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Charlton Village & Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team

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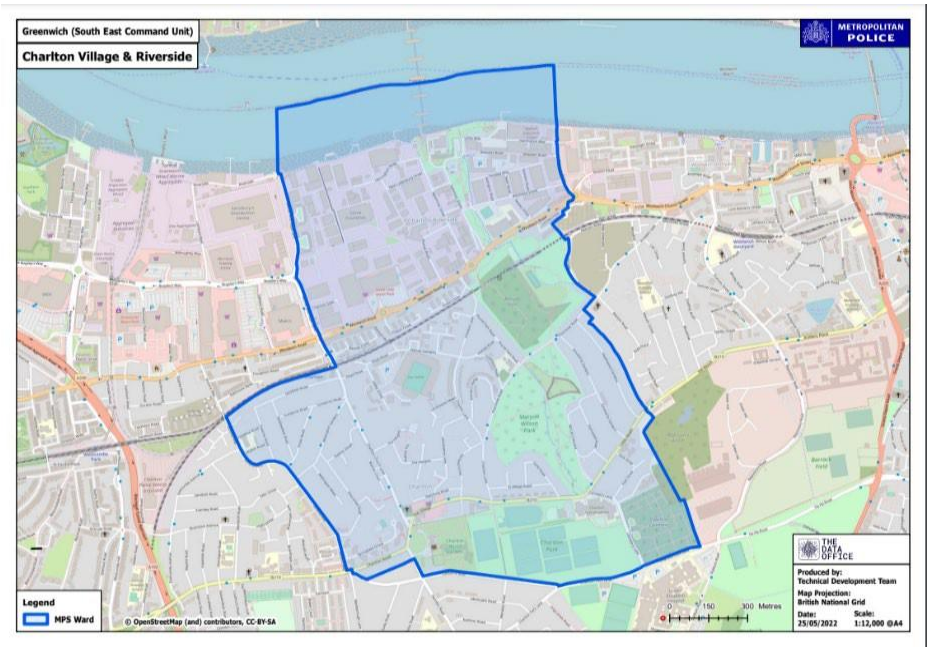
Charlton Village & Riverside – Community Safety Updates

Over the past few weeks, the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has been carrying out proactive patrols across the ward following concerns and reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB). Officers have been focusing their attention on identified hotspot locations, including:

- Charlton Station
- Charlton House
- Charlton Park
- Maryon Park
- Maryon Wilson Park
- Charlton Lane
- Charlton Church Lane
- Barney Close
- Valley Groove
- Victoria Way
- Woodland Terrace
- The Heights
- Kinveachy Garden
- Delafield Road
- Pound Park Road
- Wellington Gardens
- The Thames Barrier
- The Village



Patrols have been focused on areas affected by residential burglary, shoplifting, and anti-social behavior (ASB), providing a visible presence and engaging with residents, businesses, and victims. Through regular contact with those affected by crime and ongoing patrol activity, we can gather valuable information and intelligence, helping us better understand local issues and target our resources where they are most needed.
We encourage the community to remain vigilant and continue reporting concerns to help us keep the area safe.

Partnership Working with the Environment Agency

On 11 September 2026, the Charlton Village & Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team met with representatives from the **Thamesmead Barrier Environment Agency** to discuss issues and concerns affecting the local area. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to share information, gather intelligence, and develop a better understanding of ongoing problems within the ward. By working closely with partner agencies, we are able to identify emerging concerns, coordinate resources, and plan targeted actions to address specific issues. These partnership meetings play an important role in helping us respond effectively to local priorities and continue improving the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Panel Meeting

On 10 September 2026, the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) attended the **Charlton Village & Riverside Ward Panel Meeting** at Unit 1-2, Delacourt Road. During the meeting, officers shared an overview of crime trends from the previous quarter, discussed current policing priorities, and provided updates on the initiatives and actions being taken to enhance community safety and address local concerns.
The ward priorities were reconfirmed for the next three months:

- **Charlton Park**: Tackle drug dealing and ASB through patrols and intelligence.
- **Charlton Village**: Reduce crime and ASB with patrols and community engagement.
- **Charlton Church Lane, Floyd Road & Station**: Target ASB and drug use through increased patrols and stop/search activity.

