



# QUEENSTOWN

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

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## **QUEENSTOWN OUR TEAM**

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**<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/wandsworth/queenstown/>**

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### **Top Reported Crimes for October 2021**

**Assault without Injury 18    Miscellaneous theft\* 16**

**Harassment 29**

**\*Theft other than from a person, motor vehicle, residential or non-residential property**

You will notice that the figures for these crimes are down on those for August, when they were last reported in our Newsletter.

### **Some of the Team's actions over the past weeks:**

Queenstown officers assisted in BTP led operation tackling knife crime and drug supply, resulting in multiple positive stop and searches. *21<sup>st</sup> November*

Queenstown and MPS Northcote assisted MPS Shaftesbury yesterday morning on a search warrant, resulting in one man arrested for Possession of Section One firearms, after a total of 4 air rifles and 1 air pistol suspected of being over the legal power limit were seized. *16<sup>th</sup> November.*

Officers out patrolling the unlit side paths in Battersea Park due to previous reports of robberies in the area. *October 22<sup>nd</sup>.*



*Queenstown Officers out by the Power Station for Hate Crime awareness Week.*

*Want to see more? Check out the link on page 2*

## **A STASH of shotgun cartridges was found hidden in a communal ceiling in Battersea.**

Police found 30 cartridges hidden in a stairwell during a weapons sweep on Monday (July 26) morning.

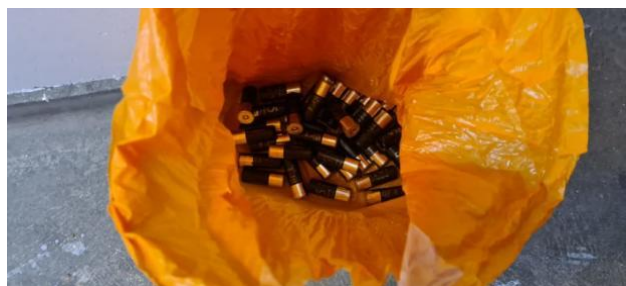
The team were carrying out a number of weapons sweeps around the Surrey Lane Estate area, when officers noticed that a corner of a ceiling tile was loose whilst walking up a stairwell.

Upon closer inspection they found a carrier bag which contained the ammunition.

It was taken to a secure location and enquiries are now underway to identify who placed them there.

Detective Inspector Richard Mullan, who leads the Operation Viper team, said: "Within hours of the Met upscaling its focus on firearms for the week, we have recovered 30 shotgun cartridges that someone clearly didn't want us to find.

"There's no other logical explanation for them to be stuffed in a communal ceiling.



Met Police

"Whilst this is a fantastic start to the week of upsurge that the Met is carrying out, we constantly react to intelligence and information when provided to us.

"Our work will now continue to identify who placed these bullets in the ceiling and if they have access to a shotgun. Our work has not ceased now that we have taken the bullets."

Information on how to report a suspected firearms discharge, or to provide information to the police on where firearms are being stored or who is in possession of a weapon can be made via 999 or by tweeting @MetCC.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111).

27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## How to provide information – on-line reporting [fearless.org](http://fearless.org)

### **ANONYMITY PROMISE**

Fearless is a service that allows you to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. This means you don't have to give us any personal details

Just Click on the box marked **CONTACT US ANONYMOUSLY**

### **REPORTING A CRIME**

Call 101 or visit [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

In an **EMERGENCY ALWAYS** dial 999

## **THEFT**

**CRIME DOES NOT STOP WHEN THE VIRUS IS ACTIVE**

**EMPTY YOUR CAR OR A THIEF WILL DO IT FOR YOU**



Although it is tempting to leave items in your car because the car is locked, as we know, that hardly ever deters a thief. Don't make it easy for them – empty your car. Recent reports indicate that a few people still think their boot is a safe place to leave things. Sadly, this is not true.

**CAR INSURANCE.** It seems that many people are being caught out when they find out that their car is not insured for commuting. They discover this when they decide to drive to work rather than walk or use public transport. (Or cycle). It may be as well to check your policies.

## Doorstep delivery thefts are still continuing

Please do not leave any items on display and remove all items or valuables, such as backpacks, from your vehicles; even if you are just popping into the shops quickly.

This is an opportunist type of crime and by just taking these few steps will reduce your risk in becoming a victim. Every day we see more and more reports, UK wide.

## Thefts in Battersea Park

Remember the guidelines. Walk with other people at night. Do not use your 'phone, not even to keep it to hand. At the April SNP Meeting it was reported that there is now a Protection Agreement in place with Battersea Park, so that information and CCTV footage could be shared.

## Catalytic Converters

**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

### Catalytic Converter Theft

What makes your catalytic converter valuable?

- Precious metals - Platinum, palladium and rhodium - are coated onto this ceramic structure as catalysts (a catalyst modifies and increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed itself) for the reactions that "clean" the exhaust.
- Did you know that RHODIUM is worth more than GOLD?!

To prevent theft of this precious part you can:

- Park in well lit busy areas.
- Look out for people working under cars for no apparent reason.
- If the vehicle has easy access to underneath i.e vans and 4x4's consider investing in a catalytic converter marking kit, this makes it easier to trace back if it is ever stolen.
- Garage your vehicle whenever possible.





