

Rene Webb

The Group was saddened to hear of the death of a long standing member, Rene Webb, on Tuesday 15th November. The Group's condolences were extended to his family and friends and the Group was represented at his funeral on 28 November.

DS George Goodfellow

The Group was saddened to hear of the death of DS George Goodfellow (Streatham), in tragic circumstances near his home in Surrey on 23rd November and offers its sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and colleagues in Lambeth MPS. The Group will be represented at his funeral mass at St Georges Cathedral, Friday 9 December at 10:00 am.

No Deal

This is a new initiative directed against street drug dealing in Brixton, coordinated by the community safety partnership Safer Lambeth. It will run from December 12th to March 12th 2006. Under the initiative, Brixton Town Centre will be treated as a 'drug problem zone' and people found in possession of any proscribed drug will be liable to arrest. The initiative will be targeted at dealers and their customers. Sanctions against those arrested repeatedly may include ASBO's.

CPCG has worked closely with the police, local authority and Brixton Area Forum (and drawing on the experience of the use of a 'drug problem zone' on Landor Road) to devise a set of measures which give the initiative best chance of being effective but also fair and proportionate. In particular the following have been put in place.

- The initiative will be clearly signed around the town centre, and in the Tube station, so that no one should be unaware that they risk being arrested for carrying drugs, including personal quantities of cannabis;
- A joint project team drawn from the community, police and the local authority will meet on fortnightly basis to review the initiative. This will include community and police feedback and detailed, joint analysis of Stop and Search, Arrest and subsequent outcomes data, to establish that the powers are being used in a proportionate manner which targets street dealers and their customers. Progress of the initiative will be fed back to the community through CPCG and other local groups.
- Regular feedback from the local community on every aspect of the initiative will also be facilitated through
 - CPCG's website www.lambethcpcg.org.uk
 - a special CPCG Text Message Shortcode **80010 NODEAL**,
 - CPCG's monthly public meetings.

- A community panel from the local community is being recruited from local groups, individuals and businesses and will be regularly polled to check their impressions of No Deal's progress and success.

A public meeting was held at Lambeth Town Hall on Wednesday 30 November, which was chaired by Lee Jasper with presentations from Chief Superintendent Martin Bridger and Jim Toohill. Copies of the presentations are available from the Group office or on the website.

MPA Community Engagement Conference

As flagged in last month's briefing, this was held on 22 November and hosted by Camden CPCG. There were around 130 attendees including representatives from CPCG's, borough police and local authorities. Cheryl Sealey, Jim Toohill and Ben McKendrick attended from Lambeth as did Supt John Corrigan.

Key issues were the purpose and measurement of performance of local engagement, the relationship between CPCG's and Safer Neighbourhoods and the involvement of young people. Papers are available from the Group Office.

Funding Arrangements

Having determined earlier in 2005 not to direct funding for local engagement through borough CDRP's, the MPA have qualified their decision to stick with existing arrangements by requiring it to be subject to local agreement by the borough police, the local authority, the MPA link member and the CPCG. (It is unclear what process comes into play if they can't agree.) This has to be done by Christmas.

The CPCG Board will be meeting with the borough commander, the LBL Head of Community Safety and the MPA link member on Thursday 15 December. Assuming they are able to reach agreement (which may be by majority), then an Action Plan and Budget submission will be made to the MPA in January. Opportunity will be made for members input into the latter.

Current Financial (Cash) Position

Cash in Hand and at Bank, 31 March 2005	£4,082
Expenditure 1 April 2005 to 1 December	£6,553
Income (MPA Grant)	£31,522
Net Funds at 1 December 2005	£29,051
<i>Anticipated Spending to Year End</i>	
Routine (meetings, office etc)	£9,000
Communications, promotion, capacity building	£8,200
Provision for New Initiatives	£6,000
Total Anticipated Spending to the Year End	£23,200
Forecast Year End Reserves	£5,851

Company Registration

CPCG registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 15 November and that evening the Board adopted the Memorandum and Articles and Rules and Regulations (copies available from the Group Office or on the website). The process from here on will be:

- To write to each existing member asking them to formally subscribe to the new organisation. Membership will legally be contingent on their positive response;
- To invite the statutory members to make their recommendations for their three places on the Board;
- To apply for charity registration. At this point there will be opportunity to revisit the Memorandum and Articles, to pick up on minor points which members have made.

