Neighbourhood Watch in Hanger Hill

Hanger Hill councillors and the police Safer Neighbourhood Team are committed to Neighbourhood Watch in the ward.

The main aim of Neighbourhood Watch is to create a partnership between the local community, the police and the local authority.

If we work together, keep an eye on our neighbourhoods, share information and foster a community spirit, this can help to reduce crime.

Neighbourhood Watch started in the UK in 1982. There are now more than 150,000 schemes running throughout the UK covering nearly 5 million households, which makes Neighbourhood Watch the largest voluntary movement in the country.

Some insurance companies offer home insurance discounts to Neighbourhood Watch members for their commitment to protecting their neighbours’ homes.

There are 10 watch schemes currently in Hanger Hill ward:
- Ashbourne
- Beaufort
- Brentham & Willowmead
- Brunswick East
- Greystoke East
- Hanger Hill Gardens & Hanger Vale
- Hillcrest
- St Augustines
- Twyford Abbey South
- Twyford Abbey North

Neighbourhood Watch can target local crime problems and take action to prevent them. The local police liaise with Neighbourhood Watch members to find out what crimes most concern local people and focus on those specific problems.

Most crime is opportunistic, when a car or house is left unlocked. This means there is enormous scope for reducing opportunities for criminality.

Traditional Neighbourhood Watch activity has focused on the immediate vicinity of homes. However, more and more schemes are now broadening their range of work.

Neighbourhood Watch is an essential and vital community function in fighting and preventing crime. They serve as a point of contact and social interaction for neighbours.

For further information about Neighbourhood Watch or to find out how you can join a scheme where you live, please call the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team on 020 8721 2947.

Local police team is back up to full strength

A new sergeant has been appointed for Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). Sergeant Darren Gray has joined the team and it will now have its full complement of officers.

Hanger Hill residents were dismayed to learn last year that the ward’s police SNT staffing levels were lower than advertised and that available remaining officers were being redeployed to assist other wards.

Ward councillors met with senior police officers late last year and in February to pass on the concerns of residents.

The long-term future of neighbourhood policing in Ealing and in particular Hanger Hill ward, is still not yet known and a review of neighbourhood policing is expected later in the year.

 Newly appointed Sergeant Gray said: “I have taken over responsibility for the policing of Hanger Hill and I have inherited a keen and proactive team dedicated to the safety of the local community. We aim to deliver on our commitment to the ward and please do not hesitate to contact us, so that we can work to solve your problems”.

Sergeant Gray will be attending the ward forum at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road on 3 March.
**Next Ward Forum Meeting**
3 March 2011, 7.30pm-9.30pm
The Brentham Club, Meadvale Road, Ealing W5 1NP.

Issues that will be discussed in the meeting include:

- Your ideas for local Hanger Hill improvements as part of the ward’s £37,500 budget
- The possibility of increasing Hanger Green Open Space and removing a dangerous section of road at the same time
- Is the information notice board in Queens Drive an eyesore? Should it be removed.

To see the forthcoming agenda of this ward forum and read the notes of previous forums, visit the Hanger Hill Ward Forum page on the council website: www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum.

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**Get involved in the £20,000 Recycling Challenge**

Hanger Hill ward is aiming to be top in the borough for the highest proportion of households recycling. The winning ward, as well as the three wards with the greatest improvement in recycling rates will each be awarded £20,000 for environmental improvements in their local area as part of the council’s Recycling Rewards Scheme.

It is vitally important that all residents continue recycling and if you haven’t yet started then please start using your green box, your kitchen caddy, your compost sack and your plastics sack.

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**news in brief**

- The new 20mph zone and a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) extension in Hanger Green is completed and hanging baskets should be installed soon in new positions.
- The Priory Gardens/Norbreck Parade gating scheme has been approved and the gates have been ordered.
- Vehicle Activated Signs and a new width restriction are in place in Queens Drive.
- Consultation is being carried out regarding shopping parade and road improvements to Queens Parade and Boileau Parade.
- A new zebra crossing for West Twyford Primary School is now agreed.
- A CPZ consultation is in progress for Mount Avenue.
- Consultations for both a 20mph zone and a CPZ have begun in West Twyford.

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In a non emergency call 0300 1212.

**Envirocrime**
Tel: 020 8825 6000 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Report it online at www.ealing.gov.uk Email: customers@ealing.gov.uk for litter, abandoned vehicles flytipping, graffiti removal, and flyposting.

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**What is a ward forum?**

Ward forums are public meetings where councillors and residents discuss local issues. They were set up in 2009, replacing the council’s area committees, and are supported by neighbourhood coordinators - council officers who follow up the business discussed at each meeting.

Each ward holds three forums a year where a wide range of issues and concerns are raised. Examples are improving parks and open spaces, traffic congestion and parking, crime and anti-social behaviour.