

## **TEDDINGTON POLICE LIASON GROUP**

**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEDDINGTON POLICE LIAISON GROUP  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
HALL TEDDINGTON**

**PRESENT**                      **Mr. M Kingsford**                      **Chairman**  
**Inspector P Hood**  
**Sgt. A Lovegrove**  
**PC G Nicklin**  
**PCSO J Kettle**  
**PCSO J Doawd**  
**PCSO P Spratley**  
**Mrs. J Schomberg**                      **Notetaker**  
**Plus 7 members of the public including**  
**Cllr. Stephen Knight and Cllr Churchill**

**APOLOGIES**                      **Cllr. M Ellengorn**  
**PC. N. Freer**

**The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the new Police SNT Commander, Sgt. Tony Lovegrove. The chairman welcomed Inspector Hood to the meeting**

### **PLG CONSTITUTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY**

**MK told the meeting that a Chairman was to be elected or re elected and this will be done at the next meeting.**

### **POLICE MATTERS AND ISSUES**

**Sgt. A Lovegrove thanked everyone for what they did in this area and that he was very pleased with his team and reported as follows:**

**Halloween was not too bad. ASB was the main problem. The evening was actively policed and the police made a point of engaging with the youths. The next occasion was the switching on of the Christmas Lights. AL said he was amazed at how busy it was and generally there were no problems with the people. Just a bus broke down on the railway bridge and a lady had trouble with her car and had to have it towed away.**

**Next came New Years Eve – not a particularly peaceful evening.**

**Extra units were deployed.**

**There was trouble at The Teddington Arms when a fight broke out and ended up on the pavement outside. The man (the fight was between a man and a woman) rushed off down the High Street doing damage to car windows and was eventually caught.**

**A private party in Bolton Gardens caused a problem. There was no alcohol initially but the party had been advertised on mobile phones and a crowd arrived with alcohol. Early intervention by the police cleared it up.**

**Christmas was peaceful.**

**Crime is down by 14% with 2 residential burglaries and five non-residential ones since 1/1/11.**

**There has been a series of shed break-ins with nothing being taken.**

**A bicycle was taken from outside Tesco – but it was not locked.**

**The three priorities are still**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**Burglaries**

**Shop Lifting.**

**Shoplifting – Tesco, Marks and Spencers and Boots are the main targets.**

**Marks and Spencers now have a Security Officer in a yellow tabard as a deterrent and Boots have started to re-use the till to the left of the main doors.**

**The Town Link system seems to be working well. AL pointed out that the users must be trained – training is being undertaken.**

**Tesco, Marks and Spencers and Boots now have their allocated PCSOs which seems to be being helpful.**

**AL said he is generally very pleased with the area but pointed out that summer is coming with its usual problems.**

**The chairman thanked Sgt Lovegrove for his report**

## **ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**The letter from Chief Superintendent Clive Chalk, The Borough Commander sets out that on the [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) website gives an indication of crime in a given area.**

**It was agreed that there must be greater publicity of public meetings and police surgeries.**

**Emerging crime in Teddington is biker on motor bikes (no number plates) grabbling handbags as they pass people in the street. This occurs very often around 3.30 p.m. when children are coming out of school and mothers are distracted by the children.**

**The police are confident that they will soon be caught.**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**BH brought to people's attention the fact that The Street Van vehicle (a van) parked in Park Lane at the junction with Park Road is very dangerous. The visibility for people crossing Park Lane is extremely poor. A suggestion for a new space would be the East side of Park Road between the Park Hotel car park and the bus stop. BH has been in touch with Cllr. Head with this suggestion with a very negative response. This is a matter of some urgency.**

**BH reported errors on the Cycle Liaison Group map At this point JS asked why bicycles do not have bells nowadays. Apparently they are not mandatory.**

**The subject of cyclists going through red lights was raised and it was suggested that these people were reprimanded in some way. PCSO Kettle said that he already does this.**

**The question of the reduction of police numbers was raised. AL reported that we would not feel an effect for 18 months. MK said he would be talking to Maurice Press chair of Hampton Wick PLG about this.**

**SK brought up the question of the burglaries in Harrodene Gardens. There were fourteen over one weekend and out of all those only 1 jumper was taken.**

**The scratching of shop windows was raised – PC Nicklin said that as soon as it is carried out the culprit disappears.**

**MK felt that the burglaries in the Park Road area are carried out by people coming off the train, committing the crime and going back on the train. It was queried as to whether the CCTV was working at the Station. AL said that the CCTV is working in the High Street. The major crime in London is burglary.**

**Domestic Violence was mentioned and AL said that this problem very rarely comes to the SNT in this Borough. It was suggested that a speaker on Domestic Violence comes to one of our meetings. MK said he would look into this. J de M said he had been to a talk on Violence against Women and it was very interesting.**

**The MAIN PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS are Burglary, ASB and Shoplifting as before.**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**A rumour has been circulating about a new Custody Suite. The Police assured us that this is completely untrue.**

**The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.**