

Hillrise Ward Partnership Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Date: Wednesday 27th October 2021
Chair(s): Councillor Marian Spall

Councillors and Speakers:
Councillor David Poyser (DP) Hillrise ward councillor
Councillor Michelline Ngongo (MN) Hillrise ward councillor
Ellen Chapman (EC) Police Sergeant, Hillrise Ward
Lauren McSpadden (LM) Community Safety Officer, Islington Council
Sandi Phillips (SP) Chair, Elthorne Pride and Elthorne Co-op
Cheryl Smith (CS) Heritage Manager, Islington Council

1. Welcome, introductions and minutes of the last meeting

Introductions and details of the last minutes were agreed.

2. Crime / ASB in Hillrise

Joint presentation with Lauren and Ellen. If you would like to see a copy of the presentation, please email Peter.Cook@islington.gov.uk.

Updated police and Islington staff changes. 3 PCs and a PCSO. There will be one other PC on a 6 monthly attachment.

DP - we are grateful for having the maximum number of officers.

Previous ward priorities as set out by the Hillrise ward panel were ASB and motor vehicle crime.

Crimes stats were read out – highlights that the ward rank for Hillrise is 16 out of 16 meaning that it has the lowest recorded crime in Islington. LM said that whilst the ward is 16th this may not reflect the experience of local residents, and doesn't reflect the residents' fear of crime.

DP - whilst reported crime is low, this ward does have serious crimes such as murder. LM stated that in direct response to the murders funding has been obtained to tackle knife crime offences and bleed control kits, etc.

MN - in different wards women do not feel safe when walking and asked if there have been any complaints about this. LM said that she hasn't had any direct reports and then spoke about the Violent Reduction Event engaging with women providing them with advice and training.

EC - they have been doing women's walks with the council where they point out areas where they feel unsafe. There haven't been any callouts. EC mentioned Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) and they are looking to improve lighting in alleyways.

SP - information screens (Electronic Notice Boards) and asked if key contacts could be advertised on the boards. LM says that this happens – we can put this out - how to report ASB

Gang activity

- Overt and Plain clothes patrols around the ward
- Operation Deck - Overtime patrols around the ward
- Metro box is being set up in the hope to attract local children and teenagers to take up boxing in order to keep them out of trouble. Similar programmes have been set up round the Met with success.
- The Integrated Gangs Team (IGT) work with 10-24 year olds who are at high risk of involvement in gang-related activity
- The IGT is co-located with representatives from the police, social services, NHS. Voluntary and community sector organisations such as Victim Support, St Giles and Abianda. The IGT also has a substance misuse worker and Clinical Psychologist.

EC - the Violent Suppression Unit are working in the Hillrise area tackling gangs in both plain clothes and uniform.

MN – Violent Reduction Week with Arsenal included hearing young people's experiences. Not every young person wants boxing. MN feels there needs to be a variety of activities. Football tournament with the police to improve the relationship. To reduce the issue between postcode boundaries why not arrange something with adult control to improve relations? Elthorne Pride are doing good work with young people, we should share this agenda in different direction.

SP - communication is key. There are different types of young people that need different support across the estate. There is a void since St John's Centre has been closed for young people to meet up and talk. This is an outcome from the Youth Summit.

Rory Hornsey Lane conducts outreach with his team and has young people who would also like to talk.

EC - there is a youth and police football match arranged at Finsbury Park ward. If successful, then can replicate in Hillrise.

MS - when she worked on the Andover Estate, the police played pool.

Motor Vehicle Crime

- There have been 150 MV offences during the past 12 months in Hillrise.
- Largely attributed to theft from Motor Vehicles (107 offences during past 12 months)
- Of these, 24 offences related to Blue Badge Theft, 15 related to theft of Catalytic Converters, 13 related to Vehicle Registration Plates
- Other common stolen items include power tools, currency, laptops, phones

Partnership Response:

- Catalytic Converter marking kits to be made available from 222 Upper Street – cages available to buy for certain vulnerable vehicles through manufacturer
- Theft of Disabled badges project – joint project between police and council
- Another day of action being planned where we will offer crime prevention advice
- High Visibility patrols by police officers (VOLT patrols)

ASB Hotspots and Actions

LM then spoke about Anti- Social Behaviour – Hillrise is 12th from 16. EC has Op Deck has had a positive impact in Hillrise reducing the area where ASB occurs.

LM spoke about the hotspot locations and the partnership approach tackling ASB.

Op Deck

The priority for Op Deck remains tackling violent crime and anti-social behaviour in the New Orleans Estate and surrounding N19 areas. Further funding was approved on 2nd September 2021 so this activity will continue.

