



A Message from PCSO Lisa Matthews



Lisa Matthews

As part of a larger piece of work to minimise an increase in crime over the past two years, and any potential problems caused by forthcoming developments which, includes the anticipated return of Wimbledon AFC to Plough Lane, Neighbourhood Watch have been working in partnership with the Wimbledon Park Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) to increase Neighbourhood Watch in the area.

PCSO Lisa Matthews (pictured) joined the MET police in June 2012, leaving behind a career in engineering. Lisa has been a PCSO on Wimbledon Park Ward for 3 and half years.

Lisa said "Neighbourhood Watch is a great way for me to meet and engage with residents on my ward. Neighbourhood members are our eyes and ears when we are not on patrol and provide vital information on the goings on in the area. Neighbourhood Watch is free to join and there is very little involved in being a member"

Lisa has canvassed and set up 8 new watches since the end of last year and plans to canvas many more.

Lisa said "my long term goal is to set up a neighbourhood Watch in every road in Wimbledon Park. If any resident is not part of a watch but would like to be, or would like to find out more about it, please contact me on the following email address: lisamatthews2@met.pnn.police.uk "

Editor's Note



**MITCHAM CARNIVAL, SATURDAY 16TH
JUNE 2018**

Volunteers Required

Once again Merton Neighbourhood Watch will have a stand at Mitcham Carnival. If you can spare a couple of hours to help hand out freebies and recruit new members, we would love to hear from you. Please contact lee.roberts@met.police.uk if you are able to assist.

If you cannot volunteer still do come and visit us

To make any contributions, please email us Mertonnhw@met.police.uk

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Untaxed/Abandoned Vehicles

We know that badly or illegal parked vehicles, or those which appear to have been abandoned are cause for concern, and are among the top 5 enquires we receive from co-ordinators.

Our Neighbourhood watch manager caught up with Merton Councils enforcement team and parking team to bring you this guide on what to do if you encounter badly or illegally parked vehicles, or if you suspect that a vehicle has been abandoned.

Dropped kerbs

Can people park over a dropped kerb?

If you have a dropped kerb that provides single access to off street parking, providing there are no other restrictions e.g. single or double yellow lines, the property owner can give permission for vehicles to park across a drop kerb.

If a drop kerb provides access to 2 or more properties, it is an immediate contravention for a vehicle to park in front of the drop kerb.

Full details on how drop kerb parking is enforced can be found on pages 42 and 43 of the Parking Enforcement Policy, published on the Councils website;

https://www2.merton.gov.uk/parking_enforcement_policy_v1.4.pdf

Patrolling Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) have no way of identifying whether or not a vehicle obstructing a single access drop kerb is there with or without the owner's consent, therefore, enforcement action can only be taken if the property owner calls the council and reports it.

To report an illegally parked car, call 020 8545 4661, and select the option to report an illegally parked vehicle. The number is manned 9am-5pm with a voicemail facility at other times. Attendance is subject to officer availability and location, however, CEO's endeavour to attend these calls as soon as practical.

Where CEO's attend, they only issue PCN's to vehicles in contravention. They do not operate a

Badly parked vehicles

If a vehicle is badly parked, and is more than 50cm from the kerb or if there are restrictions such as single or double yellow lines please call 020 8545 4661 and select the option to report an illegally parked car. As above, this number is manned 9am-5pm with a voicemail facility at other times. Attendance is subject to officer availability and location. Where CEO's attend, they only issue PCN's to vehicles in contravention. They do not operate a towing service.

If the vehicle is causing an obstruction or it is dangerous then the police may be able to assist and should be contacted on the non-emergency number 101.

Abandoned Vehicles

What if I suspect a vehicle to be abandoned?

As long as a vehicle is taxed it may park in any area as long as there are no restrictions and it isn't dangerous.

If you wish to check whether a vehicle is taxed or if it has an MOT you can do so here <https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

If you wish to report the vehicle as abandoned it can be reported to Merton council at <https://www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/abandoned-vehicles> or by calling 020 8545 3170. If the tax is out of date by over 2 months, you can contact DVLA at <https://forms.dft.gov.uk/report-an-untaxed-vehicle/> or write to DVLA if you can't report online. Enforcement Section, W070/D12, DVLA, Longview Road, Swansea SA7 0XZ.