## PROTECT YOUR BIKES

**Pedal bike thefts** – don't forget to register your bikes with photo and serial number on **Immobilise.com**. If it turns up, the Police can reunite it with its owner.

So, help the police – and yourselves.

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

**First tell the police, then alert others**

[www.bikersunited.co.uk](http://www.bikersunited.co.uk)

## SCAMS



Vaccinations and tests are all free. You will be rung or texted by your GP. Ignore all other calls and visits.

The Tax Office will not ring you. Ignore such calls. They are not going to arrest you if you do not press button 1.

Neither will your NI numbers have been compromised.

And with energy companies failing, and customers switching accounts, watch out for scams such as that reported in the previous newsletter.

## **Little Book of Big Scams**

To be shared with everyone you know. [www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf)

**Useful site on which to report scams:**

<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>





## **RIVERSIDE RADIO**

### **THE RIPPLE EFFECT – BEHIND THE BADGE**

Stephen Menon writes:

We're currently doing a partnership with the Metropolitan Police for our podcast - The Ripple Effect: #BehindtheBadge.

Here's the SoundCloud link to the first episode

<https://soundcloud.com/thisisriverside/the-ripple-effect-presents-behind-the-badge-episode-1>

### **SPEEDING. Updates.**

**Speeding continues to be a problem in the Ward (and elsewhere). Please report it to the police.**

**Putting it on NextDoor or Twitter will not achieve the required result. It needs to be logged by the Police.**

**As regards the speeding bikers, SN Teams from 3 boroughs are working on this. St Mary Park Ward has also made complaints.**

**The advice given by Michael Blair, Community Safety Officer, is reprinted below. It will continue to be posted in this newsletter**

**Reporting mechanisms are not being utilised; these need to be highlighted to the public. They are:**

**Report anti-social behaviour to the police either by calling:**

- **101 in a non-emergency**

- <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
- 999 In an emergency, a crime happening right now, is the suspect still at the scene, or is anyone seriously injured or in immediate danger or danger to life.

## **e-SCOOTERS**

**There continue to be quite a few arguments on this subject. These are still illegal on public roads in Wandsworth, including pavements, whatever some people may choose to believe.**

**The scooters we see breaking the rules are not hire scooters, and have a much higher speed.**

### **Gangs on e-scooters targeting GPS farm equipment**

**By Alex Kleiderman  
BBC News August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

**Gangs are using e-scooters to sneak on to UK farms and steal high-value GPS technology, an insurer has said.**

NFU Mutual said the cost of replacing the stolen equipment that forms an "essential part of modern farming" nearly doubled in a year to £2.9m.

"Highly-organised criminals continued to plague farmyards," with quad bikes also being targeted, the firm said.

But it says the overall number of theft claims in 2020 fell by 20% to £43.3m, amid the coronavirus lockdowns.

Global positioning systems (GPS) equipment on tractors can cost up to £10,000 apiece. It helps farmers map their acreage and make the most efficient use of their land.

The technology is "in demand across the globe" and has become the "rural thieves' top target", the insurer said.

"Without GPS... harvests can be delayed and farmers are left unable to work," said Rebecca Davidson, rural affairs specialist with NFU Mutual.

Det Con Chris Piggott, from the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service, said: "The pattern we are increasingly seeing is of gangs who patiently watch farms from a distance to discover where expensive tractor GPS kit is stored.

"They generally return at night to steal, and are now using silent electric scooters to get into farmyards undetected and make off at high speed."

He added: "Thieves are also becoming even slicker stealing quad bikes - watching for hours to rush into farm yards and steal them when they are left unattended for a few minutes."

The total cost of the insurer's claims for the theft of GPS, quad bikes and other all-terrain vehicles amounted to more than £9m last year, a drop of only 2% on 2019.

NFU Mutual's annual rural crime report says the overall cost of theft in the UK countryside fell in 2020 because of the lockdown, the existence of more police rural crime teams, and increased farm security.

Wales and Northern Ireland both saw the largest falls, down 39.4% and 36.9% respectively, while Scotland saw a 25% decrease.

In regions of England the level of the falls in theft claims varied - ranging from a 9.7% dip in the North East to a 25.3% decrease in the Midlands. The only area to see a rise was the North West, where the cost of claims was up 3.3%.

The thefts of livestock were down by about a quarter.

But the value of sheep and cattle attacked by dogs rose in 2020 following a surge in pet ownership during the pandemic and visits to the countryside, NFU Mutual said.

Other trends highlighted by NFU Mutual included fly-tipping in fields and country lanes, which was said to have reached "epidemic proportions".

Meanwhile, cybercrime affecting farmers is said to be a growing danger, with phishing emails about farm payments and scam adverts for agricultural machinery.

NFU Mutual, which insures about three-quarters of all UK farmers, says it is investing £430,000 in rural security schemes in 2021.



Each year, kind-hearted Londoners donate money and buy gifts for children across the Capital who would otherwise go without at Christmas.

Over the past 10 years, a staggering 116,000 presents have been bought and distributed to children aged from one-week to 17 years old being cared for by foster parents, in residential care homes, refuges, hospitals or from low-income families.