- 3 Youth Offending Team referrals
- 13 ASB warnings issued
- 1 caution
- 60 stop and searches
- 4 arrests
- 7 community resolutions

Other Operations:

Op Timbre - activity utilising stop sites and officers on pedal cycles to reduce ASB
Op Elie - gun crime and violence

Good News Stories

- Officers conducted community weapon sweeps with members of the Hillrise ward in an effort to keep Hillrise safe
- A Section 35 Dispersal Order was put in place to prevent violent crime in Hillrise, Junction and Tollington wards

- Community contact points were scheduled to give local residents a chance to share their worries and concerns, these are up and running in person now.
- ASB week was conducted alongside Islington Council to prevent anti-social behaviour which included weapon sweeps, an EVA on Elthorne Estate, joint crime prevention tables and contact points
- Violence Reduction Week was conducted alongside Islington Council to gather feedback for our new Violence Reduction Strategy, launching later in the year.

DP – what is MPS Twitter is @MPS Hillrise (MPS = Metropolitan Police Service)

Reporting Crime and ASB – ways to report ASB and Crime along with concerns about young people.

Resident - Are there any outstanding suspects concerning murder of Taylor Cox? EC will e-mail the resident with what she can find out.

3. Elthorne Pride / Elthorne Co-op – Sandi Phillips

Elthorne Pride – resident led organisation and funded by local trust, supporting residents to set up groups. Key themes supporting young and old people, community safety employment, the environment and supporting volunteers.

Last year was a fundamental year supporting community at the start of the pandemic and worked very close with partners within Hillrise – Caxton House.

Primary focus was to support the vulnerable communities – counselling and food poverty. Supported young people – online homework club and out of school activities and those who were NEET including mental health workshops.

Worked with the Bomb Factory Art Foundation (creative arts).

Youth Summits – what was important with young people and how could we continue to support them? The feedback was overwhelming that young people's health and well-being was a priority. Activities such as football but not just football are important.

Elthorne Co-op

Community safety was important as brought up at the AGM. There is a void engaging with residents – need a neighbourhood watch. SP will be engaging with LM would like to establish communication so people are aware of what is happening, as the residents will be anxious as to who to communicate to during the winter months.

Elthorne is across the road from Caxton House.

DP - Elthorne did a fantastic job and when the community needed Elthorne Pride they were there.

SP - we are nothing without volunteers. We are working with the TMO with annual hamper drop.

4. Hive Foodbank

DP - Church has been fantastic with the food bank. Miranda Estate will no longer be a part of the ward. Rory – Hornsey Lane have been working in partnership with St Mary Church Hornsey Rise with community funding bids. Food growing space in the Church and other bids including bid obtaining a Cargo bike.

5. Sculpture in Elthorne Park

CS - Working with councillors with the sculptures in the peace garden. The bronze sculpture has been put back and second part is to put back the reflection in the water. The reflection part of the sculpture was stolen and the cost to re-do the sculpture and to fit is £10,500. Just outside Elthorne Park there is a statue of an African Mask by Nigerian artist called Emmanuel Jegede. Resident of Britain's first black art centre – plan is to tell the story of the statues and tell the story of the Peace Garden, so it links local people to its history. We need £3,000 to finish the sculpture and £10,000 for the reflection. We also want to put up panels to tell the story of the sculptures. Elthorne Park is possibly having café. Any opinions to go to the councillors.

6. Parklet, Cressida Road

DP – there is a café and the café has put out chairs where there are three car parking spaces and working with the council to get it officially denoted as a parklet. Tiny little initiative which may well work out. So an encouragement to think up some small initiatives.

Resident - Concern about increasing traffic in Cressida Road. There are traffic counters. Would like a 20MPH signage on lamppost BC186.

DP - we have put up signage in this road but will look into it as more signs may be a distraction.

Resident - some signs are in the canopy of the trees. BC186 is for the downhill.

7. EV Charging Points – PC read out e-mail (below) from David Hutchison - LBI

Homes and Neighbourhoods (formerly Housing Services) are working with providers of Electric Vehicle Charge Points to assess and identify suitable locations for chargers on estates. There

are two types of charger than may be suitable for estates: Fast Chargers, comprising of a pillar installed beside a parking bay, and small chargers that fit onto lamp columns and are popular for overnight charging. We are looking at the possibility of providing both types and are actively looking at potential estates in Hillrise Ward. Some residents have already contacted us to make suggestions. Further ideas, or questions, can be directed to housing.transport@islington.gov.uk

David Hutchison to be invited to the next meeting

8. Residents' Concerns

SP - two concerns - new builds in St John's Way. In general the communications can be improved – complaints re noise and dirt on the new build site. This has impacted on at least one resident's health.

MS has written to the resident.

SP - the other is about a finding of lead in the water pipes but will take this outside of this meeting

Surgeries:

Cllr Michelline Ngongo - first Wednesday of the month at St Mary's Church

Cllr David Poyser - second Wednesday of the month at Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre

Cllr Marian Spall - fourth Monday of the month at Caxton House

Date of Next Meeting: 23rd February 2022 - venue to be decided