



28/09/2011
Richmond
Tactical
Assessment



Resolved Problem – Theft From Motor Vehicle in Kew

Inference - A white male on a bicycle is no longer targeting laptops left in cars in and around Kew Green & The National Archives as a result of police activity

Context – There were a small number of offences in Northern Kew, targeting laptops left in cars parked near the Green or the National Archives.

Taskings and Impact – This area was subject to SNT activity and this may have impacted on this series of offences with no further crimes reported in the last two weeks.



Resolved Problem – Shed Burglary & Bike Theft

Inference – Patrolling and other tactics have successfully reduced bike theft in the Teddington/Hampton Wick area to normal levels.

Context – Theft of push bikes at the weekends in the Teddington/Hampton Wick area have continued to decrease in the last 2 weeks, although a small number of thefts did occur in the area.

Elsewhere secure and insecure push bikes are being stolen across the borough from the street, gardens, car parks and sheds by unknown suspects throughout the week day and night. The area around Richmond Town and South Twickenham currently have slightly more offences recorded than other wards on the borough.

The majority of push bikes have been taken from the street. Locks do not deter suspects who can be on their own or with at least two others enabling them to take more than one bike and keep a lookout before making off by train, car / van or bike just stolen.

Taskings and Impact – Hampton Wick and Teddington area continued to be subject to patrols and this appear to have been successful in keeping offences low.



Emerging Problem – Autumn/Winter Burglary Rises

Inference - Richmond borough is a target rich environment for offenders looking to satisfy an increasing demand for stolen goods in the run up to Christmas and beyond. This leads to an annual rise in residential burglary, facilitated by the increased hours of darkness throughout this period. There is a small local economy for stolen goods but much of the demand that drives this rise will be around the offenders home areas which is predominantly outside of Richmond borough.

Context – Each year (except for 2009) has seen a significant rise in residential burglary from roughly late October onwards. This continues into November, December, January and February. This rise is driven by both an increased demand for cheap goods along with increased availability of goods in demand. It is facilitated by the increased hours of darkness, particularly in the evenings, which enables offenders to identify vacant properties and evade detection. Analysis has shown that most burglars reside outside of Richmond and it is likely that they are driven by handling markets close to their own home areas and that they target Richmond as it is target rich.



Emerging Problem – Catalytic Converters

Inference - There has been an increase of catalytic converters being stolen from motor vehicles both here on Richmond and on surrounding boroughs, mainly from Peugeot 406 and 807's as a result of the value of metals contained within them.

Context – Since the beginning of September a small number of catalytic converters have been stolen from Peugeots 406 & 807's on the borough. Currently they are spread over the borough with times suggesting they are targeted during the evening when 'parked up for the night'. Richmond previously saw a spate of this back in early summer 2010. It appeared then that the series was linked to crime all over the South West and Surrey.



Emerging Problem – Series of Flat burglaries

Inference – Two black males are travelling cross border from Wandsworth to commit daytime burglaries on flats to steal electrical equipment particularly laptops.

Context – Venues, particularly flats with high income occupants have been targeted using force with tools, Suspects are taking electrical equipment including laptops & TV's. So far these have occurred on weekdays, during the day. Wandsworth has seen a high number of offences in the Putney area, again many with flats targeted, although some offences have different SUS descriptions. 2 suspects seen by a victim when he returned home. He described them as black males a/a 30 years, one with a bald head. One of these males said his name was 'Trevor'. 2 black males were also disturbed at an offence in Elm Bank Gardens shortly after an attempted burglary in Putney with 2 black males.



Emerging Problem – ASB and disorder in Hampton

Inference – Large groups of youths are coming to Hampton on nights and weekends leading to ASB and disorder.

Context – Large groups of youths both local and from off borough including Wandsworth, Hounslow, West Drayton and Croydon are coming to Hampton at nights and weekends causing ASB around BROOME ROAD, HATHEROP ROAD, HAMPTON STATION and shops on PRIORY ROAD
Up to 70 youths met up Friday 23/09/2011 in HATHEROP PARK and became involved in a fight during which a Female aged 15 years who had been drinking in Kingston was punched in the face. Another youth arrested in possession of a claw hammer.

Taskings and Impact – Hampton area subject to high police presence after intelligence around another impending fight was received and many youths left area on seeing police presence and no disorder was reported that night.



Emerging Problem – St Marys University College

Inference – An unknown suspect is taking advantage of the Freshers week period to target students bedrooms at St Marys University College in order to steal.

Context – Since Sunday 11/09/2011 when undergraduates moved into the halls of residence, items of property, particularly laptops, cameras and mobiles have been taken from both locked and unlocked students bedrooms. A mobile phone has also been stolen from a handbag whilst the victim was standing at the student union bar and in an unrelated event a car was set alight in the car park.

7 crimes have been recorded at SMUC between the 12th and 26th September. 4 occurred on Friday-Saturday and 3 on a Monday

One report mentions that many students are gathering in the common rooms leaving their room doors insecure and that numbers of non students who are friends of friends of students have been seen there, often late at night.

Taskings and Impact – The university college has been subject to a large amount of Freshers week crime prevention advice with mixed success.



Tactical Problem – Theft From Motor Vehicle in Barnes

Inference - Policing activity has started to reduce incidents of vehicle crime in the Barnes area.

Context – Barnes has been a priority location for Theft from Motor Vehicle offences over the past 6 weeks however figures of offences are now lower (5 offences in last two weeks).

Taskings and Impact – The area has continued to be subject to patrols with some impact on offences. Officers reported some interesting stops during this activity.

