

## Significant meetings

### Lambeth Community Safety Forum (11 October)

A very positive meeting between Group Officers and Cllr Darren Sanders (LBL Deputy Exec Community Safety), Jonathan Toy (LBL Head of Community Safety), Supt Andy Tarrant (Lambeth MPS) and Rachel Heywood (Chair, Brixton Forum). There was considerable agreement on the need to find a way of opening up the DAAT-CDRP to Community and Voluntary Sector engagement. Rachel, Paul Andell and Jim Toohill were charged with producing an options paper for December, drawing on best practice elsewhere. One suggestion was an approach that focussed more on the issues arising from the CDRP Audit, rather than getting too obsessed about structures.

### MPA Community Engagement Unit (28 October)

LJ and JT met with Tim Rees and Chris Calnan of the MPA Community Engagement Unit. We were able to clarify some queries Tim and Chris had about the timing of our Outreach initiatives. MPA indicated that they would not seek to recover the 2003/4 financial surplus in this financial year, but in January/February next year we would have a conversation about how our 2004/5 year end forecast impacted on our 2005/6 funding. (We are currently forecasting a £1,500 surplus for the current year end).

We also had a very useful discussion about how MPA Community Engagement and Lambeth CPCG (and others) could work together to address new models for the evolving needs for consultation and engagement around community safety, crime reduction and policing. The potential synergies with the work underway around Lambeth Community Safety Forum were noted.

### Interchange Trust (28 October)

B McK and JT met with Roger Bronkhurst, a legal advisor with the Interchange Trust, to discuss the process and issues around CPCG registering as a limited company and as a charity. This first consultation, which was free, was very productive and will be the subject of a separate note to members.

## Future meetings

**December:** This meeting will be in Clapham, hopefully in the new Academy School. It will largely be given over to the CDRP Audit.

**January:** Quarterly update to Stop and Search. Venue to be decided – any suggestions for North Lambeth or Streatham?

**February:** The (by then) newly refurbished Karibu Centre in Gresham Road, Brixton. Agenda to be decided.

## Community Victim Liaison

Community Victim Liaison is a Lambeth based project which functions nationally. Its purpose is to complement the current work of the Met's Family Liaison and Victim Support. Although we are based in Lambeth we have been involved in many gun crime awareness initiatives in Brent and are due to open an office there.

The project will promote good community relations with statutory agencies. Our services will be delivered by a credible support network which is community based, and is able to offer assistance to families who are affected by serious crimes, with the main focus being gun violence. However we will not just focus on victims and immediate families, but will seek to actively support extended families who may have been affected and are in effect victims themselves.

This view is taken due to the fact that in fatality cases, most deceased are identified by members of families who are not immediate families and aren't viewed as victims; this leaves room for some deep rooted problems in the community.

We have also delivered a programme "Healthy Relationship" around the subject of domestic violence, which addresses adequate relationships and sought to create awareness around Domestic Violence.

We offer emotional and practical support to families through funeral arrangements, accessing Criminal Injuries compensation, or subsequent criminal trials, for example.

We host meetings with victims so that we are updated on current issues and possible gaps in the system, in order to adequately address related issues.

If you would like to know more about, or contribute to, this project then please contact Cheryl Sealey through the Group Office.

*Cheryl Sealey, Individual Member*

## Observers

CPCG have supplied community observers to two Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) exercises during the past month and also to a simulation exercise of a 'major incident' at Lambeth North Tube Station (a mock up of a derailed train with a bomb on board).

## Michael Howard in Brixton

Coverage of the reaction in Lambeth, from the borough police and from residents (as expressed in CPCG Chairperson's letter to Mr Howard), spread through several articles in a number of papers (copies are available from Group Office), starting with an excoriating piece by Polly Toynbee in the *Guardian*, and including an opinion piece from Michael Howard himself in the same paper.



**"I saw that Michael Howard, Sir.....So I hid"**

*The Spectator*

## **Lambeth Independent Appropriate Adult Support Group (LIAASG)**

Some people who may find themselves detained by the Police are considered by the Law to be 'Vulnerable Detainees'. They are people who through their age (juveniles under 17), learning difficulties, mental illness or perhaps even physical illness, are unable to be interviewed or charged, without some 'Appropriate Adult' present. An Appropriate Adult might be the person's parent or guardian or, in their absence, a social worker or other competent adult.

In Lambeth, Social Services are not always able to meet the demand for this service, especially out of office hours and at weekends, for both resource and procedural reasons. This can result in vulnerable people being kept in police custody for considerably longer than needs be. This is often very distressing for the individual but also very demanding of police time if, for example, special watch needs to be kept on a person who is at risk of self harm.

