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## Introduction



*Chief Superintendent Michael Gallagher*

My priorities are, of course, to continue to reduce crime. This can be achieved by working more effectively with the Local Authority, our other statutory and the enormous diversity of non-statutory partners. I believe we can achieve far more when we work together, delivering economies of scale and increased efficiency, shared expertise and through reduced duplication. This will be something that I will focus on. Brent is a very cosmopolitan and diverse Borough. This is something I appreciate and value as a born and bred Londoner from Lewisham. As someone who has worked in many inner city Boroughs over my 30 year policing career in both a CID and uniform role, I believe I am well placed both professionally and personally to lead Brent forward. I look forward and relish the challenge to drive down crime further to make Brent as safe as it can be for all our communities.

***Chief Superintendent Michael Gallagher  
Brent Borough Commander***



# London Borough of Brent Key Facts

Brent is an outer London borough, which covers 25 square miles, situated to the north-west of the capital. There are four police stations within the borough, Wembley and Kilburn which are open 24 hours, and Harlesden and Willesden which are open between 7am and 9pm. We also have a Safer Neighbourhoods base in Walm Lane. Brent borders with Brent, Ealing, Colindale, Camden and Westminster.



Brent is a borough of contrast in terms of its economic, environmental, racial, cultural, linguistic and social make-up. It is a borough where inner city conditions, primarily in the south, meet with more prosperous suburban features mainly to the north.

Brent Borough OCU is one of the most diverse areas in western Europe in respect of different religions and cultures with over 130 different languages spoken. According to the 2001 National Census 29.3% of Brent's population are classified as white British, and is one of two boroughs in the UK to have a larger black and Asian population than white. We pride ourselves on having a good working relationship with all sections of the community.

Local authorities have a new responsibility to be a 'place-shaper' and a local leader. We must establish an identity for the local area, and work to promote the wellbeing of all our residents. To support this new role we aim to work in conjunction with the Borough Corporate Strategy which, along with other consultations such as the Brent Neighbourhood Watch Association (BNWA) annual survey, has led to the development of BNWA's vision and priorities.

## The priorities are:

- Safer Brent – providing information and opportunities for all Brent residents to make the borough a safer place to live and work in;
- Brent – improving the local environment and access to transport, housing and improved local amenities;
- Good Relations Brent – to promote and build stronger communities based on equal opportunities and a commitment to inclusion;
- Partnership Brent – improving and building opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds to work together with local SNTs and other voluntary agencies in the Borough;
- Opportunity Brent – improving education, participation in decision-making and promoting volunteer opportunities.



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Neighbourhood Watch is the largest community safety organisation in the country with an estimated 10 million members. Neighbourhood Watch works by developing close liaison between households in a neighbourhood and the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team. It helps people protect themselves and their properties, and reduces the fear of crime by improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit.

Neighbourhood Watch is **NOT ABOUT:**  
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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are run by their members through Co-ordinators. The Neighbourhood Watch Manager, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Brent Neighbourhood Watch Association support them in their role.

A volunteer Co-ordinator supervises the scheme and liaises with the Neighbourhood Watch Manager and their Safer Neighbourhood Team who will provide information and messages to keep them in touch with activities.

The Police cannot deal with the problems and issues arising from crime and anti-social behaviour alone; they need the help of the whole community. Links with co-ordinators through the involvement of Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be far greater, and with the help of local partners will provide lasting solutions to everyday problems such as anti-social behaviour, graffiti, noisy neighbours, or un-insured drivers making roads unsafe.

## ROLE OF MEMBERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND CO-ORDINATORS

- A 'WATCH'. The name given to a road, part of a road, or block of flats covered by a Neighbourhood Watch 'Co-ordinator'. Distributors and members help them in their role.
- ANYONE can be a member of Neighbourhood Watch. There is NO FEE, and in some cases insurance companies may offer discounted rates to members of Neighbourhood Watch.
- A DISTRIBUTOR is asked to do just that, to distribute. They would receive a few; perhaps 20 or so leaflets, and be asked, by a co-ordinator, to deliver these to houses close to where the distributor lives. These leaflets are sent out three times a year and consist of crime prevention advice and news.

