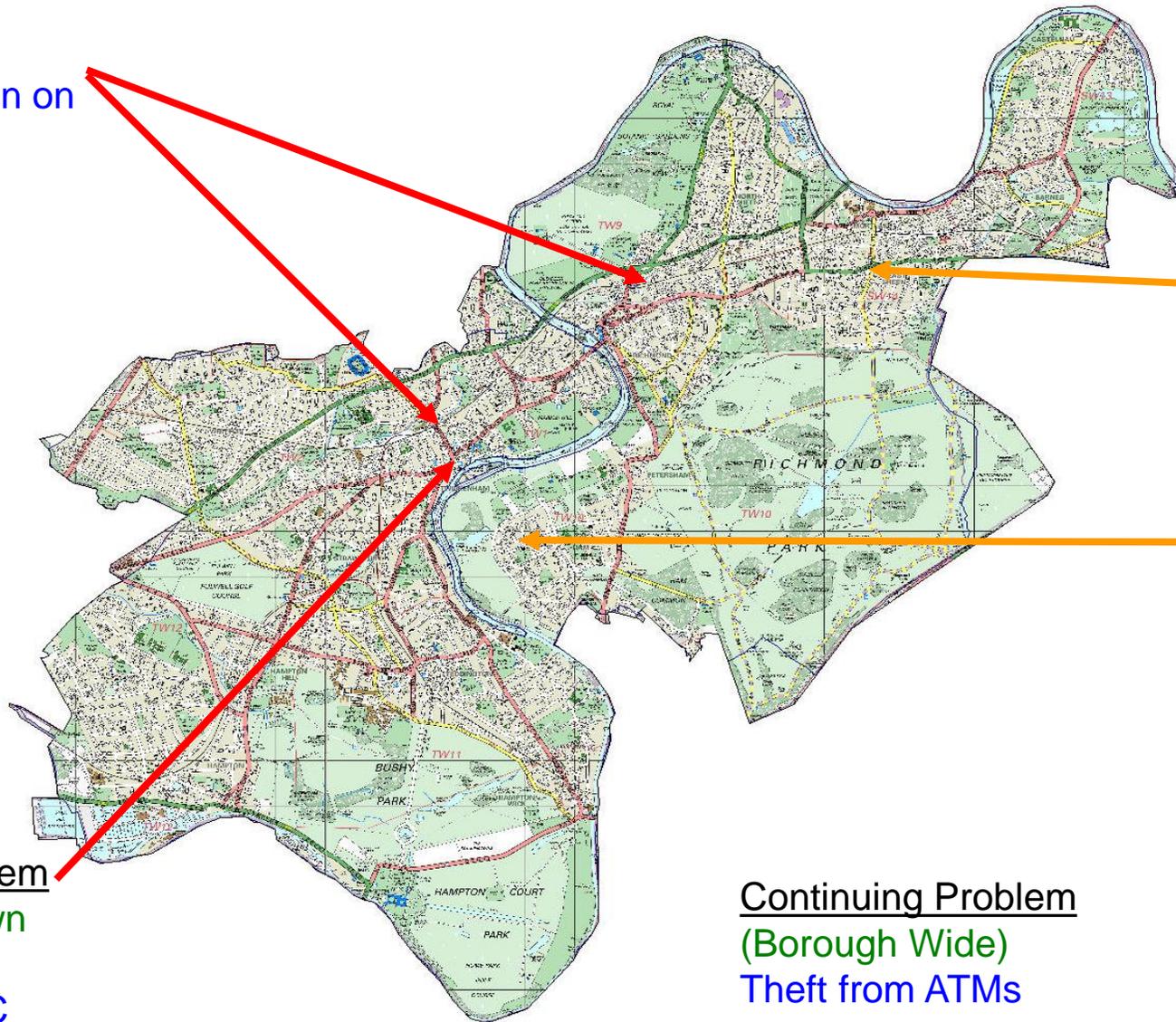


Executive Summary of Current Crime and Disorder Issues

Long Term Problem

Town Centres

Spring Violence
operation to begin on
11/04/2011.



Emerging Problem

Mortlake

Non Residential
Burglary & Other
theft

Emerging Problem

Ham

Residential Burglary

Long Term Problem

Twickenham Town
Centre

ASB around KFC

Continuing Problem

(Borough Wide)

Theft from ATMs

Emerging Problem – Residential Burglary in Ham

Inference – Three Males on bikes are targeting houses with UPVC front doors in the Ham area during the early hours of the morning by reaching through the letterbox and unlocking the door.

