

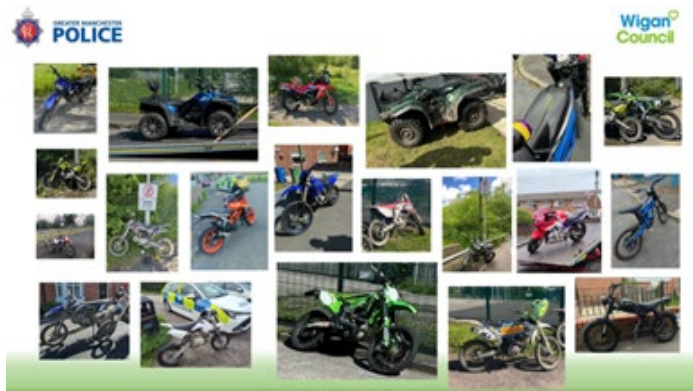
Neighbourhood News

October / November 2024

Welcome to our first monthly Neighbourhood update for Wigan. Please find a snapshot of some of our activities below. Follow this link to receive regular updates from the teams - <https://www.beeintheloop.co.uk/>

Good News – Op Handbrake:

Wigan’s Operation Handbrake is now the force wide Operation Hurricane, a multi-agency response targeting ASB and off-road vehicles. Between 01/06/23 – 30/09/24 there have been 36 days of action, 208 hours of patrolling, 42 off road / quad bikes seized, 13 arrests/summons. Smart water forensic marking has been piloted by Wigan district and now taken on across GMP. Due to these successes the BBC’s One Show will be attending to film our next Op Hurricane Day.



Targeted Activity & Problem Oriented Policing

Hindley Prison – Operation Avro:

A prison Op Avro was conducted on 23rd October in partnership with ROCU, searching HMP staff and visitors. Drones are increasingly being used to transport drugs into the prison, leading to Op Dragon fire being put in place to combat this issue. During a recent plain clothes night time operation by the Abram team, a drone was detected at the prison. This led to an excellent arrest of an organised crime member by the neighbourhood team, who had been wanted for 27 months and recalled to prison.

Good News – Atherton:

The Atherton Neighbourhood Team, with support from colleagues, executed a warrant at Walsh House, Brooklands Avenue, Atherton resulting in two arrests. This operation is part of increased police activity in the area following reports of drug-related incidents and anti-social behaviour (ASB).



Problem Solving - Community Speed Watch

The residents and local neighbourhood groups of Lowton and Golbourne have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic in their area. To give them a voice and empower the local community, Lowton & Golbourne Neighbourhood team have now set up a GMP Community Speed Watch Scheme. Local residents have now completed GMP training and have started working in the local community. Small teams of volunteers are provided with speed detection devices, high visibility jackets and training to monitor the speed of vehicles and submit these details to the police, who then can act. The scheme is not to catch as many speeders as possible but to make our roads safer by reducing speeds in areas of concern, and to make drivers aware that excessive speed within posted limits is unlawful and socially unacceptable.



Good News – Leigh

In response to residents’ concerns over drug dealing in the area of Leigh South, officers have been conducting plain clothes operations to target the individuals involved. As a result, on 5th October, two suspects were arrested and over 160 wraps of class A drugs recovered and taken off the streets.

Engaging with our Communities: Mini Blue Light

Emergency services in Leigh have come together to launch the first ever Mini Blue Light programme, which aims to educate and inspire the younger generation within one of our local communities, Higher Folds in Leigh. GMP, GMFRS and NWAS will work together to deliver the Mini Blue Light programme focusing on awareness and education around several topics including ASB, knife crime, and emergency first aid.



Op Treacle

To engage local young people over Halloween and Bonfire Night, Leigh Neighbourhood Police officers attended local schools to deliver talks to students around the risks of ASB and how to keep themselves and others, safe.



Good News Douglas – Op Tasmin

Wigan's Operation Tasmin was the divisions response to the disruption that was caused by Car Meets on Westwood Way, Douglas Ward. A huge effort by the area team that utilising Dispersal notices, Specialist resources and investigations into social media to identify and arrest organisers lead to a complete reduction in these events safeguarding and supporting residents.



Last but by no means least, Remembering the Fallen:



On Remembrance Sunday, district officers paid their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and at various locations laid a wreath on behalf of GMP.



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