**This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal.**

**Dear Residents and Associates of Wandsworth,**

**I hope you are all well and looking forward to a hopefully normal Christmas compared to last year.**

**For the 800,000 children living in poverty in London, Christmas can be exceptionally challenging. While most families overindulge in festivities, thousands of young Londoners experience heightened anxiety, neglect, and isolation during the holiday.**

**This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal.**

**We have nearly 17,000 children (aged from birth to 17 years old) to provide a gift for.**

**These children come from many different back grounds and many are living in poverty.**

**In the last 10 years we have provided with the generosity of Londoners over 116,000 presents to children living in care, living in refuges or who are child carers.**

**Please donate at <https://givergy.uk/christmastreeappeal2021>**

**If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at [james.c.elvy@met.police.uk](mailto:james.c.elvy@met.police.uk)**

**Best wishes to you all in the run up to the festive season**

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## **Dates of Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meetings**

These take place every two months, on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. They are always held in the same place. Due to Covid our last five meetings were held through TEAMS.

**December 8th via TEAMS**

**February 9th 2022**

(Normally Senior Citizens' Common Room, 234 Carey Gardens, SW8 4HW but not during the pandemic)

**Please put these dates in your diaries, so that you are not caught out and have to find a deputy. Please note, these meetings are for panel members only**

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE AND SOMETIMES THINK**

**The word "sleaze" has been bandied about quite a lot recently. But what exactly does it mean? Where did the word originate?**

While it is true that there is no absolutely proven explanation of the origin of "sleazy," there is a reasonable and frequently-made argument that ties the word to Silesia, a historically important region of Central Europe that today lies mostly within Poland (with small bits falling inside the Czech Republic and Germany). In the 17th century, Silesia produced fine cloth esteemed all over Europe, and in England "Silesia" was used as a general term for high-quality linen or cotton cloth. Over time, "Silesia" in this sense was shortened to "sleazy," and cotton cloth became known as "sleazy cloth."

Although "sleazy cloth" made in Silesia was of high quality, by the second half of the 17th century, "sleazy" had taken on the

meaning of “thin or flimsy,” perhaps because by then merchants were selling all kinds of junk labelled “sleazy.” In any case, “sleazy” quickly came to be applied to anything characterized by inferior construction, shoddy materials, or flimsy reasoning (“Their vain, and sleazy opinions about Religion,” 1648). Interestingly, the “filthy and squalid” sense of “sleazy” didn’t appear until the 1940s, and “sleaze” as a noun meaning “a person or thing of low moral standards” didn’t arrive until the late 1960s.

**(Seen on my twitter page and elsewhere)**

**I was under the impression that IDS enhanced his name from plain Smith because he was sponsored by Dunking Doughnuts.**

### **Cats, Chats & 88 Keys. On-line Concerts from a house near you.**



Queenstown resident, professional pianist John Paul Ekins continues with his on-line concerts from the Autumn on Fridays at 7.30 pm. If you are lucky, you may even spot one of his cats. If you miss the live transmissions, they will remain on YouTube for you to catch up on later. A useful tool, since the broad band in this area is sometimes very creaky.

The broadcast links will not change from week to week.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy\\_pDhkA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy_pDhkA)

Click on SUBSCRIBE to receive notifications of forthcoming concerts

**Cats and Chats Beethoven Series** is over for the time being, although recording of the on-line concerts may be found on YouTube. In addition John Paul and his violinist partner, Henry Chandler, have just recorded all ten of the Beethoven Violin Sonatas, all recorded in Saint Mary's Church, Barnes.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE**

### **Report 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Since our last SNP meeting, Animal Welfare Service has:**



- : Received and investigated 5 complaints of dog nuisance
- : Received and investigated 2 complaints of a dangerous dog. This occurred in Battersea Park and was referred to the Parks Police
- : Received and investigated 1 complaint of a dangerous dog, which was reported to the Metropolitan Police
- : Received and investigated 1 complaint of dog fouling
- : Issued 2 verbal warnings in the ward for Housing Byelaws
- : Prosecuted 1 resident for breach of dog byelaws
- : Investigated 1 address regarding dog registration
- : Issued 4 microchipping letters regarding compulsory dog

microchipping

- : Registered 1 dog in accordance with the housing tenancy conditions
- : Picked up 1 stray dog which was returned to its owner
- : One of the addresses visited on the Savona is being separately investigated by the Licensing team for operating a dog walking and boarding business.

These came from the following places in the ward.

Doddington, Savona, Rollo, Carey Gardens and Brynmaer Road.

**Lisa Martin** is currently the officer responsible for the Ward. She may be contacted on the general AWS contact information below.

The manager is Mark Callis

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## In Viareggio, a statue for Ettore, the fishermen's cat.

Fulvio Cerutti, 19 June 2019 La Stampa.

It was in 1997 that in Viareggio someone heard desperate mewing from the rocks of the mole. A cruel hand had placed some kittens in a cardboard box and had abandoned them to their fate.

Among them was Ettore. He never again left that breakwater. For twenty years he was “a sort of fishermen’s mascot. Everyone knew him and they loved him”, said a woman of the neighbourhood to local television. Since then, that handsome tabby kitty has “gone over the bridge” and left this earth.

But he, a stray for twenty years, had many houses and many friends. During the day he would go to spend time with his friends the fishermen, who would give him some of the fresh produce which they had caught from the sea. And in return he purred and kept them company. Not only the fishermen knew him, but also the children would pass by to say hello. When night fell, he decided where to sleep, one of the many places where a warm welcome was assured.



