



St Katharine's & Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Team

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BREACH OF CIVIL INJUNCTION

You can get a civil injunction as punishment for anti-social behaviour. It is given by a court if the person is causing persistent anti-social behaviour, and this is evidenced by reports from the police, a council or a landlord. This is why it is important to report incidents of anti-social behaviour using the right channels.

Tower Hamlets Homes have applied for a number of civil injunctions, imposing certain rules on individuals causing nuisance around their estates (and not only their estates). Those rules may vary, for example: stay away from a particular area, stop loitering with certain people or in groups of more than 3 people, etc. If the rules are not followed, the punishment for breaching a civil injunction is up to 2 years imprisonment or unlimited fine if you are 18 or over.



In July our team dealt with the female found in Wapping being in possession of drug paraphernalia (3 crack pipes), which was the breach of a civil injunction. This injunction was issued in 2018 following the application by Tower Hamlets Homes. The female was arrested on Friday afternoon and we then

presented her to Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court on Monday morning. At the second court hearing the offender was given 20 weeks imprisonment.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

Ahead of summer school holidays we attended two primary schools of Wapping to provide safety advice.

On 11th July children of different ages from Year 1 to Year 6 have greeted us at Green Gables Montessori Primary School and asked us numerous questions. Despite young age the kids have a good understanding of potential risks of our interactions with strangers, both online and in real life. This will be helpful in summer time, when children and their parents travel abroad.

We also popped in to the nursery to see the youngest children of this school. No talking here. But it was great to see them all and take a group photo for parents.



On 17th July we have been invited by Tipu, Wapping Youth Centre Hub Leader, to St Peter's London Docks Primary School to talk about knife crime. We met Year 6 students and spoke about conflict resolutions and potential dangers of someone carrying a knife in public places or hiding it in local parks or estates. It was quickly agreed that carrying a knife is not an answer to resolve a conflict. It was a productive discussion, with children involved. They definitely have critical thinking skills.

We would like to wish all Year 6 students the very best luck starting secondary school in September.

VEHICLE RELATED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Two vehicles have been reported to us by residents who witnessed noise nuisance and littering caused by the occupants. We carried out checks and now the registered keepers will receive ASB warnings about possible consequences. Both incidents occurred in Wapping High Street, outside Hermitage Memorial Garden.

We are reminding our residents that you can report careless and inconsiderate driving online: <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/rti/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>. You can even upload the footage from your dash cameras. A careless driver is one that drives without due care and attention. This may include overtaking on the inside, cutting into lanes, or driving inappropriately close to another vehicle. An inconsiderate driver is one that drives without giving sufficient thought to others. This includes many anti-social driving behaviours, including splashing pedestrians, inappropriate use of high beam headlights or sounding your horn to force other road users to give way.

What if you do not have video evidence? In July we have issued the First Instance Warning under S59 Police Reform Act 2002 to the registered keeper of the vehicle, based on a written witness statement. The driver was seen to be driving inconsiderately and carelessly, causing alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public. This vehicle will be seized if the driving in such a manner persists.

EVICITION

We often attend incidents involving disputes between landlords and tenants. The only way for a landlord to evict most residential occupiers is by way of a court order and then a bailiff's warrant. A warrant can only be enforced by court bailiffs. Housing providers often go to court to apply for a writ of possession following

persistent complaints from residents of anti-social behaviour and drug related activities taking place at their premises. This was the case with a residential address at Parfett Street, E1 (Whitechapel). A few months back we assisted Whitechapel SNT with a search warrant at this address, where we have found drugs. On 19th July we assisted CDS Co-Operatives with the lawful eviction, and our presence was requested to prevent a breach of the peace.



DRUG AND VIOLENCE ARRESTS

Officers from the Violent Crime Task Force regularly patrol across London, including Tower Hamlets, carrying out stop and searches and other activity to disrupt violent criminality.

VCTF and local officers recently attended a call to a group of males fighting on Wapping Lane. The suspects made off on police arrival but after a brief search two were detained and arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm.

Cannabis was found on searching them so they were also arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply a Class B drug.

REPORTING CRIME

In an emergency, if a crime is occurring right now or the suspect is still there always call **999**

If it's not urgent, you can call **101** or report online at www.met.police.uk

You can report anti-social behaviour there or to Tower Hamlets Council (search Tower Hamlets ASB), or to your housing provider, depending on your address.

If you want to report something anonymously, visit Crimestoppers at crimestoppers-uk.org or call them on **0800 555 111**

If you want to get in touch with the SNT you can email us at stkatharines.wapping.snt@met.police.uk or call **020 8721 2854**

Please note there are three of us in the team so we are not available 24 hours and may take a while to get back to you, so please report crime by the methods listed above.