

## Wormwood Scrubs updates

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### Law Enforcement Team Officers for your area –

**Ahmad Rafique, Senior Law Enforcement Officer**

**Neil Morrison, Senior Law Enforcement Officer**

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**Magdalena Niedzwiedz, Law Enforcement Officer, College Park & Old Oak ward**

### Summary:

This report outlines the role and works undertaken by the Law Enforcement Officers in Wormwood Scrubs.

The Law Enforcement Team (LET) was launched in April 2021 following the amalgamation of various teams, including the Neighbourhood Wardens, Parks Police, Street Scene Enforcement and Highways Enforcement. The LET comprises 72 uniformed officers, and the service operates 24/7, 362 days a year.

The LET's main objectives are:

- To support the Council's vision to be the best Council and deliver continuous improvement for our residents.
- To be the cleanest and safest borough.
- To work in partnership with council services, residents, partners and external agencies to develop a coordinated approach to solving issues and increasing resident satisfaction.
- To support the Police and other partners to protect residents from anti-social behaviour and crime.
- Tackle persistent issues, particularly in known hotspots in the borough.

### Details of our work in and around WWS since mid December 2021:

#### Hi-Visibility patrols:

From 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Officers have reported 308 various interactions.

LET Officers have engaged with residents, visitors, dog walkers, hospital workers, event organisers, public gym users, stakeholders and facility users.

### Public reassurance and safeguarding work:

- Undertaking daily patrols ensuring no unauthorised campers occupying WWS
- Undertaking regular patrols to deter crime and fear of crime
- Inspect the litter bins, conduct knife sweeps, report waste for clearance, and report damage to litter bins and other park furniture.
- Following an unfortunate incident where a female was attacked, LET officers patrol the area/ footpath from the car park leading to Braybrook Street at the rear of the WWS Prison. These patrols are undertaken daily as part of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) taskings
- LET officers responded to a report of a tent in the western copse, after several visits was determined the tent was unoccupied so removal arranged by Idverde

WWS is patrolled both by the North officers and the Night Teams – these taskings we will continue for the foreseeable future.

### Professional Dog Walkers

- 28 interactions with dog walkers

Mix of professional and non, educating on the need for a license if they are a professional and the Councils ruling on maximum 4 dogs per person. LET has been advised by Parks team that if we observe a professional walker without a licence or in breach of license that we are to obtain the details and report them to the Parks team.

### Safeguarding the Council Assets:

- Vehicles being parked on the grass.
- Reporting on broken bollards / Blocked drains
- Reporting of any damage to the infrastructure at WWS
- Checking on any unauthorised usage of WWS (sports events, personal training, unauthorised campers/ gazebos, illegal street trading (ice cream vendors, hot dog sellers, etc.).
- Regular patrols are being undertaken, ensuring no unauthorised campers are sighted at WWS.

### Park Locking:

- LET officers lock the WWS main gates daily
- Reporting on any defects to gates, metal bollards, fences, trees, grass, path, car parking areas, etc

### Engagement with Residents/ WWS users:

- Walkabout with the Friends of WWS was arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> January. 3 x LET officers attended to discuss the ongoing issues and the upkeep of the WWS. Unfortunately, Stephen Waley-Cohen was the only Friend of WWS available on the day.
- During one of the engagements, we met Friends of WWS laying the new hedges
- Residents using the space of WWS are often surprised to see us deep in the copses and the woods at the back running along the train line

### Collaborative working:

- LET officers work closely with IDVerde on the upkeep of the WWS.

- Attend a monthly meeting with the partners of WWS to discuss any points of interest
- Attending ASB North Forum to discuss the ASB related issues in the North of the Borough
- Working closely with the local SNT, CSU, MET Intelligence, IDVerde, users of WWS to share intelligence and enhance the partnership working.
- Working closely with the Councils' CCTV Control Room on ASB, campers, Anti Vaxers, etc.

#### Interactions Logged

ASB	13
Dog Related	28
Drug ASB	1
Resident Engagements	115
Encampment	5
Fly tipping	4
Fly Posting	1
H&S Referral	1
Hi Vis Patrols	83
Litter	2
Locking Duties	23
Weapon Sweeps	32
	308

Totalling 172 man hours

#### Braybrook Street

In response to a WWS friend reporting drug dealing in the road we have carried out 137 hi vis patrols in the same time frame along the road. This has been completed throughout the day and in the night. We have also met with the person reporting. We have engaged with numerous vehicles parked up on the road and found nothing untoward or reason for suspecting drugs and/or dealing. No vehicle spoken too in the area has been observed twice. The tasking is still on going

#### **How to contact the LET:**

We are aware that residents and resident groups will want to know their ward officers, and we are committed to ensuring that this happens. It is important that our ward officers know as much about their ward as possible and that residents are essential to assisting us with this knowledge.

If you would like to meet with the Seniors or the ward Officers on-site to undertake a site visit around WWS, please email [oldoakcollegepark\\_northwards@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:oldoakcollegepark_northwards@lbhf.gov.uk) or the team seniors at [Ahmad.Rafique@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Ahmad.Rafique@lbhf.gov.uk) / [Neil.Morrison@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.Morrison@lbhf.gov.uk).

To contact the LET, via telephone please call 020 8753 1100 (option 3 then option 1) and via [LET.HF@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:LET.HF@lbhf.gov.uk). When you contact us, your enquiry is logged and allocated to a ward officer. Ward officer will contact you with updates and arrange to

meet or speak with you etc. Old Oak & College park ward has now a dedicated email address which is [oldoakcollegepark\\_northwards@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:oldoakcollegepark_northwards@lbhf.gov.uk)

The team website be accessed here - <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/crime/law-enforcement-team>