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## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**20 June**

### **Cavendish Square & Oxford Market SN Team arrest card skimmers**

On Friday 8 June 2007 officers from Cavendish Square & Oxford Market Safer Neighbourhoods Team observed two males at a Barclays Bank cash point machine situated at 15 Great Portland Street. They were seen to remove a skimming device from the machine using a stanley knife and screwdriver.

After a brief struggle, two Eastern European males were arrested and taken to Marylebone Custody. Both were interviewed and admitted going equipped to steal.

One of the males has pleaded guilty and has had a Post Conviction ASBO granted with the second male awaiting trial.

**20 June**

**Sudbury**

### **17 Unregistered Mobile Phones Discovered in Raid by SN Team**

One male aged 25-years-old was arrested for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs following a raid in the early hours of Friday 8 June 2007 in Crawford Avenue, Wembley.

The Sudbury Safer Neighbourhoods Team executed a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act with the assistance from the Brent Tasking Unit and a drugs dog.

Officers recovered a substantial amount of Herbal cannabis and 17 unregistered mobile phones.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**20 June**

**Hillingdon**

**Operation Rogue Trader**

On 15 June, Safer Neighbourhoods officers from North Hillingdon ward, working in partnership with Trading Standards officers from Hillingdon Council took part in Operation Liberal which was aimed at unscrupulous rogue traders who encourage Hillingdon residents into paying well over the odds for poor, or in some cases no, work.

The successful operation led to the arrest of a prolific distraction burglar and the seizure of a transit van.

Sixteen visits to premises where work was taking place were made and tradesmen on site were spoken to.

Information which helped officers to target their patrols was partly obtained by information given through the Neighbourhood Watch ringmaster telephone, a service where local people can inform police of any address where they think rogue traders may be working.

**20 June**

**Brent**

**Crack house closed**

A property that was used for drug dealing has been shut down by the Willesden Green Safer Neighbourhoods team in consultation with Brent Council.

The crack house in Unity Close, Willesden Green, was served with a closure notice by officers following reports of anti-social behaviour and drug abuse.

Police and the council took action after receiving a number of complaints from local residents regarding the address.

Officers executed a search warrant and found evidence of class A drug misuse, details of which were included in the report that was presented to Brent Magistrates Court, who granted a crack house closure notice.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**20 June**

**Hammersmith & Fulham**

**Operation Breeze**

Officers from Hammersmith and Fulham have completed another successful phase of their intelligence-led operation, codenamed Operation Breeze.

Breeze has already resulted in 28 people being arrested and 32 vehicles being seized.

The operation, which aims to tackle offenders on mopeds who snatch personal property from members of the public, ran for three days between Tuesday 12 and 14 June and combined prevention techniques with tactics aimed at catching offenders.

This brings the total of vehicles removed over the three phases of the operation to 140 and the number of people arrested to 64.

The operation brought together resources from the British Transport Police, the Met's Air Support Unit (ASU), traffic officers, Safer Neighbourhoods PCSOs, the DVLA and Hammersmith & Fulham Council staff, e.g. street wardens and traffic wardens.

**19 June**

**Serious Crime Directorate**

**Cocaine sentencing**

A man involved in a cocaine importation network has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment following an investigation by the SCD7(12), Emerging Threats team.

41-year-old Isaac Anodi Nwankwor Anadi from Dagenham was caught when Operation Beckjay identified him as the principle member of a Nigerian drugs network bringing cocaine into the UK.

The investigation took officers to a crack factory in Canning Town where they recovered £¼ million worth of cocaine with a purity of 81%.

A number of addresses were raided during the operation, which resulted in the arrest of a second man, 36-year-old Richard Ilodi of Croombs Rd, E16. He pleaded guilty for his part in the conspiracy and was sentenced to two years imprisonment, and a deportation order.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**19 June**

**Bexley Crime Squad**

**Cannabis factory success**

Officers from Bexley Crime Squad took away around 450 cannabis plants from the house in Sidcup, following a preplanned operation on 13 June.

A large amount of hydroponic equipment was also recovered.

It is estimated that electricity to the value of £4,000 had been illegally diverted to the premises.

A man aged 31 was arrested at the premises. He was charged and later appeared at court where he was remanded in custody.

