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No Deal Update

This update is based on a review of the initiative by the joint police, council and community project team on 1 February 2006

Community Feedback

Qualitative feedback (extracts of which are available on the website) indicate that whilst there is perceived improvement, especially on the high street, dealing continues to adapt in terms of locations used and times of day. There is also some suggestion that Heroin and Crack Cocaine users finding it harder to locate suppliers in the Town Centre.

Quantitative results from the Community Poll suggested that amongst regular visitors to Brixton, at the beginning of January and comparing with a month earlier,

- Fewer people felt unsafe and markedly fewer felt hassled;
- About half felt that the situation had not changed, a sizable minority felt it had got better and about 10% felt it had got worse;
- A majority felt that policing of the issue was fair or had no view, about a fifth felt it was unfair.

The police in response have indicated that they will continue to adapt their deployments and tactics.

Policing

Cumulative data for the period 12 December 2005 (the start of the initiative) and 1 February 2006, are shown below. The high arrest rate (37% compared with a baseline of 8%, 12% if formal warnings are included) indicate that the power continues to be targeted and intelligence based, an important feature of No Deal.

Stop and Searches	437	
Arrests	138	
Arrest Rate	37%	
Stop and Accounts	240	
Warrants Issued	2	
	Possession of Class A and Class C Drugs	Other Offences
Arrests and Follow Through		
Arrested	74	64
Bailed to return	32	21
Charged	12	34
Caution issued	21	2
Reprimand	1	
Warning	3	
No Further Action	5	5
Other (Immigration)		2

CPCG Office Premises – On the Move Again

Throughout the last year, we have sought, with the Council’s letting Agent, to renew our licence for occupying the Group Office in International House. Early in January we were visited by a member of the Council’s property department. We responded unenthusiastically to a suggestion that the licence could be renewed, but with an increase in annual rent from £3,400 pa to £10, 300 pa. We have now received notice to vacate by July 1 2006.

The Council has indicated some vacant units which they have available (mostly estate based shop units) and which we shall visit. We are also pursuing other opportunities.

CPCG Funding Application to MPA: 2006/7

Following the meeting between the CPCG Board, the Borough Commander, MPA Link Member and LBL’s Assistant Director for Community Safety on 15 December, a workshop session for Group Members on 17 January and a Board meeting on 24 January, CPCG submitted its application for the 2006/7 funding round on 31 January. Key themes in the bid were:

- Youth
- The emerging Safer Neighbourhood panels
- CPCG as an information and engagement hub for Community Safety issues in the borough.
- CPCG and the CDRP

We had received informal (‘corridor conversation’) indication that the MPA will this year be seeking to redistribute funding *between* boroughs (something subsequently covered in the South London Press), but no formal indication of any cap on applications. On the latter basis, we submitted a bid based on our clear, and well

supported, aims for CPCG's development. Given that the MPA awarded us more than our bid for current year, and that we have been able to make cost savings this year and next, we have been able to make a bid just £3k higher than last year, even though we potentially face a rent increase of almost £7k in addition to RPI inflation.

We shall keep our members informed of developments and make a formal presentation of our Action Plan when our funding position is confirmed.

CPCG's Constitutional Development

With the appointment of Supt Paul Wilson (below) we can now invite our membership from Statutory Organisations to recommend their three places on our Board and progress with the final stages of our constitution change. Working on the advice of our legal advisors;

- We shall write to all organisations and individuals who were members at the time of the last AGM indicating that, in line with the motions passed at that AGM, we shall consider that they wish to be members of the new incorporated form of CPCG *unless* they indicate otherwise within 14 days of receipt;
- There are 4 outstanding applications for affiliation (Community Empowerment Network, Milkwood Road Tenants and Residents Association, Popular Youth Club and Latin Front) under the old format of application. The next Board meeting shall consider these applications at its next meeting and, given that they meet the current requirements for membership, will write to those organisations on the same basis as that above;
- Thereafter, all new applications for individual or organisational membership will be issued with a new application and joiners pack;
- We shall apply for Charity registration using the Memorandum and Articles registered in November with Companies House. There were a number of suggestions for amendment made by a group member. We are advised that, since these do not relate to the Objects or Powers of the Charity they will not in themselves require approval of the Charity Commission, as long as they are legal. They can therefore be made, should the membership wish, at any subsequent EGM or AGM and the Charity Commission and Companies House informed. The principal issue raised by the member was the term of Board membership. In this respect it should be noted that the entire current Board has to stand down at the first AGM of the incorporated body (next autumn), under the current Memorandum and Articles.

