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Gorton and Levenshulme

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

June - August 2010

NOWHERE TO HIDE



Knock, knock: local criminals get an unexpected visit.

At the start of May, the full might of Greater Manchester Police was felt across Gorton and Levenshulme as over 500 officers took to the streets to arrest those criminals that have blighted the local community.

Over the course of the week, the operation, named Thunderflash, saw 225 criminals arrested.

Included in this figure are the burglars, robbers, car thieves, drug dealers and anti-social people that you, the community, wanted us to catch.

Inspector Damian O' Reilly said:

"I hope the heightened police presence has not made anyone, other than the criminals, feel anxious or worried. The enforcement activity we have carried out is with the sole intention of making this community a safer place to live and work.

"Information passed on to us by the public plays a vital role in helping us get these criminals off the streets. Our Policing Pledge to the people of Gorton and Levenshulme states that we will listen to everything you have to tell us and we will act on it."

**Gorton and Levenshulme
Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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Your Local Inspector



Inspector Damian O'Reilly

We are working hard to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in order to make this area a safer place to live and work.

To help us identify any problems in your area please get in touch and tell us the issues that matter to you the most.

Ring us: 0161 856 4288

Email us: b2.npt@gmp.police.uk

Go online: Visit gmp.police.uk and fill in a priority form

Attend a meeting: See page two for details of meetings in your area

Finally, why not stop and say hello when we're out and about?

We're here to listen to you!

OUR POLICING PLEDGE



During Respect Action days, officers hit the streets and meet hundreds of Gorton and Levenshulme residents.

The Policing Pledge states that neighbourhood policing teams will work with local people to determine what the policing priorities for an area should be.

The Respect Action programme that we run with partners such as Manchester City Council and various housing associations shows our commitment to finding out what are the issues that you want us to address.

Respect Action days see officers and PCSOs hitting the streets, knocking on the doors

of hundreds of residents to have a quick chat and discover what we can do to improve your quality of life.

The Respect Action dates for June and July have now been set and we look forward to meeting you all.

Friday 4 June Debdale

Thurs 17 June Abbey Hey

Friday 9 July Gorton

Friday 16 July Levenshulme

A YEAR OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership between Eastlands Homes and the Gorton and Levenshulme Neighbourhood Policing Team is now over one-year old.

Since Eastlands took over 5,000 of east Manchester's former council properties in March 2009, they have made a commitment to work alongside the neighbourhood policing team to help the area become a safer place to live.

Working together, Greater Manchester Police and

Eastlands have closed a crack house, evicted an anti-social family and convicted eight people and issued ASBOs to offenders in the Ryderbrow area of Gorton.

More recently, a project was piloted at Wright Robinson School that looked at raising awareness of anti-social behaviour with young people and the effects upon the family and their tenancy. This project has been so successful it is now being extended to other secondary schools in Manchester.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS



We run monthly surgeries across the Gorton and Levenshulme area so you can meet your local officer and PCSO to discuss any problems that you may be experiencing in your day-to-day life.

Please take the time to pop in to your surgery as the information we receive from you directly feeds into the priorities that we set for the area.

Saturday 5 June 2010

Gorton Market,
Garratt Way
12:00 – 14:00

Sunday 6 June 2010

St Mary's Church
Elbow Street
11:45 – 12:45

Saturday 3 July 2010

Gorton Market,
Garratt Way
12:00 – 14:00

Sunday 4 July 2010

St Mary's Church
Elbow Street
11:45 – 12:45

Sunday 1 August 2010

St Mary's Church
Elbow Street
11:45 – 12:45

Saturday 7 August 2010

Gorton Market,
Garratt Way
12:00 – 14:00

See you there!

MEET THE 'NEW' SERGEANT

As is the nature of policing, sometimes our colleagues move on to new roles and challenges within Greater Manchester Police.

Andy Sidebotham, our sergeant for Gorton North, has now left the neighbourhood policing team for pastures new and stepping into his shoes is Sergeant Stuart Simms.

Stuart has been a PC on the Gorton and Levenshulme team for four years and as such knows the local area and people very well.

