

Lea Bridge Ward Panel, February 11 at St John Ambulance hall, Mildenhall Road E5

Springfield and Lea Bridge wards have joined together with one sergeant, PC Alice Perry now in post, two PCSO officers, plus an extra dedicated officer.

Sgt Fiona Dawson reported

- Burglary has dropped. A lot of cul de sacs so not so much through traffic.
- ASB issues. Monitored on a daily basis, working with community safety officer.
- Lea Bridge ward is not too badly placed compared to other wards regarding burglary.
- Been doing some intelligence gathering. Some suspect crack houses we are collecting evidence for.
- People hanging around the area and we don't know who they are. Alice is checking this out in the ward, particularly Casimir Road and Beecholme Estate.

Issues

*A resident raised the problem with drug dealers targetting residents of flats in Prout Road. Fiona will follow this up.

*Residents have previously complained about a 'crack bench' in Millfields Park. Fiona was keeping a watching brief.

*A resident reported Millfields Park keepers lodge broken into recently.

*Former Magnet building site on the corner of Leagrave Street and Chatsworth Road had a recent problem. A private party held with no reference to residents which caused noise and traffic into the early hours and chaos. Discussion. Cllr Rathbone had written to the owner and informed the planning dept handling an application on the site. It was inconsiderate behaviour.

Peter Snow, LBH Community Safety Officer runs the out of hours service on Thurs, Fri & Sat and other nights. One officer in office and two out. Can attend if residents have problems with late night parties. Residents should contact Pollutionsupport@hackney.gov.uk or phone [0208 356 4455](tel:02083564455). He said they will do their best to come out. If it's a serious problem, call pollution and also call the police.

*A resident complained the sign stopping turning right out of Prout road is too small. Cllr Rathbone informed that TfL are reconfiguring the junction and Upper Clapton Road after a campaign by ward councillors and residents, and are improving the bus

stop at Prout Road and the road sign may well be changed, possibility of a block in the middle of the road.

*Parking issues. People ignore red routes. Constant double parking at Theydon Road at the Leaside Road end around the railway bridge. Cllr Oguzkanli will take up the issue see what the Council's Parking Dept has to say about the matter, and ask for an investigation of the situation by the Council.

Cllr Rathbone said there are now many more residents in the area needing somewhere to park. Parked cars in Leaside Road and Theydon Road are stopping lorries parking to load and unload as it is an industrial area as well. Peter Snow suggested asking parking officers to patrol more in those areas. He said people can call 020 [8356 3000](tel:83563000) and ask for parking enforcement. Fiona said businesses should be given a warning and heads up on the problem and be asked to stop. Alice is looking at the planning regulations.

*A resident raised a general issue of supermarket lorries parking on double yellow and never getting tickets. Cllr Oguzkanli said he would also take up this issue of why tickets are not being issued to lorries delivering to the larger supermarket chain shops in the borough for example, outside Tesco on Lower Clapton Road. It was noted that this is not only illegal but, that it also poses a risk to other road users and disrupts the flow of traffic. The following actions were agreed:

1. Councillor Oguzkanli to contact the Parking Enforcement Team to request a report on how many parking tickets have been issued to these particular lorries in the following locations;
 - Tesco on Lower Clapton Road
 - Sainsbury's on Mare Street
 - Tesco on Kingsland Road (by Haggerston Station)
2. In addition, residents also wanted to include the area around Theydon road.

Residents were encouraged to contact the Parking Enforcement Team on 0208 356 3000 (Hackney Council main switchboard) to report incidents of illegal parking.

*At Southwold school there have been parking problems at drop off and pick up times during the day. The Council is working with school and parents (and the children!) to improve the situation, mostly to discourage parents and carers bringing children to school in cars.

*Councillors have been campaigning for more bike racks in the ward – a new car shaped one is to be placed near the school entrance in Detmold Road. Residents should let them know if they felt some were needed in their area. There is a waiting list for the installation of the racks around the borough.

Contacting local Police

Before handing over the meeting, to the Ward Councillors for the Forum meeting, Sgt Dawson encouraged the residents to contact the local Police to discuss the

possibilities and practicalities of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in their area.

Contact details: Fiona.A.Dawson@met.pnn.police.uk / SNTGD-Leabridge@met.pnn.police.uk / SNTGD-Leabridge@met.pnn.police.uk / 0207 161 8213 / 07884 117 293.

There are already two neighbourhood Watch Groups – Casimir Road & Beecholme, and Blurton Road.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm.