

## **TEDDINGTON POLICE LEASON GROUP**

**Notes of a meeting of the TEDDINGTON PLG held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Teddington Baptist Church Hall.**

**PRESENT**                    **Mr Martyn Kingsford TD (Chairman)**  
**Sgt. Pat Denholm**  
**PC Pippa Chalklin**  
**PCSO Joe Kettle**  
**Mrs. J Schomberg (note taker)**

**Councillor Tania Matthews**

**Plus approx. 15 members of the public.**

**MK welcomed all to the meeting**

**APOLOGIES**                **Councillor M Ellengorn**  
**Councillor S Knight**  
**Councillor Churchill (all three at Party Conference)**  
**Mr. G Brown (Admiralty Way)**

**MK explained the importance of the Safer Neighbourhood / Neighbourhood Watch schemes and said that there is a meeting of the Community Police Partnership at Clarendon Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to meet the new Borough Commander.**

### **POLICE MATTERS AND ISSUES**

**Sgt. Denholm reported that she is retiring from the Police Force and that Sgt. Anthony Lovegrove will be replacing her.**

**Sgt. PD introduced PC Pippa Chalklin who has been in Teddington for about five months and PCSO Joe Kettle who has been overseeing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for two years.**

**Sgt. PD handed over to PC Pippa Chalklin who reported that we meet 3 times a year and that Teddington is a safe area and that one of the main things that one can do is to be aware and look after one another.**

**Burglary. Shop lifting and Anti Social Behaviour are the three most important issues in this area.**

**Residential burglary does remain low, if it does occur access is usually from the rear There is a suspect at this time.**

**Harrowdene Gardens has a history of garage burglary peaking in the summer months. There have been street briefings in this area. However there have been 40 attempts at garage break-ins ACCTV van is in the area and Detectives are involved but no suspects yet. Good security is essential and movement sensitive lights are suggested as a deterrent**

**Shop burglaries have fallen and there have been several arrests in the town centre area thanks to CCTV. These arrests have resulted in fines and one prison sentence.**

**The Town Link system is working well.**

**Christmas is approaching and patrols will be increased.**

**Anti Social Behaviour - The main areas of trouble are Coleshill Road and Udney Park Gardens. The Coleshill Road entrance to Bushy Park is being locked which is helping and a Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been introduced.**

**Udney Park Gardens – the trouble here is mainly caused by a lot of youths late at night and a lot of the parents have been informed and patrols increased.**

**There has been a case recently where a lady proclaiming to be from Age Concern comes to the door and gains entrance, leaves the door open and a colleague ransacks the bedrooms.**

**Mr. John Demont asked if this had been publicised and yes it will be.**

**The police advice NO NOT LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME.**

#### **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**Carol Edwards reported a car continually being parked across the dip in the pavement and wheelchairs cannot access the pavement from crossing the road. Sgt. PD said that this is a Council matter – but to call the police if anyone actually sees this happen and the case will be taken up by the Council.**

**MK congratulated the Police on their excellent organisation of the traffic during the Pope's recent visit - there was no disturbance to traffic in Teddington by the Pope's motorcade.**

**A lady asked if the police were responsible for the co-ordination (or rather unco-ordination) of road works in the area. Brian Holder ( Tedd Soc) reported that this was not a concern of the Police but of the utility firms concerned.**

**Claire Colley said that the parking in Broom Road had caused the Teddington School's school bus to be delayed for one hour.**

**Brian Holder replied that Broom Road is very narrow and that a lot of the parking can be attributed to Haymarket Publishing and he said he would e-mail them and bring this to the notice of the powers that be there.**

**Brian Holder also said that he was trying to get the Udney Park bus stop moved or in fact removed to free up some parking spaces in Kingston Road.**

**Brian Holder reported that at 10.15 p.m. one night several youths called at his door (he thought they were possibly under the influence of drugs) He felt that if his wife had opened the door there could have been trouble. They left. Sgt. Denholm advised that in similar cases to use the chain and call 999.**

**Doreen Hodge of Boucher Close reported on the continual noise of gates banging, squeaky play-ground swings etc. This has been reported to the Council many times and nothing is being done about it. It has also been reported to the Richmond Housing Partnership.**

**John Demont asked if crime had increased / decreased since the decline of the ACM. This problem to be brought up at the next CCP meeting.. It should also be brought to the notice of the Transport Police.**

**Graffiti is still bad around the station particularly on the sub-station which is very dangerous. This has been brought up before and still nothing has been done to strengthen the fence. It would seem to be the case of the wrong fence in the wrong place.**

**Councillor Tania Matthews asked if the Lock area came under any particular ward and PCSO Kettle said that it was the Hampton Wick SNT. She reported that there had been quite a lot of crime in that area.**

**It was reported that the 3 Councillors for Teddington meet at the Baptist Church Hall every two months and that there is a Police Surgery for bike marking at the Library in Waldegrave Road every Wednesday from 1 – 3 p.m.**

**Dorothy Droy asked if the theft of bicycles had slowed down – PCSO Kettle said yes it had and if they saw a youngish person on a bike which would seem to be out of their financial reach they would be stopped and questioned.**

**THE MEETING GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE THREE KEY PRIORITIES WERE a) Garage break-ins b) Shop theft c) ASB**

**The Chairman told the meeting that this was the last meeting that Sgt. Pat Denholm would be attending and he thanked her on behalf of everyone on the PLG and Teddington for all her hard work in keeping us all safe. She was also thanked for the leadership she had shown to her team. We all wished her every success in her new career.**

**The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.**