



Notice of Meeting

General & Trustee


Date of next meeting	5. February 2026 from 4pm
Venue:	177 Teviot Street London E14 6PY ///table.elite.eager
Agenda points:	Car ASB, abuse of blue badges Absent Councillors Lack of Ward Panel priority settings Community discussion AOB Trustee meeting (confidential)

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Reporting of Crime

Tower Hamlets Crime Watch Latest News!

Please see 
for the latest news
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Tower Hamlets Police

Ward Panels

St. Dunstan's 21/01/26
Spits & Bang 21/01/26
Whitechapel 26/01/26
Stepney Green 16/02/26

For other community
engagements

Please visit our web page
[Tower Hamlets Police](#)
[Safer Neighbourhoods](#)

**Phone numbers for ASB
reporting to the Council
for Council tenants:
020 7364 2332**

noise, parties, music 020 7364
5007/8 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm,
Thurs-Sun 8pm-3.30am

stray animals 020 7364 5008
Illegal parking ring 020 7364
6804

All emergencies call 999

British Transport Police – non urgent
Text 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40

Police - non urgent –
call 101 or report online website,
live chat to officers
<https://met.police.uk>

Or use X @metcc

keeping your online accounts safe
Be Switched On



<https://www.met.police.uk/police-forces/metropolitan-police/areas/campaigns/2025/be-switched-on/>

Australian Bondi Beach attack on Jewish community.

Met Commissioner Mark Rowley sent a statement saying that Anti-Terrorism policing to be stepped up and chants like “globalise the intifada” will lead to arrests.

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/metpoliceuk/news/joint-statement-from-the-commissioner-of-the-metropolitan-police-and-the-chief-constable-of-greater-manchester-police-504494>

ActionFraud has been renamed to ReportFraud

<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>



Call 0300 123 2040
[reportfraud.police.uk](https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/)

Consultation closes 25/2/26 for licensing of knife sales
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/licensing-for-knife-sales>



Community Safety Plan 2025-2029



Tackling acquisitive crimes and ASB

By 2028 we will have achieved:

- Residents can quickly and easily report anti-social behaviour (e.g. drug-related activity) and the council and police respond to hotspots as they develop.
- The number of recorded business crime offences has reduced by 5%.
- We have a Business Crime Reduction Partnership with a minimum of 20 local businesses signed up.
- The Fire service will complete a minimum of 720 fire audits per year to identify fire risks and potentially reduce the number of house/flat fires.

Tackling violence

By 2028 we will have achieved:

- 15% reduction in recorded incidents of serious violence (including knife and gun crime).
- 10% increase in the proportion of women and girls who report feeling safe in public spaces at night.
- Increase the number of coordinated multi-agency operations targeting modern slavery, human trafficking, and exploitation networks, by 33%.
- Create and implement a clear offer from the council and police to support children remaining in mainstream education by Q2 of 2026.



Tackling drug supply and substance misuse

By 2028 we will have achieved:

- 10% increase in successful disruption or closure of organised crime groups linked to drug supply.
- 15% reduction in the number of recorded drug trafficking offences.
- 100% of the top 50 problematic individuals identified for persistent drug misuse and associated criminal behaviour, are managed through Integrated Offender Management (IOM) or targeted enforcement.
- Individuals who have successfully completed drug treatment has increased.

Tackling hate crime and improving community cohesion

By 2028 we will have achieved:

- 8% increase in the proportion of residents from under-represented or over-policed communities reporting trust and confidence in local policing, measured annually.
- 15% reduction in repeat hate crime victimisation.
- Increase in the number of residents that feel people, in their local area, from different backgrounds get on well together.

Launched on 19. December 2025

The complete lack of reference to the ASB Policy or ASB provision is obvious.

ASB policy approval has now been set back to 18. February 2026. There are 70+ ASB officers patrolling in Tower Hamlets without an officially sanctioned ASB Police and ASB must be mentioned in the Community Safety Plan.

