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DRUGS WARRANT EXECUTED

As a result of a number of complaints from local residents in the Rosehill area, and intelligence gathered by the St Helier SNT ward officers. A drugs warrant was executed at an address in The Market, Rosehill yesterday. Entry was gained and a search of the property was conducted. During the search a large quantity of drugs were found and seized and a 21 year old male was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class A and B drugs. These investigations can be time consuming and lengthy, and as such the male has been bailed whilst we conduct these further investigations.

Following information from local residents, A Drugs Search warrant was also executed at an address on Bushy Road. During the search of the property a moderate quantity of drugs were seized. The matter is currently being investigated.



WANTED MALE ARRESTED

Officers from the Carshalton Central Safer Neighbourhoods Team were on the hunt for a male that was wanted for failing to appear at court. Whilst out on patrol officers spotted the male in Stanley Park Road. He was quickly stopped and arrested for failing to appear. The male was taken to custody where he was held and put before the first available court.



HIGH STREET ARREST

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team were assisting SNT colleagues, who had detained 2 males involved in bike thefts near Sutton High Street. Whilst there when they noticed an unrelated male being chased by a member of staff from a store in the High Street, whilst carrying goods. The male was soon detained and arrested after a brief foot chase and all the goods recovered to the store. He was remanded in custody to attend court and the next day received 12 weeks imprisonment.

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SUTTON TOWN CENTRE



The Sutton Town Centre team has recently had an uplift and we now have 6 officers dedicated to this area. This will be increasing in size to 10 officers within the next few months and we will continue to tackle the shoplifting and anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre. We have so far used our powers to massively reduced the incidents of street drinking offenders and also worked with local shops to ensure that they aren't begging in the area. We have arrested many of these selling alcohol to those causing the trouble.

Many of the beggars on the High Street aren't in genuine need so please ensure that you give to homeless charities through the recognised channels. We have had it confirmed by the BIG ISSUE that no vendors are permitted in Sutton and we have made them

aware of those that are using their brand to gain money. Organised begging gangs have been targeted locally by the use of legislation followed by arrest. We have continued to see a reduction in these. We will continue to reduce this problem whilst colleagues within the organisation deal with the bigger picture around this.

We have targeted persistent offenders in the Town Centre with Criminal Behaviour Orders to ban them from attending Sutton High Street and have another 8 of these planned. One male has been arrested by the team on numerous occasions and last week was arrested and charged for a further four offences. He is one such individual that we have applied to ban from Sutton Town Centre to protect those who work and shop in the area. We have also arrested well over 20 people over the past month for a variety of offences in the Town Centre such as Thefts, Handling Stolen goods, Breaching Community Protection notices, Concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, Possession of Class A drugs, Assault on police, Public Order offences, Burglary, and also firearm offences. A very high percentage of these have been charged. We place bail condition on these people not to attend Sutton High Street pending the Court hearing.

Officers from Sutton Central arrested two males for possession of a firearm on Sutton High Street. This was actually found to be an air rifle but the fact they were causing great fear in the Town Centre makes this a serious offence. One of the team chased these males and detained them nearby.



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OAKS PARK STOPS

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team have been patrolling Oaks Park following complaints of drug use in the area and due to recent thefts of catalytic converters in the car park. During these patrols that team have stopped numerous people and large groups of youths. Several of these groups have been subject to searches, during these searches cannabis has been found. As a result the over the last month the team have issued seven males and one female with community resolutions for possession of cannabis in Oaks Park



TWO ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF A MOPED

Local residents contacted police stating two males had just dumped a moped on Collingwood estate, after being seen riding around Collingwood Road and the surrounding area. Some police checks confirmed this moped had recently been stolen from the Rosehill area. A detailed description of the two males was obtained by police and we went searching for the thieves. They were soon spotted by plain clothes officers on Sutton High street, which resulted in a foot chase onto the Benhill estate. Both males were detained and arrested for the theft. Enquiries continue. A real team effort, including officers from Sutton North, Sutton Central, Town Centre Team and The Response Team. We continue to do a mixture of plain clothes and uniform patrols. This helps us to offer a wider range of results, whilst still offering reassurance to our communities.



