

MEETING OF THE WARD PANEL COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 90 MINUTES

ATTENDING: PCSO RIVERSIDE WARD – PAUL KINGSMILL  
SAFER TRANSPORT OFFICER - PC MARK JAMES  
VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE WARD PANEL COMMITTEE

1. The numbers of police officers allocated to the ward has now been reduced to
  - a. 2 X PC's
  - b. 1 x PCSO
  - c. 1 x Inspector and 1 x Sergeant covering 5 wardsThis obviously makes policing in the area very difficult as they operate on shifts.
2. Crime Figures are attached.
3. Anti-social behaviour continues to be an issue and Mark James cited a number of areas of concern. The E3 bus route. M and S where they change buses. 237 267 and 272 routes at school opening and closing times. 9 pupils recently expelled from Chiswick School.
4. There have been a number of arrests in the area.
  - a. 1 x Montgomery Court
  - b. 1 x Going Equipped (GE) Park Road
  - c. 1 x moped theft arrest
  - d. 2 x arrests made from forensics – Burglary Park Road
  - e. 2x GE in Compton Cres
  - f. 1 x arrest re SOG burglary
  - g. 1 x arson in Chiswick
  - h. 1 x Annie's arrest – no accomplices at this stage
  - i. 1 x arrest in Ealing for raid on café, same MO as Annie's
5. These moped attacks are very difficult to prosecute as the riders are helmeted and often with balaclavas too. The number plates are either removed or false so the police have nothing to go on. Even with CCTV.
6. It should be noted that The Stables and Hammonds are NOT in the Riverside Ward so not our local officers' patch and not included in Riverside Ward figures.
7. The Police are obviously very committed to reducing crime in the area but it should be remembered that it is not our local Bobbies who respond to 999 calls. The local Hounslow Response team does so any criticism about response times needs to be directed at them NOT our local force.
8. Advice from the police:
  - If anyone wants security advice our local PCSO Paul Kingsmill will try and arrange a visit from the CPO Hounslow but there is only one for the whole borough. My suggestion would be to take advice from a local security firm – specific to your home.
  - Keys are increasingly being cloned. Do you give your keys to the guys at the Car Wash/Tyre shop/MOT station? They can easily copy them. Do you leave your keys/handbags in the hallway? A magnet on a wire coat-hanger through the letter box.....

- Mopeds and cars are having fuel syphoned off – you can buy in Halfords anti syphon devise
  - Number plates – again you can buy anti-theft screws very cheaply.
9. We as individuals need to take more responsibility for our home security. Install sturdy locks. Keys that cannot be copied. Set alarms. Leave a light or lights on when out. Secure side and back gates. Secure patio doors leading to gardens. A large number of burglaries result from lax security by owners. Window locks. A burglar is looking at 2 houses – one has a light on, one does not. Which one do you think he will go for?

To summarise – in the face of swingeing cuts our police force are doing their best. We would hope that the introduction of the CPZ will reduce commuter traffic and therefore carelessness with items left in cars for instance.

We need to be vigilant and report ANYTHING suspicious to 101 if not to 999 for a real emergency.