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## DRUGS RAID



Sutton North Safer Neighbourhood officers acted upon intelligence they had received about a suspected cannabis factory in Sutton Common Road. The team obtained a fast time warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act from court. Officers then attended the address, executed the warrant and forced entry. The address contained about 100 established cannabis plants and one male occupant. The male was arrested for cultivating cannabis. The property was emptied and all evidence removed before being secured. The male was later charged and remanded to attend court.

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## CANNABIS STOP

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team were on patrol in Oaks Park when their attention was drawn to a vehicle. The vehicle was followed for a short time and stopped on Woodmansterne Lane, Wallington. The vehicle and male occupant were subject to a search. During the search of the vehicle, a pot containing herbal cannabis was found in a rucksack in the vehicle. Checks were conducted and the male received a community resolution for possession of cannabis.



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## DRUG STOP OVERTON PARK



Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team continue to patrol all of the open

spaces within the London Borough of Sutton. On one such patrol in Overton Park officers stopped a group of 3 males. The group were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act, during which two of the group were found in possession of cannabis. One male was issued with a Community Resolution for the offence and second was issued with a £90 Fixed Penalty Notice. The Third male decided that he knew better and ran from police, leaving his drugs and flip flops behind. Police quickly identified the male and attended his address at more convenient time. For his efforts the male was interviewed and later charged to attend court for possession of Cannabis and Obstructing a Drugs search.



## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INITIATIVE

The Met police has created a new way of tackling Anti-Social Behaviour using the Anti-Social Behaviour Warning process.

This has had great success in other Boroughs and is now being introduced to Bromley, Croydon and Sutton. The main aim being around offering diversion and interventions to steer offenders away from ASB before looking at methods of tackling repeat and persistent behaviour through enforcement action.

We will be looking to issue these ASB Warnings and then work with our partners and use a wide range of Anti-Social Behaviour legislation to tackle the behaviour in our communities and help protect the victims of repeat ASB.

If you are experiencing Anti-Social Behaviour please contact us by calling 101 or reporting online:

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## CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS—OPERATION BASWOOD

There have been a growing number of catalytic converter thefts across Sutton, Croydon and Bromley and clearly this is a concern for residents.

### ***Why are they stolen?***

Catalytic converters contain Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium. All are expensive metals with palladium valued at twice that of Gold. There are far larger quantities of these metals in catalytic converters on Hybrid vehicles. Stolen items are sold as scrap. Typical price is circa £350 whereas that from a non-hybrid model is substantially less.

### ***Which vehicles are targeted?***

Toyota Prius, Honda Jazz, Lexus RX models and the Toyota Auris – In that order. These four vehicles account to roughly 70% of all catalytic converter thefts. 65% of Hybrid sales are in London which is why we are experiencing high numbers of thefts.

### ***How are they stolen?***

Typically we are finding that cars are stolen and stolen plates from another car are placed onto this vehicle. More often than not the plates are so freshly stolen they're not yet reported. Cars are usually driven three up and sometimes in convoy with another vehicle where they scout a target area. The suspects will use a heavy car jack with a jaws for life tool, or angle grinder to cut the catalytic converter from the rest of the exhaust. Most cases all the suspects wear balaclavas or face masks and usually swap other stolen plates after each theft.

### ***Who is stealing these?***

Organised crime groups are responsible for this spate of thefts. The majority of the suspects are itinerant with multiple addresses making them hard to locate and the offences are sporadic across London and not specific to one area. Suspects will travel large distances committing thefts across multiple boroughs.

### ***What are we doing about this?***

There are dedicated officers collating all the offences including locations, vehicles targeted, suspect vehicles and suspects. We are engaging with car manufacturers and also conducting scrap yard visits to review stock and working practices. We are working with the Council and also other Police forces who are experiencing the same issue. Mobile patrols are proactively searching and responding to calls.

### ***What can you do?***

There are some crime prevention options available online including "Cat Locks" and other devices to prevent them being cut off. Make sure the car isn't parked in the dark corner of a car park and also if you have home CCTV that will help. While this doesn't prevent all offences it will provide a deterrent. Some of the manufacturers have already designed out the problem and cat converters have been relocated to more hard to reach areas under the vehicle. It has been noticed on several community groups that residents are suggesting vigilante action. We strongly discourage this for your own safety. Some of these individuals are dangerous and have used tools to prevent arrest and facilitate their escape. It has been also noticed that information and photos are shared with the assumption that they have been reported. Several occasions this has not happened.

Please forward any information to [opbasswood@met.police.uk](mailto:opbasswood@met.police.uk) We are working hard to get on top of this issue and we understand this is incredibly frustrating for victims. We are working closely with other units and police forces in relation to this matter.



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## SNIFFER DOG

Officers from the Wandle Valley Ward were out on patrol in an unmarked vehicle. They noticed a male acting suspiciously in an area that has been identified by local residents for drug use. The male was seen to get into a vehicle and soon stopped. Officers detained the male for the purpose of a drugs search and requested the assistance of dog



handler to search the vehicle. With the assistance of Police Dog Stella, cannabis was found hidden in the vehicle. The driver admitted that the cannabis belonged to him and received a community resolution.



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## CUDDINGTON RECREATION GROUND DRUGS

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks team having been patrolling Cuddington recreation ground following numerous complaints from local residents and park users of continued drug use in the park and possible dealing in the surrounding area. During one of these patrols officers stopped two males, who were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. One of the males were found in possession of cannabis and received a Community Resolution.

