

## **Maurice and Margaret Smith Ella Frew**

We are sorry to have to announce the deaths, over the Christmas period, of former Vice-Chair Maurice Smith and of his wife Margaret, and also of Ella Frew, who was a representative of Clapham Town Neighbourhood Watch.

There will be a joint funeral for Maurice and Margaret Smith at 12 noon on Monday 16th January at Immanuel & St Andrew Church, 452 Streatham High Road, London SW16 3PY. This is the Church next to Sainsbury's car park. Family flowers only are requested but there will be a retiring collection or donations to The Knights Association, c/o Co-operative Funeral Services, 153 Streatham High Road, London SW16 6EG, tel 020 8769 8355. There will be a buffet in the Church Hall after the service. Old photographs are welcomed.

The funeral for Ella Frew will be held at Gillingham on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Funding Round 2006/7**

On 15 December, the CPCG Board met with Borough Commander Martin Bridger, LBL Asst Director Simon Harding and MPA link member John Roberts to discuss CPCG plans for the year ahead (see December Briefing). The broad outcome was to build on the broad thrust of the current year's programme, but with special emphasis on:

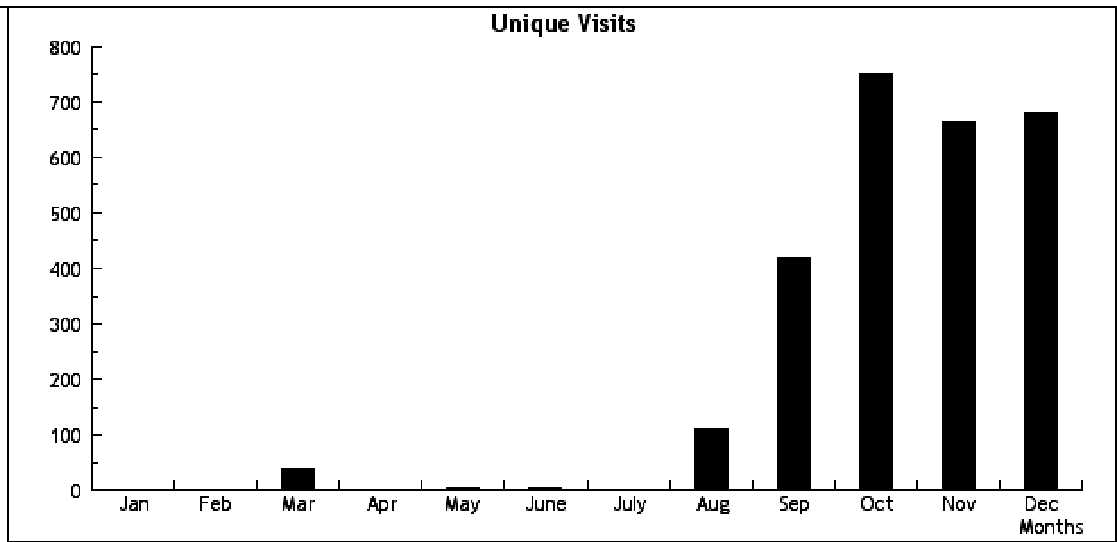
- Young People
- Hard to Reach Groups
- Community Empowerment
- Safer Neighbourhoods.

On the basis of those discussions, the MPA informed us last week that we can now proceed to the next stage of the process and are required to submit a funding bid by January 31st. To allow members input into that process, we shall again be holding a workshop before the end January, and invitations will be sent to members this week.

## **Website**

Lambeth CPCG's website has effectively been operating since July last year. We've used a fairly rudimentary approach to get a prototype up and running. Nonetheless it is, compared to many other CPCG websites, information rich and is already attracting significant numbers who regularly download documents from it. Additionally, we've started to use the site to elicit community feedback – eg in respect of Jean Charles de Menezes and of No Deal. The website at the moment is costing us, annually, about the same amount as it costs us each month to hire a room for our meetings.

