



# The Communicator

## News From Hillingdon Police

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### Dan's Discussion

Hello and welcome to the return of monthly Communicator Newsletter.

For those of you who have not met me yet, I took over the role of Safer Neighbourhood Inspector for Hillingdon in July 2021 from Inspector Writer.

Something which I wanted to see was an improvement in our communication with you the public so I have strived to see The Communicator return.

What you can expect from this newsletter is a monthly round up of what my officers have been doing and crime prevention advice on locally raised issues

We also have an up to date contact list for all of the Safer Neighbourhood Ward Teams across the borough.

Inspector Dan Lipinski

### Catalytic Converter thefts

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft.

To protect your converter:

- Ask your vehicle dealership if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer.
- Try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight.
- If this isn't possible, park in an area that is well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the converter can't be easily reached by potential thieves.
- Fit a tilt sensor alarm – it will alert you if a thief attempts to jack up your vehicle in order to steal the converter

### Burglaries

Burglars are opportunistic and observant; they look for homes with windows or doors left open, or with vulnerable features they can exploit. With the weather heating up make sure you're aware of this!

## Community Issues

### Dangerous Dogs

Each year, the Met receives over 2,400 calls relating to dogs and, on average, three dogs per day are taken into police custody.

A dog is said to be dangerously out of control if:

- there is reasonable apprehension that it will injure any person
- if a dog attacks another animal and there is evidence that the owner / person in charge had not sufficient control over the dog

Make sure you've got your dog on the lead when taking them for a walk

### Watch out for Wing Mirror scams!

There has been an increase of reports where crafty claimants have been trying to get one over innocent drivers. They will look to indicate that you have caused damage to their wing mirror following a collision. They will want to exchange receive payment for the cost of the damage by the roadside.

If this occurs exchange details and report it to your insurer like you would with any Road Traffic Collision. If something doesn't feel right then contact the police and we can investigate if it was a scam.

The Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is always looking for new recruits! Join Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch by registering at

[www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)



### Hillingdon's Beat

Community is at the heart of what we do, here are two officers at just one of our many community engagements across the borough. Check in with your wards twitter or Owl account to see when your next one is.



Brunel ward officers have been very busy! With the assistance of newly joined officers from Uxbridge Police Station they conducted Operation Sonic on Cowley High Road targeting drivers with no insurance & no driving licence. In addition to this PC Deo was able to recover a quantity of herbal cannabis from a vehicle search on Lees Road, Hillingdon.



A day of action was had on Heathrow Villages Ward listening to concerns of residents, hotels & local businesses. Officers even disrupted a drug deal that occurred in front of the stall!

Townfield & Barnhill wards were doing a routine welfare visit in Hayes Town, these two weapons were found hidden at the address. Great and diligent work by the team keeping our streets safe.



Op. Sandcat was created an operation targeting catalytic converter thieves in WA, notably Hillingdon.

Over April our SNT were able to work in partnership with the vehicle enforcement team who were on patrol in Ickenham and the surrounding areas of Hillingdon targeting these thieves.





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### Contacting Your SNT

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team should always be your first port of call if you have an ongoing problem that you want us to address. Each team has a nominated Sergeant supervising them. This list is up to date as of April 2022:

#### Sgt Althea Thomas

Harefield, Northwood, Northwood Hills & West Ruislip

#### Sgt Damian Keyes

Cavendish, Eastcote, Manor & South Ruislip

#### Sgt Anish Sharma

Brunel, Hillingdon East & Ickenham

#### Sgt Liam Harmon

Uxbridge North & Uxbridge South

#### Sgt Crystal Govers

Botwell, Charville & Pinkwell

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