**18 June**

**Lewisham**

**POCA confiscation**

On 31 May 2006, police attended an address in Foxberry Road, London, SE4. On entry it was found that three of the rooms were completely full of cannabis plants.

Correspondence led officers to a second address. Here, officers found another cannabis factory and a by-passed electricity meter.

Three men were arrested and charged for production of cannabis. All three were convicted at a later date and one of the men, Tien Ngo was sentenced to a total of seven years imprisonment. The judge also ordered confiscation proceedings after a request by the police.

On 13 June at the Central Criminal Court, Ngo was ordered to pay £4,514.18 within 28 days or face an additional three months in prison. The balance of his estimated benefit from crime figure remains outstanding but can still be payable in the future.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**15 June**

**Croydon**

**Man jailed five years for burglary**

A man who hid in the roof space of supermarkets in London and south east England and stole from their cash transit systems was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Peter Blackham, pleaded guilty when he appeared on 19 April 2007 to ten charges of commercial burglary, committed over two years.

The court heard that on 4 May, he asked for a further ten offences to be taken into consideration, bringing the sum of cash stolen to £90,905.

It follows an investigation by Croydon CID that began in March 2006.

**15 June**

**Slade Green**

**SN Team raid industrial estate**

Nine enforcement agencies came together to tackle suspected illegal activities and breaches of safety regulations on the Darent Industrial Estate, Slade Green earlier this month.

Officers from Slade Green Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team accompanied Bexley Council's Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers, Health & Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, Department for Works and Pensions, Revenue and Customs and the Vehicle Operators Services Agency and teams from the fire and rescue service took part in the multi-agency blitz on the estate.

More than 60 officers swooped on the estate in a two-day operation to target suspected rogue traders and uncover environmental and safety issues.

The estate has been plagued by serious fires, including two major incidents last year, which put fire fighters at risk.

During the large-scale operation four arrests were made for possession of illegal weapons and two suspected illegal immigrants. Six vehicles were seized on insurance offences and 12 people are now under investigation for alleged benefit fraud.

A legal notice was served to one of the companies found to be illegally burning plastic, another company had a fuel leakage which required immediate attention; four prohibition and nine improvement notices were also served on businesses for H&S breaches.



## **Operational Successes and Good News**

### **15 June**

#### **Central Task Force charges**

As a result of Operation Leire the Central Task Force (east) has now charged three men, following an investigation into people suspected of possessing firearms.

The charging of Darren Lawrence, 41-year-old, with conspiracy to possess prohibited weapons and possession of ammunition follows an operation in March.

This resulted in Gavin McGoughlin, 50-year-old, and Joseph Tattingham, 22-years-old being charged with a total of 19 firearms related offences.

The three are from the Beckton and Epping Forest areas.

### **13 June**

#### **The Middle Market Drugs Project Arrest of criminal network**

Officers have recovered nearly £1 million following an intelligence led operation against a criminal network laundering the proceeds of crime.

The Middle Market Drugs Project (MMDP) acted after watching two men meet in the Holborn area on 12 June. The first man handed the second man – a 41-year-old - a bag, which he placed in his car and drove away.

Officers then stopped and searched the car, a VW, and the bag was found to contain approximately £200,000 cash.

The first man was followed back to a property on Southampton Row, Holborn where he was arrested along with a third man who was living at that address.

During a search the first man was found to have 300,000 in euros on his person.

A search of the address on Southampton Row revealed approximately another £500,000 in Sterling, Euros and Dollars with two money-counting machines and paraphernalia relating to money laundering.

Following a search of another address a further £40,000 in cash was found and a 33-year-old woman was also arrested.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**13 June**

**Lewisham**

### **Cannabis factory raided**

Officers from Lewisham Central Safer Neighbourhoods team found over 300 cannabis plants when they raided a flat in George Lane in Lewisham.

They also recovered hydroponics equipment, worth hundreds of pounds, for growing the plants. The power to the electricity mains had been cut into in order to supply power to the premises.

A 31-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman were arrested at the premises and were bailed to return on 25 July.

**13 June**

**Newham Sapphire Unit**

### **Paedophile jailed for 11 years**

A 71-year-old man was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment for the rape and sexual assault of three boys under the age of nine.