**'Unique Visits' to [www.lambethcpcg.org.uk](http://www.lambethcpcg.org.uk)**



A 'unique visit' is a visitor who views more than one page

The most popular pages are the Resources page (where visitors can download reports, presentations etc), Stop and Search and No Deal. The most popular downloads are the Annual Report, Police Reports, Stop and Search presentations and Crime Statistics.

We now want to move the website on and very much want to develop it as a community led information hub around crime and community safety issues in the borough. This will include giving space to affiliate organisations to set out their concerns, issues, activities and to provide contact mechanisms for them. If you, or your organisation would like to be involved in this, please contact the CPCG Office.

**'No Deal' Initiative – Update 4 January 2005.**

This update is based on a review by the 'No Deal' review group comprising the borough police, local authority and community representatives, just over three weeks in.

*Community Feedback*

Generally, the initiative has been welcomed as a measure to address a widely perceived problem, although some remain to be convinced of its potential.

Formal and informal feedback to date is that the launch of the initiative has had a perceptible impact on the level of street dealing, principally on the high street between Brixton Tube Station and KFC corner.

There has been less effect on overt dealing on Electric Avenue and Electric Lane and some concerns over displacement in Rushcroft and Saltoun Roads. Nuisance caused by Heroin and Crack Cocaine users (and dealers) continues to be a problem. There has also been some suggestion of 'temporal displacement' ie dealing shifting around the clock to times of lesser police presence.

There has been no negative feedback over the use of the power of arrest by the police.

A second wave of questionnaires will be sent out to the Community Panel during the week commencing 9 January.

### *Police Activity*

Lambeth borough police have provided the following data in respect of the use of Stop and Search for drugs during the run 'No Deal' to date (12 December to 4 January inclusive).

Numbers of Drug Stop and Accounts	88
Numbers of Drug Stop and Searches	161
Numbers of Arrests following Drugs Stops and Searches	52
Arrest Rate	32%
Proportion of Arrests for Drug Offences	62%

The arrest rate is much higher than in the baseline 3 month period preceding No Deal, of 8.4% (13% if Formal Warnings with Confiscation on the street are included) suggesting that use of the power is being closely targeted.

The police have indicated that they will responsively adapt the initiative to address issues of effectiveness and displacement raised by the community.

### **Policing Plan – Observation**

We've discussed at CPCG meetings the need for community input into the derivation of the year ahead Policing Plan, currently underway, and what form that input might take. I had the opportunity to sit in on a discussion around the 'basket of ten' (and to add the odd two pinnerth) on 14 December with Supt John Corrigan, Det Ch Insp Steve Ainscough and Mark Rowland (MPS Staff) together with Chris Lee (Deputy Chief Exec, LCL) and Andrew Beland (an analyst from Lambeth's Community Safety Team).

The discussion centred on a part of the Policing Plan; targets for the year ahead (2006/7), for the 'basket of ten' crimes. These are the crimes set out in Public Sector Agreement 1 (PSA1) whereby the local CDRP undertakes to achieve a specified reduction in reported crime for the 'basket' overall between 2003/4 and 2007/8 (a reduction of 20% in Lambeth's case),. The agreement is monitored by central government and the crimes are:

Theft from Motor Vehicle  
Theft of Motor Vehicle  
Motor Vehicle Interference and Tampering  
Burglary in a Dwelling  
Theft/taking of pedal cycles  
Criminal damage  
Wounding (ABH & GBH)  
Common Assault  
Robbery of Personal Property  
Theft person – pickpocketing and snatch theft

The structure to the discussion was:

- (1) Comparison with ‘family’ boroughs on a ‘victimisation’ basis (ie crime rates, by type, per 1000 population);
- (2) Trends in crime rates, by type, within Lambeth, over recent years and to date in the current year;
- (3) Likely changes in the year ahead and their expected impact- eg the roll out of Safer Neighbourhoods, LBL Community Safety Wardens, new policy priorities.

The object was to arrive at targets for each time of crime for the year 2006/7, within the overall target of a 20% reduction by 2007/8.