<https://towerhamlets.moderngov.co.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IssueId=162552&OptionNum=0>

Hate Crime

Whilst Council published proudly: "Tower Hamlets is recognized for its strong community cohesion, with 91% of residents expressing that they get on well together, despite being one of the most densely populated areas in the UK." The official Community Safety Plan mentions more community Cohesion is needed. The Hate Crime Plan also strongly expresses a preference for supporting left-wing political movements and declares all non-left political expressions as being the cause of all problems.

"The emergence of far-right activism in 2024 has put a strain on community tensions across the country, with some protests evolving into rioting behaviours: particularly in communities that are home to people of global majority backgrounds." The Council says on Page 38 of the Community Safety Plan 2025-29 from Council. It may be already out of date as it relies on the old hate crime handling. See our latest article on the issue. We oppose this plan; we have not been consulted on it either. <https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/2025/12/23/community-safety-plan/>

We support all national laws that support safety and crime prevention for all without political prejudice. **All legally operating political parties have the same rights under the law.**

We do not support the demand to reduce Stop and Search as mentioned in the Safety Plan on page 38, where a disproportionality is implied as given fact.

While there are concerns about the use of stop and search powers, the police have not been definitively found to accept disproportionality.

We think it's peculiar that local Tower Hamlets Police promote this Community Safety Plan as is.

we help restore community cohesion, join us to develop change.

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/join/>

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/donations/>

Help us improve services in Tower Hamlets by donating to our organisation. Your support is needed. Please consider a monthly donation via your bank.



We are shocked to learn the treatment police officers have to endure. Tower Hamlets Crime Watch urges all to support our officers in their duty.

Real terms pay cuts of 21% since 2010 have left Police Officers struggling to afford food, rent & heating whilst facing unprecedented violence. Government stats show 39,099 assaults on officers last year - of these (16,690) saw officers injured.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-use-of-force-statistics-april-2024-to-march-2025/police-use-of-force-statistics-england-and-wales-april-2024-to-march-2025>

The proposed reduction of police forces in England and Wales to 12 is part of a significant restructuring initiative led by Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood. This plan aims to merge the current 43 territorial forces into 12 large regional mega-forces to enhance efficiency and reduce costs. The reforms are expected to streamline oversight to local mayors and councils, which will also save taxpayers an estimated £100 million in the coming years.

<https://x.com/BettyBoochichi2/status/1998543361985122346?s=20>

When we heard that British Transport Police have cutbacks, Metropolitan Police now also cover Transport for London locally more

Policing plans shift constantly.

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/metpoliceuk/news/met-and-tfl-strengthen-partnership-to-keep-londons-roads-and-transport-network-safe-504485>

New Estate Strategy set outs plan to put neighbourhood policing at the heart of London's communities

The Met is calling on partners to help deliver 40 new policing hubs for neighbourhood teams across London, as part of major plans to ensure the Met Police is at the heart of the communities it serves to tackle crime and drive down violence.

Up to 200 police buildings to be sold and instead policing hubs, which are within 20-minute walking distance to be created.

<https://www.met.police.uk/police-forces/metropolitan-police/areas/about-us/about-the-met/estate-strategy/>

Tried to ring us without getting through, book an appointment using our event calendar
<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/event-calendar/>

Free business course

Having a contract that clearly sets out the intentions of the parties can reduce the chances of unnecessary disputes and costs.

It can also clearly set out your rights and responsibilities and the obligations of consumers and other businesses that you enter into contracts with.

MS Teams, 15. Jan. 2026 13:00 - 15:30

book online Contract Law Basics for Business –

<https://events.tradingstandards.uk/ContractLawBasicsforBusiness1#/buyTickets/selectTickets?lang=en>

Learn how to use your mobile devices, phones in free lessons at your community centre.

Book here.

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/2025/11/14/free-skills-training-and-vouchers/>

Want to discuss your situation, having questions how we work?

Book here

<https://calendar.app.google/qWCPw1qWTnLfrSRh9>

Other news

London areas with the highest crime rating

Showing the top areas in London with the highest weekly average crime rates (Dates range from Nov 2024 to Oct 2025)

4	Camden Avg. weekly crimes: 957 Avg. weekly burglaries: 42
5	Tower Hamlets Avg. weekly crimes: 903 Avg. weekly burglaries: 44
6	Lambeth Avg. weekly crimes: 852 Avg. weekly burglaries: 33

See next three ▾

Search by postcode

Security Specialists ADT have launched a new Interactive Crime Map on their website.

