

WINTER 2024

Merton Neighbourhood Watch



ST HELIER COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH



The St Helier Safer Neighbourhood Team and residents conducted community road watches in Abbotsbury Road on 1 October and Central Road on 8 November respectively.

Councillor Shuile Syeda also joined in on 8 November.

Six vehicles were found to be exceeding the local speed limit.

Further watches will be arranged in due course.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Abuse at Merton:

"Together we can prevent violence against women and girls". ~ White Ribbon

During the 16 Days of Activism campaign, the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Team at Merton Council was actively involved in raising awareness about gender-based violence. Through a range of community events and initiatives, the team aimed to educate the community about violence against women and girls, while promoting the White Ribbon message - encouraging everyone to become allies and take action to tackle this important issue.

Here are some key activities that took place during the campaign:

- White Ribbon Day at St Georges Hospital.
- Stalls at Mitcham & Wimbledon Libraries.
- Stalls at Merton College.
- Visit to the Mitcham Youth Bus.
- Partnership with AFC Wimbledon at their home game.
- Stall with BTP at Wimbledon Station.
- Stalls at Merton leisure centres, including Morden and Cannons Leisure Centre.
- White Ribbon Walk.





The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness and promote a safer environment for everyone!

For more information on White Ribbon please visit: [White Ribbon UK](https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk)

You can also find more information on the Merton Council website: [Domestic violence and abuse | Merton Council](https://www.merton.gov.uk/domestic-violence-and-abuse)

Want to get involved?

If you are passionate about standing up against gender-based violence and want to make a difference in the community, consider taking the White Ribbon promise.

By making the promise, you commit to:

“Never use, excuse or remain silent about men’s violence against women”.

To make the White Ribbon promise and to learn more about becoming a Champion or Ambassador, please email Dawn.Helps@Merton.Gov.uk for more information.

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Been a victim of crime? Report it!

Call **999** when in an emergency or when a crime is in progress

Call **101** for non-urgent assistance or report online at [met.police.uk](https://www.met.police.uk):

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Contact your local police team:

https://www.mertonnhw.co.uk/assets/documents/Merton_Ward_Contacts.pdf

To report a crime anonymously call **CrimeStoppers** on **0800 555 111**

If you have been a victim of crime and want support contact **Victim Support** on **0808 168 9111** or visit [victimsupport.org.uk](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

Volunteers Needed

Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers

Please get in touch with nhw@merton.gov.uk

If you would like to give your time to Merton Neighbourhood Watch. We are currently looking for Committee members, a Newsletter Editor and Twitter Manager.

Time commitments are flexible, and we welcome individuals from all backgrounds with a range of skills.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Home security advice.

- *Do you have presents under your Christmas tree?*
- *Can they be seen from a window?*
- *Don't give thieves an easy target.*
- *Keep windows and doors always secure.*
- *Keep presents and valuables out of sight.*
- *Dispose of all boxes and packaging carefully, particularly from expensive presents, and do not leave it on show outside the house.*
- *Security mark gifts and valuables with your postcode and house number.*
- *Register items using the free service: immobilise.com which enables police to identify the owner of valuables if they are stolen.*

Out shopping

- *If you are visiting the shops this Christmas, be careful how you leave your car.*
- *Do not leave valuables or shopping on display in your car.*
- *Close windows, sunroof, lock doors & activate security alarms when leaving your car.*
- *Park in a busy, well-lit area or secure car park if possible - Visit <http://www.parkmark.co.uk> for details of approved local car parks.*
- *Take valuables with you when you leave your car, eg: cash, credit cards, mobile phones, sat nav systems etc.*
- *Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part-way through your trip.*
- *If you have no choice, make sure valuables and shopping are locked in the boot; taking care no-one is watching you.*
- *Do not leave your bag unattended on your trolley whilst loading your car.*

Shopping online

Choosing where you shop: If you are making a purchase from a website or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. Look online for reviews of the website or person you are buying from. If you are purchasing an item from an online marketplace, you can view the seller's feedback history before going ahead with the purchase. **Payment method:** Use a payment method that offers buyer protection, such as a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers will help you get your money back if the item is faulty or damaged, or if it never arrives



Editor's Message

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank you for all your support in 2024.

SAVE THE DATE

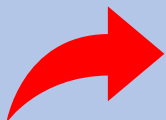
MERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM

25TH FEBRUARY 2025 -7PM

The success of Neighbourhood Watch in Merton is steered by the vision of our Committee members who meet on a 6 weekly basis.