At the time, and on reflection, a number of issues came to my mind:

- (1) There are areas where the achievements in crime reduction to date within Lambeth eg Street Crime have been substantial and, 20% PSA1 target or no, to posit further significant reduction would require some substantial new approach to underpin it – the ‘As Good As It Gets?’ point in CPCG’s Annual Report.
- (2) The composition of the ‘basket of 10’ is set in stone, but doesn’t include crimes that we know are of high (in some cases higher) concern in the on community – eg drugs issues, gun crime – from both the Community Safety Audit and from the most recent exercise in respect of Safer Neighbourhoods. We need some way to articulate local expectations in those areas, within the framework of the plan.
- (3) The Policing Plan looks just a year ahead, whilst the Community Safety Strategy looks 3 years ahead. In any large organisation, the opportunity to make major change in the year ahead is limited, on that scale change is more incremental. In some respects, the discussion on the 14<sup>th</sup> was projecting a fairly constrained capacity onto the ‘basket of 10’
- (4) In terms of community involvement in this sort of planning exercise, we recurrently find ourselves in a reactive position, generally in very tight time frames and within a predetermined framework. It would be useful for CPCG to consider acting more proactively next autumn, bringing together community partners (CEN, Safer Neighbourhood Panels, community and voluntary groups) to take stock of where we at and to set out the community’s priorities for the year ahead. Sometimes it’s better not to wait to be asked!

Jim Toohill

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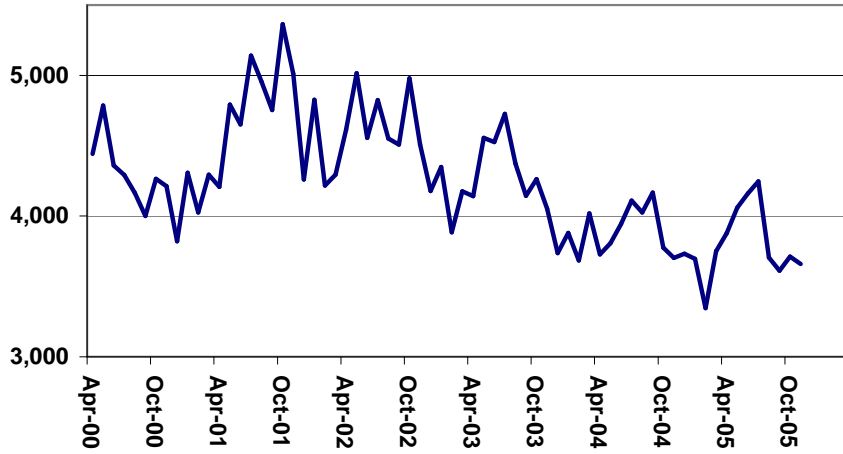
**Safer Neighbourhoods.**

During December, CPCG contributed to a survey of local priorities in order to help determine the roll-out of Safer Neighbourhoods in the borough. 22 members responded to the questionnaire. The results of the exercise will be presented by CI Nigel Cook at CPCG's January meeting.

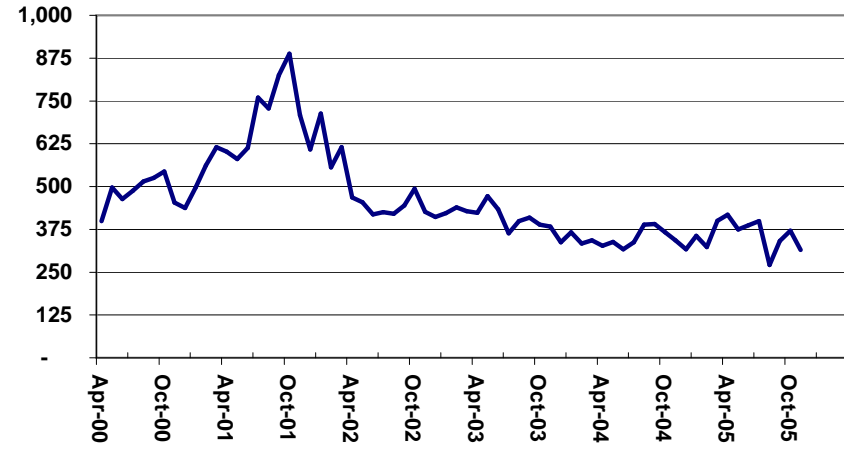
**Next Meeting**

6:00 pm, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Lambeth Accord, 336, Brixton Road, SW9.

