

Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime in Walton



Who's here

Inspector Sarah Milligan

Sergeant Charlotte Chambers

PCSO Jo Fahey

Joanna Gordon & Melvyn Mills - WoTTA

Mark Middleton - The Heart

Jonny Blair - St Mary's Church

Sue Boffin - Honeypots Nursery

Mike Turner - Sandy Way Residents

Mike Hendry - Walton Rowing Club

Graham Mann - Walton Cricket Club

Sally Riche & Mark Conlan - Sainsburys

Danny O'Sullivan, Gary, Josh & James - McDonalds

Martyn McCarthy - Resident and year 9 parent

Brian Welsh & Norman Evans - Ashley Park Residents

Nigel Mort - Morts Wine Bar & Chairman Pub Watch

Tracey Blandford - Chatterbox Marketing, WoTTA online, year 9 parent

Chris Sadler & Graham Woolgar - Walton Residents Councillors

Lee Cholewa & Steve Hart - RES Heads of House Year 9

Danny Kent - Walton & Hersham Football Club, Walton Tennis Club

Ivan Lawler - Elmbridge Canoe Club

Subway Manager

Andy New - Surrey Crime Prevention

Why are we here

- Widespread concern about increase in ASB and crime
- To paint a clear picture of situation in Walton
- To find out what's being done about it
- To make Walton a better place to live and work

High Street

Large groups of intimidating young people
James Neave - window smashed
Willful damage & drunken/drugged behaviour
Cars severely damaged
Bins set alight
Graffiti on buildings
Chronic littering



McDonalds

Staff verbally abused regularly

Staff threatened regularly

Large groups displaying intimidating behaviour

Damage to furnishings - £768

Damage to electronic order point - £1000

Staff commentary - Josh & James

The Heart Shopping Centre

Shoplifting constant, plus:

Debenhams - £1000 single occasion

Sainsburys - £11,000 recent unaccounted losses, majority theft

Next - window smashed

Sainsburys - window smashed

Car park barrier severely damaged

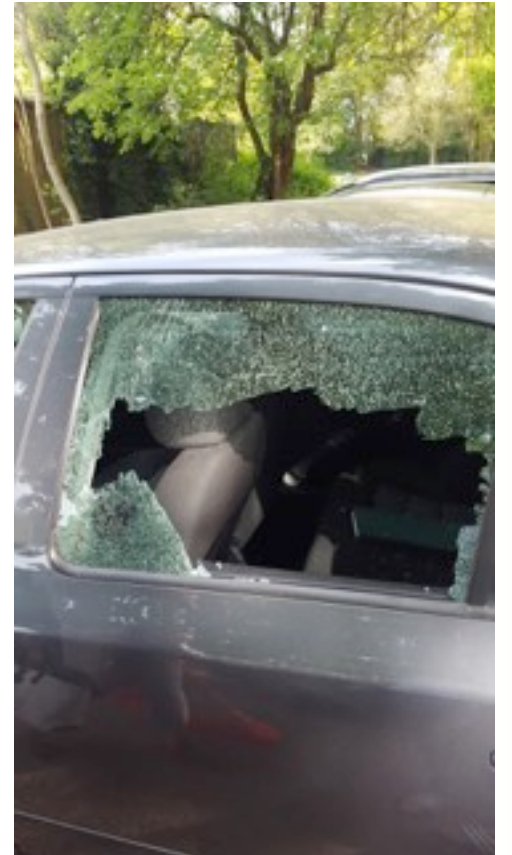
Graffiti returning to the car park

Vagrant sleeping rough



Ashley Park

Regular graffiti
Chronic littering
Wide-spread drug use
Cars vandalised in car park
Threatening and intimidating behaviour
Underage drinking
Homebase staff put out a fire



