

**A few words from your Ward Sergeant:**

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Police Sergeant for Addiscombe East, Park Hill & Whitgift, Shirley North and Shirley South. I joined the team in February and am pleased to have found a very good team of officers that are working hard to keep our wards safe. I am also encouraged by the support that you have provided. I want to make sure that we are a team that continue to tackle the issues that you as residents of the wards feel most important to you.

Unfortunately due the current restrictions, community engagement events are still not possible in the way they used to be. However, if you see one of the team out and about I am sure they will be happy to stop and talk at a safe social distance. As the weather warms up and restrictions lift further there will be more chance to have those events to return. We will keep you updated on events through our social media and email addresses which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Yours Faithfully  
PS Saville

The aim of this newsletter is to provide information about issues on the ward and offer the relevant crime prevention advice. You can find further information on local crimes and related crime prevention advice by visiting [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) and entering your postcode on the home page under the heading 'Find your area'.

The Metropolitan Police website can be used to find contact details for your local team or report an incident when it is a non-emergency, as well as dialing 101. In an emergency always dial 999. You can also find your local team on Twitter and Next Door.

**Catalytic converters:**

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft. To protect your converter from theft, ask your vehicle dealership if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer. Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that is well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the converter can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable. You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of. Visit: <https://www.securedbydesign.com/> for more details.

**Operation Basswood** – In March, as part of the ongoing operation to tackle catalytic converter thefts, over 300 officers were involved in executing eight simultaneous rapid entry warrants at neighbouring properties where two men were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit theft of catalytic converters. Another man was arrested on suspicion of committing over 25 thefts of catalytic converters. Police recovered over eighteen catalytic converters across the sites, alongside tools used in catalytic converter thefts such as an angle grinder, car jack and reciprocal saw from one vehicle at the east London address. Officers have also seized thousands of pounds worth of stolen vehicles, around fifty thousand pounds in cash and a quantity of drugs. Officers seized nine vehicles from the site in east London for using falsified license plates. Officers also attended a metal processing plant in Hackney and discovered tens of catalytic converters believed to have been stolen from vehicles, as well as a smelting machine. Police also found what they believe to be quantities of stolen metal, likely to have originated from railways and telecommunications masts. On the Essex coast, police officers intercepted a shipping container believed to contain stolen metal and car parts, which was due to be shipped to the Ivory Coast to be processed and refined. There have also been further arrests since the day of the operation as the investigation continues

**Changes in Ward priorities**

Many of you may be aware that traditionally, ward panels have worked with their local Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) to set all ward priorities. There has been new guidance recently and the first priority is now the same across the Metropolitan police area, violence. Organisationally this is a top priority and can include all violence types, gangs, drugs, domestic assaults, violence against women



and vulnerable people, public space safety, alcohol fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour linked to violence. The focus of each ward may differ but the over-arching priority will be tackling the issues that cause most harm and risk to our communities.

## **News From Your Teams:-**

### **Addiscombe East**

Email: [SNMailbox.AddiscombeEastSNT@met.police.uk](mailto:SNMailbox.AddiscombeEastSNT@met.police.uk)

Twitter : [@MPSAddiscombeE](https://twitter.com/MPSAddiscombeE)

**Ward Priorities: Violence related, others to be discussed at the next panel meeting**

**Your Team: PC Harrod, PCSO Maxted**

A warrant was recently conducted at an address on Addiscombe East where 20 cannabis plants were found to be growing. This was linked to another address where a further 50 cannabis plants were seized. One male was arrested for production of cannabis.

We have also been dealing with anti-social behaviour calls around the Lower Addiscombe Road and Addiscomber Road whereby a group were arrested from criminal damage to a building. If you have anything to report please do so on the contact details below or the Metropolitan Police website.

### **Park Hill & Whitgift**

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**Ward Priorities: Anti-social behavior with potential for violence around Lloyd Park, burglary, and regular monthly updates**

**Your Team: PC Nzekwue, PCSO Thompson**

At the last panel meeting it was brought to our attention that residents were concerned about anti-social behavior and the possibility of violence around Lloyd Park particularly at the end of the school day with the number of schools in the local area all coming together to use the transport hubs and the open space of the park. Our team have been working closely with the local schools in the area to deal with any potential ASB issues. Our aim is for the Schools and parents to feel supported in any future issues that arise. We've also been doing many patrols engaging with the community and conducting weapon sweeps. During our patrols we have experienced a lot of positive engagement and have not experienced an increase in anti-social behavior nor any issues with violence. We will continue to patrol the area but should you have any further issues please feel free to contact as below.

### **Shirley North**

Email: [SNMailbox-ShirleyNorthSNT@met.police.uk](mailto:SNMailbox-ShirleyNorthSNT@met.police.uk)

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**Your Team: PC Waters, PCSO Shannon**

From December 2020 to now crime rates in Shirley North has decreased, despite this we have had a number of reports of anti-social behaviour happening across the ward. Working alongside Croydon council, in the last few weeks we have been able to issue some ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) warnings to tackle this problem.

### **Shirley South**

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**Ward Priorities: Violence related, others to be discussed at the next panel meeting**

**Your Team: PC Gibson, PC De Lacey, PCSO White**

Shirley South now has a full team with 2 PCs and a PCSO. We have been busy with local issues such as off road bikes on Shirley Heath and Kennel Wood, drug taking in the Royal Garden restaurant car park in Shirley Hills. A number of warrants for drugs have been executed. The team has also been dealing with Covid-19 restrictions being broken by people. We are also keeping an eye out to ensure that we are aware of all burglaries, catalytic converter theft, and crime in general affecting our residents.



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