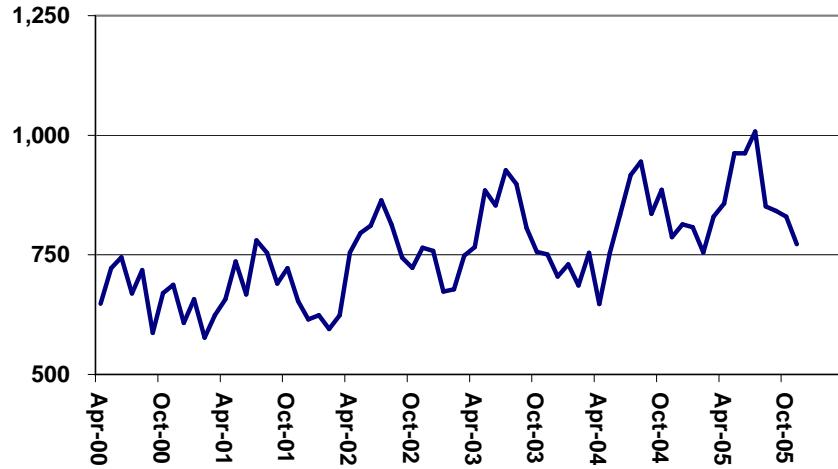
**Lambeth - Total Notifiable Offences**



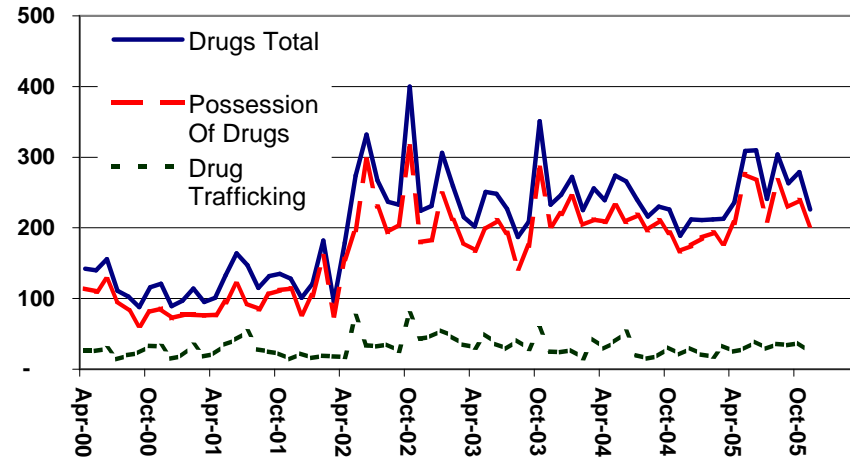
**Lambeth - Street Crime (Personal Robbery plus Snatches)**



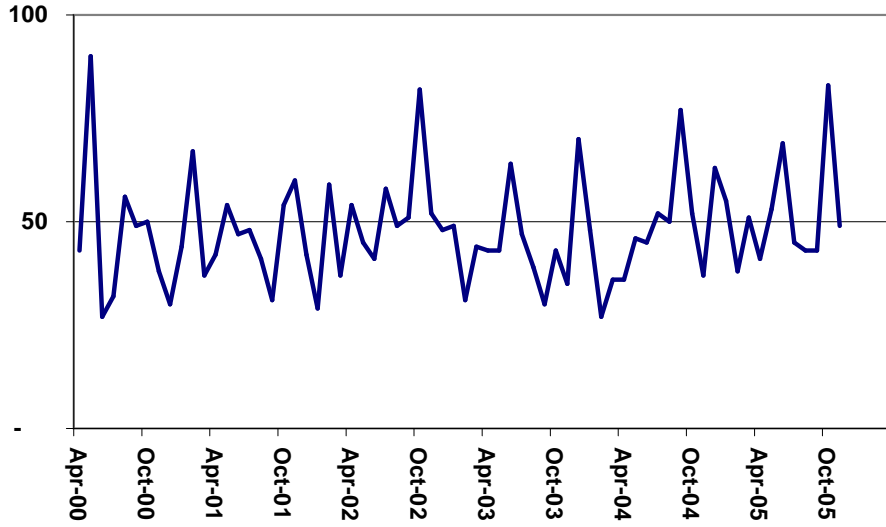
**Lambeth - Violence Against the Person**