Raymond Stannard portrayed himself as a harmless senior citizen in the East Ham area and enticed boys into his home address with the offer of ice creams or chocolate. Once inside his address he then carried out serious sexual assaults. These offences stretched from April 2003 to May 2005 and were committed against particularly vulnerable young boys.

**12 June**

**Bromley**

### **Attacker convicted**

28-year-old Peter Anscombe, a health care assistant from Orpington has been found guilty of stabbing a 17-year-old girl with the intent of sexually assaulting her and attacking another women in a separate attack.

On Tuesday 3 October 2006, a sharp-eyed Bromley police officer spotted a man who fitted the description of the suspect, in Bromley town centre. Anscombe. He was arrested and charged the following day.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**11 June**

### **Bexley Crime Squad result**

Two men will appear at Bexley Magistrates' Court charged with robbery following a successful operation by Bexley Crime Squad officers.

With the support of colleagues from CO19, the two men - aged 43 and 38 years - were arrested approximately two hours after allegedly robbing a transport and shipping company employee of several thousands of pounds, which had just been withdrawn from a bank in Nuxley Road, Belvedere.

A subsequent search of an address in Footcray Road also recovered an imitation firearm and a further quantity of cash.

**11 June**

### **Two men convicted of so-called honour killing**

Two men have today been found guilty of the murder of a 20-year-old woman.

Banaz Mahmud Babakir Agha was murdered by her father and her uncle.

The 11 strong jury returned unanimous verdicts against 51-year-old Ari Mahmud Babakir Agha and 52-year-old Mahmud Babakir Mahmud, following a 14-week trial. Mahmud Babakir Mahmud was also found guilty of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

The murder enquiry revealed that Banaz had been murdered at the request of her father who had been unable to do the deed himself. As a result, Ari Mahmud had recruited a number of men from within the Iraqi Kurdish community, including Mohammed Hama and two other outstanding suspects, to commit the murder. A meeting had been held on 2 December 2005 at which Banaz's fate was decided.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**12 June**

### **Counter Terrorism Command**

#### **Three men sentenced under Terrorism Act**

Three men who admitted sending money and property to support terrorist activity in overseas countries were jailed on 11 June 2007.

Ismael Kamoka, Abdul Bourouag and Khalid Abusalama were all members of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), a group intent on overthrowing the Libyan government and replacing it with a fundamental Islamic state.

The three sent money – in excess of £20,000 a year – to people living abroad to help with this aim.

During searches of addresses linked to the men, MPS counter terrorism officers found a ledger written in Arabic, which detailed money transfers to overseas countries totalling thousands of pounds.

**8 June**

### **Sapphire Cold Case Review Team**

#### **Cold case conviction**

Following an investigation by Sapphire's Cold Case Review Team, a 39-year old man has been jailed for a sex attack he committed in 1992.

Ahmed Said Elmi, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted rape and one of theft at Southwark Crown Court on Monday 4 June 2007. On Tuesday 5 June, he was sentenced to six and a half years for the sexual offence and nine months for the theft to run concurrently.

The victim, who was 20 at the time of the attack, had attended a party in Whetstone on Friday 3 July 1992 and was on her way home in the early hours the following day when the offence occurred.

The victim had reached Bounds Green Road, N11, when she was stopped by two males who stopped her and asked for directions. One of them grabbed her and she was pushed on to a grass area, where they sexually assaulted her and stole her purse. During the attack, she was threatened and held by the throat.

A DNA profile was raised from semen but at the time of the initial investigation no match was found on the National DNA Database. In 2003 the Sapphire Cold Case Investigation Team was established to investigate all unsolved stranger rape and sexual assault allegations reported to the MPS. A crime scene stain was retrieved and re-examined using advanced forensic technology, leading to the identification of the defendant.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**8 June**

**Clubs and Vice**

**26 kerb crawlers arrested**

A Clubs and Vice operation to clampdown on kerb crawlers who blight local communities and fuel the chaotic life styles of the women involved in the sex industry has netted 26 arrests.

Operation Bocas, ran from Tuesday 5 - Thursday 8 June, in the Hackney area. The operation, part of ongoing enforcement work by Clubs and Vice, coincides with an advertising campaign funded by the Home Office designed to act as a stark reminder to potential kerb crawlers that the price they pay for sex may be more than they bargained for.

