



Hillrise Newsletter

November 2013

Dear Hillrise resident

Firstly, my apologies for the late newsletter.

The new policing model is now into its fourth month and everyone has more or less adapted into the new style. For my part, things have not changed a great deal, other than I now work more weekends and late shifts which means that I am available more often during the peak periods in terms of calls from the public.

I am a Dedicated Ward Officer or DWO, which in theory makes me ring-fenced from other duties.

In practice, this does not always work, but that's life!

The big news is that a gang from the Elthorne estate has been broken up and disbanded following several high profile convictions at the Old Bailey during the summer.

This followed the murder of a youth on the Andover estate in 2011 which was quickly established as a revenge attack following the stabbing of another youth connected to the Elthorne estate the previous day.

Myself and Pc Eddie Kemp were asked to make statements outlining our dealings with the Elthorne gang, locally known as Busy Block. Using our personal knowledge of the youths and the estate, and having watched many YouTube rap videos made by some of the gang members, we were able to convince the jury that, they were indeed a gang; this was key in proving a motive and therefore, the case.

Myself and Pc Kemp foresaw this unfortunate event to a degree and much of our time was spent trying to engage with some of the boys and their parents, where this very scenario was spelled out.

A key individual from Pilgrims Way, Tommy McInerney, was sentenced to 18 years for murder. He had previously been warned by both police and Islington borough council for producing rap videos that were filmed on estates in Hillrise.

ELTHORNE

As a result of the above, the area has returned to normality after years of violent crime and anti

social behavior. The local authority has also put in place improvements to enhance security and safety. As I write, the shop on Holland Walk remains closed following its closure some 18 months ago. A new owner has submitted an application to re open it, which is being heard by magistrates today.

We have had a few incidents involving the Balti king restaurant on Hornsey rd, where a group of three girls, believed from the estate have been causing anti social behavior at the location. The girls are all aged 13 to 15 years with two of them white and the other black skinned. Any information about these incidents would be greatly received.

Whilst on patrol last week, we came across youths smoking cannabis on the balcony on Buxton rd, a local man was arrested and is currently on bail for that and another non-related offence. Patrols will be maintained there for the near future.

NEW ORLEANS

Following complaints of asb from residents via the housing office, we have upped our patrols in the area. To date, we have not come across anything untoward and have asked the housing office for more detailed information in regard to specific locations.

WHITEHALL PARK

There is quite a lot going on here at the moment with a steady increase in theft from motor vehicles since early September, though I am pleased to report that there have not been any further reported incidents since the 24th October. We picked up on this following feedback from some residents and within 48 hours, we had put up numerous signs in the streets advising residents not to leave valuables in cars. We increased patrols in the area and stopped and searched two individuals that were known to us. I will continue to monitor the situation.

As you will no doubt be aware, aware from local press and TV reports, squatters have moved into the old Ashmount school site. I have spoken to one of the "committee members" who assured that me that they wanted to get involved in the community and would be starting workshops for local residents.....mmmmm.

That aside, I am certain that their arrival is not linked to the vehicle crime wave as this was already on the increase prior to their arrival. We did have some calls over the Bonfire Night period regarding the site, but other than that, I cannot find any calls to police about any other incidents that may involve them.

I anticipate their departure in the near future.

There were some cold callers doing the rounds last week and I responded to a couple of calls to Gladsmuir rd. I found the two persons described; they were spoken to and their ID confirmed. I later spoke to the area manager and made my representations regarding the work practices, especially as they were selling home security equipment!!

In general, burglary remains low, though I have to bring two incidents to your attention where two white males posing as window cleaners have gained access to homes and stolen from the

owner. We are working on a few leads as this seems to be part of a pattern involving neighbouring boroughs.

THE REST OF THE WARD

Residents may have noticed that the hut that belongs to the Sunnyside Community Gardens caught fire in July and sadly suffered fairly extensive damage. LFB confirmed that it was accidental though probably careless and we took no further action. I do not know what their future is.

Whilst on patrol late last week on Sunnyside rd near the junction with Hornsey lane, I noticed that there were lights on in the disused old garage - indeed a chandelier!! I had to investigate and I can reveal that a new business has just moved into the area:

Spotless Organic; a commercial and domestic cleaning company that uses organic products; I had a thorough briefing from the MD Hannah Jackson-Matombe.

www.spotlessorganic.com

Finally, we are having our quarterly Ward Panel meeting this coming Thursday evening the 14th at 7.30pm. The venue is the new café which is part of the community building and youth club at the top of Crouch Hill. We will be discussing crime and asb trends on the ward, how to tackle them and in which order. There is also a briefing by myself and a general question and answer session. We have several members both council officials, councilors and local residents who attend, however it is also open to all residents to see public accountability in action.

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Hope to see you there

Regards

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