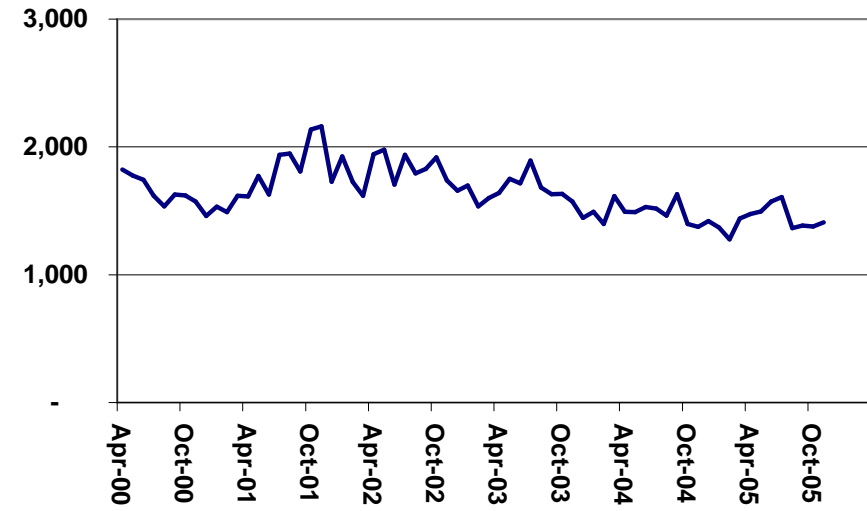
**Lambeth - Drug Crime**



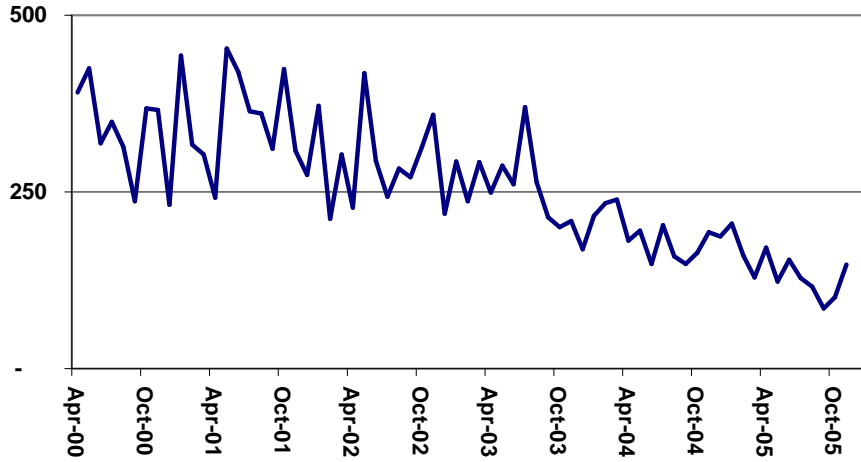
**Lambeth - Sex Offences**



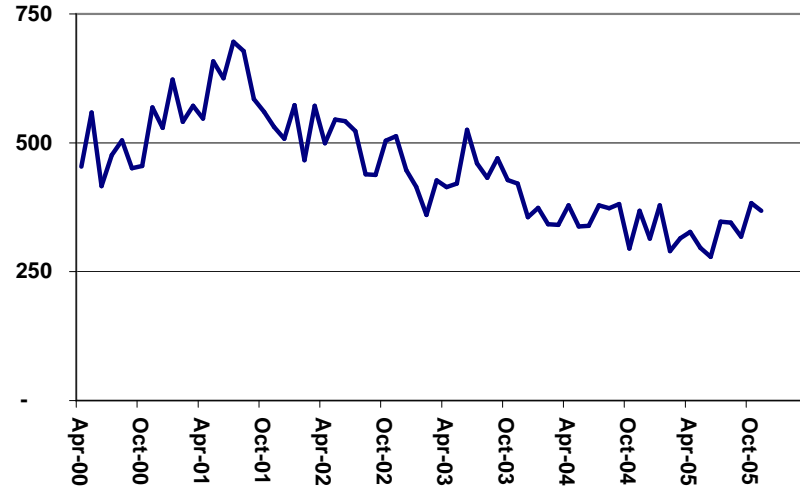
**Lambeth - Theft and Handling**



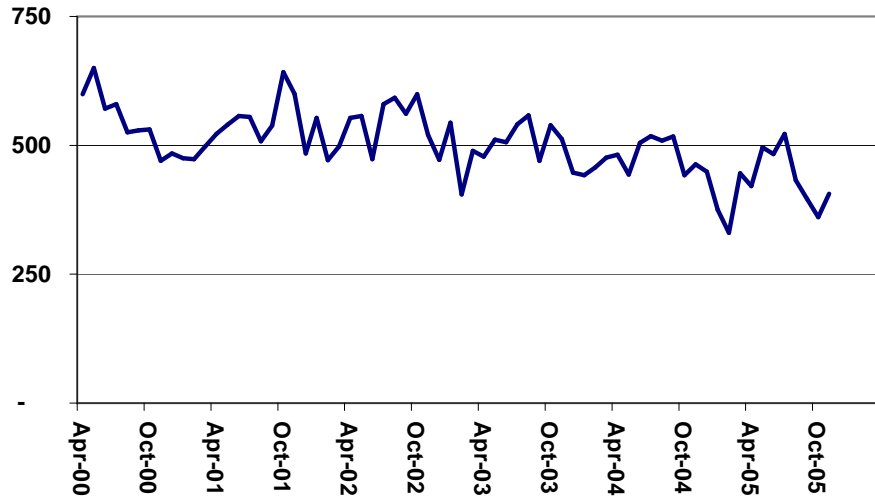
