



Three co-ordinators met with the De Beauvoir Safer Neighbourhood Team at their Orsman Road office on October 13th 2009.

Crime figures for the De Beauvoir area – June to mid October 2009

The figures above cover the De Beauvoir Safer Neighbourhood Team area and include quite a lot of

Street	Theft of/from Motor vehicle	Assaults	Other theft + cycles	Burglary	Criminal damage	Robbery & snatch	Total per street
Lawford Road	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Southgate Road	1	2	7	1	2	3	16
Northchurch Rd	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Northchurch Terr	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ufton Road	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Culford Road	3	1	4	3	0	0	11
Southgate Grove	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Orchard Mews	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ufton Grove	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	9	3	14	7	3	4	40

activity outside the Neighbourhood Watch area – including for example the whole length of Southgate Road. In addition the figures refer to more than four calendar months. All of which caveats mean that the police team feel the crime figures for our Neighbourhood Watch area are lower than before.

In addition they have had a number of successful activities. A flat was closed on the Colville Estate (for anti-social behaviour) and a drugs house was closed on the Kingsgate Estate. Both of these places acted as a focal point for a variety of opportunistic crimes, largely to feed drug habits and the crime figures do reflect these activities. As the result of good local policing (being on the ground) 171 bags of cannabis were found on the DeBeauvoir Estate and a further 61 bags were found in one of the Turkish clubs. The police team are concerned that there are a number of ‘cannabis factories’ in the area and in some cannabis is being mixed with crack, or even heroin, to get people dependent.

Finally, here are a few suggestions of ways to improve your security as dark nights draw in and Christmas approaches:

1. If you have lights on timers, consider scheduling some of them to go on and off in sequence – this gives the appearance of someone moving from room to room.
2. People seem to be back to fishing through letter boxes – so don’t leave keys in the inside of the door, or in sight in the hall (especially car keys) and consider fitting a downward sloping cover on the inside of your letter box.
3. So people cannot see into the basement of your house, close the curtains, use net curtains or the shutters, if you have them.
4. Remembering that it will soon be Christmas (!) don’t leave attractive piles of presents in view. When you go away please leave keys with someone - listening to a neighbours' alarm going off at full pelt for a long time can be wearing.

The next Watch meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday 5th January 2010 at Orsman Road.

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gives more details about this 'local police, local knowledge' initiative.

Useful contacts

To report a non-emergency or a crime which has already taken place – **call 0300 123 1212**

In an emergency or if a crime is taking place always call **999**

Hackney Council – 020 8356 3000 - Homerton Hospital – 020 8510 5555