CPCG and the DAAT-CDRP

CPCG gave a presentation to the Board of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (also called Safer Lambeth) in January, setting out the potential for CPCG to provide an engagement vehicle for the Partnership.

In addition to generous comments on CPCG's contribution over the years and its current activities, feedback also indicated areas to be addressed. These included a

perception that CPCG was overly Brixton focussed, the need to relate CPCG's activities with those of the Safer Neighbourhood Panels and also of the Town Centre forums, and a general lack of awareness of CPCG in some parts of the borough or of how individuals or groups can become part of it.

CPCG will now work with LBL's Community Safety staff to develop firm proposals for activities during 2006/7.

Making Friends

CPCG has applied to join to Lambeth's Community Empowerment Network and joined Lambeth Council of Voluntary Organisations. The Community Empowerment Network has a membership of over 500 local voluntary and community organisations and has an important role in the Local Strategic Partnership. LVAC provides useful support (training etc) to local groups.

Lambeth United

This is an ad hoc umbrella formed between the borough MPS, the Council and local community groups, including CPCG, following the events of July 2005. After the handover of the IPCC report of investigation into the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, on January 19, a further meeting of this group was held to identify any issues of concern that might arise from media coverage of the report and appropriate responses. This meeting was attended by Lee Jasper and Jim Toohill.

In the first instance, Nick Hardwick (Chair, IPCC) will address CPCG's February meeting. Thereafter, partners to Lambeth United have undertaken to produce an authoritative briefing addressing what it believes to be key community concerns, as far as is possible, and drawing information from the IPCC, the CPS, the MPA and the MPA where appropriate. This will be available in hardcopy and on partners websites.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Marianna Tortell (Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust) has left for a post in Hackney. The Group's good wishes and thanks for her work in Lambeth have been conveyed to her.

Superintendent Paul Wilson has joined Lambeth MPS as Superintendent (Partnership) – Supt Andy Tarrant's old position.

Paul joined the MPS in 1979 as a clerk with the Solicitor's Department. In 1983 he completed his initial police training at Hendon and there followed a number of postings across South London as a PC, Sergeant and Inspector. Paul was responsible for Professional Standards and Performance at Kensington and Chelsea and prior to this he served within DCC2(5) Corporate Planning Group at New Scotland Yard

Paul has enjoyed secondment to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's (ODPM) Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, where in addition to his national police liaison role he was also involved in the government's 'community cohesion' work that emanated from the civil disturbances in Bradford and other northern towns during 2001. Paul

has been actively involved in race equality issues and is founding member and past Chairman of both the Metropolitan Police Black Police Association and the National Black Police Association. Paul has served as a member of the Home Secretary's Stephen Lawrence steering group and on the MPS Independent Advisory Group.

Paul is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship and has researched community policing approaches in a number of cities across the United States. Paul holds a Master of Science Degree in Community Safety from the University of Leicester and is a board member for the government funded charity ENCAMS, a campaign group which aims to improve environmental quality and reduce anti social behaviour. Paul also serves as a race equality advisor to the ODPM's Neighbourhood Renewal Unit. Paul lives in LB of Croydon and has two young children, Lewis and Shani.

We are pleased to welcome Paul back to Lambeth and look forward to working with him in the months ahead.

Passing Out Parade, Hendon 27 January 2006

After 18 weeks of intensive training, seventy-one police recruits took part in the Passing Out Parade at Hendon on 27 January 2006 in front of a large gathering of families and friends as well as official guests from various London boroughs and four visitors from Kirov in Russia.

We were fortunate that the afternoon was bright and dry, but there was a piercing wind. The parade was led by the band of the Grenadier Guards, and four magnificent police horses also took part with great interest. The Reviewing Officer was Mr Stephen Rimmer, Director of Modernisation and Performance Strategy, and he was escorted by Chief Superintendent Tony Robinson. It was an impressive and moving ceremony, at the end of which there was a salute by one of the police helicopters.

