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Newsletter

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Your dedicated Safer Neighbourhoods team is here to make a difference in your community. If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues, please contact a member of your local team. For more information, visit our website.
www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

There are other ways of making your neighbourhood safer. Why not consider becoming a volunteer at your local station or joining the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, giving your time to become an officer with full police powers?

For more info, log onto
www.metpolicecareers.co.uk

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Remember if it's an emergency then call 999

Hello and welcome to the July issue of the Blackheath Safer Neighbourhoods Team Newsletter – the following is a 'snapshot' of what your local team have been doing.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Local residents of Eliot Park had raised concerns regarding the occupier of one of the flats. The occupier was making other residents lives unpleasant by playing very loud music throughout the night, having a steady stream of visitors day and night and there were also concerns that the occupier was involved with the supply of controlled drugs. On the 04th June Blackheath SNT along with fellow officers, executed a search warrant on the address. On the execution of the warrant there were ten young persons in the flat, who were all told to leave and that they were not to return, one male was arrested for possession of drugs and the flat was boarded up by Lewisham council.

We will act on concerns and intelligence, which has been provided from many different sources to improve the quality of life for those who live, work and visit Blackheath ward. We

will continue to work in partnership with residents and other agencies to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and local policing objectives

Blackheath Bike and Kite Fair

On the 14th/15th June "The skies of Blackheath came alive with kites of all shapes, sizes and colours when the Blackheath Bike and Kite Festival got underway" PCSO Smith, PCSO Brown and PC Whinray were out in force along with the safer partnership bus up on the heath. Throughout the day, they raised awareness surrounding crime prevention, they offered advice on how to secure both your home and vehicle, identity marked over 60 cycles and more than 15 mobile phones. PCSO Brown, who is new to the team, said, "The festival was a complete and utter success and I thoroughly enjoyed myself and it was great to meet so many residents of Blackheath".

Crack Down on Drug Dealing

Residents had raised concerns about a local male allegedly dealing drugs to a nearby hostel. On the 26th June acting on the numerous complaints, Blackheath SNT forced entry to the flat and a thorough search was carried out. Drugs were found at the address and seized. As a result the drug dealing has ceased and no further complaints have been received. Drug dealing will not be tolerated in our ward.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

There are currently four neighbourhood Watch Schemes set up across Blackheath Ward. The areas currently covered are Heathlee Rd, Lee Park, Dacre Park, Blackheath Rise, Boyne Road and Caterham Road. PCSO Karen Smith is currently sourcing a new scheme in Granville Park.

We are extremely keen to encourage new schemes to be set up across the ward to improve coverage and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

If you are interested in joining a scheme or would like to start a new scheme for your own road, please contact us to discuss.

General Security Advice

Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, as a burglar may see an open window or other easy point of entry and take a chance.

Tips to avoid becoming a victim;

When you go out, always close and lock the external doors and windows – even if you are going out for a short time.

If you are installing new doors and windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard BS7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors). Window locks, especially on older windows, will help stop people getting in (and remember – a burglar is less likely to break in if they have to smash a window).

If you have deadlocks, use them. They make it harder for a thief to get out again. Don't leave the key near the door or in an obvious place.

Use timers for lights and radios if you need to be away from home overnight or when you are on holiday. This will create the impression that someone is in.

Operation Blunt 2

Operation Bunt 2 has been launched to tackle youths carrying knives and is now the number 1 priority in the Metropolitan Police above terrorism. To help tackle this your Blackheath team has increased their use of stop and search and are engaged in a number of 'weapon sweeps' across the ward, paying particular attention to those areas frequented by youths.

We continue to need your ongoing support. If you see or hear anything please report it to your local Safer Neighborhood team.

Blackheath Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

In order to ensure that the work of the Safer Neighbourhood team is focused on resolving community crime and disorder concerns, our team involve local people to decide the priorities for our team to work on. Residents of Blackheath have formed a Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel.

The Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel meets every two months. The panel will assess the information collected by police and other sources and consider how to prioritise the community concerns. About three priority tasks for action are agreed, with feedback being given by the Safer Neighbourhood team at the next meeting.

The current priorities have been identified as

Anti social behaviour
Alcohol related disorder

The chair of your Ward Panel is Councillor Godfried Gyeachie. If you would like to know more about your panel, he can be contacted on the following e-mail address godfriedgyeachie@yahoo.co.uk

