

# High Street Ward Panel

23/09/2021



# Theft Snatch/ Robberies

- There continues to be theft snatches/ robberies within Waltham Forest and more specifically concentrated around the E17 area. These snatches are invariably moped or bicycle enabled with the suspect often riding up to an unsuspecting victim and taking their phones before making off.
- The snatches remain very sporadic and often happen in spates of 3-4 offences within the space of an hour or so at different locations within the borough (mostly Walthamstow).
- Multiple safer neighbourhoods teams are working together to try and tackle the problem, combining plain clothes and uniformed patrols. Stop and search is being utilised and we have made 2 arrests so far. We will continue to conduct the patrols, especially early in the mornings (commuter time).
- As well as enforcement, we are giving crime prevention advice to try and make people aware and to not allow themselves to be an easy target i.e (walking down the street, headphones in not aware of what's going on)

# What we've been doing for ASB

- ASB on the High Street remains a priority however we have seen a reduction in ASB around the top end of the High Street (junction of Hoe Street) recently.
- We have issued 3 Community Protection Warnings which have been effective and the suspects have not been engaging in ASB since.
- We have noticed a significant reduction in calls regarding the street drinkers and general ASB but are aware the problem has been completely solved.
- VAWG remains another priority and we have conducted several operations targeting offenders.

# What we've been doing for Drugs

- Feedback was taken from residents in regards to drug hotspots and areas where dealing was taking place. Good work from officers has led to two known drug dealers being moved off the ward and the borough entirely.
- Warrants for houses where drug dealing is believed to be taking place are being progressed.
- Intel led stop and searches have been taking place regularly with drugs and weapons being seized.
- Joint work with the Waltham Forest Violence Suppression Unit has been taking place, with increased plain clothes patrols.

# Crime figures

- The total notifiable offences (all recordable crimes) are as follows: June 208, July 201, August 152.
- We've had 18 robberies over a 3 month period. The good news to this is that every month the robberies have decreased as targeted patrols have gone up.
- Burglaries on the ward are significantly lower than the average for the borough. We've had 9 residential burglaries over June, July and August.
- Main offence on the ward is still theft, more specifically shoplifting with 74 offences from June to August. This is no surprise as we have all the shops.
- Drugs offences are haven't really increased or decreased but isn't currently one of the High Street's biggest issues, total of 27 offences from June to August.
- Theft from motor vehicle continues to fluctuate with 16 offences in June, 5 in July and 11 in August.

# Update on the team

- PC Islam, PC Robson and PC Kerridge have left the team.
- PC Dunsford, PC Flanagan and PC Jones have joined the team.
- We will be getting an uplift in staff levels in late November/ early December with two new probationer officers joining.

# Other

- Can we set the ward problems, priority issues x3.
- Community matters week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October.