LIAASG was launched in 2000 to meet this real need. A team of volunteers, who undergo a recruitment process, police screening and training, make themselves available to attend Lambeth police stations and to act as Appropriate Adults – that is to ensure that the Vulnerable Person's rights are observed. Initially run on an entirely voluntary basis, the scheme now receives some funding and is able to pay volunteer's expenses together with a small call-out 'fee'.

If you feel you would like to be part of this valuable and rewarding service, or just to learn more about it, then please contact [jane@warwickcastle13.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:jane@warwickcastle13.freeserve.co.uk) or on 020 7735 8880

*Jane Warwick, Individual Member*

## **Lambeth Crime Prevention Panel**

Lambeth Crime Prevention Panel is a small registered Charity which has been around for over ten years. Over the years much of our work has been in the background, helping to fund other bodies such as Lambeth Victim Support's "Bobby Scheme" and such items as the *No Credits* video. However, we also pride ourselves in the number of pilot schemes we have initiated which have taken up by larger bodies such as The Police and The Council. Many of these schemes cannot get funding from elsewhere and we attempt to fill the gap

We work very closely with the Crime Prevention Officers, with whom we have an excellent relationship. The better than target decrease in reported crime has certainly had a positive effect on our work as there is more emphasis on crime prevention by the Borough Police. We thank all the Senior officers with whom we have contact, but Supt. Tarrant must have a special mention here for unblocking "log jams"

Our present projects are in developing a Crime Prevention Road Show (first one done and, yes, we will be coming to your area soon), planning a major event for the Lambeth Country Show and supporting the development of Neighbourhood Watch in the borough.

In January we will also be going on a recruitment drive.

*Richard Moore, Individual Member*

**GLAD/MPA Conference ‘Disabled People & the Police - a New Relationship?’**

I have attended the conference ‘Disabled People & the Police - a New Relationship?’ All the disabled people who attended were given the opportunity to air their concerns. Some of these are:


- **Police to listen to them & take them seriously** (although when a question is asked of the police by a disabled person, the police appear to always converse with their carer or an able-bodied person who is with them. The disabled person is made to feel non-existent);
- **Every disabled person is an individual who thinks & feels differently, should be treated accordingly** (just one formula does not apply to all the disabled people);
- **People (including children) who make fun of disabled people should be prosecuted, because its very hurtful;**
- **Domestic violence (in certain ethnic minorities) should be taken seriously instead of sending the victim back to the same environment;**

Also, the conference has given a good opportunity for the police to find out what is expected of them. **At** the end of the conference, disabled people were unanimously agreed that the Deputy Commissioner who made a presentation in the beginning should have stayed to the end. It would have given the Deputy Commissioner an opportunity to converse with disabled people individually, which would have helped him to understand them better. Also it would have been a first step towards forming a trusting relationship.

I hope next time the organizers would take the cobblestones around the venue and the time (too early for some disabled people) into consideration. Overall it was a good conference. It was a first step. I feel that taking further steps entirely depends on the police.

*Arulini Velmurugu, Individual Member*

**(Congratulations to Arulini who has been recruited to the MPS’s Disability Independent Advisory Group.)**



Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust is an independent charity that works to develop crime reduction initiatives across the London borough of Lambeth. We work in partnership with the police, local authority, other statutory agencies and the voluntary sector. **WE ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT TWO NEW WORKERS:**

**LGBT Hate Crime Co-ordinator**  
**Salary: £28,092 – £30,267 inc. ILW (Points 35 - 38 on NJC scale)**  
**pro rata 28 hours per week**

The Co-ordinator will be responsible for implementing a wide-ranging work programme in Lambeth, in partnership with an active LGBT Forum and the voluntary and statutory sectors, to increase the reporting of homophobic/trans-phobic crimes, and improve support services to victims and witnesses.

The successful candidate will have at least two years experience of working within the anti-discrimination sector, and preferably with LGBT communities.

**Hate Crime Co-ordinator – Ethnicity, Race & Religion**  
**Salary: £28,092 – £30,267 inc. ILW (Points 35 - 38 on NJC scale)**  
**pro rata 28 hours per week**

The Co-ordinator will be responsible for implementing a wide-ranging work programme in Lambeth, in partnership with voluntary and statutory agencies, to increase reporting of ERR hate crimes and improve support services to victims and witnesses. The Co-ordinator will also develop a Lambeth-wide ERR Hate Crime Forum.

The successful candidate will at least two years experience of working within the anti-discrimination sector, and preferably with racially and culturally diverse communities.

For further information and an application pack for either these posts, please contact:  
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