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PROACTIVE OPERATION

In response to local concerns on the Cheam, Belmont, Sutton West and Sutton South wards in regards to late evening ASB and a recent spate of thefts from motor vehicles, the local policing teams changed their shifts to conduct proactive patrols in these keys areas. The patrols consisted of plain clothes patrols until 3am. During these shifts the teams stopped numerous people, which resulted in six positive stop and searches for possession of cannabis, two arrests for possession with intent to supply drugs and one vehicle seizure for driving with no insurance. one Female was arrested for possession of Class A and B drugs in Brighton Road and three further positive stops for possession of class B Herbal cannabis in Cheam Village resulting in community resolutions. Two males were stopped in Parkside. The males were subject to a Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Search and a quantity of Cannabis amounting to personal use was found on their possession. Males were dealt with by means of a Community Resolution. One a of the arrests was made following a stop and search for drugs. During the search, a quantity of cocaine and cannabis were found and the person was subsequently arrested for possession of Class A drug (Cocaine) and possession of Class B drug (Cannabis).



MOTORBIKES RECOVERED

In the lead up to Halloween officers from various SNT wards have been conducting joint operations to tackle ASB in Sutton. Whilst on patrol during one of the operations, they were in the vicinity of a tracker activation for a stolen motorbike. The officers conducted an area search of the immediate location. A large collection of garages were checked and in one of the garages, officers located the stolen motorbike. A second motorbike was also found in the same garage and on conducting checks, was also reported as stolen. The motorbikes are awaiting forensic examination and then will be returned to the owners.

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CHEAM ARTIFICE BURGLAR ARREST



Officers from the Cheam Local Policing team were called to Burgess Road in relation to a male that was causing a disturbance in the area had knocked on the informants door. The male was standing outside in the doorway and refusing to move away from the address. This was causing distress to the occupants. Officers attended the address and found a male that is well known to the police. The male was a known artifice burglar and has a Community Behaviour Order stating that he is not allowed to knock on anyone's door in Sutton unless given permission by the owner of the property. Officers conducted door to door enquiries to find out if the male had been to many of the other local addresses. It became apparent that he had in fact knocked at an elderly woman's home and claimed to be her window cleaner and was there to collect money. The lady luckily told him to go away as she didn't have a window cleaner. The male was arrested for Breach of his CBO, going equipped to steal and Possession of a Class B drug. He was charged and remanded to appear at Croydon Magistrates Court.



CUPPA WITH A COPPER

With all the disruptions still going on with the COVID-19 lock downs the local policing teams have struggled to maintain their community engagements. Rest assured they are striving to arrange opportunities where you can go and meet them in person, with the return of a cuppa with a copper, although a socially distanced cuppa. Just keep an eye out on the wards social media accounts for the next ones. Last month saw several of these meetings take place across Sutton, including Hackbridge café and The Moo & Bean.



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PROACTIVE PATROLS

Following concerns raised by local residents officers from the Sutton North and Sutton Central teams were conducting late night proactive uniform and plain clothed patrols, around highlighted areas on the wards. During these patrols they arrested a male on suspicion of Possessing Crack Cocaine and Heroin with Intent to Supply. This male was also wanted by police in Woolwich and out of the Met in Somerset. This is part of our continued work to disrupt drug supply in the area. He was kept in custody for a Court appearance the following days. During these patrols they also arrested a male for handling stolen goods, and two females for theft after they were stopped by officers in plain clothes in possession of large amounts of stolen property. All of these suspects have been charged to court.



RECALL TO PRISON

Officers from the Sutton Safer Parks Team were on patrol in the Wallington area, when they noticed a male acting suspiciously near Wallington Train Station. The male was stopped and during checks officers discovered he was wanted for recall to prison. The male was taken into custody and transported to HMP the next day.