We hope to have completed the process within the financial year.

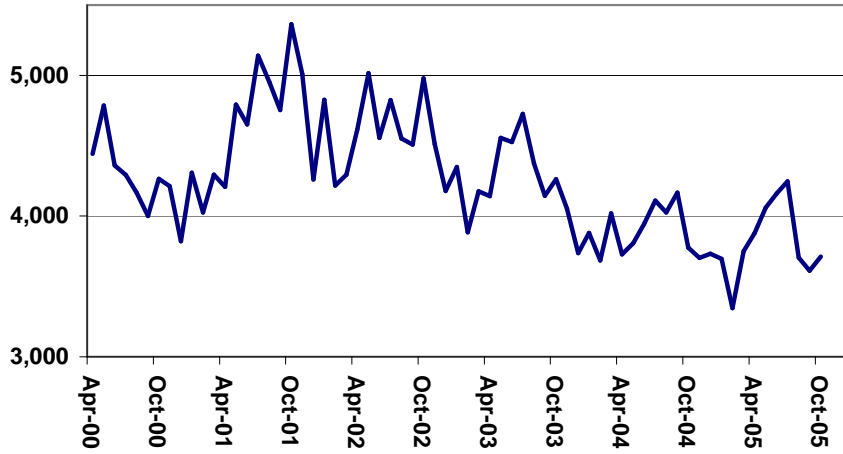
Victim Support AGM

This was held on Wednesday 1 December. Victim Support nominee to CPCG (Neil Flanigan) stood down from the Victim Support Management Committee at the AGM, whilst deputy nominee (Jim Toohill) was elected to the Committee. The AGM thanked Neil for his singular contribution over many years.

Brighton Terrace

The planning application for a drug treatment centre in Brighton Terrace, Brixton (discussed at CPCG's November meeting) is going to LBL's Planning Applications Committee on 13 December. The planning officers are recommending approval.

