Bolton District



Neighbourhood News

December 2024



Problem Solving

- Bolton Prevention Hub have planned some targeted activity regarding Operation Classify. This operation is aimed at reducing death and serious injury Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) on our roads. There are operations targeting 3 high risk routes which are being stepped up in the lead up to Christmas.
- ASB week of action 18/11 24/11. Working with partner agencies, giving inputs at schools and youth clubs.

Targeted Activity

- PC Finch has started the Community Speed Watch for Bolton, with 3 volunteers joining so far. The team is currently targeting approved roads in Farnworth before moving onto other hotspot locations around Bolton. The Community Speed Watch Scheme is an operation whereby individuals from the community volunteer their own time to operate a speed camera on vehicles passing through. The scheme is another way in which the community can get involved in the issues which are of concern. Greater Manchester Police would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their own time in aide of helping their communities thrive.
- A section 34 Dispersal order was implemented on the 2nd December at 7pm in Bolton Town Centre. As there was an increase in anti-social behaviour that evening, a dispersal order was authorised to ensure that all visitors to the Town Centre get to enjoy the experience without experiencing anti-social behaviour or disorder. The order was authorised in order to avoid large groups gathering and engaging in antisocial behaviour. It remained in place until 11pm that night.

Engaging Communities

- The Bolton Neighbourhood are hosting monthly drop-in surgeries in your area. Sign up to Bee in the Loop for more information on the upcoming events in your area.
- In Late November, the Bolton North
 Neighbourhood team held it's first Interfaith
 meeting at All Souls community centre. The
 purpose of the meeting was to bring together the
 faith groups from across Bolton North to meet the
 local neighbourhood policing team and members of
 Bolton Council Community Safety Team. The
 meeting was well attended by representatives from
 our Churches, Mosques and Hindu Temples. It gave
 Inspector Clarke and PCSO Fox the opportunity to
 update those present with the issues the
 neighbourhood team are currently dealing with and
 for those present to raise any issues or concerns
 that they might have.

Good News

- As a result of information received from members of the public via crime stoppers, the Bolton North Neighbourhood Team have executed a drugs warrant in Egerton. A 22-year-old male has been arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs. A large amount of class B drugs were also seized from the address.
- Excellent work by PC Jackson and the Bolton West Neighbourhood Team resolving issues of ASB in Westhoughton
 over the remembrance weekend. The issues saw multiple calls to the police over two nights and complaints from
 residents / councillors and the local MP. PC Jackson has dealt with the issues swiftly and within a matter of days has
 identified, as a result of interviews and extensive CCTV trawls, 10 youths who were responsible. All the youths have
 now been placed onto the ASB pathway and the recorded crimes have been dealt with quickly and appropriately via
 Out of Court Disposals.
- Officers from the Bolton South Neighbourhood Team located a cannabis farm with 20-25 plants worth over £10,000 in the loft of Century Lodge. An investigation is ongoing to locate the suspect who is known to our officers, whilst the haul will be dismantled, seized, and destroyed. Sergeant Jess Prudence said "This is a prime example of us acting on information to keep our communities safe. We are determined to take the fight back to the criminals."

Other News

- We have recently had reports of potential Bogus Tradesmen operating on Hough Fold Way. Bogus Tradesmen have previously targeted the area and can be very convincing. They may appear to be genuine Tradespeople, so we would urge people to do their research before employing a person or company to do any work for you. Rogue Tradesmen will often demand cash up front, won't use any paperwork, and will often create new "problems" which need fixing to get more money. Crimes like these can have a huge impact on the victims so if you know or live near to any vulnerable or elderly residents, please look out for them, and contact the police immediately if you think they are being targeted.
- On Monday 18th November, the Bolton Mini Police attended Bolton Wanderers Stadium to receive an exciting input from our Crime Scene Investigators. The Mini Police learnt all about the evidence we can find such as fingerprints, footprints, DNA etc. They all swept for fingerprints, asked lots of questions and took turns using the different equipment.



Upcoming Events / Activities

- Bolton South PACT Meeting 15th January 6pm –
 7:30pm at The Salvation Army, BL3 3QZ.
- Police Drop In 17th December 6pm 7:30pm at Windsor Road community centre.
- Increased patrolling as part of Operation North Star on retail locations such as the Town Centre and Middlebrook.
- Patrols will be actively targeting offenders under Operation Limit (Winter drink / drug campaign).
- Initial briefing for Community Speed Watch 14th
 January 2025 7pm 8pm at Ladybridge Parish Church.
 Seeking Volunteers.