**8 June**

**Waltham Forest**

**Emerging Threats team charges**

Officers from the SCD7(12) Emerging Threats team, in partnership with Waltham Forest Borough Financial Investigation Unit, charged two people following an operation and obtained a restraint order for assets valued at £750,000.

During the operation £406,000 in cash was seized and a number of properties restrained.

**8 June**

**Wandsworth**

**Brave PCSOs**

Two Earlsfield PCSOs have been praised for their expert handling of a potential firearms situation.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 16 May, PCSOs Natasha Nugent and Malcolm Holmes were on anti-robbery patrols on a route 270 bus, when they became aware of a group of youths on the top deck causing a disturbance. They went up to investigate and a woman told them that one of the youths had a firearm.

Malcolm asked her some careful questions to clarify what she had seen and the woman was adamant she had seen a gun.

To ensure officer safety, Malcolm instructed the driver to stop the bus and maneuvered himself and Natasha to a safe place, before alerting the control room to the situation they were facing.

The group of boys got off the bus but Malcolm and Natasha followed them into a park and waited for uniformed officers to arrive. When they did, the boy's were arrested and an imitation firearm was recovered.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**8 June**

**Wildlife Crime Unit**

**Unauthorised use of pesticide**

On Wednesday, Mr Kee Chung of Bromley, was fined £3,700 and ordered to pay £1,600 court costs after pleading guilty to two offences of storing and using an unauthorised pesticide known as carbofuran.

In March 2006 dead foxes were found in neighbouring gardens. Samples taken from one of the foxes showed that there was a significant residue of the pesticide.

Wildlife advisors from Natural England, Bromley Wildlife Crime Officer, PC John Blackman and the SCD Wildlife Crime Unit visited the area again. After searching Mr Chung's garden shed they found purple coloured granules in an unmarked plastic box. Analysis confirmed the granules contained carbofuran and Mr Chung admitted he had purchased them in Hong Kong.

**7 June**

**Shepherds Bush Green**

**14 arrested for drug offences**

Over 100 officers from Hammersmith and Fulham, TSG and the Dog Support Unit took part in an operation on Shepherds Bush Green, which resulted in the arrest of 14 people for drugs offences.

**7 June**

**Wandsworth Sapphire Unit**

**Man jailed for sexual assault**

Michael Joahill, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for sexually assaulting a vulnerable woman.

Joahill posed as a carer and physiotherapist to enter the victim's home. He encouraged her to take her clothes off and lie on her bed, where he then carried out the sexual assault.

He then left the house, saying he would be back later to check she was okay.

Her real carer arrived later and called the police. Wandsworth's Sapphire specialist sexual offences unit launched an investigation.

Forensic evidence led them to Joahill.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**6 June**

**Operation Maxim**

**15 people arrested for immigration crime**

Detectives from Operation Maxim have arrested 15 people for immigration crime.

The arrests are connected to a suspected criminal network facilitating the entry of illegal immigrants from India to the UK. Eight people were arrested for facilitation offences and seven were arrested for immigration offences.

Nine addresses in west London were searched by officers from Maxim and supported by the Regional Asset Recovery Team, Border Immigration Agency, TSG, Immigration Police Support Unit, DoI and the Dogs Unit.

Officers seized counterfeit documents, false identities and over £10,000 cash.

**6 June**

**Hackney Crime Squad**

**Officers secure £93,000 confiscation order**

Officers from Hackney have secured a £93,000 confiscation order from a man who robbed jewellery from De Beers and Cartier.

Wayne Fyffe was jailed for six years in September 2006. Fyffe will either have to pay the fine or face a further two years in jail.

**6 June**

**Haringey**

**Operation Conan takes firearms off the street**

Operation Conan is an initiative in Haringey aimed at keeping the community safe by ensuring that Haringey borough is on the front foot to keep gun crime down.

Two weeks of proactive police activity in the arrest and search phase of the operation followed months of intelligence gathering and analysis. During the arrest and search phase, the police arrested and charged nine people with various firearms and drug offences and seized five firearms and ammunition.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**5 June**

**Waltham Forest and Redbridge**

**TP Crime Squad arrests**

During May 2007 TP Crime Squad led two operations supporting boroughs, which have resulted in the arrest and charge of eight individuals.

