# REATER MANCHESTER POLICE MILLIANAL NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

# **BOLTON DISTRICT**



# **Targeted Activity**

• Rumworth Neighbourhood Officers met up with the Bolton Borough Litter Pickers as well as volunteers from McDonalds to continue litter picking efforts around Rasbottom Street and adjoining roads.

The area has been a consistent issue for drugs and anti-social behaviour. Although litter picking may seem like a small piece of work, it has a massive impact and even inspired members of the local community to start litter picking with us too.

Throughout the litter picking, around  $\pounds400$  worth of drugs has also been found and seized.

• Officers from the Bolton North Neighbourhood Team acting in response to reports of drug dealing have arrested a male (Ryan Dootson 20/10/1988) following a police pursuit of the vehicle he was using. A large amount of controlled drugs were recovered and the defendant's vehicle was also seized. The defendant was subsequently charged with both driving and drugs offences and was remanded into custody.

### Problem Solving

Last year, we launched Operation Yetminster, an initiative to tackle the issue of people begging in Bolton. Following your feedback, the Bolton North Neighbourhood Team identified that the location that caused people most concern outside of the Town Centre was the junction of Turton Street/Kay Street/Topp Way/A666, near to Ford and Bolton Gate Retail Park. Since the start of this operation, we have been attending the junction as much as possible to identify and engage with those people begging. We have recorded a total of 85 instances of begging, committed by 18 different people. All of these people have been given leaflets providing them with contact details for a number of support agencies available to them to stop them from begging and address any social issues.

We have now started to issue Community Protection Warning's to inform the people begging that their conduct must stop. If they fail to comply with the Community Protection Warning, they will be issued with a Community Protection Notice, which will provide requirements they must comply with. If they fail to comply with these, they will be arrested and prosecuted.

## **Engaging Communities**

Neighbourhood Watch is a grassroots charitable movement that has been operating for over 40 years. It is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales and has upwards of 2.3 million members. Schemes are run by volunteers across England and Wales supported by volunteer associations, and by Neighbourhood Watch Network.



You can also access many of the services provided by Greater Manchester Police online at gmp.police.uk. For emergencies only call 999, or 101 if it's less urgent.



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- As a registered member of Bee in The Loop, you can also join your local scheme or create a new scheme in your neighbourhood. A scheme can be anything from a few houses to a large estate, creating a community that cares and looks out for each other.
- For more information and to get crime prevention advice on a wide range of crime types, including burglary, antisocial behaviour, harassment, rural crimes, and more, visit <u>www.ourwatch.org.uk</u> or contact the local association on <u>info@boltonneighbourhoodwatch.org</u>

#### Good News

- Officers across the various Neighbourhood Teams have successfully obtained a further 5 Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) targeting persistent shoplifters across the borough following recent arrests and periods of imprisonment. These orders prevent these offenders from entering retail premises in a specified area with a power of arrest if they are breached. The Bolton District is now one of the leading districts in the force for successfully obtaining these orders which will work towards the reduction of retail crime in the town.
- Responding to complaints of residents in the Horwich area, Traffic Police Community Support Officers (TPCSO's) have issued a number of Traffic Offence Reports (TOR's) and warning letters around Obstructive and Dangerous Parking of Vehicles in the estates surrounding Toughsheet Stadium at BWFC fixtures.

### Other News

Last week the Mini Police completed their latest adventure by attending Bolton Police Station and interviewing our Chief Superintendent, Helen Critchley.
 A variety of questions were asked, with lots of enthusiasm about the different types of Police, the career or Ma'am Critchley and the structure of the Police Station!
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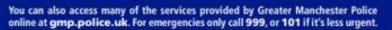


# Upcoming events / activities

- Bolton South PACT Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 18:00

   19:30 @ Essa Academy, Lever Edge Lane, BL3 3HH.
- Bolton North Interfaith Meeting and Halliwell Community Alliance Meeting.
- Police Drop-in Surgery 16<sup>th</sup> April 12:00 13:00 @ All Souls Community Centre, Astley Street, BL1 8EY.







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