

Hillrise Newsletter October 2014

Dear Hillrise resident; a fairly quiet period since the last newsletter in April, however there are a few items that I would like to bring to your attention.

We are currently experiencing a wave of damage to motor vehicles in the N19 and N4 areas, where cars are being scratched, we believe, by local youths. If you are a victim, please report it so we can monitor and react accordingly.

Theft of number plates is also on the up, mostly in the Whitehall Park and Hornsey Rise areas. There is a well-known retailer that provides more secure number plates, begins in "H" - answers on a post card please.

Me and the team got a good result last month, where a routine stop-check resulted in a foot chase on the New Orleans estate. Two youths were arrested for possession of class A drugs with intent to supply (PWITS) after a large wrap was found in a dumped backpack.

One is now on police bail; the other was No Further Actioned.

Elthorne park is still being frequented by street drinkers and more recently by Polish males drinkers from the Finsbury Park area. Things came to a head in August when two of them kicked off and were subsequently arrested for public order offences and assault police. One is due to appear in court in December, the other was cautioned.

Last week, an environmental visual Audit was carried out in the park. In attendance was myself, officials from the parks dept, councillor Poyser, a council ASB officer, out-reach workers from St Mungos and Park Guard. We discussed the issue of the street drinkers and decided on this occasion; not to remove any of the benches, but rather cut back some of the foliage and bushes to make the park feel more open.

The biggest worry was that if the drinkers were displaced, they would decamp to the nearby Grenville rd park which is much smaller and their presence would have a bigger impact on the residents and park users. Police, PCSO's and Park Guard will continue to enforce the no drinking zone, whilst St Mungos workers will continue to try and engage with the drinkers. The situation is constantly monitored.

I note that there are several lights not working on the Elthorne estate near the school. I have notified the council who have raised a works order.

A couple of drug warrants have been executed in the last few weeks, notably on the Elthorne and New Orleans estates. Unfortunately no drugs were found, but the address on the Elthorne estate has been passed to the housing office to see if they can take any further action.

Finally, I'd like to bring your attention to a new café that has opened on Fairbridge rd next to the carpet shop. It specialises in Turkish pastries, fresh cream cakes, fresh baguettes with a filling of choice and good coffee. This is a new business to this part of the ward and I hope will help rejuvenate the area- please check it out.

As ever, if you need to report a crime, or non-urgent incident, please call 101, otherwise 999 if suspects are still present or the incident is life-threatening.

Best wishes

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