Last year TP Intelligence Unit identified a series of 25 violent car jackings across north- east London. Many of the offences involved the use of firearms and knives. The operation was allocated to the TP North Crime Squad.

After an investigation with the Robbery Squads in Waltham Forest and Redbridge three men and one woman were charged with conspiracy to rob on 2 May.

On 16 May 2007, four men appeared at Canterbury Magistrates' Court charged with conspiracy to burgle following a major investigation into distraction burglaries across London. All four men were remanded in custody. The men were arrested in Thanet Way, Kent, on 14 May 2007 following a proactive operation by TP Crime Squad (North) and the Distraction Desk at the Met Intelligence Bureau, supported by officers from SCD11.

**05 June 2007**

**Camden**

**Action on National Tackling Drugs Day**

National Tackling Drugs Day saw police in Camden conduct high visibility patrols, cannabis seizures using drugs dogs, serve dispersal orders and hold a crime surgery.

Police, together with Camden Council, obtained ten ASBOs against a group of youths who terrorised members of the public in Camden Town with their drug dealing and fighting.

The successful result is due to the dedication and commitment of PC Lee Janes, Camden Town with Primrose Hill Safer Neighbourhoods team who led the investigation.

Highbury Magistrates' Court found that the ten youths, all aged between 16 and 17-years-old, had caused harassment, alarm or distress to members of the public through a string of anti-social acts.

In Camden High Street, another incident involved large-scale disorder between a group of 30 youths and three men believed to be fighting over drug dealing territory.



## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**5 June**

**Newham crime Squad**

**Conviction under phone law**

A Forest Gate man has been found guilty under new legislation, of owning an IMEI changing device.

Wasim Patel of Windsor Road was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay an additional £1,030 in legal costs after being convicted of possessing the device under the Mobile Phones Reprogramming Act 2005.

This is the first successful conviction under this new legislation in the UK.

This conviction dates back to an investigation, which started in September 2005. Officers from both Newham's Crime Squad and the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit (NMPCU) searched commercial premises, Fonefingz, in Woodgrange Road, E7 looking for stolen mobile phones.

Patel was arrested and a complex investigation followed, led by Detective Constable Rob Mingard, during which forensic science specialists as well as independent experts tested the IMEI changing device.

**5 June**

**CO14 Gaming Unit**

**Casino identity cheats arrested**

Officers from Clubs and Vice (CO14) working in partnership with two national casino chains successfully executed two search warrants on addresses in Kensal Rise and Ilford.

This was a focused proactive operation against a casino cheat team who had been using numerous false identity documents to gain casino memberships. Once inside the casinos they implemented tabletop cheat moves involving colour chips to defraud the casinos.

Two arrests were made during the operation that took place on the 31 May 2007. A substantial number of identity documents and casino colour chips were recovered. One subject was remanded in custody to court on six charges of false representation and one charge of identity fraud. The other subject was cautioned after admitting their involvement in the offence.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**5 June**

### **Child Abuse Investigation Command**

#### **Man jailed for indecent assault**

A man who sexually abused young boys has been found guilty of 14 counts of indecent assault and sentenced to three years and nine months in jail.

Officers from the Met's Child Abuse Investigation Command received allegations from three men in 2005 that Robert King had abused them.

The abuse occurred between 1983 and 1994 and involved boys aged between 12 and 17 at the time. All played instruments or sang and came into contact with King through the classical music scene.

King exploited his position as a classical music conductor to gain the trust of the boys and their families. The boys were invited to his house after he had met them at concerts or being referred to him.

Once at his house in Ealing, King abused them by performing or attempting to perform sexual acts on them.

**4 June**

### **MPS Stolen Vehicle Unit**

#### **Eight jailed for £4.5m stolen vehicle operation**

Seven men and a woman have been sentenced for their involvement in what is believed to be the largest organised theft and re-registration of motor vehicles in the UK, in the past decade.

The estimated retail value of the vehicles stolen exceeds £4.5 million.

The group were arrested by the Met's Stolen Vehicle Unit after 190 high value vehicles were stolen.

They falsely obtained over 300 vehicle identities from the DVLA which they linked to stolen cars, in an attempt to try and legitimise the cars' history.