He died on the 15<sup>th</sup> December last. But even in the last months of his life, anyone who knew him had worked to ensure that he would get the care that his 19-20 years needed. Among these, reports *Il Tirreno*, was Signor Alfredo Serni, who was particularly fond of the puss. So, when the cat died, and he returned home in tears to report the sad news, his daughter got going and organised a few people to realise a dream: to create a statue in honour of Ettore to put right in the spot where everyone knew him. Thus, the heart of many was set in motion: from moneyboxes on the bars to collect “a penny for Ettore” to the “Ettore



stones” painted and offered for sale. And in the end a sponsor arrived as well.



In recent days the statue was set in place and unveiled. Someone also placed some beautiful flowers, others some pretend fashion magazines with the cat on the cover. And everyone will never forget Ettore, the cat of the Viareggian fishermen.



## BATTERSEA PARK



### Noise – Fireworks.

It seems there have been quite a few complaints about this. Depending on where you lived, quite a few people suffered badly from the noise, some describing it like the blitz, military action or bombardment, with windows shaking and dogs far more distressed than in previous years. The whole thing was repeated again on the Sunday despite publicity saying it was for children, with no loud bangs.

There are several issues here: noise pollution, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions (COP 26 just finished), effect on pets and wildlife.

Fireworks are beautiful, but are the costs too high? Should we really be going to bigger and louder fireworks?

An interesting quote from one man:

*I should have thought that the suppliers of the explosive fireworks were obliged in law to provide information to the users concerning safe distances from detonation. Most fireworks now come from China and you can take it from me that the explosive fireworks out there are bloody powerful. I worked in China at the time of their New Year and the place sounded like a battlefield. The blasting at the quarry up the road from the power station where we worked was quieter!*

If you were badly affected, or have any other comments to add, then contact Enable, copying in your councillors, the Council Leader, and Paul Chadwick, the Environment Officer. Links below.

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## Report from Parks Police

**Many thanks to the Parks Police who, in spite of limited numbers, work to keep our 32 green spaces safe. Here is a snippet from their latest report to the local Ward Panel on 13<sup>th</sup> October last.**

September had been very busy for the Parks Police.

### **Below are the statistics for September.**

Byelaw 13 cycling = 125 reported warnings

Byelaw 13 electric scooters 10 reported warnings

Byelaw 13 cycling FPNs x 2

Byelaw 17a unlawful parking = 9 reported warnings

Byelaw 11 straps on trees = 4 reported warnings

Byelaw 4 climbing = 8 reported warnings

Pspos dogs = 4 reported warnings .

160 total reported warnings

2 FPNs (Fixed Penalty Notices)

They had received three complaints about **Noise at the Pear Tree Café** and made frequent checks.

During the **Chelsea Flower Show 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September** vehicles had been stopped from idling their engines. They had also stopped supplies lorries from parking on the highways.

They had been involved in the Met's arrest of someone for indecent exposure.

Read on if you want to know more:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/news-july-2021/parks-police-tackle-anti-social-behaviour/>

## **COMMUNITIES CAN DEFEAT TERRORISM**

**Don't rely on others. If you suspect it, report it.  
Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline  
Call 0800 789 321 If you are deaf or have hearing  
difficulties you can use a textphone to call 0800 032  
4539**

Suspicious activity can include

- Someone noticeably behaving differently for no obvious reason
- Someone with a large number of mobile 'phones for no obvious reason
- Someone with passports or other documents in different names for no obvious reason
- Someone who travels for long periods of time but is vague about where they are going
- Someone buying or storing large amounts of chemicals for no obvious reason
- Someone taking an interest in security, like CCTV cameras, for no obvious reason

Specialist officers will decide if the information is important

## **RUBBISH**



**Squirrel Binman aka Oak Botherer**

**The Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre remains open, but please check back here before you visit to ensure you have the latest information on any new measures we may introduce to keep you and Centre staff safe.**

Before you visit, please note:

1. If you are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a 10-day household isolation you should stay at home.
2. Track and Trace QR codes will be made available at the HWRC for users of the NHS COVID-19 contact tracing app.
3. You will be required to reverse into a parking bay (to ensure a 2-metre minimum spacing between residents).
4. Only the driver of the vehicle will be permitted to leave the vehicle. If it is essential for a passenger to assist you in carrying a heavy item, please inform a Recycling Advisor before they leave the vehicle.
5. Please maintain social distancing with staff and other residents at all times.
6. You are advised to wear gloves for your own protection.
7. If you are arriving on foot or by bike there will be a pedestrian one-way system in operation.
8. You may wish to view our webcam before you leave home

– <https://www.wrwa.co.uk> – to avoid our busy times.

**Opening Times But check here first: <https://wrwa.gov.uk/centre-opening-times/>**

**Mon – Fri 9am - 4pm**

**Sat 8am - 6pm      Sun 8am - 5pm**

**Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day – Closed**

## **LITTER AND FLYTIPPING**

**In Yorkshire, they call a spade a spade.  
(Spotted in St Mary's Gardens, York)**



The subject of fly-tipping continues to rear its head. Although it is an offence to fly tip, it is not really a Police issue. It is something that should be tackled by local communities in conjunction with the Council, who can now impose large fines. Time, Date, photos are all very important. Remember, the cost for cleaning up after these pests will fall on you, through your Council Tax. Cllr. Walker continues to pressure the Council to extend its scheme whereby it





searches bags of rubbish for clues. People in the area of St Philip Square (see photo) would certainly welcome that.