We are keen to recruit more members to the Neighbourhood Watch Committee in 2025. If you have an enthusiastic approach and fresh ideas we are keen to hear from you!

Please email nhw@merton.gov.uk if you would like more information.



Day of Visibility 22.11.2024 - Pollards Hill

The Antisocial Behaviour Team co-ordinated and led the Day of Visibility in the Pollards Hill Area on the Friday 22.11.2024.

The Day of Visibility comprised of Area one and two Below.

1, Area one: can be described an area around Pollards Hill Library and Surrounding Streets

2, Area two can be described as an area around Mitcham Common.

ASB Team and VAWG Team: The Merton Council Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Team had a public engagement stall in the New Horizon Centre alongside the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Team and engaged with members of the public inside the centre and outside of the centre, providing information and advise regarding ASB, VAWG, and the reassuring the importance of reporting matters to services.

The ASB Team patrolled the location and has reported multiple litter, fly tips, locations with alcohol and NOX canisters (24 reports).

The ASB Team engaged with residents and businesses in relation to ASB Street Drinking in the locality, identified one male street drinking at the bus stop which will lead to a Community Protection Warning and advised one male smoking cannabis to leave the area.

The ASB Team installed 19 PSPO signs relating to Alcohol related Antisocial behaviour.

Kingdom PSPO Enforcement: Patrolled the location and noted no street drinkers in the location during the patrol timeframes.

VIA- Drug and Outreach: Patrolled the area with the ASB Team and provided information relating to the identification of a street drinking male causing Anti-social behaviour in the locality.

Homelessness and Outreach Services: Patrolled the location and could not identify homeless persons in the locality.

MET Police: The Met Police had a public engagement stall and patrolled the area with the ASB Team. We advised a male playing amplified music outside a shop to turn his music down and engaged with businesses. One male has been identified street drinking in the locality that is known to services.

Youth Detached Team: The detached team patrolled the area in the evening and engaged with nine young people loitering and smoking cannabis. This engagement has led to six for Substance Misuse workshops.

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Waste Enforcement: Placed no fly tipping signage, 1 Warning for Alcohol PSPO breach. 1 littering fixed penalty notice was issued on the day.

Parking Enforcement: 16 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued on the day.

Private property Licencing: Carried out inspections for flats, in relation to disrepair and Licencing , HMOs. They identified 3 suspected unlicensed HMO currently being investigated.

They also identified properties with overcrowding, damp and mould, a leak in the roof and damage to a property.

Reporting ASB

The ASB Team encourage Antisocial Behaviour reporting to The ASB Team, and the MET Police, and Housing Associations.

Please see Merton Council ASB Teams online link to report ASB to Merton Council <https://www.merton.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/crime-prevention-and-community-safety/anti-social-behaviour>

The Team can be contacted by Telephone: 020 8274 4901 Email: ASBunit@merton.gov.uk



MERTON SAFER NEIGHOURHOOD BOARD INVITE YOU TO
“PROTECT YOURSELF FROM
SCAMS”

FREE EVENT

LEARN HOW TO.....

- Spot a scam
- What to do if you have been scammed
- How to keep yourself safe from scams
- Different types of scams



**Presentations from Merton Council
Trading Standards and the Metropolitan Police**

**Marketplace with stalls offering support on a range of Merton
services.**

Refreshments will be provided.

Time: 4-6pm

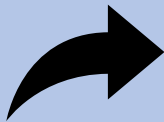
Date: 6th February 2025

Location: Drake House, 44 St Georges Road Wimbledon SW19 4ED

Walk and Talk in Raynes Park

This is a small walk at the moment between Holland Gardens and Cottenham Park. Both off Cambridge road. Its run by the Raynes Park Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The aim is to get people out and chatting to each other.



If you would like to take part please email
Raynespark.snt@met.police.uk

For more details.



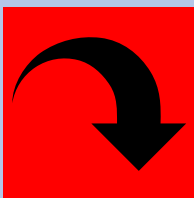
Wimbledon Christmas Market 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd December Wimbledon Piazza

Give your Christmas that extra sparkle and pick up something special.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS THIS CHRISTMAS

- Check your Christmas tree lights carry the British Safety Standard sign.
- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that can catch light easily.
- Test your smoke alarms at least monthly and only remove batteries when replacing them.
- Most fires start in the kitchen. Avoid leaving a cooker unattended.
- Avoid cooking when under the influence of alcohol.
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly.
- Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- Take care around open fireplaces as clothes may catch fire.
- Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire.



For advice specific to you and your home [complete your own home fire safety check](#).