

Rob's Rapport

In the last newsletter I told you how I was reverting back to my previous role as north Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood inspector and asked for suggestions for renaming this piece.

The winning suggestion of "The Inspector's Rapport" came from John who explains it as follows – Rapport: 1. Report, talk; 2. Relationship, connection, correspondence. I like it and have amended it slightly. Thanks to everyone else for their suggestions.

In previous newsletters I have discussed the official surveys that measure confidence and satisfaction in Hillingdon Police. This time last year we were doing pretty badly according to the survey results. Only 57% of those polled thought we were doing a good job. This was the worst result in London.

Since then we have been working hard to change that perception. We have increased the number of dedicated ward officers in each Safer Neighbourhood Team and we have pushed out good news stories all the time to name just two areas.

I am happy to report that our confidence rating (police do a good job in the local area) has increased to 65% and our satisfaction rating (victims who have needed our services) is the 4th best in London at 78.4%. We also ran our own local survey using the same questions and the results were even better with 77% of local residents saying we do a good job. This is a testament to the hard work of those police officers who come to work every day and night and face some pretty

horrendous things to keep us safe. Well done to them and thank you to those who gave us the thumbs up.

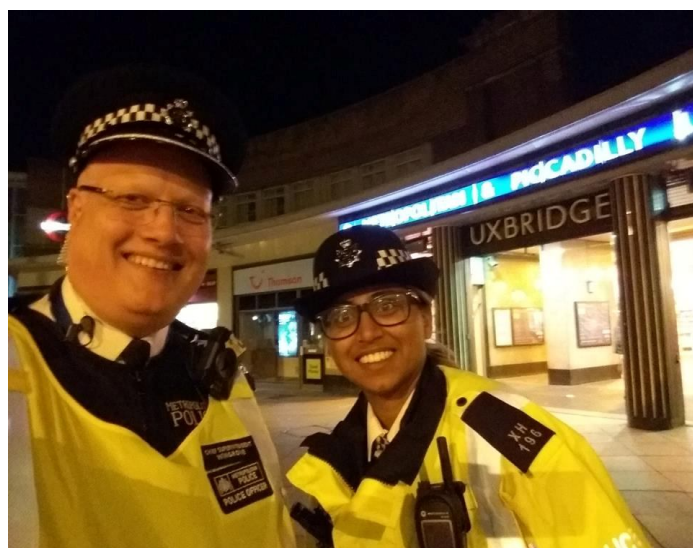
Inspector Rob Bryan

Spot the Boss

Chief Superintendent Colin Wingrove likes to lead from the front and if his officers have to do it, so does he. Recently he has been seen out on foot patrol in Uxbridge Town Centre and taking a crime report at the front counter.



We expect him to pop up somewhere new soon. Keep an eye out and if you see the man, stop him and say hello.



Changes

As modernization or other changes takes place or are planned in the Met I will tell you about them here.

Last month, Chief Superintendent Wingrove and a representative from the Mayor's Officer for Policing and Crime held a public meeting to discuss the **MOPAC Public Access and Engagement Strategy**. This is a wide ranging strategy and if you want to read the whole document then just put the part shown in bold above into a search engine and you will find it. For those of you unable to attend, the main points coming out of that meeting were:

- The number of police buildings across London will reduce.
- In Hillingdon, we will have one main police station with a 24/7 front counter. Hayes Police Station is the favoured option.
- Those who attended unanimously said it should be Uxbridge that remains if we go to one station.
- It was also raised by those who attended that a second station should exist in the north of the Borough.
- The MOPAC rep was going to feed these points back to the strategy writers.

When I hear more factual details I will share them with you here.

Burglary crime prevention advice

As we enter autumn and the nights start to close in again, please take the opportunity to review your home security. There are some simple things everyone can do to reduce the chance of being burgled:

Always double lock UPVC doors. If you only ever lift the handle, a burglar can be in within seconds. Leave a light or two on when you are out, use a timer switch so they come on if you are going to be out for a while. Secure your sheds and ladders, and make your garden boundary secure. If a burglar can easily get into your back garden they will have all the time in the world to get in.

If you can afford it, get an alarm, or motion activated external lights.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously in the neighbourhood always let us know.

Hillingdon's Beat

Everyone loves a good dog story. These cute animals were found by officers on our emergency



response team when responding to a call. They were without water or food and as you can see from the picture, desperate for some love. A man was later convicted of a number of animal welfare offences and banned from keeping animals.

Burglars beware. Hillingdon Police has a dedicated Crime Squad who actively target burglars. In the last two months they have stopped and searched 150 people, arrested another 70 (including known burglars), seized 10 cars and recovered an adapted firearm. Good work.

Never off duty. Whilst enjoying lunch with his wife on his day off, PC Auston noticed a man in possession of a stun gun disguised as an iPhone which he was attempting to use on another person. PC Auston followed him and arrested him and recovered two stun guns. As a result the man was sentenced to 20 months in prison.

A promotional graphic for ACT (Action Counters Terrorism). It features a dark blue background on the left with white text: "REPORT YOUR CONCERNS.", "CONFIDENTIALLY.", "0800 789 321", and "gov.uk/ACT". On the right, there is a photograph of a man in a suit talking on a mobile phone. The ACT logo and the text "ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM" are overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

Always report suspicious activity. No call is a wasted call.

If you are caught up in an incident, don't stop to film it, just run.