

UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Dear residents,

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter, highlighting work taking place across Brent, Harrow and Barnet.

Keeping our communities safe remains our highest priority. During this period, officers acted against individuals involved in burglary, robbery, shoplifting and vehicle crime, resulting in arrests, charges and offenders being brought before the courts. Officers also recovered stolen property and continued to support victims while responding to concerns raised by residents and local businesses. These results reflect our continued commitment to tackling crime, pursuing offenders and ensuring our neighbourhoods remain safe places to live, work and visit.

Thank you for your continued support.

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North West BCU Commander



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243 wanted offenders arrested in August

Officers continue their relentless pursuit of wanted offenders across Brent, Harrow and Barnet, helping protect communities and bring offenders to justice.

BRENT

Three Charged Following Robbery Investigation

Three individuals have been charged following a robbery investigation in which a man reported having valuable personal belongings stolen while sitting in his vehicle.

The victim reported being approached by a group of males near a parade of shops, where a high-value watch, bank cards and other personal items were taken.

Through CCTV enquiries and investigative work, officers were able to identify three suspects. Further enquiries linked the suspects to the alleged use of one of the victim's stolen bank cards shortly after the incident.

Officers later carried out coordinated arrests and recovered items believed to be relevant to the investigation.

Three suspects were charged in connection with robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. All three have appeared before the court and are awaiting trial.



Charged

Suspect Awaiting Trial Following Vehicle Crime

A resident reported a theft from a motor vehicle after discovering that a window had been smashed and a backpack stolen from inside.

A witness saw a man acting suspiciously near the vehicle shortly before the alarm activated and later saw him leaving the area. A short time afterwards, the witness spotted the same individual nearby and alerted the victim.

Police attended and arrested the suspect; additional stolen items were recovered nearby.

The suspect was charged with theft from a motor vehicle and criminal damage. He is awaiting trial.

BARNET

Serial Burglar Remanded in Custody Pending Sentence

A man has been charged following an investigation into a series of non-residential burglaries across Barnet.

The investigation linked the suspect to offences at a medical practice, a café, a school and a banqueting venue over a period of several weeks. The incidents involved the theft of prescription documents, laptops, alcohol and other property, as well as damage being caused to a number of premises.

Positive forensic identifications linked the suspect to multiple crime scenes. Officers also recovered stolen property during the investigation, with items returned to victims where possible.

The defendant was charged with five counts of non-residential burglary. He has been remanded in custody pending a Crown Court sentencing hearing.

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Prolific Shoplifter Sentenced

A prolific shoplifter was charged following an investigation into a series of thefts from a Barnet supermarket.

Working closely with local businesses, officers identified a suspect linked to a significant number of reported shoplifting offences. Through CCTV evidence, staff statements and targeted enquiries, the suspect was connected to multiple incidents spanning several weeks.

The investigation linked the suspect to a series of shoplifting offences involving more than £1,000 worth of goods.

The suspect subsequently appeared before the court and received a nine-week custodial sentence, suspended for 12 months.

HARROW

Jewellery Recovered Following Distraction Theft Investigation

Officers investigating a distraction theft in Harrow arrested three individuals after a quantity of jewellery was recovered during police enquiries.

The investigation began after a resident reported that valuable gold jewellery had been stolen during an encounter with the occupants of a vehicle. The victim was approached by a woman who engaged her in conversation and attempted to place a necklace around her neck, before returning to the vehicle and leaving the area. It was only later that the victim realised her jewellery had been stolen.

A few days later, officers stopped a vehicle believed to be linked to the incident. Searches of the vehicle and its occupants resulted in the recovery of a quantity of jewellery. Further enquiries led to the recovery of additional jewellery and other items believed to be connected to the investigation.

Three suspects were charged in connection with the offence and remanded in custody. They are awaiting trial.

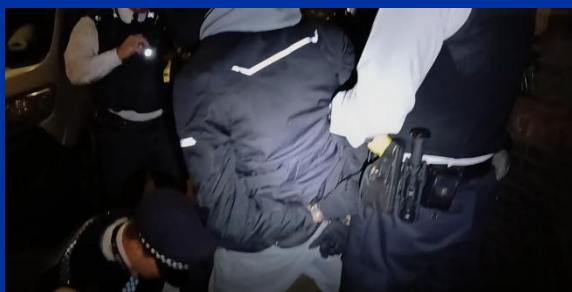
Burglary Offender Convicted and Awaiting Sentence

Police were called by a member of the public who reported seeing two individuals inside a house and believed they were not the occupants. Officers arrived within minutes and found that entry had been gained by damaging the front door.

A search of the property showed that several rooms had been searched, and items had been disturbed throughout the address. Officers carried out an area search and located a suspect nearby.

Following a search, officers recovered a number of items believed to be linked to the burglary.

The defendant was convicted and committed to Crown Court for sentencing. He remains in custody pending the sentencing hearing.



Policing Terms Explained

Arrested: When police detain a person in connection with a suspected offence.
Charged: When there is sufficient evidence for a person to appear before the courts.
Remanded in Custody: When a court decides a person should remain in custody awaiting further court proceedings.
Sentence: The punishment imposed by a court following a conviction.
Wanted Offender: A person who is being actively sought by police or the courts in connection with an offence or to appear before court.

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