



## Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

Supported by Charlton Central Residents'  
Association (CCRA)

### UPDATE 53: August 2023

Please share this 'Update' with a neighbour  
and encourage them to join the Watch.

If you have something you'd like included in UPDATE contact  
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### Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team (SNT)

Our excitement at finally being fully staffed on our SNT team has unfortunately been short lived as we say goodbye to our Police Community Support Officer Mike Rabin. Mike has been with us since the boundary changes redesignated our area as Charlton Village and Riverside Ward. During his time with us Mike has made a real impact in the area supporting PC Lydia Caldwell and PC Frankie Hill. We have already made representation to Inspector Adrian Engelbrecht, who determines the SNT staffing across the borough, and we hope that Mike's replacement will be with us before the end of the year. We wish Mike all the best in his new post at New Scotland Yard where he is joining a team focusing on public engagements. We are sure his time on the Charlton SNT will have taught him many useful skills when working with the public.

### The New Met for London

Following failings with the Police and Baroness Casey's damning report the force responded with its 'Turnaround Plan' under the leadership of Commander Mark Rowley. This plan has paved the way for the launch of 'The New Met for London' initiative which is dedicated to putting communities back at the heart of policing as it delivers more trust, less crime and high standards. The plan identifies significant increases in staff with 500 extra PCSOs and 565 new personnel in specialist teams, along with changes in culture and increase investment in technology.

### E-scooter and electric bike safety

The London Fire Brigade attended 116 fires involving e-scooters and electric bikes in 2022 and this is already up by 60% this year. The majority of these happened in homes and they were often caused when charging batteries. E-vehicles are often left to charge overnight in hallways, where they block exit routes during fires, compounding serious injuries. If you own an e-scooter/bike please always follow the safety instructions for charging and never use replacing batteries unless bought from reputable supplies. If you are thinking of converting an existing vehicle, only use a bona fide conversion kit. Those bought cheaply online may be unsafe. Batteries also pose a risk if they have been damaged so check them regularly and they should never be exposed to extremes of temperature. Always unplug when the charging cycle is finished to avoid the battery overheating and if the worse should happen always call 999 and never try to extinguish an exploded battery yourself. Stay safe around e-scooters.

### Air Quality Action Plan

You may not immediately think of air quality when 'community safety' is mentioned but, taking a holistic view of safety, the quality of the air we breath is important to our well-being and feelings of security. The Council are currently undertaking a consultation on the new Air Quality Action Plan. The consultation seeks residents' views on 10 priorities and actions to reduce dangerous pollutants. When CCRA undertook independent air quality monitoring around our streets we found that some hot-spots (by Fossdene School etc.) were in breach of EU guidelines for noxious emissions. If you would like to have your say on what the Council's priorities are then respond to the consultation by visiting: <https://rbg-airquality.commonplace.is> - look at the plan and 'have your say'.

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