

**Meeting, 5. February 2026, from 4pm**

**At TAG Shop, 177 Teviot Street, London E14 6PY**

Tower Hamlets Crime Watch

# Newsletter

February 2026

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Report Crime to Met Police

**CRIME/ASB  
REPORTING QR CODE**

Need to report a crime or anti-social behavior?  
Scan the code to access the Met police website.  
You can use this to report a wide range of crime,  
ASB or intelligence to police.






MORE TRUST | LESS CRIME | HIGH STANDARDS

**From Tuesday 3rd March 2026, Bethnal Green's front counter will move to the following opening times for the public:**

**Monday to Friday: 10am-10pm. Saturday and Sunday: 9am-7pm.**

# Tower Hamlets Crime Watch Latest News!

Please see   
for the latest news  
and appeals



Tower Hamlets Police

**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

**Bruni blank firing guns must  
be surrendered by 27/2/26 or  
risk of 10-year jail sentence**

## Consultations

### Ward Panels

Island Gardens 16/02/26  
Stepney Green 16/02/26  
Canary Wharf 18/02/26  
Mile End 12/03/26

See our events calendar on our website  
For other community engagements  
Please visit our web pages

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

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/safer-neighbourhoods/tower-hamlets-police/>



**Firearms Amnesty for  
Bruni Blank-Firing Guns**

**Important Notice for Residents – February Amnesty**

Dear Residents,

A national firearms amnesty is taking place throughout February. Certain Bruni blank-firing gun models are now classified as illegal to possess and must be surrendered.

**Affected Models:**

- 8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model 92
- 8mm PAK Bruni BBM New Police
- 8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model 96
- 8mm PAK Bruni BBM Model "GAP"
- .380R (9mmK) PAK Bruni BBM ME Ranger

If you own one of these models, please surrender it safely to your local police station between 2-27 February.

No personal details will be required, and there will be no prosecution during the amnesty.

**Why It Matters:** These guns have been found to be easily convertible to live firearms. Removing them helps prevent criminal misuse.

**After the Amnesty:** Possession after 27 February could lead to up to 10 years in prison.

**Report Concerns:** If you have info on illegal firearms, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Stay safe,  
PC Atasoy, North Policing Team

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/2026/02/03/amnesty/>

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

Housing Ombudsman social tenants / providers  
The consultation is open until 17 March 2026.  
<https://www.housing-ombudsman.org.uk/2026/01/20/stairs-consultation/>



## Planned national policing reforms

**The national policing model is to be re-structured, the Home Office announced.**

The largest reforms to policing since forces were professionalised 2 centuries ago have been announced today (26 January) by the Home Secretary.

A [white paper titled 'From local to national: a new model for policing'](#),

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/from-local-to-national-a-new-model-for-policing>

outlines a radical blueprint for reform, so local forces protect their community and national policing protects us all.

## Forced mergers are thought to reduce forces to 12.

Read our comment about this

Whilst this is in progress, the Department for housing, communities & local government is still conducting an enquiry into Tower Hamlets Council, who operate a licensed patrol system with the THEOs and pay for extra policing in the borough, about their fitness to govern.

<https://towerhamletscrimewatch.org/2026/02/03/policing-news/>





An 84-year old pensioner with dementia was robbed of her purse in broad daylight as pictured here in Sturry Street E14.

We are supporting the family of this victim.



Westminster: 51,123
Camden: 20,033
Southwark: 15,986
Lambeth: 14,006
Newham: 13,875
Islington: 11,730
Hackney: 11,419
Tower Hamlets: 11,077
Kensington & Chelsea: 8,955
Brent: 8,772
Haringey: 8,179
Wandsworth: 7,834
Hillingdon: 7,772
Ealing: 7,290
Barnet: 6,938
Enfield: 6,693
Waltham Forest: 6,626
Croydon: 6,558
Greenwich: 6,469
Hounslow: 6,413
Hammersmith & Fulham: 6,403
Lewisham: 6,330
Redbridge: 5,899
Bromley: 5,586
Havering: 4,369
Harrow: 4,261
Barking & Dagenham: 3,488
Merton: 3,352
Kingston upon Thames: 3,344
Bexley: 3,157
Richmond upon Thames: 2,965
Sutton: 2,639
Unknown: 588

Whilst homicides have fallen, thefts are at a very concerning high level, see table of London boroughs. Tower Hamlets the 8<sup>th</sup> worst for theft.



### Statue of boxer Teddy Baldock stolen from Langdon Park.

Police were called at 20:07 on Sunday 1st February to reports that the bronze monument had been taken. Officers have obtained CCTV which shows four suspects at the scene, all dressed in black with their faces covered. These suspects were last seen traveling northbound towards Bromley-by-Bow underground station.

If you have any information, please contact 101 quoting CAD 6133/1Feb, or report anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.