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Officers from the Wandle Valley local policing team have been in close partnership with local authorities to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour in and around Peterborough Road. There has been damage to several parked vehicles and unacceptable behaviour in the streets. As a result a suspect has been identified and charged with numerous offences and due to appear in court



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## DRUG STOP CUDDINGTON REC

Following information regarding youths smoking drugs in and around the Children's Play Area in Cuddington Park, PC Siemkowicz from the Local Policing Neighbourhood Team stopped and searched two males in the area. Cannabis was found on one of the males and he was issued a Community Resolution.



## HAMILTON AVENUE RECREATIONAL GROUND CANNABIS

Sutton Safer parks Team attended Hamilton Avenue Recreational Ground following numerous reports of cannabis use from local residents. On Monday 22nd June 2020 at about 1615hrs a group of three youths were stopped and searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. During the search two were found in possession of cannabis. As a result one male and one female received community resolutions for possession of cannabis



## COLLINGWOOD ROAD STOP

PC Syed and PC Cassar from the Sutton North and Carshalton Central wards were conducting patrols around Killick House and noticed that a white Vauxhall Astra which had driven past them smelt of cannabis. The officers followed the vehicle and as it came to a standstill in traffic, they engaged with the driver and instructed him to pull over on Collingwood Road. As the officers spoke to the male they noticed that he and his vehicle smelt of cannabis. The male became nervous and evasive when questioned by police. He was quickly detained for a search under the Misuse of Drugs Act, during which he was found in possession of cannabis. He was issued with a community resolution for possession of cannabis.

## MALE CHARGED

Back in January officers from The Wandle Valley and St Helier policing teams arrested a young male who stole a moped whilst on patrol. An in depth investigation was conducted by the officers and as a result the male has been charged to attend court for the theft. The male is due in court later this year.



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Officers for the Sutton Safer parks Team were on patrol in the Wallington area at St Marys Field when they noticed a man in the vicinity acting suspiciously. The male was stopped on Bute Road and subject to a drugs search. During the search he was found in possession of cannabis, which was hidden down the front of his trousers. The male was issued a Fixed penalty Notice for the offence



## GOOD NEWS FOR SUTTON WEST

CPS have authorised a charge of attempted burglary on a male who is a known prolific offender on the borough. The male was captured on Ring doorbell and identified by local SNT officers. The male was then arrested and interviewed for the offence and is now in prison for other related offences. He will now be charged with the attempted burglary and sent back to court.

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## BENHILL ARREST

Local Sutton Central ward officers in plain clothes were carrying out proactive patrols on the Benhill Estate. They noticed a male making an exchange with known drug user. As such the male was stopped and detained for a drug search. He was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of drugs. Officers identified that the suspects home address was close by and conducted a search of it. During the search a quantity of Crack Cocaine/ heroin and a large amount of cash found inside. The male was later released under investigation following advice from CPS

## OAKS PARK DRUGS

The Sutton Safer Parks Team were on patrol in Oaks Park and stopped a group of four young adults. The group was searched and one was found in possession of cannabis. As a result one female was issued with a £90 Fixed Penalty Notice



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## GUNS RECOVERED



Local policing Officers were called to an address in Sutton West ward whereby the resident had found what appeared to be pistols in his loft.

Officers attended the address and identified the weapons as possible

live firearms and arranged their full recovery and safe return to Sutton Police Station for destruction.



## WE WILL FIND YOU

Last month the Sutton Safer Parks Team stopped a group of males in Anne Bolyen Walk, Cheam. All three were found in possession of cannabis, two of whom were dealt with at the scene. The third took the opportunity to run from police, but he was quickly identified. He was given the opportunity to attend the station, however he politely decline. The team therefore attended his home address and the he was later escorted to the station with his parents. The male was interviewed and later charged with possession of cannabis and obstructing a drug search



## CARSHALTON CENTRAL

Local officers were patrolling Lind Road when they stopped and searched an Individual. During the search they found a quantity of drugs. The male received a Community resolution for possession of cannabis.

## WATERCRESS PARK DRUGS

PC Everest and PC Nawol from The Wrythe local policing Team dealt with three stop and searches in Watercress Park, where one male was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The male was interviewed and was charged with the offence of possession of cannabis. He is due to attend court in September.

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## MALE CHARGED FOR DRUG DEALING

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team arrested a male near to Beddington Park last year after a vehicle stop and finding him in possession of a large amount of cannabis and a large hunting knife. After a long protracted investigation the male has been charged with possession with intent to supply drugs and possession of an offensive weapon. He is due to attend court later in the year.

## SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Officers from the Sutton Safer Schools Teams have continued to assist the local community by helping with food deliveries for vulnerable students and children in conjunction with Oaks Park School.



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PC Ward from the Wandle Valley Policing Team stopped a male on The Causeway Carshalton. He was searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act and found in possession of cannabis. As a result he was issued with a community resolution refers



## WALLINGTON STOP

Whilst on patrol officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team stopped a young male. The male was searched under the misuse of Drugs Act and found in possession of cannabis. Due to his age the male was required to attend Sutton police Station with an appropriate adult where he was spoken to in relation to the offence. Officers then liaised with the youth offending Team and male was referred to YOTs

## BISHOPSFORD ROAD DRUGS

A 20 year old male was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice after being stopped on Bishopsford Road by PC Ward From the Wandle Valley Team. He was searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act and found in possession of cannabis.



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