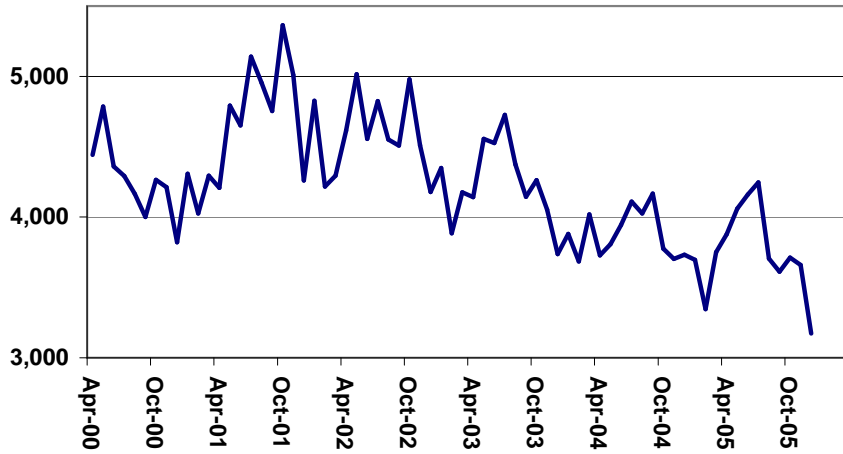
After all this we went indoors for the Presentation Ceremony, when the Oath of Allegiance was read before all of us and a Justice of the Peace. Although the recruits have technically been Constables from early in their training, it is only now that they can exercise their powers as they continue their training on the streets. About twelve of them have started work in Lambeth this week. Awards were presented to several recruits who had done particularly well in different ways and then Mr Rimmer gave an interesting address.

We then all went into another hall for tea and cake and I managed to speak to several of those coming to Lambeth,

Before leaving, I visited the Memorial Garden at one end of the Parade Ground, where members of the MPS who have lost their lives in the line of duty are commemorated.

