

Presentation by PCSO KASSAM

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WHITECHAPEL

WARD PANEL

APRIL 2026

PURPOSE

- Listening to your ASB concerns
- Setting ward priority
- Accounting for previously agreed tasks
- Signposting
- Discussing any safety concerns
- Building a successful working partnership between residents, businesses and local ASB partners in the ward.



Our first set of ward panel post-covid



WARD PRIORITY THIS QUARTER:

- Gowers Walk / Batty street
Pinchet street
- Fordham & Romford –
actioning Southern Housing
and Gateway to meet with
residents
- Nelson Street
- Jacobs Court
- Walden Street



ONGOING FOOT PATROLS

SNT have been patrolling our ward priority areas and other areas within the ward, engaging with local residents and businesses, gathering intelligence and offering crime prevention advice and reassurance.



OFFICERS VISITING LOCAL BUSINESSES TO OFFER SUPPORT, REASSURANCE AND LISTEN TO ANY CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE.



On Saturday 27th March 2026, SNT PCSOs IQBAL (Wapping and St Katharine's Ward) and PCSO KASSAM and ISLAM (Whitechapel ward) were on foot patrols in and around the Wapping Estate area in the afternoon.

We came across several Honda scooters that had no number plates. We looked for other means of identification but were unable, despite lots of effort. Later that evening PC SIDDIQUI (Wapping SNT) & PC REED (Whitechapel SNT) were patrolling the same area and came across three males by the garages and acting suspicious; the Officers approached them and two ran away, one got arrested for several offences.

We found a stolen car that was related to the scene which was towed away, We also found loads of bikes and cycles - from the cycles we could identify as stolen, we have been trying to reunite with their rightful owners.

Cordon was set up at the scene.

PCSOs been conducting reassurance patrols
In the area and answering emails related to this

OP MARTELO PATROLS

SNT patrolling the Whitechapel Market and the blueprint area set for patrols.

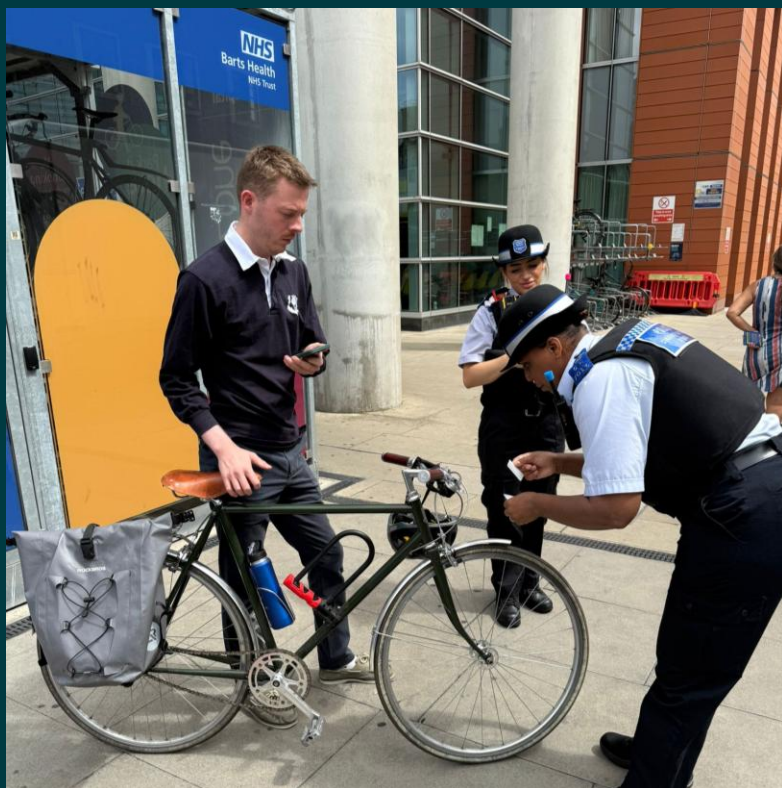
This is designed to increase visibility, presence and engage with residents, businesses and deter and detect crime in the area.

A minimum of 5 hours are spent per shift and covers a wide area including areas in Whitechapel and Brick Lane





BIKE MARKING



FACIAL RECOGNITION OP

WHITECHAPEL MARKET

4 x arrests that day were made and lots of interest from public regarding the tech!



SCHOOL PATROLS AND ENGAGEMENT



Whitechapel Officers are patrolling our local school each day to ensure students are safe. We have built an amazing relationship with some of the pupils and their parents.

We have also done crime prevention assemblies and workshops this quarter at a few school in the ward.