Walton Cricket Club

Criminal damage to cricket equipment

Racial abuse of club members

Drug use

Abusive and intimidating behaviour

Astro turf set alight

Graffiti on buildings

Chronic littering; drugs, broken bottles, condoms

Severe consequences for Honeypots Nursery

Strollers vets football team adversely affected



Cost to Club

- Covers vandalised with cigarette burns - £1,400
- Screens - £800
- Clock on roof – £5,000
- Fencing – £480
- Signage – £150
- Guttering – £1,500
- Flag pole – £760
- Vandalised & burnt chairs – £100
- Three separate fire burns on artificial grass in front of pavilion use by nursery. Cost of replacement £1,700
- Pilates weekly evening class of 10-15 women intimidated by aggressive youths resulting in cancelled booking costing £4,750 in lost revenue

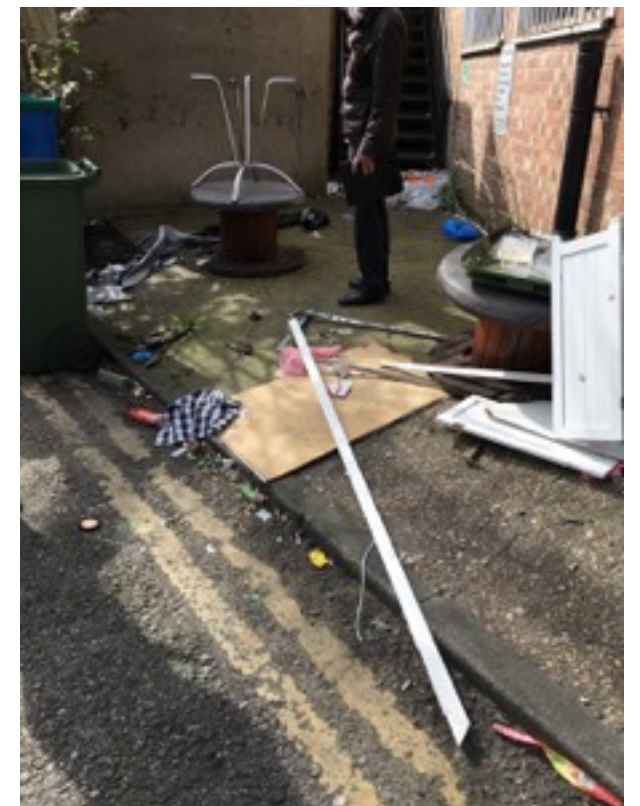
Druitts Court Car Park

Dangerous behaviour at great height
Throwing items - shopping trolleys - off top storey
Wilko now not able to have trolleys
Spitting off the roof onto pedestrians
Drug dealing
Noise disturbances



Wellington Pub area

Chronic littering
Fly-tipping
Drug use
Alcohol use



Other parts of the town

Old Anglican building - barriers damaged

Stompond Lane Football ground - fence destroyed

Elmgrove Rec - drug use, intimidating groups, swearing, graffiti

Riverhouse Barn - burglaries, abandoned car

St Mary's Church - drinking & littering

Tow Path - littering & graffiti

Littering a problem all over the town

Homebase car park - car vandalised

Desborough Island - fly tipping & graffiti



Residents

Ashley Park

Significant rise in anti-social behaviour, vandalism & litter

Crime and burglaries increased

Loud night-time disturbances from cricket club area

Burwood Park - increase in burglaries

Sandy Way - increase in littering

Other parts of town - reports of increased thefts of bikes, mowers etc with break-ins to sheds. Reports of anti-social behaviour such as throwing rocks, abusive behaviour. Cars set on fire.

General feeling that the town is becoming unsafe to go out at night

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Ashley Park

- CATEGORIES _____
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- General

Post in Crime and Safety

Walton-on-Thames Town Centre

Cat Turner from Walton Town · 22 Apr

hello all,

Has anyone one else noticed that Walton Town is turning into a teenage angst hot spot?

Seriously very scary at times with groups of 20 - 100+ running around screaming & shouting at anyone & everyone!

With the filthy streets & terrible drain smells STILL despite endless water works, especially the High Street, Walton is turning into a real dump.


Disgusting on ALL levels.