## RECYCLING

<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling>

### YES:

Paper, card, cardboard. **Please note:** Large boxes should be taken apart or cut into smaller pieces. It is surprising how many people ignore this instruction, then wonder why their large boxes are not taken away.

Clean Glass bottles and jars. Clean Metal tins, cans, aerosols

Clean Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays. Clean Cartons/Tetrapak

### NO:

Food waste, nappies, polystyrene, electrical and cables, DIY material, foil.

Shredded paper.

Decent clothing and textiles can be put in a TRAIID container.

Other metal and wood can be recycled at **Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre**. See above.

## **LIVING STREETS: The UK Charity for Everyday Walking**

**Find out more on**

**<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>**

**For your Wandsworth Branch, contact**

**Robert Molteno, Secretary, Wandsworth Living Streets**

**on [Robert.Molteno@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Molteno@gmail.com)**

### **WALKING FOR EVERYONE**

As you might have seen, our next National Walking Summit is on 22 March 2022. The theme is "Walking For Everyone", and I want to ask for your contribution.

When it comes to re-imagining our streets, we need fresh perspectives. We need to learn from a diversity of experiences and to make more space for under-represented voices in transport, health and planning sectors.

So, I am looking for personal stories, case studies, research and campaigns that capture the big ideas and real-life examples that genuinely aim to deliver walking and wheeling for EVERYONE.

Know someone who fits the bill? Answer our call for papers.

This past year and a half our street space has come under more scrutiny than ever before. This is due largely to the pandemic and our changing habits. And then there's the small matter of an unfolding climate emergency.

Meanwhile at Living Streets we are listening. This is what we've heard.

- First our Space For Walking and then this year's Cut the Clutter campaigns revealed the value of street space when it's provided and then taken away.
- Our Local Groups have shone a light on how local streets are so precious
  - have a look at what campaigners learned from teenage girls in Croydon.

- And our own research told us that more than a fifth of our supporters are disabled and that inaccessible streets affect their pleasure, safety and independence.

Our National Walking Summit is now one of the key dates in the active travel calendar. You can help make it our best yet. If you have something you think we need to hear - or know someone who does - please let us know.

Matthew Cunningham  
Living Streets



**An old Dutch Street turned into a woonerf. A woonerf is a living street, as originally implemented in the Netherlands and in Flanders (Belgium). Techniques include shared space, traffic calming, and low speed limits.**

## YOUTH GROUPS

With the shut down/distancing ruling, many of these groups, among them FAST and Elays, are unable to operate at 100% to help our young people. It is likely they will also have funding difficulty. If you find yourself with any extra cash due to not going to the cinema, the theatre, the pub, why not put some of it in a pot for when the lock down lifts.

### FAST

Yvonne Carr Centre, 2 Thessaly Road, Battersea, London  
**SW8 4HT**

**Email:**  
[info@fastlondon.co.uk](mailto:info@fastlondon.co.uk)

**Phone:**  
**07521 164 005**

or  
Kafui Brese at **FAST** on 07528 065  
764; Email:  
kafui,fastproject@gmail.com



The FAST project was established in 2012 to work with young people aged 9-25. On the Patmore Estate in Battersea, London, and partnered in 2015 with e:merge. The majority of those growing up in the Patmore Estate faced challenges of overcrowding, unemployment and poverty. If you feel you could commit to a regular donation, contact numbers above.

For activities offered, see

<https://www.youth-battersea.co.uk/a-to-z-of-youth-organisations/Fast>

# ELAYS

<http://www.elaysnetwork.com>

**OUR GOAL & VALUES: EDUCATE. BRIDGE. NURTURE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE**

To educate young people,  
encouraging them to reach their  
full potential.

To bridge the gap between local  
authorities, institutions, and the  
wider community.

To nurture and create leaders of  
tomorrow by equipping them with the right skill and knowledge.

To Empower young people by actively engaging them in project geared  
towards social change.

To engage at risk young people through our programmes and schemes.



**ELAYS NETWORK IS AN ORGANISATION THAT IS:**

**Inspired by Faith   Education Focused   Diverse   Environmentally  
friendly**

**OUR VISION IS TO SERVE AS A MODEL  
ORGANISATION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY,  
HELPING TO CREATE ACTIVE CITIZENS.**



# **WASTE NOT WANT NOT Project**

## **ABOUT US**

Waste Not Want Not Battersea has been in operation since 2017 and is the first project in Battersea to collect surplus food from nearby markets and distribute it through local community and youth centres.

We have built relationships with traders in New Covent Garden Market and other local retailers and save around 1000kg+ of food every week from ending up in the bin.

We love food and respect the whole process that goes into growing it and getting it from the source to our plates. We are dedicated to ensuring that perfectly edible and nutritious food does not become waste and instead is channelled for the benefit of local community.

Our sessions are open to anyone who would benefit from nutritious food and a chance to meet others in their local community. We work to promote an inclusive community environment, where nobody has to prove their need.

### **We are all about:**

- Creating a respectful approach to food and a greater understanding of our throw-away culture
- Promoting sharing and supportive practices in local community
- Building community cohesion and a sense of belonging through meaningful and rewarding dedication to healthy food and human relationships

For more information [info@wastenotwantnotproject.com](mailto:info@wastenotwantnotproject.com)  
and on Face Book

<https://www.facebook.com/WasteNotWantNotProject/about/>

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**COUNCILLORS' AND MP's  
SURGERIES  
CLOSED FOR THE TIME BEING  
BUT PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU HAVE  
PROBLEMS WORK DOES NOT  
STOP BECAUSE OF CV 19**

Marsha de Cordova, MP, holds weekly surgeries across Battersea, which are by appointment only. To book an appointment: 020 7924 1973

**Message from Marsha:** Usually I would be holding weekly surgeries across Battersea which are by appointment only. However, at the time of writing, my face-to-face constituency surgeries are cancelled. All surgery appointments will be conducted via phone or skype for the foreseeable future. Email [marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk) to arrange a call and someone will get back to you shortly.



**COUNCILLORS**

**First Thursday** of the month – **ROSE Community Centre, Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL**  
**10.30 – noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month – **The Venue, Park Court, Doddington and Rollo Estate, Battersea Park Road, SW11 4ND** 1-2.30 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** of the month – **Committee Room, Trevithick House, Deeley Road, SW8 4XW** – 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

**Surgeries are currently cancelled. Please email casework to:**

[cllr.a.dikerdem@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.a.dikerdem@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[cllr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## **Report – MP Marsha de Cordova.**

### **(Edited for lack of space)**

It has been a busy time, both locally and nationally. I wanted to extend my thanks to you all for your continued support. I hope you had a good summer and managed to have some rest.

#### **Afghanistan**

Since the fall of the Afghan government and the rise of the Taliban, the situation there has continued to worsen especially for women and children, ethnic minority groups and members of the LGBT+ community.

My priority has been to get as many Battersea constituents as possible out of Afghanistan. At the start of the crisis, along with my team, we were working around the clock to escalate over a hundred cases to the Home Office, Defence and FCDO. Whilst I was able to repatriate three families back to Battersea, all other cases remain outstanding. Recently, I received a letter from the Home Office to advise that they would not be responding to MP correspondence, which is deeply worrying.

I had multiple briefings with Ministers but disappointingly their lack of urgency was woeful. They have also been far too slow to set out details for the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Programme.

The three Wandsworth MPs wrote to the Leader of Wandsworth Council calling on him to set a clear target on the number of refugees they will welcome into the borough. At 5<sup>th</sup> October they hadn't made a concrete commitment on this.

There is no doubt that the current crisis will roll back the progress that has been made on the rights and freedoms of women and girls over the last 20 years. I have written to the Minister for Women and Equalities setting out my concerns and calling for the safe passage for women and girls. I also wrote to the Foreign Secretary requesting his support and action for the NOWZAD charity.

I also met with Afghan campaigners and refugee's, hearing their stories was moving and I gave them reassurance that I will continue to hold the government to account on its response to this ongoing humanitarian crisis.

#### **COP26 and flooding in Battersea**

Following the publication of the IPCC, a progress report on climate change, the Government have been too slow to deliver on the climate promises that they have made. The report exposes the disparity between government climate rhetoric and reality.

Therefore, ahead of COP26, it is fundamental that the government acts now, to protect us and future generations.

### **Flooding in Battersea**

Following the Flash floods that devastated parts of the constituency caused by heavy rainfall, outdated sewage systems and poorly managed gullies, I have spoken with constituents who were affected. They are rightfully angry that poor management and the climate crisis has made them victims. I am in regular contact with Thames Water and have called for a strategy of flood defences and a review of the sewage systems in the affected areas in Battersea.

### **Heathrow Expansion**

In the face of a climate crisis, I continue to oppose a third runway at Heathrow. I was pleased to support the Jet Zero Expansion campaign, calling on the Government to stop the expansion of Heathrow and decarbonise aviation.

### **Universal Credit**

For months I have been calling on the Government to cancel the planned £20 a week cut to Universal Credit. Most recently I wrote to the Chancellor outlying the devastating impact the cruel cut will have on over 8000 families in Battersea who will lose over £1000 a year. Together, with the rise in energy prices and the furlough scheme coming to an end, this will force more people into fuel poverty.

### **Equal Recovery**

An equal economic recovery will only come when we ensure that work is a dignified and respectful space, that allows everyone to meet their potential. Labour's New Deal for working people calls for security at work, quality jobs, a fairer economy and opportunities for all. In my former role as Shadow Women and Equalities Secretary, this starts with us calling for ethnicity pay gap reporting for all firms with over 250 employees. We have seen with gender pay gap reporting how data really is one of key components for tackling inequality: understanding the size and shape of pay gaps will help us target policies to close the gap and end inequalities at work. As part of my work calling for an Equal recovery.

I was pleased to visit the new Woolwich MTR Elizabeth Line Station with Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, and Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves MP. It was great to hear about the work TFL and ASLEF are doing to lead the way in building a more diverse and inclusive workforce, and creating opportunities for women and Black Asian and ethnic minorities.

Along with local police, I did a walk about around the Clapham Junction area to hear more about new measures and increased presence to tackle anti-social behaviour and the increase in car theft around the area. I also went on a walk about around the Shaftsbury area with resident and former MP Martin Linton to look at what action can be taken to make the Culvert Road tunnel safer.



It was fantastic to attend the unveiling of London's 2nd Rainbow Plaque - dedicated to the landmark movie 'My Beautiful Laundrette', much of which was filmed on Queenstown Road in Battersea. You can visit the plaque at the site of where the laundrette was based at 11 Wilcox Rd, SW8. It was great to hear from members of the films cast and crew, and the campaign organisers.

### **Northern Line Extension (NLE)**

It was an absolute honour to be at the opening of the two new NLE tube stations at Battersea Power station and Nine Elms with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for London. After six years of railway construction, the two new fully accessible stations opened to passengers on September 20<sup>th</sup>, connecting Battersea directly with central London in under 15 minutes. The first stations to open this century – a historic moment.

### **Women and Equalities**

As of September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, I stepped down as Labour's Shadow Women and Equalities Secretary. It has been a real honour to serve in the Shadow Cabinet on this very important brief, at a time when we have seen the pandemic exacerbate the inequalities that already existed. I will continue to fight against inequality in all its forms from the backbenches. I now look forward to focusing more of my time and efforts into Battersea.

## **In Parliament**

### **Health and Social Care Levy**

The Government rushed through all stages of the Health and Social Care Levy, which raises national insurance to pay for the social care crisis, enacting the levy in a single day. This is the biggest rise in taxes on families for over 50 years, with no thought to the impact on working people. The levy will do nothing to fix the social care crisis, missing the long-term plan of reform and investment our NHS and social care system so desperately needs. I voted against the bill and will continue to put pressure on the Government to develop a comprehensive, long-term plan to fix the broken social care system that includes a proper independent living service for disabled people and protects, rather than punishes, working people.

### **Elections Bill**

The Elections Bill, which proposes to introduce a new requirement for voter ID in UK elections and new measures on political parties campaigning jointly with non-party campaigners including trade unions, was put forward by the Government. If passed, the legislation will reverse decades of democratic progress in the UK. Three and a half million UK citizens don't have access to any photo ID and, no matter how the Government dresses it up, these plans will make it harder for working class, older and Black, Asian and ethnic minority people to vote. It is also an attack on free and fair campaigning that will have a disproportionate impact on trade unions and the Labour party. I therefore voted against the Elections Bill at its second reading and will be working with Labour colleagues to amend the bill as it moves to committee stage.

### **Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill**

The Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill had its second reading in Parliament. Disappointingly, despite the Conservatives' promises at the last election, the bill proposes to scrap the triple lock which protects state pension from losing value in real terms. Yet another broken manifesto commitment. Everyone deserves financial security in retirement. Labour will always stand up for a fair, decent pension and will continue to oppose the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) bill as it moves to committee stage.



## **Building Safety Bill**

The Building Safety Bill is now at committee stage and Labour have put forward a number of amendments, including a review of waking watch policies and protection for leaseholds against extortionate remediation costs of cladding removal. It is unacceptable that, 4 years on from the Grenfell Fire tragedy, thousands of constituents in Battersea remain trapped in buildings with unsafe cladding. I recently wrote to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government to share a dossier detailing the devastating and distressing impact of the cladding scandal on leaseholders in Battersea.

I also attended the Leaseholders Together Rally to speak with leaseholders about their experiences and the urgent need for a national effort to fix the cladding crisis.

## **Drop Ins**

Parliament has now reopened fully, and it has been great to attend a number of drop-ins over the last few weeks, to support important campaigns and meet with individuals and organisations in real life.

Some of these have included Alzheimer's Research UK, MacMillan Cancer and The Paralympians celebratory reception.

**In September**, I joined the Bereaved Families for Justice along with colleagues to walk the National Covid Memorial wall. This was in an act of remembrance to all those who lost their lives, but also to highlight the desperate need to bring the Covid-19 inquiry forward. I will continue to push the Government on this.

I am proud to support the Travel Watch and London First Campaign against bus services being cut. For many people, the bus is the only affordable and accessible means of transport and a reduction in services will have a significant impact on many people's lives.

## National Domestic Violence Helpline

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This Freephone 24-hour helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence. The Helpline can give support, help and information over the telephone. All calls are completely confidential. It offers translation facilities for callers whose first language is not English, and a service for callers who are deaf or hard of hearing is available.

Contact:

- Telephone: 0808 2000 247
- Website: [National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline](#)

### 2 Upcoming events

**25<sup>th</sup> November is White Ribbon Day**

**TORCH PARADE ON 25 TH NOVEMBER AT 6PM**

**TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO END MALE  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**MEET BESIDE THE GALLERY ON DANEBURY AVENUE WITH A TORCH,  
LANTERN OR MOBILE PHONE**

**Free personal alarms will be provided to the first 30 women joining  
the parade.**

# **IT's TIME TO END THE VIOLENCE**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-end-the-violence-addressing-domestic-abuse-as-a-community-tickets-208586777667?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>**

## **About this event**

**This community-led event aims....**

- **To Raise Awareness of domestic abuse through understanding and listening (hear from victims)**
- **To Empower individuals and communities to make a difference**
- **To Encourage individuals and communities to make a difference**
- **To put forward solutions and work together with local services**
- **To highlight and signpost existing services and support**
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**There will also be a group exercise looking at the impact of domestic abuse on the community, victims and perpetrators.**

**Free refreshments provided.**

**This event is supported by Citizens Advice Wandsworth, TALK Wandsworth and Wandsworth Council and has been organised by The Roehampton Women's Network was founded this year in response to the high levels of domestic abuse in Roehampton. It is an open group for women and has a wide range of members from local residents, Councillors, charities, Council staff and volunteers and was set up and supported by Citizens Advice Wandsworth capacity building project 'My Roehampton'.**

**If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Vicky Pigott/Jonathan Palma on 07498 455076 or email [myroehampton@cawandsworth.org](mailto:myroehampton@cawandsworth.org)**

## **Is this of interest?**

Transport Focus needs your help to tell us when road signs aren't up to scratch.