Investing in Better Neighbourhood Policing

During September, officers were temporarily redeployed from ward duties to take part in the launch of the new **Neighbourhood Policing Programme**. This national initiative aims to provide Police Constables and PCSOs with enhanced training, skills and knowledge to help them better serve their local communities.

The programme was launched as part of **Neighbourhood Policing Week**, an annual event celebrating the importance of local policing and community engagement. Throughout the week, officers and staff attended a range of professional development sessions covering key neighbourhood policing topics, including anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, cycle policing, problem solving and protecting vulnerable people.

Community Safety and Engagement Activity

Throughout the reporting period, the Safer Neighbourhood Team has continued to support a range of policing activities across the ward. Officers have assisted partner agencies with mental health assessments, ensuring vulnerable individuals receive the appropriate support and safeguarding.

The team has also been actively involved in retail crime operations, working closely with local businesses to deter shoplifting and provide reassurance to staff and customers. In addition, targeted patrols have been

conducted on local bus routes, particularly during school start and finish times, to enhance safety, deter anti-social behaviour, and provide a visible police presence for young people and commuters.

Officers also took part in High Holy Day patrols, carrying out increased reassurance patrols around places of worship and within the wider community to help ensure the safety and security of residents attending religious services, including local mosques and other faith venues. These patrols aimed to provide reassurance, strengthen community confidence, and support the peaceful observance of important religious events.

Supporting the Ward While Meeting Wider Policing Demands

Our commitment to Charlton Village & Riverside remains unchanged, and we will continue working while abstractions can temporarily reduce the number of officers available on the ward, this training is an important investment in local policing. The knowledge and best practice gained will help officers continue to tackle local issues, engage effectively with residents, and deliver a more effective neighbourhood policing service for the Charlton community. We remain committed to keeping residents safe and addressing the concerns that matter most to our ward.

We would also like to make residents aware that local ward officers are regularly abstracted from neighbourhood duties to support policing operations across **O2 events and Central London**. While these deployments are necessary to support wider policing demands and ensure public safety, they can reduce the number of officers available on the ward at certain times.

Despite these abstractions, your Safer Neighbourhood Team remains committed to addressing local concerns and delivering on the ward priorities. Officers continue to carry out targeted patrols, engage with residents and businesses, investigate reports of crime and anti-social behaviour, and provide reassurance within the community whenever resources allow.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding during periods when officers may be required elsewhere. Please continue to report incidents and share information with the team, as this helps us identify issues, to keep the area safe and tackle the issues that matter most to residents.

Good News for Charlton Residents

In September, officers achieved a positive result following proactive policing in Charlton. A male was detained following a foot chase near the scene of a suspected burglary. During the incident, a police dog assisted officers in locating a discarded bag along the route taken by the suspect.

The bag contained suspected Class A and Class B drugs, a quantity of cash, and a suspected mobile phone used for criminal activity. The male was subsequently arrested, and enquiries remain ongoing.

This outcome highlights the continued efforts of local officers to tackle crime, disrupt criminal activity, and keep our community safe. We encourage residents to continue reporting suspicious behaviour and sharing information with the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Together, we can make Charlton a safer place for everyone.

Officers from Charlton Village & Riverside have carried out Op Retail patrols to tackle shoplifting and increased reassurance patrols around Charlton Station and Charlton Park following recent robbery reports.

During September, the Safer Neighbourhood Team supported a significant investigation following a serious assault in Charlton. As a result of proactive enquiries and partnership working, officers carried out two arrests for GBH. Investigations remain ongoing. The team continues to work closely with colleagues to ensure those responsible are held accountable. We remain committed to tackling violent crime and keeping our communities safe through visible patrols, intelligence-led policing, and swift action against offenders.

Drop-in Surgery

The Safer Neighbourhood Team recently held a **Drop-in Surgery** at Charlton Station, providing residents with an opportunity to meet officers, discuss issues affecting the community, report crime and anti-social behaviour, raise concerns about abandoned vehicles, and receive crime prevention advice.

The event took place on 26 September 2026 between 5:00pm and 6:00pm and formed part of the team's ongoing commitment to engaging with residents and understanding the concerns that matter most to the local community. Officers spoke with members of the public on a range of local issues and provided reassurance regarding current policing activity across the ward.