The cars were stolen from across London, but in particular south east and south west London.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

### **4 June**

#### **Traffic OCU**

#### **Operation Vinci nets 280 arrests**

An operation targeting criminals who use the A10 corridor has netted over 280 arrests.

Operation Vinci (which ran from 8 May to 1 June) aimed to reduce crime and make the public feel safer in Enfield, Hackney and Haringey.

The operation targeted hotspot areas and crimes ranging from those carrying firearms to motoring offences. Nearly half the arrests made were for serious offences including drugs, possession of an offensive weapon, theft, robbery, burglary and fraud.

Traffic officers seized 550 vehicles for offences ranging from driving without insurance, driving without a licence or driving whilst disqualified.

A range of different police tactics were used including stop and search and Automatic Number Plate Recognition. Traffic officers patrolled the roads and Transport officers kept a watchful eye on bus routes.

### **1 June**

#### **Specialist Crime Directorate**

#### **Man sentenced for Met's highest cocaine seizure in 2006**

A 31-year-old man has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for possession with intent to supply £12 million of cocaine, the Met's highest seizure of 2006.

Stephen Poulton, aged 31, from Rainham was arrested on 7 December 2006 following an intelligence led operation by the Met's Central Task Force East.

Officers were conducting observations and saw a lorry stop in Ongar, Essex and three large holdalls being passed from the HGV into a Saab car. The Saab was followed to a residential address in Abridge, Essex where Poulton was arrested and found in possession of 58.4 kg of high purity cocaine, with an estimated street value of £12m.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

**20 June**

### **Traffic OCU cycling safety event**

The Traffic OCU is hosting a cycling safety event in Trafalgar Square between the 26 and 27 June.

Supported by Transport for London, the aim of the event is to educate cyclists about the dangers of lorries turning as the drivers can be blind to their presence.

Two lorries will be available in Trafalgar Square from 7am until 7pm on both the Tuesday and the Wednesday. Cyclists and pedestrians will be invited to position themselves and a cycle to the nearside of the lorry. They will then be invited inside the cab so they can see through their own eyes how limited the lorry driver's vision is.

**20 June**

### **Commendations Ceremony for the Safer Neighbourhoods Unit**

On Monday 18 June, police officers and police staff from the TPHQ Safer Neighbourhoods Unit were awarded OCU Commander's Commendations for their outstanding contribution towards the successful delivery of the Safer Neighbourhoods Programme.

Chief Superintendent Stephen Bloomfield, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods, said:

"The commendations awarded today recognise achievements, over a sustained delivery and is in recognition of the hard work that supported the delivery of neighbourhood policing in the MPS."

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

### **19 June**

#### **Tag rugby in Brent**

A tag-rugby competition organised by officers from Brent's partnership unit has been won by St Joseph's primary school in Brent.

The competition took place on Friday 8 June and the winners have been entered into a national tournament to be held in July, organised by the police charity Child Victims of Crime which aims to support children whose lives have been affected by crime.

The competition was the culmination of a series of tag-rugby coaching sessions run by officers in partnership with the Rugby Football Union over the past school year. Over 600 primary school pupils took part. The aim of running these sessions and the competition was to enable officers to get to know and engage with young people on the borough.

### **18 June**

#### **SmartWater initiative in Hackney**

Officers in Hackney have carried out a burglary reduction initiative in De Beauvoir and Hackney Downs Safer Neighbourhoods wards.

The initiative involved Safer Neighbourhood team officers, Crime Prevention Design Advisers, Crime Prevention Officers and the Borough's Partnership Unit.

Uniformed officers called at addresses in five streets, offering a free SmartWater kits to the residents. Hackney Council's Community Safety Unit also distributed personal safety alarms during the initiative.

A Crime Opportunity Profiling of Streets (COPS) survey of the area was also carried out and SmartWater signs have been placed at appropriate locations in order to warn would-be burglars away from the area.

SmartWater has already been used in several streets in Hackney with considerable success; these areas have experienced a 76% reduction in burglary.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

### **18 June**

#### **Volunteers win The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Service**

A group of volunteers from the Met Volunteer Programme (MVP) have been awarded the prestigious Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Service 2007.