It puts Tower Hamlets as 5. highest crime rating.

A Crime Score Card put Tower Hamlets into the 20 safest boroughs.

See our Crime Statistics for more information.

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/2025/12/22/crime-stats-dec-23/>

You do NOT have to be subscribed to Met Engage to read their messages

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/safer-neighbourhoods/>

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/safer-neighbourhoods/submissions/>

Please up-load footage and picture you have that expresses how you cope with and feel about drug related situations in Tower Hamlets.

Victims of Crime cry for help

Ensure you report correctly:

All emergencies must call 999

1. **Report on the Met Police website, or at a station**
2. **make a report and get a reference**
3. **ask for a follow up**

1. **Communicating with Police is safest from the Met Police website or in person at a police station.**
2. **Do not report crime or ask for crime up-dates on Met Engage. Use Met Engage as source of information only.**



MET ENGAGE
Community crime-fighting

We get actual victims of crime who are in distress contacting us, stating that they cannot get help for their problem.

We assure you, we never engage in direct action with criminals, but we realise that any victim of crime, gets disoriented, feels powerless and loses proportional thinking.

People who lead busy lives and have families, jobs, friends; have little time to negotiate the forest of information that is available online.

Met Police have now created various layers of communication, which increases the choice to contact them but does not make it easily clear to victims of crime what is the most effective method.

We now make it easier for you to get a direct link to your Safer Neighbourhoods Page on the

1. Met Police website
2. Met Engage.

These are two different systems, run on different website, but you can see all messaging published on both sites without subscription. Visit



<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/safer-neighbourhoods/>

To get up-dates on crime reports

- Contact the Crime Management Service by
- Visiting <https://www.met.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/> and choose up-date option
- Dial 101 option 3
- Or dial 0207 484 6700 to speak with Met Police Victim Focus Desk, which is staffed 08:00-20:00 weekdays and 08:00-16:00 weekends

Please again note, you do not get this service via the Met Engage platform. Your local SNT officers cannot give you this service. Also, Tower Hamlets Council THEO officers have no access to Met police records.



Scam Marshall Newsletter

Return address: FREEPOST, NTSST, Mail Marshals

Compensation for victims of scams and fraud (spread the word)

If you have been coerced or manipulated into sending money to criminals, you are not on your own, and UK rules now offer stronger protection. Since 7 October 2024, the Payment Systems Regulator has introduced a mandatory reimbursement approach for most situations where money has been transferred to criminals through common bank transfer routes. In many eligible cases, you should get your money back quickly, typically within five business days of making your claim, although banks can take longer in specific circumstances.

There are limits. Banks can apply an excess of up to £100 per claim, and they should not apply this to vulnerable customers. The standard maximum reimbursement under the rules is £85,000 per claim.

If you have had more than £85,000 stolen and it is not fully repaid, you can escalate the complaint to the Financial Ombudsman service. If this happens to you, contact your bank straight away and ask to start a reimbursement claim.

Direct Debit Scams – it is always worth checking!

The Scams Team is seeing a rise in Direct Debits being set up in people's names without clear consent. This can happen after details are gathered through manipulated calls, misleading websites, or unclear forms. These scams have been related to white goods service plans and drainage protection, but they could come in any form.

Please take a couple of minutes this week to check your bank statements, and your list of active Direct Debits, for anything you do not recognise. You can get the list on your online banking or by phoning your bank by dialling 159 on your phone and asking for the bank that you bank with. If you spot a payment or instruction, you did not authorise, call your bank straightaway, ask them to cancel it and raise a refund claim.

Then report it to Report Fraud right now at <https://reportfraud.police.uk> or 0300 123 2040.

Friends Against Scams



The National Trading Standard Scams Team raises awareness of mass marketing fraud through the Friends Against Scams initiative. Anyone can access the free online training at <https://friendsagainstscas.org.uk> or attend a face-to-face meeting organised by one of over 2,500 SCAM champion volunteers throughout the UK, and join the over 1 million friends against scams!



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