**Lambeth - Fraud or Forgery**



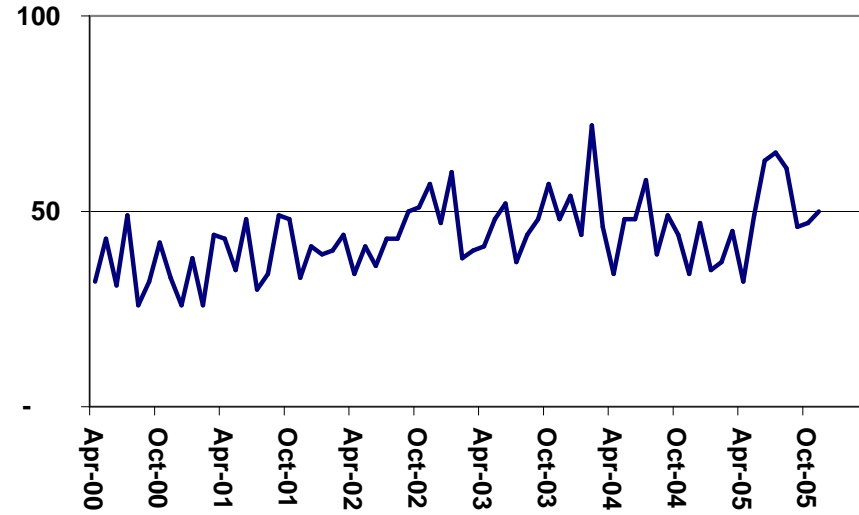
**Lambeth - Burglary**



Lambeth - Criminal Damage



Lambeth - Other Notifiable Offences



Source: MPS Crime Statistics Archive -[www.met.police.uk/crimestatistics/index.htm](http://www.met.police.uk/crimestatistics/index.htm); presentation CPCG