Context – In the last fortnight there has been 5 reported residential burglaries in Ham within around a minutes walk from each other.

4 were committed overnight between 2200-0930. Three suspects were disturbed at 0400 hours at one offence.

3 offences had a similar method of entry – by unlocking a front UPVC door leaving no damage (this is where the 3 suspects were seen). UPVC front doors tend to have slightly higher letterboxes and lower lock mechanisms than traditional wooden doors, making it easier for burglars to reach in with their arms or with an implement to "pop" the door handle on the inside. Double locking usually prevents this.

Three suspects described as 1 x IC1 Male a/a 22 years with short brown hair with 2 x IC3 MALES. Officers reported seeing similar suspect descriptions riding off on bikes near to the scene at the time. Glove marks were recovered, no other forensics left. Cross border checks show that this is solely a Richmond borough problem at present. This is an old method, usually associated with burglaries targeting car keys, but hasn't been recently seen on the borough and definitely not in the Ham area which suggests a team may have just learnt this method. There is therefore a *risk* of increased burglary activity in the area.

Crime Types – Residential Burglary

Emerging Problem – Non Res Burg on Upper Richmond Rd West

Inference – An unknown offender(s) is targeting small businesses along a stretch of the Upper Richmond Road West in order to steal for quick financial gain

Context – Between 01/03/2011 and 12/03/2011 there has been 8 crime reports which may be linked through premises targeted + Location + Method of entry. Small businesses have been targeted along the UPPER RICHMOND ROAD WEST particularly Hairdressers, Dentists, Cafés. In 4 offences locks have been drilled out and in addition to these burglaries a telephone box in the area also saw it's cash box drilled open so may be linked.

All the offences occurred overnight when the premises were closed, with no peak days, however the telephone booth recorded a time of 2015 hours. On all occasions it appears that the object of the break-in was for cash from either the till, safe, lockers or drawers, however on a recent report they got away with a quantity of about 15 knives, forks and spoons – this may suggest a desperate person trying to get cash quickly?. Searches are very untidy but no forensics have been retrieved. Many of these offences have been enabled by the service roads which run behind the shops on the Upper Richmond Road West.

Crime Types – Non Residential Burglary & Other Theft



Continuing Problem – ATM thefts

Inference – Victims continue to have their cards or cash retained at cash points

Context – between 01/01/2011 and 15/03/2011 there has been over 30 crime reports concerning victims either being distracted or having their card or cash retained at cash points. 7 of these have occurred within the last two weeks

The method used has shifted away from the cash being prevented from leaving the dispenser back to the Lebanese Loop or distraction method by suspects of differing descriptions Male & Female IC1's & IC4's Tuesday and Thursday are the busiest days and the peak time is between 1630-1900 hours.

Barnes and Kew are the busiest wards but incidents are occurring all over the borough.

Offences have recently emerged in Richmond town centre between 1200-1500 hours and 1830 hours.

The borough appears to have gone from a very specific series of cash trappings to a more varied trend of cash point crimes making it increasingly difficult to combat in a coordinated manner.

Crime Types – Other Theft/Fraud

Continuing Problem – Town Centre ASB

Inference - KFC attracts large groups of youths to Twickenham town centre who gather outside and subsequently become involved in ASB and possibly violence offences.

Context – KFC has long been a gathering and meeting point for groups of youths in Twickenham town centre as a result of it being a takeaway close to the main bus stops on King Street and the hours it keeps. Youths that frequent but who do not actually use the restaurant often create ASB by upsetting customers, management, and creating noise and disturbances when asked to leave the area only to return at a later time.

Current Update/Assessment - In the last two weeks KFC has only come to notice twice. Once for youths who gather outside apparently getting their alcohol from a nearby store and the other was the theft of a pushbike by a Male 20 yrs from Kingston who was stopped and arrested nearby and is not connected to the youths currently linked to KFC.

Activity at the takeaway probably peaked as it was half term, but the youths who were frequenting, their activity and where they may frequent in future will still impact on the borough.

Of the youths previously named two have since caused ASB outside Teddington School, two others were stopped in Richmond, another was arrested for shoplifting in Richmond and one other signed an ABC not to associate with the other youths outside KFC. There is as yet unconfirmed intelligence that one has been moved to an Ealing address.

Crime Types – ASB / Violence

