

Rob's Rapport

Over the last few months there seems to have been a lot written in the Communicator about upcoming changes within the police and it has made the content a bit dry. Time for a return to light heartedness, even if it only for one month. For those of you who think I should be stood on every street corner, should never eat or avail myself of a toilet break, and should never express frivolity then this might not be the Communicator for you ☺

One change you might have missed is the subtle amendment to the strap line above. A few months ago I changed it from "Hillingdon Police Community Newsletter" to "Police Newsletter for the Hillingdon Community". Why was that I hear the eagle eyed readers ask? Well, the reason is that as we transition to the tri-Borough Police model, the area previously known as "Hillingdon Police" will internally go by the very catchy "West Area West Sector" moniker. I know right. Anyway, for you nothing will change and policing in Hillingdon will look pretty much the same...just expect a few alterations to how we write things in the future.

That was my light hearted bit for those who missed it. No angry letters to your MP please ☺

There will be no Communicator in April as we are going to be busy preparing for the implementation of the tri-Borough police model. Normal service will resume in May when I will hopefully have full details of any staff changes to share with you.

Inspector Rob Bryan



#StopKnifeCrime

Hillingdon is a safe place to live and work when you compare it to other parts of the capital. But there is crime and some of that crime involves knives. Every day Hillingdon officers are doing all they can to tackle knife crime.

Our tactics include stop and search (the knife in the picture was found on someone who was then arrested)



and weapon sweeps (the bag of "tools" was hidden away in a bush). We also understand the link between knife crime and drugs and the front door you see below was one of many last month that will need replacing after we executed a drugs warrant. At one address

over
£10,000
of drugs
were
seized.



If you have any information about those that carry knives or who deal in drugs please call CrimeStoppers anonymously.

Make it hard for burglars

Don't be an easy target for burglars. Always double lock UPVC doors - Leave a light on - Secure your boundaries - Don't let strangers in.



Hillingdon's Beat

I am not renaming this bit the West Area West Sector Beat ☺

Like a dog with a bone. Sergeant Kerr was tasked with arresting a suspect for sexual assault that occurred elsewhere in London. The addresses he visited proved to be old. Not one to give up so easily he then undertook a range of checks with our own indices and with records held by other agencies. He dug out a mobile phone number for the suspect and gave him a ring to see if he would hand himself in. The reply Sgt Kerr got was "try and find me bruv, I'm not coming in".

Challenge accepted and after some really hard digging the current address of the suspect was identified. Sgt Kerr and his team then paid him a very early morning visit which ended with him wearing a fine pair of police issue handcuffs. His look when he saw Sgt Kerr could probably be best described as "deflated". Good job.

You can try and run, but... PC Shah, PC Fordham and PCSO Sandhu were on patrol near Ruislip High Street to combat a recent spike in robberies. One young person drew their attention so they stopped him to carry out a search for weapons. The youth thought he could outrun the officers and had it on his toes.

PCSO Sandhu gave chase on foot whilst PC Shah and PC Fordham cut him off in their police car. Not knowing which way to run, the youth turned back on himself to try and slip past PCSO Sandhu. He was unsuccessful. PCSO Sandhu took him down and PC Fordham dived in for the arrest. He was found to be in possession of 20 small bags of cannabis and a large bag of uncut cannabis and

was arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs.

You can try and run part 2. PC Bland and PC Burton were responding to a disturbance in Uxbridge High Street when a man tried to run away from them, discarding a claw hammer and lock knife as he went. This was a straightforward sprint race which the officers easily won. The property was swiftly recovered and the man was arrested for possession of offensive weapons.

Always wear gloves. PC Tester and PC Lombardi made excellent use of their powers of stop and search. Whilst on foot patrol they spotted a man acting suspiciously. They stopped the rather nervous man and asked him to account for his behaviour. It was obvious to the officers that he had been taking drugs and a subsequent search found him in possession of uncapped needles and a cut throat razor. He too was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon. Luckily for the officers they did not suffer a needle stick. Well done.

We do more than nick villains. PC Panesar and PC Cotton were called to an incident when a concerned member of the public spotted an elderly lady waiting at a bus stop at half three in the morning. Knowing the temperature was below freezing they quickly made their way to the location and discovered a 92-year old sitting out in the adverse weather. The officers took her home, called an ambulance and then called her son, who has expressed his thanks for the prompt actions of the officers.

But let's not forget the excellent member of the public who phoned it in to us in the first place - thank you.

An advertisement for ACT (Action Counters Terrorism). It features a man in a dark suit talking on a mobile phone. The background is a blurred indoor setting. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background on the left side of the image.

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