

SNB information

Dec 2020

General Performance (Crime data to 31.10.2020 – current rolling 12mth)

Crime Type	Offences	Difference from Previous 12 months
Total Crime	13848	14548 (-5%)
Burglary	1096	1638 (-33%)
Theft from M/V	1325	1221 (+9%)
Theft of M/V	515	509 (+1%)
Violence against the person	4183	3902 (+7%)
Injury caused.	1368	1371 (-0.3%)
Robbery of the person	350	374 (-6%)

Total notifiable offences across Merton are down 5 % compared to the previous twelve months.

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There have been 6618 immediate grade calls in the rolling year (to 31st October) with an average response time of 11:22. 80.6% were achieved within the 15 minutes target time. 92.2% within 20 minutes, and 97.9% within 30 minutes. This still includes a call mentioned 3 months ago which involved a response time of more than 8 hours but was for a car going through an automatic camera with a firearms marker. No units were deployed to it and the armed response controller appears to have put a time in 499 minutes after the call came out without any reason or explanation. This is an example of the administrative issues that sometimes occur that we have very limited control over. Removal of this one call would reduce the average response time by nearly 5 seconds!

We have now moved all of the response team officers from Earlsfield into Wimbledon so that there is only one patrol site for the East of the borough. This is likely to improve command and control and resource management.

There continues to be a large influx of new staff on response teams however this has a short term negative impact due to the training that is needed. They have also not gained skills such as driving Level 2 public order, or taser so are not as beneficial as more experienced colleagues. This is slowly improving and as mentioned previously, I am hopeful that it will continue to move in the right direction over the next 6-12 months.

There is still no significant update on Wimbledon police station.

Lockdown 2 has not been as impactful as lockdown one. We are still dealing with lots of covid related calls but the level of the lockdown has not been as onerous as the previous one so although call demand is down slightly, most forms of crime are back to the pre covid levels. ASB continues

to be high however this is due to a number of factors such as more people using open spaces and continued phone calls about apparent breaches of Covid regulations.

Neighbourhood DWO staffing across the Merton should be 1-6-40-20. There are a number of new staff joining the NPT team and I am expecting us to be slightly over strength in the near future. We also have 2 officers on a six month attachment (and more coming soon as part of their training rotations). These are in addition to the permanent posts.

Whilst we will be at correct strength, it should be noted that certain clusters of wards will be VERY inexperienced so will take some time to get up to appropriate standards.

There are one Sgt, one PC, and 2 PCSOs with various adjustments and conditions that preclude them from patrolling on the streets at this time.

There are also one PC and one PCSO currently on Maternity leave.

The recuperative and adjusted duties officers provide support to the patrolling colleagues that increases their street time. They are relatively balanced across the borough and this is something that I consider as part of my decision making regarding postings.

We are currently at correct Sgt strength (six Sgts) although abstractions of Sgts to aid / other posts on a day to day basis continues to cause issues.

When any officer is posted to the Merton NPT, I consider skills, experience, and where I feel the need is greatest. I also consider expected future vacancies when looking at where I need to post an officer.

There continue to be heavy aid requirements across the borough relating to covid patrols, support to response teams and various other events. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial commitment for New years eve irrespective of the cancellation of the fireworks in central London.

There have been a number of very high profile incidents that have occurred in Merton over the last few months. These include the male murdered elsewhere but set on fire on Mitcham common, the Morden Murder, and the attack on the young girl on her way to school. The primary suspects for all of these matters are currently in custody.

I have conducted a number of "public meetings" via Zoom and MSTeams. These have included questions on myriad matters of policing and concerns for the community. They appear to have been well received and will be continuing in the future.

Sector reports.

Wimbledon

AFC Wimbledon have played their first game at the new stadium. We are unsure when crowds will be expected to return but the BCU continue to discuss the matter with MO6 who have primacy in the football matches.

The town centre team have been focusing on a number of robberies of school children in the area. They have been concentrating on a group from a specific school who are suspected of committing a number of these. There have also been a number of operations in plain clothes regarding robberies in Merton by people who have come from other areas to commit their crimes. This is a significant issue and we are working hard to keep the residents of Merton safe.

Officers have been developing a much closer working relationship with the residents and staff within the YMCA. This is looking towards longer term problem solving and support for people with a challenging background.

Officers have been conducting ANPR work regarding thefts of Catalytic converters across the south of London. This is ongoing work to identify suspects and bring them to justice.

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Morden

A good news story included the dedicated work of one of the DWOs (PC Weatherhead) who identified a series of linked burglaries and then worked with the BRIT team who helped gain a significant number of convictions. One suspect received hotel and board for 5 years and 3 months! There are three other people involved that we are hoping will also receive a stay with HMP.

One of the teams is working on an investigation of the theft of more than £1000 of honey and another team has been concentrating on electric scooter offences (theft of and use of to cause crime or ASB)

A drugs warrant led to the seizure of 150 plants and the team are looking at several more warrants in the future.

Mitcham

Officers worked a lot of hours during the autumn nights period into Halloween and fireworks night. Lavender Fields park was closed again and this again massively reduced the number of problems. There is still a suspect (middle aged male – probably a local disgruntled resident) outstanding for gluing a large number of locks in an effort to stop us closing and securing the gates. If he is identified, I will be looking to charge him with lots of separate counts of criminal damage. Most of the feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive.

The team have also closed several Brothels and worked closely with the council licencing team to close down Santiagos which was the driver of significant ASB in Sibthorpe Road car park.