*Pauline Bower
Churches Together in Clapham*

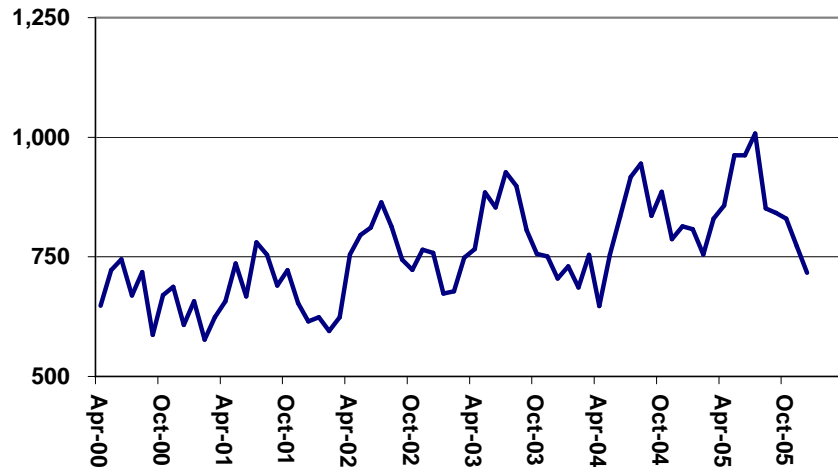
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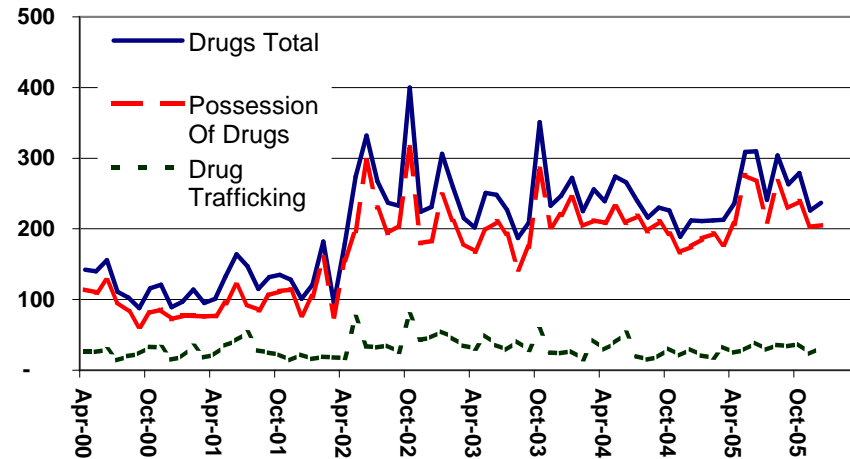
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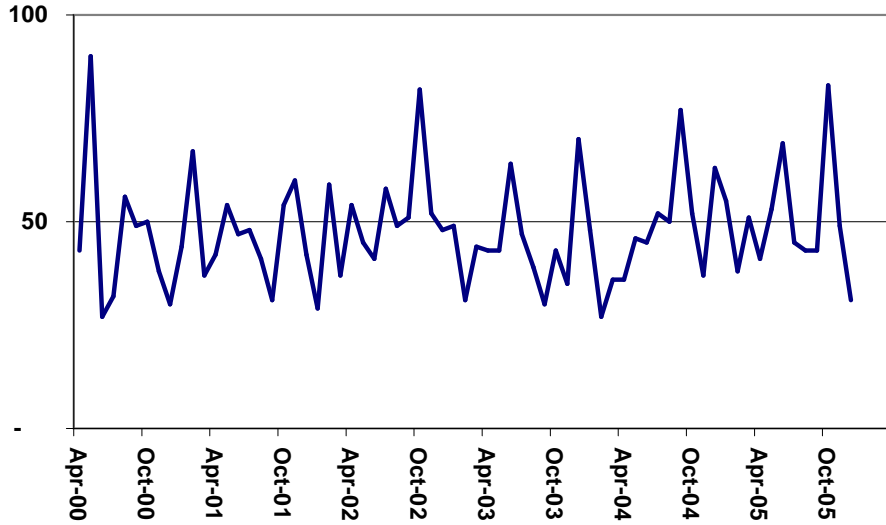
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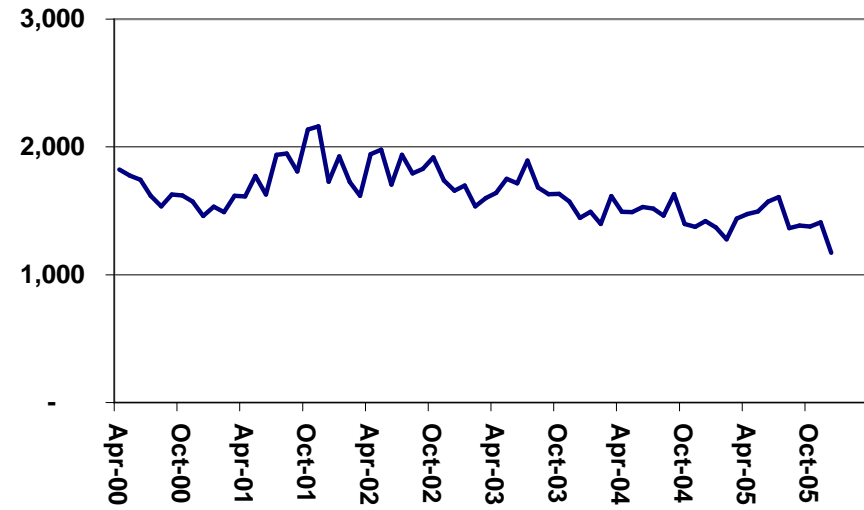
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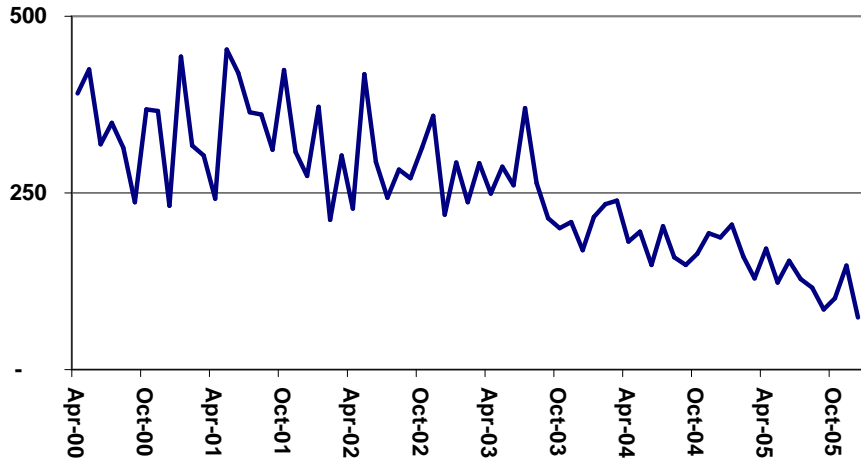
