

Meeting, 5. February 2026, from 4pm

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

Tower Hamlets Crime Watch

Newsletter

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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.



METROPOLITAN 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

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

Consultations

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.



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| -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 8th 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.