

Chadwell Safer Neighbourhood Team - Newsletter – October 2020

Dear Ward Member,

Welcome to Chadwell's latest newsletter. We trust that all are continuing to keep well and safe during these challenging times.

COVID-19 updates:

Face Coverings

- Customers in private hire vehicles and taxis must wear face coverings (from 23rd September).
- Customers in hospitality venues must wear face coverings, except when seated at a table to eat or drink. Staff in hospitality and retail will now also be required to wear face coverings (from 24th September).
- People who are already exempt from the existing face covering obligations, such as because of an underlying health condition, will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.
- Guidance stating that face coverings and visors should be worn in close contact services will now become law (from 24th September).
- Staff working on public transport and taxi drivers will continue to be advised to wear face coverings.

Businesses

- Businesses selling food or drink (including cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants), social clubs, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement arcades (and other indoor leisure centres or facilities), funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls, must be closed between 10pm and 5am. This will include takeaways but delivery services can continue after 10pm (from 24th September).
- In licensed premises, food and drink must be ordered from, and served at, a table.
- Customers must eat and drink at a table in any premises selling food and drink to consume on site (from 24 September).
- Businesses will need to display the official NHS QR code posters so that customers can 'check-in' at different premises using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details once the app is rolled out nationally (from 24th September).
- Businesses and organisations will face stricter rules to make their premises COVID Secure (from 28th September):
- A wider range of leisure and entertainment venues, services provided in community centres, and close contact services will be subject to the COVID-19 Secure requirements in law and fines of up to £10,000 for repeated breaches
- Employers must not knowingly require or encourage someone who is being required to self-isolate to come to work.
- Businesses must remind people to wear face coverings where mandated.

Meeting people safely

- [Support groups](#) must be limited to a maximum of 15 people (from 24th September).
- Indoor organised sport for over 18s will no longer be exempt from the rule of six. There is an exemption for indoor organised team sports for disabled people (from 24th September).
- There will be a new exemption in those areas of local intervention where household mixing is not allowed to permit friends and family to provide informal childcare for children under 14 (from 24th September).
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions will be restricted to a maximum of 15 people (down from 30). Other significant standalone life events will be subject to the 'rule of six' limits, except funerals (from 28th September).

The Government's expectation is that the measures described above will need to remain in place until March.

Further details on current COVID-19 guidelines can be found on www.gov.uk

Chadwell SNT will continue to conduct regular patrols across the Ward and engaging (socially distanced) with residents & businesses to remind them of the Government's advice in regards to COVID-19.

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Crime Updates for Chadwell Ward

Since our August 2020 Newsletter, Chadwell Ward has seen crime reported as follows:

<u>July 2020</u>	<u>August 2020</u>	<u>September 2020</u>
2 Burglaries	3 Burglaries*	2 Burglaries**
3 Attempted Burglaries	2 Attempted Burglaries	0 Attempted Burglaries
0 Business Burglaries	1 Business Burglary	1 Business Burglary
1 Theft of Motor Vehicles	4 Theft of Motor Vehicles	4 Theft of Motor Vehicles
9 Theft from Motor Vehicles	1 Theft from Motor Vehicle	5 Theft from Motor Vehicles

***August's** Burglaries included 1 which a reclassified as a forced entry by landlord & 2 with extenuating circumstances. The Attempted Burglaries were via the rear of a property and a garage in a block.

****September's** Burglaries included 1 which was historical having taken place in 2015 but only reported now and the other where a porch & front door were left unlocked but the property was alarmed and no entry gained.

It is encouraging to see that there has not been a rise in residential burglaries but, we must not become complacent and should continue to ensure that all doors are double locked and keys removed. With the nights drawing in, the use of timer switches also becomes more important if you are away from your property for any length of time.

The reported Theft of Motor Vehicles for both August and September all relate to those vehicles with a keyless entry system which can be deactivated from your dashboard – please contact your dealership for details. Again, a reminder to consider using a steering wheel or gear stick lock to help protect your vehicle against these types of theft. This is a visual deterrent and makes it hard for thieves to steal your vehicles. Also, remember to keep your smart key or fob well away from your front door and consider purchasing a security pouch which will prevent thieves from scanning your key/fob. Consideration could also be given to installing a parking post should you have enough room on your driveway.

With regards to the Theft from Motor Vehicles, items have included tools and other small items. Please remember to ensure that your vehicle, including the boot are locked and secure every time you leave it. Never leave valuable items inside your vehicle. Remove all items from view by taking them with you or putting them in the boot out of sight. Thieves will look for any items on display; things like clothes, document or an old bag might not seem like “valuables” but they could tempt a thief.

In other news.....

Chadwell SNT have been continuing to combine their daily Ward duties with victim follow-up visits as well as continuing patrols of Essex Road, Railway Street & Avenue Road which is our current Ward Priority. The Team have also been carrying out weekly weapons sweeps of various locations across the Ward and are happy to report that nothing has been found. On the 20th August a Community Weapons Sweep was carried out in Crucible Park and thank you to residents, Ward Councillor Hannah Choudhry and students from Chadwell Academy for taking the time to come along and assist. Again, we are happy to report nothing was found.

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At the beginning of September, the Team were joined by PC Andy Sharp who has experience of Safer Neighbourhoods having worked previously on Ilford Town Ward. I am sure that everyone will wish Andy all the best as he joins Chadwell Ward working alongside PC Justin Connolly & PCSO Audrey Adebisi.

On Saturday 12th September, and following on from reports of ASB and drug related activity in the Quarles Park area, PC Justin Connolly & PC Andy Sharp carried out 4 stop & searches which on this occasion were both satisfactory. Again, another ASB & drug spot area, being Putney Gardens was patrolled on Friday 18th September which resulted in 2 persons being dealt with for possession of Cannabis.

Unfortunately, we are still not able to hold any of our Community Events but as soon as this situation changes we will of course let you all know.

In the meantime, all we ask is that everyone adheres to current COVID-19 guidelines and keeps safe and well.

Remember: “Hands / Face / Space”



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