

Barnes Police Liaison Group held on Monday, 11th May 2026 at Barnes Day Centre (FISH), SW13.

Attending: Sgt Hirsch, PCSO Andy Jansen, PC May Moody, Wendy Kyle-Pope, (Acting Chair), Tristan McGuinness (Minutes) Ann Sullivan, Peter Jamison, Chris Hines, Richard Winter, Judy Gowing, John Harrison, Cllr Sacks, Sandy Urquhart, Jennifer Wilds, Janet Monksfield, Ian and Jo Frost, Cllr. Andy Hale,

Apologies: Lynn McInness (Chair), PC Darren Meakins, PCSO Morbey, Rachael Skilbeck, and Cllr Duncan Rasor.

1. Welcome by Chair, housekeeping, and introductions. Wendy welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies for absence and recap of minutes of the last meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Asked the council for a sign for our safe havens.
3. **Police report**, results from previous priorities and current crime figures. Sgt Hirsch passed over to Andy and the crime statistics. These are reported crimes. Burglary seems to have gone through the roof, but this is reflected across the borough.

Crime Type (Including attempted)	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	Feb 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Drugs	2	0	1	2	3	10
ASB	4	3	3	3	8	2
Burglary	3	0	1	5	4	10
Robbery	0	1	2	0	2	1
Shoplifting	1	3	0	1	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	7	2	4	7	7

Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	1	4	2	2	6
Violence	0	7	2	2	3	0

Violence - Gender (Victim)	Feb 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Male	1	2	0
Female	1	1	0

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

4. **Questions from the floor** - Cllr Sacks asked about attempted burglaries and they fall within the stats. Is there something driving this? Appears that bikes in sheds are being targeted early in the morning by a possible gang. Theft of motor vehicle is classed as a burglary if the keys are stolen. It would be good to see the rate of convictions. Police are limited as to what they can put out, but they will take this forward. When the team has made an arrest, they deal with it and when the person is charged the team have to chase up if there is a conviction. It is good to know the context of any crime particularly if it is violent. The gentleman that was stabbed recently outside St Osmund's primary school - known to police but would not give any information on his attacker. Violence is a physical crime, but harassment is not. SNT has been quite busy because of protests and antisemitic behaviour which has meant that SNT are out of the ward. The protests don't look as if they are going to stop anytime soon and the resources are limited because of this. South Richmond SNT have taken over the base in Richmond Park instead of the Richmond Parks police, but our ward has not been involved. Extractions of the local police have not been as bad as last year. It can be 2-3 days a month per person, but it does vary month to month. What is the difference between Barnes and Mortlake? Barnes are based at Lowther School and Police the Ward up to Barnes High Street in Mortlake there are 4 officers. The base is not a police station, but the police can be contacted via email or phone but not to be used to report crimes. Security firms do not contact the police about crimes. Police can apply for a security camera if there is a spike in crime in a particular area. The Council make the decision, and it will stay for 3 months and then it is moved. They can be effective. When you have a known address then that is a different area for surveillance. Whose responsibility is it to police Hammersmith Bridge? This is Hammersmith and Fulham Police responsibility, and crimes are passed on to them. There are six cameras on the bridge. Most problems are with cyclists who don't get off their bikes and then clash with pedestrians. What can the police do about cyclists jumping red lights? The police can give them a ticket.

5. **Ward priorities:** Violent crime - suggested by the Police. 2 local priorities - selected by the Liaison Group - Current ward priorities:

- Violence (as suggested by Police)
- Anti-Sociable Behaviour
- Burglary (given seasonality and crime figures)

6. **Confidence questions**

Do your residents, visitors, businesses feel safe on the streets of your ward/this borough? Yes

Did the SNT/Borough police address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them? Yes

If something terrible happens, do you have confidence in the police to deal with? Not applicable.

7. **AOB:** Met Engage is a platform to get information across to the public and the public can raise any concerns. Currently 260 people have signed up in Barnes ward. Date of next meeting: August 2026