He said: "I'm really proud to have been promoted to the position of sergeant for Gorton North. It's a fantastic area with a real feeling of community spirit.

"Knowing the local residents so well is certainly a bonus as

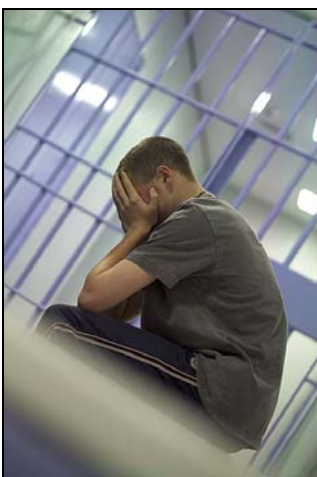


Sergeant Stuart Simms

myself and the rest of the team can simply keep on with the excellent work that has already been done to address crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

"If any residents have any concerns and would like to speak with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch."

JUSTICE SEEN, JUSTICE DONE



The neighbourhood policing team is committed to putting those offenders that commit crime in the area before the courts. We have recently seen some significant sentencing results of local criminals.

A prolific Gorton burglar has been jailed for three years. When released, he will be the subject of a five-year Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO).

The judge in the case warned him: "You're 21, but a persistent burglar. Your sentences will get longer and longer as you get older. You will get to middle age and look back on your life and see you have spent most of it in custody."

Another local offender will be spending nine years behind bars after being found guilty of numerous crimes including robbery and aggravated burglary.

YOU SAID, WE DID

Here is a taster of some of the work we have been doing over the past three months to tackle those issues that you have raised as priorities.

BURGLARY

- High visibility patrols are being implemented across the area to deter offenders and reassure residents
- Through the Respect Action programme, officers and PCSOs are visiting hundreds of homes, providing valuable home security advice
- Well-known offenders are receiving regular 'cold calls' from officers reminding them that their every move is being monitored

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- We are working with young people and their parents to ensure they are pointed in the direction of diversionary activities
- Alcohol has been seized from under-age and street drinkers
- We are working with local housing associations to secure tenancy warnings and, where necessary, evict families that cause persistent problems

ROBBERY

- Patrols have been stepped up and we are speaking to residents about how they can keep themselves safe after dark
- Officers are cold calling on known offenders to disrupt their activities

Have your say on how priorities are set by using the contact details on the front and back pages of this newsletter to get in touch with the neighbourhood policing team.

DON'T PUT A FOOT WRONG



Fast-track forensics makes it easier for officers to hunt out burglars.

In the battle against burglary, the neighbourhood policing team is working alongside Greater Manchester Police's Crime Scene Investigation Unit to ensure foot and fingerprints recovered at scenes are returned from forensic scientists within 24 hours.

This fast-track service provides officers with more time to hunt down known offenders, match the prints and make an arrest before the day is out.

Inspector Damian O'Reilly said: "Turning around prints so quickly provides us with the

evidence we need to put burglars behind bars before they have the chance to strike again.

"Coupled with our offender targeting tactics where officers are visiting local criminals on a daily basis to let them know we are watching their every move, this tactic sends a strong message to the burglars; don't even think about it. We will be coming to get you."

If you would like some advice on how you can help secure your home, please use the details opposite to contact your local officer and PCSO.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Heather Kingdom is Manchester City Council's Community Safety Coordinator for the Gorton and Levenshulme area.

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Greater Manchester Police Authority (GMPA) is the independent organisation that is responsible for scrutinising and challenging the performance of Greater Manchester Police.

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HOW TO REACH US



The Gorton and Levenshulme Neighbourhood Policing Team is based at Gorton Police Station, 11 Garratt Way, Gorton, M18 8HE.

Opening Hours

Monday:	10:00 – 16:00
Tuesday:	10:00 – 16:00
Wednesday:	10:00 – 16:00
Thursday:	10:00 – 16:00
Friday:	10:00 – 16:00
Saturday:	Closed
Sunday:	Closed

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For non-emergency calls or to report a crime telephone:
0161 872 5050

To anonymously pass information to the police, contact Crimestoppers:
0800 555 111

Call 999 in an emergency, where there is a threat to life or a crime in progress.