Community engagement events such as these are an important part of neighbourhood policing, helping officers build relationships with residents, gather local information, and ensure that policing priorities continue to reflect community concerns. The team would like to thank everyone who attended and shared their views, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with residents to keep Charlton a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Arrest Investigations and Proactive Policing

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to play an active role in supporting several successful arrest investigations across Charlton Village & Riverside and neighbouring areas. Officers regularly work alongside surrounding ward teams, sharing information, intelligence and resources to identify offenders, gather evidence and bring those responsible for crime to justice.

This partnership approach allows teams to respond effectively to emerging issues and criminal activity that may affect more than one ward. By working together, officers can carry out coordinated operations, provide mutual support and maintain a strong policing presence across the area.

Collaboration between neighbouring teams also helps ensure continuity of service when officers are dealing with ongoing investigations, attending training, supporting wider policing operations or are off duty. This cooperative approach enables us to remain visible within the community, respond to local concerns and continue tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, whilst providing reassurance to residents and businesses throughout the ward.

MET ENGAGE – Stay Connected with Your Local Police

The **MET ENGAGE** platform continues to be one of the most effective ways for residents to connect directly with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team. The service allows members of the community to receive updates about crime trends, policing activity, community events and crime prevention advice specific to their area.

MET ENGAGE is more than just an information platform; It provides residents with an opportunity to tell us about the issues that matter most to them, helping officers understand local concerns and shape policing priorities based on community feedback. Whether your concerns relate to anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime, drug-related activity, burglary, shoplifting or general community safety, your views help us focus our efforts where they are most needed.

The platform also enables officers to share appeals for information, provide updates on arrests and investigations, advertise community engagement events and offer practical advice to help residents protect themselves, their families and their property from crime. By maintaining regular communication with residents, MET ENGAGE helps strengthen the relationship between the police and the communities we serve.

We encourage all residents who have not yet signed up to register and make use of this valuable service. The more information we receive from our community, the better we can understand local issues and respond effectively to emerging concerns.

Contact: CharltonVillage&Riverside@contact.metengage.co.uk

Sign up here: https://www.metengage.co.uk

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code provided in this newsletter to register and start receiving updates from your local policing team.

Working with Partner Agencies

Keeping our communities safe requires close cooperation between a wide range of organisations. Throughout the year, the Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to work alongside numerous partner agencies to address crime, anti-social behaviour and safeguarding concerns within Charlton Village & Riverside.

Officers regularly support and assist with the execution of arrest warrants, public order operations, traffic enforcement initiatives and proactive crime reduction activities. We also work with mental health services to safeguard vulnerable individuals and ensure they receive the support they require.

In addition, we participate in joint operations with specialist police units, immigration enforcement teams, the Special Constabulary and neighbouring ward teams to identify offenders, disrupt criminal activity and protect local residents. These collaborative efforts allow agencies to share information, resources and expertise, helping to achieve better outcomes for the community.

Strong partnerships with the local authority, housing providers, community groups and other public services also enable us to address wider issues affecting residents, including environmental crime, anti-social behaviour, community safety concerns and support for vulnerable members of the public.

Stay Safe

The Safer Neighbourhood Team remains committed to working with residents to keep Charlton Village & Riverside a safe place to live, work and visit. Community information and intelligence continue to play a vital role in helping officers identify local issues, target resources effectively and prevent crime.

We encourage residents to remain vigilant, report suspicious activity and contact the local policing team whenever they require advice, support or assistance. By working together, we can continue to build a safer and stronger community for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with your local neighbourhood policing team.

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Twitter - @MPSCharlton
Discover the social network for your neighbourhood at **www.nextdoor.co.uk** or download the app

www.immobilise.com
Register your items to help reduce property crime and improve the chances of getting an item back in the event of loss or theft

Telephone - In an emergency please call **999** or if the matter is non-urgent but requires a police response please dial **101**

Useful Contacts

Crime Stoppers If you wish to contact police anonymously you can contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or go to their website crimestoppers-uk.org/

Royal Borough of Greenwich: switchboard 0208 854 8888

Trading Standards: 0208 921 8223 Email: tradingstandards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Citizens Advice Consumer Service: 03454 04 05 06

Antisocial behaviour: 02089214411 Email: contact-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Fly-tipping: 0208 921 4731 Email: envirocrime@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Abandoned vehicles: If you want to check whether a car is taxed you can check here: www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax

Untaxed but NOT abandoned report via www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle

Untaxed AND abandoned report to Abandoned Vehicle Section Email: contact-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk