

West Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Dates – 01/06/2024 – 01/07/2024.



West Neighbourhood Policing Statistics

Top Areas for Burglary / Vehicle crime 1st June – 1st July

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Daisy Hill – Burglary Offences

Horwich East – Vehicle Crime Offences



Vehicle Crime

27 crimes



27 crimes have been recorded in total for vehicle Theft, Theft from Vehicles and Vehicle Interference from 1st June – 1st July 24.



Good News Stories



Westhoughton

Working alongside officers from the Road Policing Unit and other partners such as the DVLA the team conducted a hugely successful Traffic deployment (Operation Considerate) which resulted in over 54 Traffic Offence Reports issued for a variety of offences including Speeding, No Insurance and driving without due care and attention.

As part of the monthly priority the team working alongside the Organised Crime Team (Op Challenger) have executed 3 drugs warrants which has seen a large number of controlled drugs seized.

Horwich

Working pro-actively the team have arrested a number of offenders for Drink/drug driving and have seized 3 vehicles under S165 for no Insurance. A persistent youth offender has received a custodial sentence following repeated shoplifting offences she was arrested for.

Residential Burglaries

31 crimes



31 crimes have been recorded in total for Residential Burglaries from 1st June – 1st July 24.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Related Crimes

45 crimes



45 crimes have been recorded for Public Order from 1st June – 1st July 24.

West Neighbourhood by Area

BLACKROD OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 0 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 0 OFFENCES

CHEW MOOR & HUNGER HILL OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 0 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 0 OFFENCES

DAISY HILL OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 9 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 0 OFFENCES

HORWICH NORTH OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 1 OFFENCE
VEHICLE CRIME – 3 OFFENCES

HORWICH EAST OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 4 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 6 OFFENCES

HORWICH SOUTH OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 4 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 2 OFFENCES

HORWICH WEST OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 3 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 3 OFFENCES

WESTHOUGHTON NORTH OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 2 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 3 OFFENCES

WESTHOUGHTON SOUTH OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 5 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 5 OFFENCES

HEATON & LOSTOCK OVERVIEW

BURGLARY – 3 OFFENCES
VEHICLE CRIME – 5 OFFENCES

Off - Road Bikes

We have had numerous complaints of off-road motorbikes in the past few months.

We want to make you aware privately owned e-scooters remain illegal in the UK. The only e-scooters permitted are the rented versions seen in city centres. E-scooters should not be ridden on the roads or pavements. They are classed as a mechanically propelled vehicle. When used on a road the use then changes the status to motor vehicle, and as such there is then a requirement for licence and insurance. E-scooters can be seized under Section 165A Road Traffic Act 1988. They are difficult to retrieve from a recovery agent once seized as they cannot be insured.

E-bikes are legal as long as they do not have a motor exceeding 250W and have not been adapted in any way. To remain legal an e-bike offers pedal assistance to 15.5mph, after this the electric motor stops providing the assistance. E-bikes become illegal if the motor is more powerful than 250W, or the bike can move with pedalling - for example, a twist and go throttle, or the motor provides assistance beyond 15.5mph. This then put the bike into the mechanically propelled vehicle bracket, and again if used on a road it is then classed as a motor vehicle.

The other type of electric bike we see is the Suron type off-road bike. These are essentially an electric off-road bike and are not permitted on UK roads - unless registered and insured, and the rider has a licence to ride that category of machine. The Suron bikes are particularly dangerous due to the speed they can achieve and are often ridden by inexperienced riders with no helmet or protective clothing. We are seeing more and more collisions involving Suron bikes on our roads. If a Suron bike is used on the roads it can be seized under Sec 165A RTA and are difficult to retrieve from recovery agents due to inability to insure them.

Operation Hurricane (GMP's response to this problem) is now underway, and we will be ploughing additional resources into problem locations over the summer months. If you have any information about bikes / riders causing anti-social behaviour, please pass this onto your local officers or anonymously via Crimestoppers. Keep an eye on our social media and Bee in the Loop for updates.

Funded by the Department for Education and co-ordinated locally by Bolton Council, the HAF programme supports children and families on **benefits related Free School Meals** with FREE fun and enriching activities alongside a meal for a minimum **4 hours a day, for 4 days a week!**

Whether you love sport, enjoy the arts, or just want something fun to do with friends, the HAF programme is jam packed with unique experiences in a location near you! Simply click on the Postcode you're interested in before following the booking instructions from you're selected provider. You will need to provide your HAF code when booking to prove your eligibility.

Don't have a HAF code? Whilst the programme is aimed at children and young people on benefits related free school meals #TeamBolton's HAF programme offers many FREE sessions to all school aged young people! Look out for Council ran sessions in your local community.....

For more information on the national HAF programme visit the [Gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

Ensure your home is secure whilst on holiday

Going on holiday is an exciting time and something that we all look forward to. However, before going away on holiday you need to think about the security of your home, as returning from a holiday to find out your home has been burgled would be both upsetting and stressful.

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Most burglars are opportunists, with their motive in the main being to get into a property as quickly as possible, steal something of value and then leave as quickly as possible. A secure home will therefore be a deterrent to them and reduces the chance of you becoming a victim of a burglary.

Alfie Hosker, Technical Manager at Secured by Design, the official police security initiative

Follow the advice below from Secured by Design to help keep your home safe while you're away

- Ensure doors and windows are in a good state of repair and that good quality locks or bolts are fitted to all outside doors
- Ensure the locks on all windows and doors are in good working order and are locked. Any broken or defective locks should be repaired by a Locksmith registered with the Master Locksmiths Association www.locksmiths.co.uk
- Remove the keys from all windows and doors and put them in a safe place when you leave the house
- If you have an intruder alarm, make sure it's set. If you don't have one consider having an approved alarm system installed. Visit www.policesecuritysystems.com/choose-an-alarm to find out all the information that you need to know to assist you in choosing the right security system for your home or business
- Make use of timer plugs with lamps and radios to make your house seem occupied. You can also get photosensitive bulbs, which are activated when it gets darker
- Don't leave valuable items such as laptops and jewellery in view of windows. Lock valuable items away in a ground anchored safe or you could consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members whilst away



Secured by Design



Official Police Security Initiative

West Neighbourhood Priorities

Drugs Supply Across Westhoughton

Intelligence required in relation to drugs supply across the area that can be developed for purposes of obtaining S23 warrants and other pro-active operations.

Operation Safe4Summer

Targeting Anti-Social Behaviour over the summer period and school holidays. Patrols will be working alongside the Community Safety Team to respond to all the issues of ASB and loom to divert young persons involved / deal with any criminality reported.



Crime Prevention - Links to crime prevention advice:

[Crime prevention advice | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](#)

[Prevent Keyless Car Theft \(8 Quick Tips\) & What Relay Theft is \(locksmiths.co.uk\)](#)

[Preventing car and vehicle theft | Crime Prevention | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)

West Neighbourhood Upcoming Meetings and Contact Details

Contact the Team

Do you have any questions? Please feel free to contact one of the members of the West Neighbourhood Team listed below.

Inspector Jamie Hibbert, West Neighbourhood Inspector – 11699@gmp.police.uk

Sergeant Mark Robertson, Westhoughton and Daisy Hill – 19229@gmp.police.uk

*Sergeant Emma Crowe, Horwich / Blackrod / Heaton and Ladybridge
13781@gmp.police.uk*

Bolton West email inbox – Boltonwestneighbourhood@gmp.police.uk

*Reporting ASB? This can be done by reporting the matter direct to Bolton Council who have a dedicated officer working alongside the local NBO Team
asbreporting@bolton.gov.uk*



Bee in the Loop

Bee in the Loop is our new way of communicating with our communities. It gives you the opportunity to choose what information you'd like to know about, including crime and incidents in your local area.

Members of the community can sign up with their postcode so GMP can send targeted messaging to those communities about the issues that matter to them, which will go to them directly via email or text.

