

Furzedown Safer Neighbourhoods Team COMMUNITY BULLETIN August 2009

Ward Priorities

- **Tackling Motor Vehicle Crime:** The team continues its efforts to combat motor vehicle crime, which remains low in comparison to other wards on the Borough. As well as being involved in ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Operations, we are monitoring and targeting known Offenders who live on the ward.
- **Preventing Burglary:** From this month, all victims of burglary on the ward will automatically be referred to the Wandsworth Borough Flash scheme. This is an excellent home security improvement scheme which will benefit those residents affected by these crimes enormously. Details can be found on the Wandsworth Council Website. Furzedown Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is working closely with Lambeth Borough Safer Neighbourhood Teams to tackle cross border burglary offences. With the recent warm weather, the ward experienced a sharp rise in offences, with access being gained through open windows and doors, so a number of Crime Prevention initiatives will be taking place across the Ward. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
- **Illegal Street Trading of Vehicles:** The team has recently made contact with Highways Enforcement Officers at Wandsworth Borough Council, with a view to tackling the issue of illegal trading of vehicles from a public highway. A number of vehicles are parked, unattended in residential roads across the ward whilst being advertised for sale. This is usually as a result of one trader, who purchases a number of vehicles at auction and offers them for sale from the public highway, in order to evade legitimate trading. The Police have limited powers to deal with this issue, however working alongside the Highways Enforcement Teams, a number of interventions can be implemented in order to identify, detect and deter these offenders.

Community Initiatives and Engagements

- **22nd September 2009** Public Meeting 7.30pm Furzedown Project Moyser Road.
- **17th October 2009** Drop in Clinic 2pm Eastwood Street SW16
- **7th November 2009** Property Marking Event 12pm Furzedown Recreation Park

Other News

- PS Keeley Tye has returned to the team, as Police Sergeant for Furzedown Ward. Sergeant Abiola has moved to a new team in the borough. We all thank him for his hard work and dedication to the ward and wish him well in pastures new.
- A new Police Constable is shortly to be joining the team, to take the team to full strength. The team will then consist of 1 Sergeant, 2 Police Constables and 3 Police Community Support Officers. In addition, the team will also have 1 further Police Constable and 1 Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) dedicated to Graveney School and the surrounding area.