

Sutton SNT Bulletin



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July/August 2020

DRUGS RAID

OVERTON PARK

Officers have been responding to complaints from local residents in relation to drug use in Overton Park. In response to this officers from the Belmont local policing team and the Sutton Safer Parks Team, have been carrying out high visibility patrols of the area. As a result numerous people have been stopped and searched. One male in particular was found to be in possession of a folding lock knife and as a result he was arrested. Another male has been issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for possession of cannabis and another male received a Community Resolution for possession of Cannabis.



Officers from the Sutton Central, Carshalton Central, Sutton North and The Sutton Safer Parks Team executed a warrant under The Misuse of Drugs Act at an address on Longlands Avenue, Coulsdon. During a search of the property a large quantity of cocaine, and cash was found in addition to two large bags of cannabis. Two males found at the address were arrested for possession of Class A and Class B drugs with intent to supply.

A vehicle was also seen leaving the address with a female occupant. The driver initially attempted to make off from police, but was soon stopped. She was found with a large ball of cocaine in her pocket, and wraps of cocaine hidden by the driver's seat along with £300 in cash. The female was also arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A and Class B drugs.

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SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION



During July at Crown Court, a judge sentenced the defendant, Lloyd Francis, to five years imprisonment after being found guilty by the jury for the offences of Possession with intent to

supply class A drugs and assaulting an emergency worker. The defendant had previously pleaded guilty to Dangerous driving & Possession of class A drugs only, but was found guilty of possession with intent to supply by a jury. This was after a stop and search by officers from Sutton Central & Sutton North SNT in February 2020. The officers spotted what they thought was a drug deal in progress from a black BMW around Tesco in Lower Road Sutton. Officers called for further units and the vehicle was eventually stopped a little while later following a short chase. As officers approached the vehicle, it started to reverse and sped off again. After another pursuit the defendant decamped in Stayton Road where a police officer was assaulted during the arrest. PC SYED from Carshalton Central SNT was the Officer in the Case throughout the investigation.

EXPENSIVE DRUG HABBIT

A male who was stopped by the Sutton Safer Parks Team and found in possession of cannabis was found guilty of possession at Croydon Magistrates Court in July. He was fined £239 and forfeiture and destruction of the drugs.

GUILTY FOR ASSAULT

A male was found guilty at Croydon Magistrates Court of Assault on an Emergency Worker. This was after an incident earlier in the year when police from the Nonsuch policing team responded to a complaint regarding a male aggressively begging in Central Road. When officer's attended the location to speak to the male he continued with his behaviour and was arrested, during the arrest he assaulted PC Lamaka and was further charged for this offence, for which he pleaded 'NOT GUILTY'. With the use of on board recording equipment and body worn video the offence was captured and the individual was found guilty of the offence and will be sentenced later this month.



In October 2018 Officers from Sutton West LPT dealt with a male who had a large combat knife stored in the boot of his vehicle. Earlier in July 2020 the male was found guilty at Croydon Crown Court of possession of an offensive weapon by means of a unanimous vote. He was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment and £900 costs.

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DRUGS WARRANT

Officers from St Helier Safer Neighbourhood Team executed a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act at a flat in Rosehill Court. This was following information received from the community. On this occasion two adults were found present and in possession of a small amount of cannabis. They were each issued a community resolution in relation to the offences.



WANDLE TRAIL

On 21st July whilst on patrol along the Wandle Trail as a result of recent ASB reports, PC Ward had cause to stop and search two people who were believed to be smoking cannabis. A 37 year old male was found in possession of a small amount, and was issued a Community Resolution.

Wandle Valley Ward PC Ward has charged a 35 year old female with 5 x counts of possession of class A and B drugs. This was after a lengthy investigation. The female will appear at court in September.

OAKS PARK DRUGS

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team have responded to complaints from park users and local residents of Oaks park, in relation to an increase in drugs use. As a result high visibility patrols have been conducted of the park and police have engaged with numerous people. During separate visits to the park they have issued two males with Fixed Penalty Tickets for possession of cannabis. As well as issuing a third male with a Community Resolution for possession of cannabis.



HAMPTONS ESTATE

Officers from Nonsuch Ward were assisting Worcester Park SNT to patrol the Hamptons Estate after they received information regarding a group of youths openly smoking cannabis. Due to this information two youths were stopped and searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act and found in possession of drugs. Both males received Community Resolutions in relation to possession of Cannabis.

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ROSEHILL COMPLAINTS

St Helier Ward received a number of complaints from residents around Rose Hill about a group of people using the local car parks and communal bin sheds as areas to take class A drugs. This causes significant alarm and distress to the residents who have been subject to verbal abuse and human excrement being left. As you can imagine this is unacceptable and we are working with the management companies of the blocks of flats identified to put in extra measures to prevent them from returning. We implemented a Section 35 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 dispersal order in the Rosehill area which gives the PC's and PCSO's the power to direct someone out of the area, or seize articles that are believed to be involved in the ASB. The team dispersed 3 individuals during this time however, this order only lasts for 48 hours, and as such we are looking at other ways to target repeat offenders.

DRUG SUPPLY CHARGE

PC Dan Evans from the St Helier Team has charged a 23 year old male with one count of possession with intent to supply a class B drug - namely cannabis. This was after a warrant was executed back in December 2019. These investigations can take some time due to their complexity, the male is due in court in September

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BEDDINGTON PARK PATROLS

Following complaints of ASB and drug use in Beddington park, officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team have been conducting regular patrols. During these patrols they have engaged with numerous groups and people. As a result of this several searches have been conducted within the park. Over the last month on separate occasions Four people have been found in possession of cannabis. Three males were issued with Community resolutions in regards to possession of cannabis and one male received a Fixed Penalty for the offence.



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WATERCRESS PARK

The Wrythe Ward PC's Nawol and Everest were on cycle patrol on 16th July when they had cause to speak with three males in Watercress Park. They were all detained and searched under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act. One of them had a small amount of Cannabis on him. He was issued a Fixed Penalty Ticket with a fine of £110.

HAMILTON AVENUE REC STOP

Following complaints from local residents in relation to cannabis use in the park. Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team have been conducting patrols and working closely with the London Borough of Sutton. As a result one male was found in possession of Cannabis and issued with a Community Resolution. Additionally the local authority cut back bushes to expose the areas suffering from ASB.

BREACH OF CBO

Whilst on patrol officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team stopped a male on Mill Lane. The male was evasive to questions by police and following checks it was discovered that he was in breach of his Community Behaviour Order. As a result he was arrested and put before the next available court.

DRUGS STOP

Officers from The Sutton Safer Parks Team were on patrol on Sutton Common Road when they stopped a large group of males. The group were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. During the search several members were found in possession of cannabis. As a result one male was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket and three males were given Community Resolutions for possession of cannabis.



TOWN CENTRE ARREST

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team were on patrol when they responded to a call of a male acting suspiciously in Sutton Town Centre. Officers stopped the male and were not happy with his behaviour. The male was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis and a large amount of cash that he could not account for. The male was arrested for possession of cannabis and money laundering.



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