New Malden volunteers provide a customer service function at New Malden police station. The group formed following the reopening of New Malden police station in 2001.

Since this time, the volunteers have contributed proactively to the service provided by the MPS.

The Queen's Award recognises the vital role played by the hundreds of thousands of unsung heroes of the voluntary and community world.

In recognition of their excellent service the volunteers will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and a piece of commemorative crystal. As well as this, several of the volunteers have been invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in July.

### **15 June**

#### **Safer Parking awards**

Four Canary Wharf Car Parks were presented with the Safer Parking Award called Park Mark on Wednesday 13 June.

Mark Rouff, from the Safer Parking Scheme presented the award to Christine Wheeler, Car Parks Operations Manager; Chief Superintendent Jerry Savill joined them.

This award emphasises the fine example of partnership working between Tower Hamlets Crime Prevention, the British Parking Association and Canary Wharf Group, making life safer for those who work in this landmark estate.

Cabot Square, Canada Place, Westferry Circus and Jubilee Place car parks received the award, which means that they will not need to be inspected for three years.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

**15 June**

### **Ex-offenders help out in Teddington**

A special weekend which gave young ex-offenders the opportunity to give something back to the community was held recently.

The ten youngsters got hands-on as part of their rehabilitation in a project run by Richmond Council's Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the Teddington Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

They helped repair and decorate the Teddington home of a disabled woman who had fallen victim to a cowboy builder. Her house required emergency attention as she faced the threat of eviction by her landlord if the work was not carried out.

Paint and other materials were supplied by the Council's recycling team.

Then on Saturday the young people removed graffiti and tidied up a park in Church Road, Teddington, after it had been vandalised.

**14 June**

### **Churchill SNT set up snooker club for local youth centre**

PCSO Simon Fielder of the Churchill Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) has secured around £700 worth of snooker equipment for a new snooker club at the Churchill Gardens Residents Hall.

The SNT and Residents Association have been working with Youth Centre leader, Jim Ball to identify opportunities for keeping local youths occupied and reduce the amount of time they spend hanging around on the streets. One of their ideas was to form a snooker club.

PCSO Fielder approached Rileys, the UK's largest supplier of snooker equipment, to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the snooker club. The result was around £700 worth of equipment donated by Rileys snooker club in Victoria SW1 including balls, cues, triangles and a brand new score counter. Rico "Ricochet" Diks, a professional pool player and coach, has agreed to attend the Churchill Gardens Residents Hall on 3 July to launch the new club.

The Residents Association and Jim Ball also contributed by raising money to get a new cover for the Centre's snooker table.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

**11 June**

### **Urban Cricket in Hackney**

Officers from Hackney and TSG took part in an Urban Cricket initiative. Schoolchildren from all 57 primary schools on the borough were invited to take part in the event, which took place at Millfield Park.

Urban Cricket is a joint initiative run between the Metropolitan Police's Athena Sport team and the London Community Cricket Association (LCCA). Also present was the Army, which supplied an inflatable assault course and clay pigeon shooting.

Urban Cricket offers young people the opportunity to try out cricket and get involved in sport more generally. The aim of the initiative is to get young people and police officers to play sport together and to offer young people alternatives to crime and build their confidence. It came about after energy company NPower offered to supply the MPS with urban cricket equipment. So far it has supplied the MPS with 600 sets.

**11 June**

### **Bobby Bear will help child victims of crime**

The Met has signed an agreement with the only national police children's charity Child Victims of Crime (CVOC) and the soft toy manufacturer the Original School Bear Company, to produce a unique Metropolitan Police teddy called 'Bobby Bear'.

Bobby Bear is due to go on sale later this year at shops throughout London. 50% of profits will go to CVOC to help them continue their work with children who have had their lives affected by crime.

**7 June**

### **TSG officers outward bound**

Four officers from the Territorial Support Group based in south west London recently ventured to the Breacon Beacons in Wales to take part in an outward bound course with 48 youngsters from across London to help break down barriers between them and the police.

Many of the 13 to 16-year-olds who attended had been referred by local Youth Offending Teams from across London having been in trouble with the police or being identified as at risk of offending.

Over the course of the week they took part in various activities including canoeing, rock climbing and horse riding all designed to build confidence, character, motivation and help develop positive attitude and leadership skills.