BIKE THIEF

Local officers from the Sutton South ward were investigating a series of bike thefts on Brighton Road. During one of the bike thefts, the victim explained to police that residents of Sutton came to his aid after he chased after the bike thief, managing to recover his stolen bike, with the suspect unfortunately escaping. Officers obtained CCTV of the suspect and were quickly able to identify him. Police paid his home address a visit and he was arrested in the early hours of the morning. When questioned by police the male made a full admission to two offences. As a result he was issued with two youth cautions, additionally one of which had conditions to pay back the victim of the bike which was unfortunately not recovered.

DOMESTIC ARREST

Officers from the Wandle Valley Policing Team attended a nearby address following reports of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival police spoke to the victim and it became apparent that the suspect had also been involved in a separate incident the previous day involving the same victim. This resulted in the male being arrested for malicious communications, criminal damage and breaching a harassment order. The male was then searched following arrest and was found to be in possession of a what is believed to be a class A controlled substance and an offensive weapon. The suspect was swiftly arrested and later charged.



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WEAPON SWEEPS

Local Policing Teams regularly conduct weapon sweeps of communal areas on their wards and local parks. On one occasion a call was received by a member of the public stating that they had found a knife hidden behind an electrical box on Sutton High Street. Officers from Cheam SNT and Sutton South SNT recovered the knife from the high street. This is another example of the types of knives that may be found hidden on the streets of London.



St Helier SNT also conducted a weapon sweep of Poulter's Park along with Police cadets and schools officers. A male was detained and searched near to the area, a small amount of cannabis was seized and he was issued with a community resolution.

QUEEN MARYS PARK

Patrols are ongoing in the park following complaints from local residents and park users in relation to youths causing ASB and taking drugs. Officers continue to stop and engage with groups in the park. During the latest patrols only one Community resolution was issued by officers from the Carshalton South and Clockhouse team

BEDDINGTON PARK STOPS

Officers from the Sutton Safer parks Team have been conducting regular patrols of Beddington Park, following concerns raised by local park users in relation to drug use and Anti social Behaviour. During these patrols the team have stopped numerous groups of youths in the park. One male had initially denied being in possession of anything, was found to have a concealed a bag of cannabis. The male was issued a community resolution, having been found clear of any offending previously.



The team also stopped two males and a female on Church Road, Beddington Park. All 3 persons were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. One male was found to be in possession of two snap bags of herbal cannabis. He was issued a community resolution.



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ANTI SOCIAL GATES

In response to numerous complaints from local residents officers from The Wallington South Policing Team have been trying to reduce Anti Social Behaviour In Ross Parade, Wallington. The conclusion of a four year project in partnership with Sutton Council culminated in the fitting of two Industrial Security gates in the alleyway at Ross Parade Wallington. The erection of the gates has resulted in the immediate reduction in crime and Anti-social behaviour in the area and has been met with the approval of the local community including the staff of the nearby Whispering Moon local Public House in Ross Parade



TRAFFIC OPERATION

Wallington South officers conducted a Traffic Operation at Hannibal Way and Stafford Road .The operation was In response to the problem of speeding as a result of less traffic on the roads due to the current Coronavirus outbreak. A Total of 13 vehicles were stopped in one hour and Traffic tickets were issued for Seat belt and Driving with No Insurance offences. Drivers were also given speed awareness advice.



DRUGS RAID

Beddington North ward officers executed a warrant under The Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Wallington that resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of Class A and Class B Drugs. A large quantity of cash in excess of £25,000 was also seized from the residential address. Two Adults were arrested for Possession of Drugs With Intent to Supply and Handling Stolen Goods

DANGEROUS DOG SEIZURE

Police received reports of a dog being dangerously out of control near the Dukes Head Public House in Wallington North, where it bit a member of the public and another dog causing injury to both. Officers from the Wallington North policing team investigated the incident They obtained and executed a Warrant under the Dangerous Dogs Act. The offending Dog was seized and the owner traced and interviewed. The matter is awaiting a decision by a Specialist Dog Crime Unit.



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