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Edgware Safer Neighbourhoods Team

The Edgware Team

Youth Diversion Activities

There seemed to be an apparent lack of youth diversionary tactics in the Edgware area so the ward panel decided we should try and remedy this. Working in conjunction with young people



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from the Edgware area, we assisted them in setting up their own youth group, 'NUTMEG'. Since its inception, 'NUTMEG' has worked in tandem with the Edgware team and working together we have held two youth concerts. We named the concerts Edgware2gether (e2g). The idea behind the concerts was not only to provide youth diversion, but also to provide positive influences to young people and encourage them to chose the right path, whilst also addressing the apparent rise in gang culture and knife crime. We put on the concerts utilising local singers and dancers, as well as bringing in stands from outside organisations that could engage young people positively in their spare time. Those attending e2g were also exposed to positive messages, utilising youth culture, whereby we handed out T shirts with graffiti style designs that held the message, “2 much beef, 2 many deaths, 2 roads – your choice” and “Get a piece of da peaceR. Over 800 attended across the 2 events. These concerts were hosted by young people from 'NUTMEG' although they were managed and policed by the Edgware Team.

The concerts were so successful that 'NUTMEG' has now been asked to plan a concert for the whole of Barnet, as opposed to just Edgware. 'NUTMEG' have also expanded in numbers after utilising social networking sites such as facebook to advertise the events and other activities and are now planning stands in shopping centres, workshops and provision of talks at local Schools all with the aim of encouraging young people to unite together and choose the right path.



The Jewish Community

We continue to work closely with the Jewish community in light of the latest tensions in the Middle East. We are providing dedicated Sabbath patrols every week of the year as well as provision of patrols

at events and religious holidays such as the High Holy Days. We continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with the fourteen Synagogues in the area as well as the community as a whole.



PC Aki Wumi with Rabbi Sudak

Pick Pocket Incidents

There has been a series of pickpocket thefts in the station road shopping area over the last 6 months or so. This is one of our policing priorities. Working in partnership with the 'Broadwalk' shopping centre we have introduced a number of tactics including a weekly Police contact point, plain clothes patrols, tannoy announcements, posters to raise awareness, proactive use of the CCTV cameras, ATM patrols and increased searches. An ongoing method we use is crime prevention patrols – advising shoppers who are leaving bags in trolleys or push chairs and are then turning their backs leaving their valuables unattended. The situation has vastly improved although we continue to address this priority to reduce incidents further.



Transport Hub

Edgware station sees a great number of students travelling through, both in the morning and afternoon and there is a particular core group who regularly come to our notice. The Edgware Team aim to reduce the impact on other commuters by providing coverage at both the station itself as well as on particular bus routes and specific bus stops. These patrols and our presence in the bus station have a large impact on youth disorder and also reduce the fear of crime within our community.

Edgware's Ward Priorities

Our policing priorities chosen by the Edgware ward panel are currently set to 'Reduce Drug Offences in the Stonegrove Estate Area', 'Reduce incidents of Pickpocketing in Station Road Shopping Area', 'Reduce Criminal Damage and Youth Disorder in Springwood Crescent' and 'Provide Youth Diversion Activities.'

Policing Pledge - our promise to the public

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