

**Barnes Police Liaison Group**

**Tuesday 27th January 2026 at Jenner Hall.**

**Apologies:** Cllr. Andy Hale, Cllr Millum, Cllr Sacks and David Noakes, Judy Gower, Grahame Marshall and Chris Hines.

**Attending:** PC Darren Meakins, PCSO Morbey, PCSO Andy Jansen, Lynn McInnes (Chair), Tristan McGuinness (Minutes) (Bracken Gdns), Ann Sullivan (Gerard, Nassau and Charlotte Rd), Wendy Kyle-Pope, Rachel Skilbeck (Byfield Gardens), Michael Doggart (Elm Grove Rd), Rupert Pengelley (Merthyr Terrace), Peter Jamison (Lowther Road), Nicolas Walker (Westmoreland Road), Duncan Rasor (potential Lib Dem Counsellor), Helen Edwards (potential Con. Counsellor).

1. Welcome and introductions by Lynn McInnes, PLG Chair.
  - Sgt Hirsch is not able to attend so PC Meakins will cover the police report. A new PCSO joined the team this week, PCSO Jensen, a warm welcome by residents was given.
  - Update on Safe Havens, a council led Pilot in Barnes - there are now eight businesses that are involved in the safe space initiative. Alama Café, The Bridge Pub, Castelnau Library, Chestertons, Medivet, OSO, Olympic, the Sun Inn. More in training to be announced.
2. Minutes of the last meeting from 25th September 2025 were accepted as accurate.
3. **Police report PC Meakins** - results from previous priorities and current crime figures. Looked at the crime figures from last year to compare with the rest of Richmond.
  - Barnes has 55 investigations. In comparison, Mortlake have 57 investigations split between all usual crime types. East Sheen 49 investigations. North Twickenham 56 investigations.
  - Today there are four burglaries on the Barnes SNT system. We believe this is the same suspect for all four. Waiting for further details but it appears they were early in the morning. Nothing untoward or concerning otherwise.
  - Vehicle crime still quite high. Glebe Road there was an incident where two cars were stolen and the keys were taken from the house.

- **Question** from the Floor re Byfield gardens have a problem with young people on scooters. There is an alley opposite the cinema behind the curry house and charity shop where they congregate. There is also a problem with the alleyway next to the vet which leads through to Elm Grove Road. There is a high incident of cars being broken into in Byfield Gardens. Residents talking with Emma Robinson BCA Town Centre Manager to look to see if a solution can be found to prevent easy access, as privately owned land.
- PCSO Jensen walked through the current crime figures and compared YOY.

Crime Type (Including attempted)	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
Drugs	6	15	1	1	0	1
ASB	11	11	9	6	3	4
Burglary	6	16	2	2	5	6
Robbery	4	1	2	0	0	0
Shoplifting	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	7	8	5	3	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	0	0	2	2	0
Violence	1	8	1	2	1	2

Violence - Gender (Victim)	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
Male	1	1	0
Female	1	0	2

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

- **LM PLG Chair** walked through the yearly crime figures 2023-2025 and the figures show a reduction in crime year on year which is positive. But reporting is still very important to ensure focused resources for the ward.
- Residents are very happy /reassured when they see the Police walking the streets.

4. Questions/concerns from the floor.

**Q. Resident** - Advice on what is the max speed for an electric bike? There are concerns that the bikes have no lights and go through red lights and at speed. Particularly at the top of Castelnau and Lonsdale Road. The riders are usually covered up so you cannot see their faces.

**A. SNT** - They are committing road offences. The bike riders know that they are illegal as they don't have licence plates. Some of these bikes are modified and should not be driven on the road so are illegal. But it is also most impossible to apprehend if we are on foot.

**Statement** - Theft of two cars from the same household in Baronsmead Road, caught on camera but the perpetrator was wearing a helmet and after an hour the Police closed the case. The impression is that they use the bridge as a corridor.

**Q. Resident** - A question about the security for women coming back across the bridge was raised.

**A. PLG Chair** – Hammersmith and Fulham own the crime figures for the Bridge, but we have discussed the figure in this meeting before and they are very few in number. It appears that crimes take place more on either side of the Bridge rather than on the Bridge which is well covered by lots of cameras (over 6 cameras) and it is well lit.

**A. Wk-P** - The Bridge Pub is also in the pilot scheme for safe haven's, a Richmond Council Pilot scheme which came from the PLG meetings.

**A. PLG Chair** - PC Moody also has local meetings and conversations for VAWG and info is posted on Met Engage for women and girls to attend locally.

**Q. Resident** - Thursday pm a vesta went up and down Charlotte Rd several times. When a resident came out they disappeared but they came back about an hour later and one of them walked down looking at cars. What should be done in that situation.

**A. SNT** - Recommend ringing 999 as this is suspicious behaviour.

**Q. Resident** There are still car meter fraud especially where vulnerable people are involved.

**A. SNT** - Yes it is. This is not just a Barnes issue but borough wide. PLG Chair The network of shops who use WhatsApp to communicate and intervene if they see activity and warn residents and move on the perpetrators.

**Q. Resident** - Shop lifting seems to have reduced, but the police suspect this might be because shoplifting is not being reported?

**A. SNT** - Again the police are aware of certain individuals and some of these have been moved on which will have reduced incidents, but there will also be a lack of reporting.

**Q. Resident** - How do the police spread themselves across the different criminal activities.

**A. SNT** - It is done on a day to day basis. There are only four on the team and they will target specific crimes and places in Barnes. There is a resourcing issue. There is a response and react. We know it is a huge reassurance to be seen, and now have two PCSOs who are walking the streets regularly and that will make a difference.

5. Ward priorities: **Violent crime, suggested by the police.** Two local priorities, selected by the liaison Group. **Current ward priorities: Violence, Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), Burglary. Still valid - yes.**

6. Confidence questions: **Do your residents, visitors and businesses feel safe on the streets of your ward/this borough? Yes, most of the time. Did the SNT/Borough police address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them? Yes.**

7. AOB

Date of next meeting: in April tbc

*Ends TM/30/01/2026*