We would really appreciate it if you could send in your examples of signs on motorways and major 'A' roads managed by National Highways that are:

- confusing
- damaged
- missing information
- unreadable

These examples will help to get problems with individual road signs sorted. We will also use the information to get policy changed to make things better in the future.

If you are interested in helping and want to let us know about a sign which isn't up to scratch, please follow the link below:

<https://sortmysign.transportfocus.org.uk/>

Please note that we are only asking about road signs in England. If you do not drive on roads in England (or if you do not drive in general), then please just ignore this email.

Kind regards,  
Toby

## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, IN PARTICULAR, NOISE.**

**WBC Noise Control 0208 871 6127**

**Hours of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 09.00 - 17.00 hrs**

**Thursday (Day time) 09.00 - 17.00 hrs**

**Thursday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs**

**Friday 20.00 - 03.00 hrs**

**Saturday 13.00 - 03.00 hrs**

**Sunday (Day time) 09.00 - 04.00 hrs**

**Sunday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs**

**Emergency Control will take the call and pass it on to the Noise Officer who will then telephone the complainant for confirmation, and to arrange a visit to the area of the home, to assess the noise, and make a report.**

**Warning – if the noise takes place between 4 pm. and 7 p.m. on a Sunday, you are on your own. Automated menus drive you mad, and you end up at the beginning. There is an email service, but given that it is for non-emergencies only, there is little point in putting it here. Research on the Council's new website as to hours has proved unhelpful and fruitless. We have been told that now at least one estate has never found anyone at the end of a telephone.**

**Could this be why? Read on.**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have assessed the service we provide responding to noise complaints to ensure that we do not put you or our officers at risk. We will therefore be using a pragmatic approach responding to complaints. We will not be visiting complainants and individuals alleged to be causing noise problems in all cases, unless an assessment has been made that it is safe for us to do so. We will still continue to operate our service and respond to complaints using alternative measures such as carrying out noise assessments outside properties in some cases. It is hoped that you will appreciate why we have come to this decision.**

**Please **do not** report a nuisance using the above telephone number or online form if you live on a council housing estate, as there is separate guidance for this. Use 020 8871 7490.**



## USEFUL CONTACTS

Safer Neighbourhood Team <a href="mailto:Queenstown@met.police.uk">Queenstown@met.police.uk</a> Tweet: @MPSQueenstown <a href="https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/wandswortg/Queenstown/">https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/wandswortg/Queenstown/</a>	(020) 8247 8691/07407 492 357
Co-Chairs: Any queries are best addressed to the Secretary who can then contact all three. Secretary (Susan Ekins)	Graham Harris, Ken Jordan <a href="mailto:susan.brightonrock@gmail.com">susan.brightonrock@gmail.com</a> (020) 7228 2781
Animal Welfare Services	020 8871 7606 If urgent: 07860 534733
Parks Police Parks Police patrolling - Parks Police General Enquiries –	Emergencies - 999/Non-emergency incidents 101 07500 959442 (020) 8871 7532
Community Safety, Roger Lyddon  Michael Blair, Community Safety	(020) 8871 6950/07917 542933 <a href="mailto:Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk">Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk">Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</a>
Immobilise: Action Line (for fraud) Anti-Terrorist Hotline Noise Line (24/7)	<a href="http://www.immobilise.com">www.immobilise.com</a> <a href="http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/">http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</a> 0800 789 321 (020) 8871 6127
Streetlink & rough sleepers	<b>0300 500 0914</b> or visit <b>streetlink.org.uk</b> .
John Thompson, WBC Housing Dept.	(020) 8871 8342
FAST – Kafui Brese	<a href="mailto:kafui.fastproject@gmail.com">kafui.fastproject@gmail.com</a>
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Citizens Advice Wandsworth Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ben Tickle (parking contravention) Graffiti Line 24/7	0300 330 1169  (020) 8871 8002 <a href="mailto:btickle@wandsworthgov.uk">btickle@wandsworthgov.uk</a> (020) 8871 6127
Steve Diamond, Deputy Economic Development Officer, Chair of Community Engagement Group for Nine Elms	<a href="mailto:SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk">SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk</a> (020) 8871 6205
Potholes and other repairs link	<a href="https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755&amp;ebd=0&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755">https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755&amp;ebd=0&amp;ebz=1_1502354301755</a>

## **Water Leaks and Gas Escapes**

Do not assume that someone else has phoned it in. Please do not report these to the Council. The following free phone numbers should be used to report leaks

WATER: 0800 714614

GAS: 0800 111999

All utility companies have to prioritise works across our borough as well as other boroughs in south London. The On-Street Services team actively monitors works on the public highway and works with utility companies to minimise disruption as much as possible.

For instance, via their telephone number, or Mr Don Ogunyemi on Tel No 020 8871 6712, Fax 020 8871 3174, E-mail [dogunyemi@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:dogunyemi@wandsworth.gov.uk).