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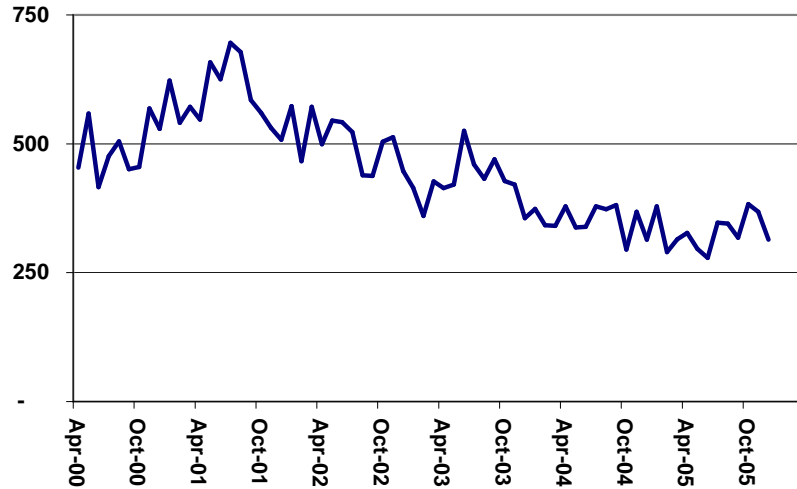
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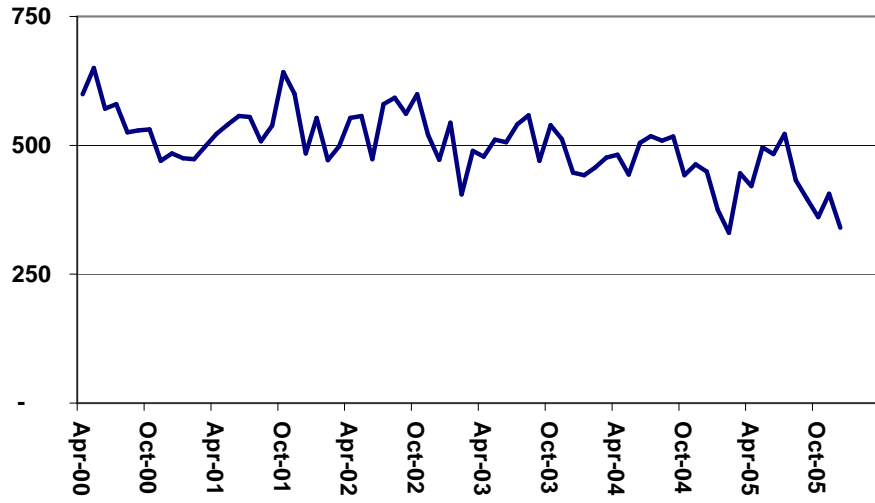
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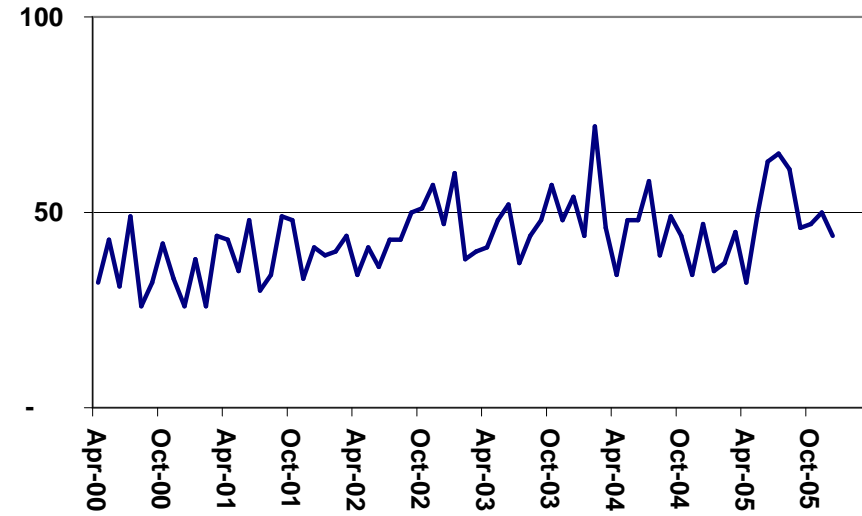
Lambeth - Burglary



Lambeth - Criminal Damage



Lambeth - Other Notifiable Offences



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