Contact Details for Safer Neighbourhood Teams

MORDEN

Cannon Hill Ward

020 8721 2455

E-mail Cannonhill.snt@met.police.uk

Lower Morden Ward

020 8721 2456

LowerMorden.snt@met.police.uk

Merton Park Ward

020 8721 2451

MertonPark.snt@met.police.uk

Ravensbury Ward

020 8721 2725

Ravensbury.snt@met.police.uk

St. Helier

Tel: 020 8649 3575

StHelier.snt@met.police.uk

West Barnes

020 8721 2454

WestBarnes.snt@met.police.uk

MITCHAM

Cricket Green Ward

Tel: 020 8649 3576

CricketGreen.snt@met.police.uk

Figges Marsh Ward

020 8649 3603

FiggesMarsh.snt@met.police.uk

Pollards Hill Ward

020 8649 3604

Pollards.snt@met.police.uk

Graveney Ward

020 8721 2724

MertonGraveney.snt@met.police.uk

Lavender Fields Ward

020 8721 2744

LavenderFields.snt@met.police.uk

Longthornton Ward

020 8721 2742

Longthornton.snt@met.police.uk

Colliers Wood Ward

020 8721 2743

ColliersWood.snt@met.police.uk

WIMBLEDON

Trinity Ward

020 8721 2453

Trinity.snt@met.police.uk

Dundonald Ward

020 8721 2450

Dundonald.snt@met.police.uk

Abbey Ward

020 87649 3584

Mertonabbey.snt@met.police.uk

Hillside Ward

020 8721 2458

Hillside.snt@met.police.uk

Wimbledon Village Ward

020 8721 2457

Village.snt@met.police.uk

Raynes Park Ward

020 8721 2459

RaynesPark.snt@met.police.uk

Wimbledon Park Ward

020 8721 2452

Wimbledonpark.snt@met.police.uk



REPORT A CRIME OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Police

In emergency call **999**

If a crime is in progress or if someone is in immediate danger

Call **101** if a crime is not an emergency, to give information to the police or to make an enquiry.

Reporting Crime Online to the Police
Visit: www.met.police.uk/report/

Anti-Social Behaviour

Contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team (see page 3)

or

Merton police on **101**

For incidents not of a criminal matter contact (this is not monitored 24/7)

asbunit@merton.gov.uk

Terrorist Activity

To report an immediate terrorist threat.

Call **999** or the police anti-terrorist hotline on **0800 789 321**.

CrimeStoppers

If you have information about a crime but would prefer not to speak to the police.

Call anonymously on **0800 555 111**

Visit : www.crimestoppers-uk.org



JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Contact us at email: Mertonnhw@met.police.uk

We have just completed a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with Morden Primary having previously worked with Harris Academy Primary in Pollards Hill.

We will be returning there to work with their other Year 5 Class from June. On the last scheme with Harris Academy the police delivered a new session about gang culture and how to avoid getting drawn into a gang. We always ask for pupil and teacher feedback after delivering a scheme and were delighted with the comments made by Rebecca Page, Year 5 teacher at Harris Academy who said "The sessions provided have been excellent! The progress made by the children over the 5 weeks is brilliant.

By the last session the class understood the importance of and how to be safe coming up with great answers during the gang discussion. It was great how the programme tailored the discussion session by choosing our own topic



Year 5 of Harris Academy Primary after having received their awards from Deputy Mayor of Merton, Judy Saunders



Winner of the Junior Neighbourhood Watch Logo Competition from Harris Academy

Morden Primary also gave us some feedback from the children who said they enjoyed the Fire station visit plus using the hose, meeting Lee, having the police come to the class, seeing the CCTV room and getting certificates. As ever we are indebted to the police and fire brigade in helping to deliver the schemes



Winner of the JNW Logo from Morden Primary receiving award from Deputy Mayor of Merton, Judy Saunders with members of the St. Helier Safer Neighbourhood Team