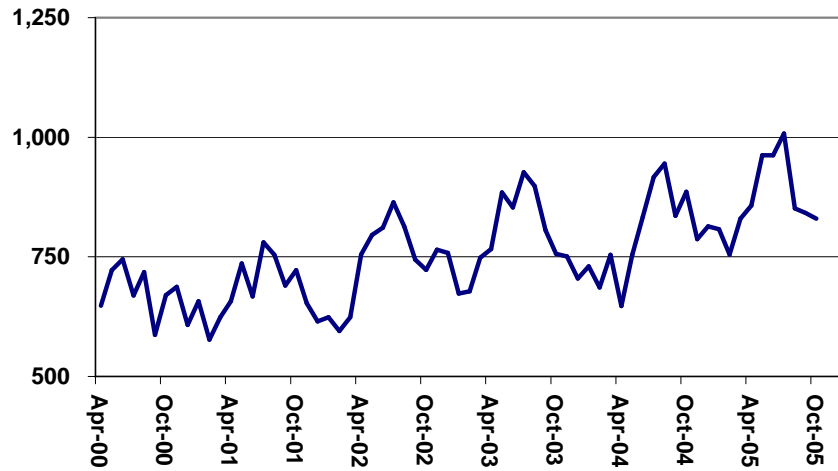
Lambeth - Total Notifiable Offences



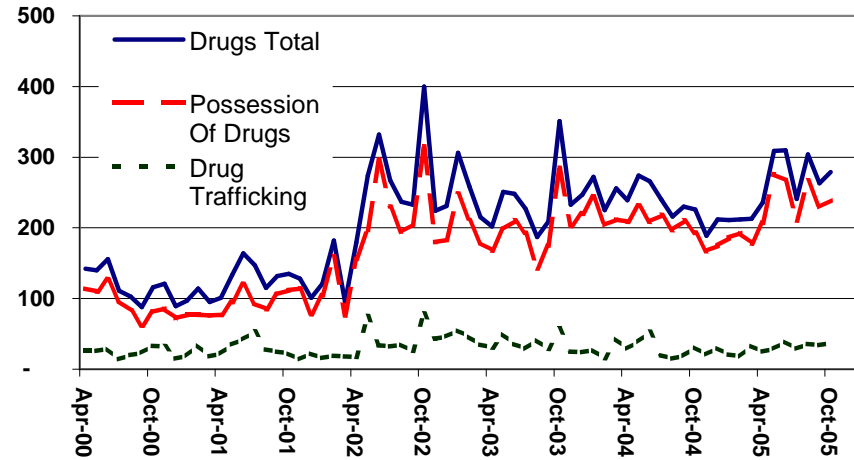
Lambeth - Street Crime (Personal Robbery plus Snatches)



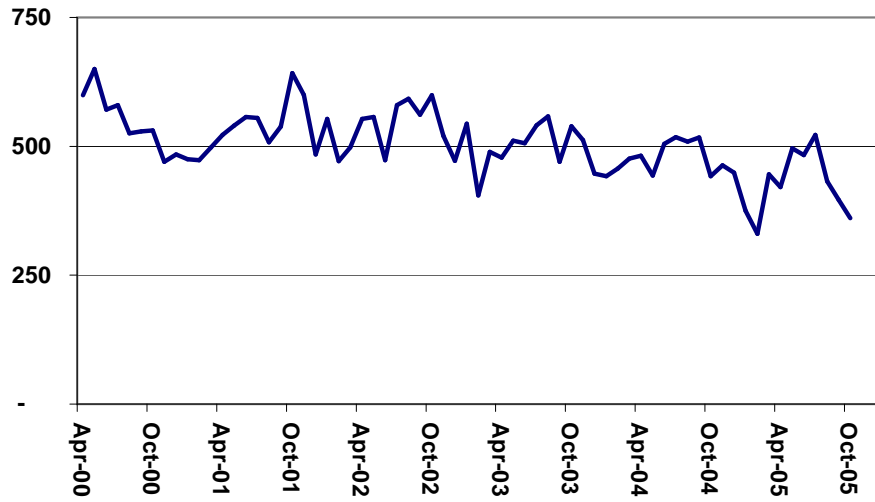
Lambeth - Violence Against the Person



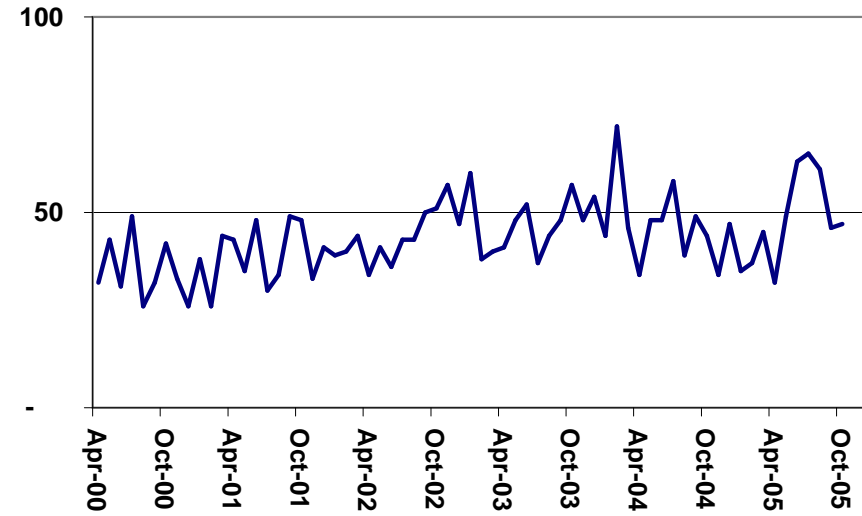
Lambeth - Drug Crime



Lambeth - Criminal Damage



Lambeth - Other Notifiable Offences



Source: MPS Crime Statistics Archive -www.met.police.uk/crimestatistics/index.htm; presentation CPCG