K Y G  
 G H F V R W N S U A T E A M K  
 V G I P Y V I U T S A K U L C  
 M J N W K R E R M H T D W O H  
 K O U Y E N O V G M G O N J P  
 L H K N R L O D I F O S D O W  
 J B A C I E O I F T T C L Y M  
 O C V E H Z C R T A C I B C D  
 O O L L B X D I B A C E U B G  
 C X V L W Q L L F E T J T W P  
 K S U N Z U E M T F J S F E G  
 K E O A L X O R X Z O T B A D  
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## Words to Find

- BLUE
- COMMUNITY
- CONSTABLE
- CUSTODY
- DETECTIVE
- OFFICER
- PATROL
- POLICE
- RESPONSE
- SIREN
- STATION
- UNIFORM

Open Table - Wednesday 11:30 - 2pm  
 Tea, coffee & cake from 11.30am Lunch is  
 served at 12pm (last order is 1.30pm)  
 Cafe closes at 2pm  
 Martin Way Methodist Church Buckleigh  
 Ave SW20

BikeRegister  
 (www.bikeregister.com)  
 Cannon Hill Safer  
 Neighbourhood Team  
 hold free regular bike  
 marking surgeries  
 across the ward



Connecting rough sleepers to local services  
 0300 500 0914 [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)

If you are concerned about  
 someone over the age of 18 that  
 you have seen sleeping rough in  
 England or Wales, you can use  
 this website to send an alert to  
 StreetLink.

Warm space and company, all welcome.

Coffee/Tea drop in  
 St James Church  
 Beaford Grove SW20  
 Thursday morning 11am - 11:45