Shared with Walton Town + 20 nearby neighbourhoods in Crime and Safety

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A screenshot of a Facebook post from the page 'Elmbridge Beat (Surrey Police)'. The post is dated 'April 28 at 10:13am' and includes a small blue icon of a police badge. The text of the post reads: 'Surrey Police and the Fire Service were called to vehicles damaged by fire, a bin fire and papers being damaged by fire in the Walton Central area last night. These incidents appear to be acts of arson, and we believe that they are linked. A male was arrested near to the incidents on suspicion of arson and on suspicion of having a bladed article in public. The male remains in custody as the investigation progresses. Anyone with information that may be able to assist this enquiry is asked to call 101, quoting reference 45170043511, or alternatively by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Thank you.'


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by **Buffy** • Tue May 05, 2015 9:52 pm

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Re: Vandalism in Walton

by **Mattewmitchell** • Tue May 05, 2015 10:07 pm

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The whole point here is that a whole series of incidents, some of them very serious, have been reported to the police. I have been told about the police response by the victims, who feel frustrated and let down that instead of treating what is happening as a trend that needs dealing with, they seem to think that issuing a crime number and waiting for the next piece of shoggy to occur is effective policing.

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'People are becoming scared to live here – it's not a nice place'

Fears as string of suspected arson attacks ends with huge car blaze

by TOM SMURTHWAITE
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A blue Vauxhall Corsa exploded in a car park in West Molesey on Tuesday night, sending flames and plumes of thick smoke shooting 40 feet into the air.

The blaze followed a string of suspected arson attempts in Waltham in the early hours of last Friday.

Cars were targeted in Winchester Road and Kings Gardens, with a bus set alight outside the KFC in the High Street.

Police have confirmed they are investigating all the fires.

The West Molesey car fire happened in Downs Street at around 10.20pm on Tuesday.

One resident, who asked not to be named, witnessed the fire from a flat in nearby Grosvenor.

"There was a small bang and I thought, what the hell is that? Then there was a big explosion and a ball of flames rose up above the

area about 40 feet in the air. It was huge.

"Everything died and melted, and there was a big crackling sound too."

The car fire is the latest in a series of incidents in the area.

"It's been a bit of people in Molesey are becoming scared to live here. It's not a nice place to be any more," the witness said.

"It's quite weirding. I've got a young family and really don't want them exposed to this. We're looking to move out or away from it."

Months of two telephone boxes were directly impacted by the Winchester Road blaze – it was here car fire was targeted.

"It was a huge fire. The top part of the car and everything inside was completely melted," the 44-year-old said.

"And the front window in our house was cracked by the heat."

Police said Mrs Emma Taylor lives in Kings Gardens, and the bus incident in Waltham.

"It's crazy. I've lived in Los Angeles, New York and south London. I was kind of shocked that this sort of thing could happen in Waltham," she said.

"It's a bit nerve-racking, and pretty concerning that no one has been caught, if that's the case."

A spokesman for Tish's bus station said crews were called out to the West Molesey incident at around 10.15pm on Tuesday.

He said the petrol tank on the car, believed to be a Vauxhall Corsa, had melted due to the heat and gases had exploded.

"The car was parked on the road," he said. "Luckily, the dynamic officers of Tish's bus station were able to get the fire out quickly."

Surrey Police said no one was injured in the West Molesey fire.

"Enquiries are currently ongoing to determine the cause of the fire," a spokesman said.

The burnt-out car in Downs Street, West Molesey
Photograph: Stephen Pope for the Daily Mail



Walton & Hersham Pub Watch

Some good news:

Lowest number of recorded incidents in Elmbridge

What does this mean:

Our offenders are under 18?

What we've done



2016

Visual audit tours with
police, council & local
Councillors



2017

Created Walton Watchdog with WCC



A better place to live & work

Held Litter Picks



Launching Walton-in-Bloom



Working with RES

Offer volunteer opportunities

Help with work experience

Find out what they want in Walton

Form a working group

Get their students engaged in the community

Make their students Ambassadors



Most common questions

- Can we have an increased police presence, especially at night?
- What are police doing to identify people responsible with all the high quality CCTV images available? Who's coordinating this?
- What are the consequences when caught?
- What about an anti-littering campaign with fines?

