

## Mortlake and Barnes Common Police Liaison Group Meeting

Thursday 23 April at 7 pm, St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake High Street, London SW14 8JA

1) Welcome by Chair, Housekeeping and introductions. The meeting started at 19.05.

Present: Anne Johnstone – Chairman of Mortlake and Barnes Common Police Liaison Group, PS Michael Hirsch, PC Daniel Humphrey, PCSO El-Hassan Gamea, PCSO Evripidis Ntakovanos, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Holly Copland, David Noakes (Community Safety Officer), Graham Kench, John Anderson, Matt Smith and Ally Lefleur

2) Apologies for Absence: Niki Crookdake and Marion Kreling

3) Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Nothing to report, minutes approved.

4) Chair's report Anne Johnstone added that she had had a busy time attending the New Scotland Yard and Safer Neighbourhood Board AGM Meeting recently and is in regular contact with our Safer Neighbourhood team. Anne explained that these PLG meetings alternate between St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake, and Rose House, 70 Barnes High Street – the headquarters of the Barnes Community Association.

5) Police report, results from previous priorities and Current Crime figures.

The team strongly recommended [Home Page - Met Engage](#) to everyone to sign up for what they needed and were interested in, for example, robberies and burglaries. PCSO El-Hassan Gamea suggested that if anyone needed help signing up, he could assist them and spread the word about MET Engage in our local community.

Both PS Michael Hirsch and PCSO El-Hassan Gamea reported there had been car crimes on our Ward. From the floor, Matt Smith and Ally Lefleur reported that Ally's catalytic converter under her car was stolen because it contained titanium and asked how this could be avoided in the future. Mercedes, SUV, and Volkswagen badges have been targeted in various car crimes, including thefts, because they contain a blue chip and are high value.

6) Questions/concerns from the floor.

a) Both Matt Smith and Ally Lefleur expressed concerns about a couple with a young child living in John Dee House on Mortlake High Street, regarding noise levels and how the police could assist them. Ally Lefleur reported that the couple engage in taking cannabis, drinking, and playing loud music, plus arguing, creating antisocial behaviour, often day and night. When she challenged them, they stated they were not going anywhere. PC Daniel Humphrey said they should keep a diary of events to raise awareness of RHP/Police. There are powers of arrest if they have CPN agreements in place and have breached them, and warning processes can be put in place for anti-social behaviour to raise awareness and place them under some form of assessment.

b) John Anderson asked if some good news could be known once somebody has been arrested or any crimes have been resolved locally, so we have a positive outcome to spread the word.

c) When asked by our Neighbourhood Policing team, do people feel safe in our area? People asked whether more lighting could be installed on the pathways at Mortlake Green, so they do not feel vulnerable after dark.

- d) PCSO El-Hassan Gamea was asked for advice on Burglary from John Anderson, and PCSO El-Hassan Gamea suggested that he could organise for him, Chris Walden (recently retired Crime Prevention Officer), to come round to his property to advise on what may be needed to make his property secure.
- 7) Ward Priorities are: Violent crime, ASB, Burglary and Vehicle Crime
- 8) Confidence Questions

Do your residents, visitors, and businesspeople feel safe on the streets of your ward/this borough? It was said yes; however, cyclists are an issue, and people mentioned they were wary, especially in the back alleys. Better lighting is needed at night for Mortlake Green and around Mortlake Station.

Did the SNT/Borough Police address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them?  
It was agreed that they would act.

If an unexpected crime, or crimes, or other public safety concerns (plane crash/floods/power cuts, etc) arose, did the police respond quickly and correctly?  
It was agreed that it was OK.

Terrorist threat was reported as substantial.

- 9) Any other business.

a) Please register for Met Engage at [metengage.co.uk](http://metengage.co.uk).

b) RHP must respond to their responsibilities to their residents. There was a suggestion to meet with RHP at the Power Station, Mortlake High Street, and the Mortlake Hub at Mortlake Hall, by Graham Kench if people had issues with RHP and to find out from Mortlake Hall when they are coming to Mortlake.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm on 23 April 2026

The next meeting will be in July 2026