MURDER AND STABBINGS

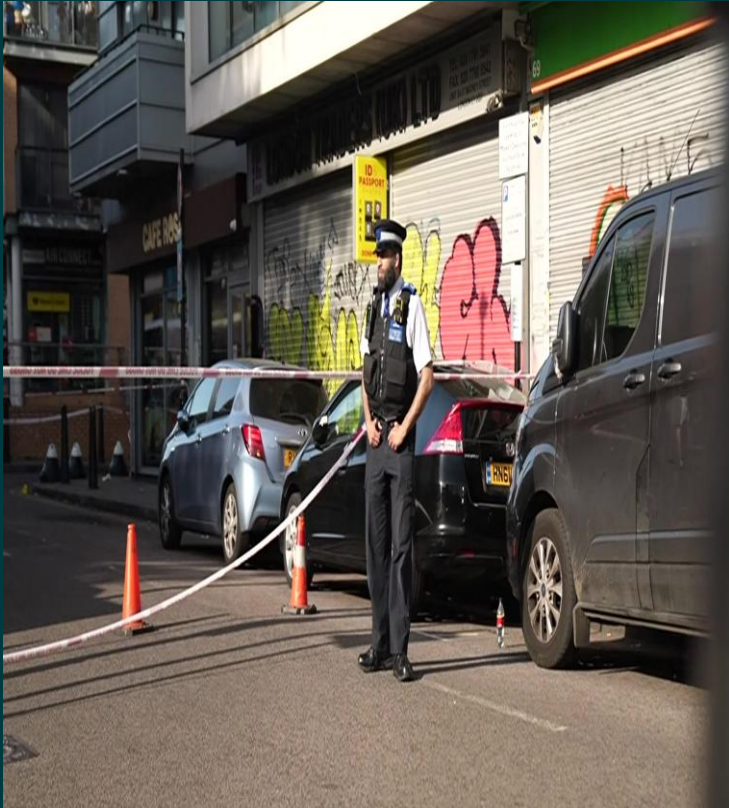


Image from BBC online



Officers were involved over a 3-day period of cordoning crime scene by Watney Market.

We also carried out reassurance patrols - reassured residents and businesses in the area and helping investigation team after the event.



FIRST QUARTER BREAKDOWN

ARRESTS – 15

BIKE MARKING – 8

WALK AND TALK – 4

OP MOONTWISTS – 4

OP ARIEMIAL - 2

OP SOUNDJUMP - 3

COMMUNITY EVENTS – 50+

OP MARTELO PATROLS – 18

FACIAL RECOGNITION OP

Gowers Walk–
1 x arrest for vehicle crime

Batty Street –
1 x arrest class A drug related

Pinchet Street – zero arrest

Fordham Street –
1 x arrest – common assault, threat to kill,
criminal damage
3 x stop and search

Romford Street –
1 x immigration offence
2 x stop and search

Nelson Street
1 x criminal damage

Jacobs Court / Plumbers Row –
2 x stop search

Waldens Street – 0

Vehicle stops - 44
Premise search – 11
People search - 179
(Sec 23 Misuse of Drugs, PACE,)

Arrests in ward
priority area

“Officers found the vehicle and went on INTOPS which a reinforced stop with stinger was authorised, the vehicle was on a red and the driver was detained as it was suspected it was a stolen vehicle”
STOLEN VEHICLE - DOCK STREET

PND issued for cannabis possession and vehicle seized for driving offences.- New Road - Drugs

‘Vehicle failed to stop and had a marker on PNC as an LOS vehicle; occupants had decamped and left the scene as no trace’
TURNER ST – STOLEN VEHICLE

Officers were responding to CAD 4832/02APR26 which was to a group of youths smoking cannabis in a communal courtyard. When Officer approached subject, there was a smell of cannabis in the air, a joint near to the subject, so he was detained under S23 MDA 1971, other members of the group made off and subject was searched and found in his right coat pocket a small bag of hash cannabis, male was suitable for community resolution so was taken home by officers where the community resolution was given Infront of mum
ROMFORD STREET - DRUGS

Subject was lingering in an area well known for people to buy and sell class A drugs. Subject was seen be CCTV and Tower Hamlets enforcement officers to be dealing drugs in Romford street.

He was initially evasive and resisted officers. Subject was in possession of a considerable amount of cash in both notes and coins

ROMFORD STREET -DRUGS

TYPE OF STOPS DONE

Using the NAS system there was an ANPR activation for xxxx where an intel report from JANUARY 26 linked the car to drug dealing. After the initial ANPR activation the car activated again on the same camera suggesting it was looping around the area and possibly dealing at the time
COMMERCIAL ROAD -DRUG DEALERS



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