



PARKSIDE MALVERN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING WITH SUNRISE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ON 27 FEBRUARY 2019

AN EVENING WITH PC STEVE HUMPHREY

The meeting was attended by 25 residents.

This was an informal discussion at which Steve described his role and residents were encouraged to express their experiences and concerns.

Steve is a newly appointed ward PC after having served in Haringey for many years in various other posts. He joins a team of 3 ward PCs with a PC support officer. It is hoped to expand the team to 6 officers. Noel Park, Northumberland Park and Edmonton Green are viewed as the most demanding wards in the newly combined Haringey/Enfield police district, in terms of anti-social and criminal behaviour. This comprises drug dealing, gangs and violent crime.

There is also a team of rangers who patrol the High Road. They are employed by the BID, ie the businesses in the area. Their role is to discourage crime and to support the police. They have no power of arrest.

As well as intervening directly, the role of the ward PCs is to be visible on the streets, to observe and hold local knowledge, and to refer to other services eg for homelessness. As residents of the streets bordering the High Road, the major concern raised was the amount of overt drug dealing. Residents of The Avenue described dealing in their street at all times of day and night. This involves noisy transactions with both cars and pedestrians who can appear hostile. PC Humphrey said he was not aware of this problem in The Avenue. He recommended that all such incidents should be reported by phoning 101. This is a 24 hour call centre service. He stressed that it is important to report every incident in order to build up a picture of where there are problems. The police encourage reporting online but one resident had tried and found it impossible to use. PC Humphrey admitted it is not a well designed service.

PC Humphrey is aware of criminal activity associated with particular houses in our streets and said there are plans to address this. Similarly with people gaining access to Sky City and using the stairwells for prostitution and drug dealing.

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour is a long term problem with no easy solutions. As residents our main resource is information and PC Humphrey urged us to communicate and **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.**

Use 101 to report non urgent issues and 999 if you are feeling at risk.

The ward PCs are available direct on the free app Nextdoor.

The ward panel comprises the local police, businesses, local services and residents. It meets every three months. Ryan has been our only rep for some time. It urgently needs new members.

This was a useful meeting. Steve was thanked, tea and biscuits were enjoyed and £13 collected in the bucket.

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