

A Letter from Sahara and Connor

I have written out the update I would have given during the AGM. It is about what we have been doing so far this year and what some upcoming plans and events are.

- With the drunk and disorderly male causing nuisance and begging down The Avenue, my colleague has been working towards compiling statements for a CPW (Community Protection Warning) along the lines of to not beg or act in a disruptive manner in the area of Sunbury. From my understanding, this male has received CPWs before in the past, and when he has he has not breached the CPW in anyway, so we can hope that this remains the same for the duration of the Warning.
- I am not sure if many are aware of the white supremacy agenda and racist stickers that were put up on the Sunbury Underpass and Sunbury Park over the last month, but we as a team have done high visibility patrols in the area, removed all the stickers and postage to send them for forensic testing, and other teams have led intel based investigations surrounding potential offender/s. I am pleased to say, as of this moment, the placement of the stickers has halted as of 2 weeks or so, and we have not seen or had reports of other stickers.
- I am aware there are a few concerns recently with a lot of Lower Sunbury residents around burglary and sus incidents. I am happy to say there has been a large decrease in burglary. In the period of January to June 2024, there were 40 burglaries or attempted burglaries in Sunbury. In the same period this year, it had decreased 30% to 28. Similarly in Ashford, January to June 2024 there were 81, compared to 2025 where there were 30. This is due to targeted high visibility patrols, intel teams doing plain clothes operations and targeting, as well as what we in Safer Neighbourhood Team have been doing with issuing crime prevention advice with home security, what to look out for etc.
- We have a new addition to the website, where there is an option to search an area to see the crime stats and figures. In here, you can now see who is on the team in that area, social media updates, news and meetings and events coming up. Additionally, on here, someone can send in a question directly to our SNT inbox, where a response is required within 72 hours. The website also outlines the Force's priorities, which are shoplifting, ASB, Violence against women and girls (VAWG) and drug related harm. Each are outlined with recent efforts and what the residents can expect to be upcoming.

- Recently, we had our SNT CopCup, playing rounders with the local schools in Spelthorne, which has been documented on our Facebook page.
- Coming up on the 2nd of July, we have the Cuppa with a Copper.
- On the 26th of July, Hazelwood park run is happening, where officers from the Spelthorne Safer Neighbourhood Team will be participating in the run, then holding a stand afterwards to raise awareness and offer advice about VAWG.
- Op Greenfly is to make a return – these are plain clothes operations specifically in Sunbury to target shoplifting. While predominantly in Sunbury Cross, if reports are showing that there is shoplifting in Lower Sunbury too, which does not seem to be happening currently, then we can send resources that way too.
- As always, any questions regarding anything, please ask me, or use the “contact us” section on the website as I mentioned earlier. This will come through to our direct inbox in SNT and I will pick up any Sunbury related questions.

Thank you again for all your assistance thus far. I hope to be able to attend another LOSRA meeting in the coming months as well, so I can give you all another update.