

Cricket Green Ward Panel

Quarter 2 – December 24 to April 25

MORE TRUST | LESS CRIME | HIGH STANDARDS

Previous Ward Priority Updates:

Priority 1 – Serious Violence

The team served a closure order on a property in Love Lane that had been causing persistent anti-social behaviour and believed to be relating to a lot of incidents of violence against women and girls. This was granted by the courts for 3 months and we are working with Clarion Housing to have the tenancy revoked.

Our violence offences have all seen reductions year on year. We have made numerous arrests for robbery and weapons offences. We have also seen a number of warrants executed on the ward.

Priority 2 – Burglary

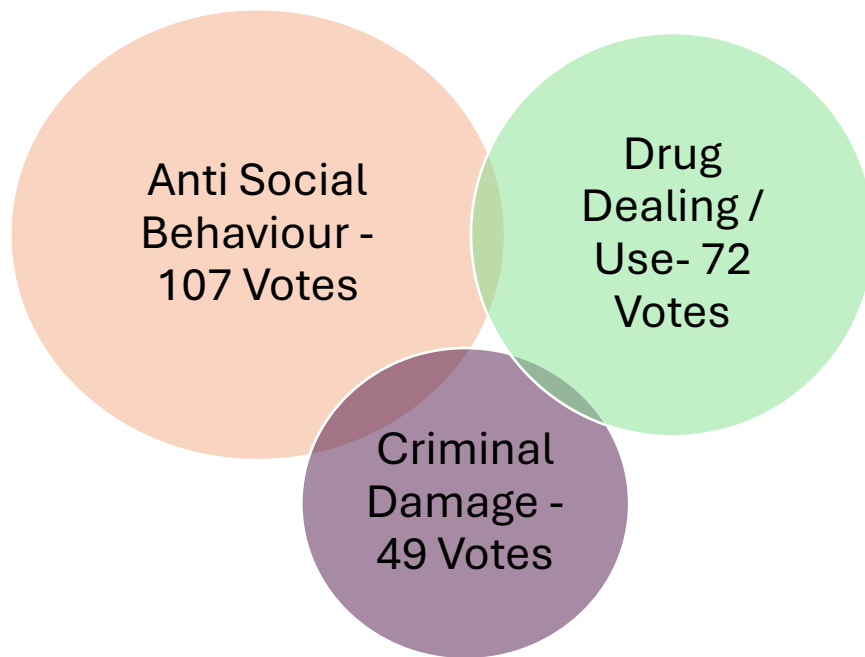
Despite the increase in Burglaries year on year for the ward. We did do a good piece of work where a male was arrested for numerous burglary offences and they have since been charged with those. We are hoping this will start to see a decrease in offences. We are also working on a joint operation with other teams across Merton to try and combat the increase in front door and car key burglaries. Several youths have already been arrested for this by the team and the investigations are ongoing.

Priority 3 – Theft of Motor Vehicle

In the same vein as Priority 2, we have seen an increase year on year. However, some of these have been finance companies reporting vehicles not being returned. These are typically overnight offences and the team have been able to locate stolen vehicles and return them to the owners.

Survey Results & Crime Types:

Following our use of Met Engage starting at the end of April, residents who have completed the survey have noted these are their top 3 concerns on the ward:



In terms of figures. We have seen a decrease in the following:

- Robbery reduced by 34%
- Violent offences reduced by 6.4%
- Possession of Weapon offences reduced by 5.6%

In terms of increases:

- Total crime is up 1.9%
- Burglary is up 28.7% (11 more burglaries throughout the year)
- Drug offences up 71.2% (40 more offences)
- Theft of Motor Vehicle is up 35%

Quarter 3 Priorities (May 25 – Aug 25)

After considering the crime types, survey results and the biggest crime generators for the ward. The panel decided on the following ward priorities:

Priority 1 – Serious Youth Violence

This will continue to be one of our priority and will encompass the reports of ASB that is the top concern of residents of the ward at the moment. Our aim will be to drive down ASB reports whilst trying to keep the reductions in violent crime down.

Priority 2 – Drug Offences

Given the large increase of offences compared to last year, it being in the top 3 crimes residents are concerned about and the fact that we already have an operation focusing on trying to tackle drug importation and supply across the ward. The panel agreed that this should be a priority.

Priority 3 – Criminal Damage

The panel wanted the local team to focus on Criminal Damage for this quarter as the burglaries are typically happening overnight and the panel felt that they would want their local ward team out during times they should be seen. There is also hopefully a bit more impact that we as a Safer Neighbourhood Team can do to help reduce this crime type.

Date For Next Ward Panel:

Whilst a date has not been set. It will likely be either the start of August or the first week of September due to the operational requirements around this time (Notting Hill Carnival etc.) An invite will be sent out via Met Engage prior to this.

If you have any questions / feedback about this report. Please reach out to us on Met Engage. This is the first report like this we have put out, so please help us make it tailored to you.

Cricket Green Safer Neighbourhood Team