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- A CO-ORDINATOR is asked to receive information from the Neighbourhood Watch Manager. This information includes monthly crime reports regarding offences that have occurred in their area.
- CRIME ALERTS which detail crimes that have recently taken place will be sent to co-ordinators who have supplied an email address. Co-ordinators may then send these to members.
- A CO-ORDINATOR will be offered training organised by Brent Neighbourhood Watch Association. This would involve a few hours once a year and includes basic crime prevention advice.
- SOME WATCHES arrange their own meetings, either regularly, or as a one-off to discuss a particular problem; e.g. graffiti.
- A CO-ORDINATOR should be prepared to attend a meeting if necessary. You may also wish to invite your Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

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### **The key aims of the Trust are to:**

- Promote best practice throughout the neighbourhood watch movement by providing a range of downloadable resources on home security and community involvement;
- Encourage the exchange of views and ideas through a range of online forums, bringing together people with a common interest in creating community cohesion;
- Broaden the appeal of neighbourhood watch through an editorial approach on the website that reflects the concerns and interests of all sections of society, ethnic groupings and age ranges.

Over time the UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust seeks to make a more tangible contribution to community safety by funding local projects. The UK Neighbourhood Trust Community Fund will enable neighbourhood watch groups to apply for funds for local activities and good causes that demonstrate they can make a genuine difference in their community.

## London Neighbourhood Watch

The London Neighbourhood Watch Association (LNWA) has been established for over three years and already represents the interests of more than three quarters of the London Boroughs.

The aim of the LNWA is to make the community a safer, better and more enjoyable place to live, work and play.

We achieve this through actively promoting issues such as security and safety, and work closely with key community groups including the The Metropolitan Police, City of London Police, Home Office, and representatives from each of the London boroughs.

Across Greater London, about a fifth of London homes are members of a local Neighbourhood Watch which strongly reflects the high level of community spirit and support from households towards building a better community.

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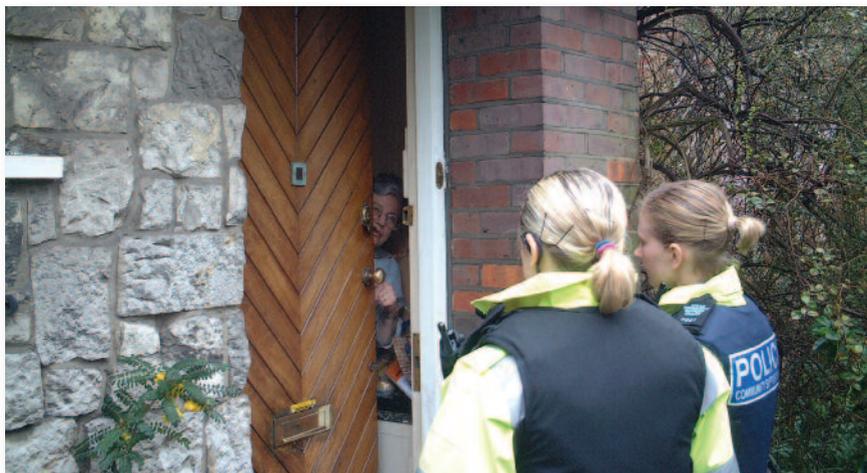
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## What are Safer Neighbourhood Teams?

Safer Neighbourhoods provides: A team of officers dedicated to every London Neighbourhood. A more accessible, more visible, more accountable police service. Local communities getting a real say in deciding the priorities for the area in which they live, allowing the police to provide long-term, local solutions to local problems while maintaining a focus on reducing priority crime.

Safer Neighbourhoods teams are dedicated to your community and are additional to other policing teams and units in London. If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues, then you can talk to your local team.



Safer Neighbourhood Teams are not there to provide a 24 hour response; this is the role of the response team officers. Response team officers do pass on information to Safer Neighbourhoods teams as appropriate.

***So please note, these contact details should not be used for any communication that might require an emergency response. In an emergency you should dial 999.***

## Safer Neighbourhood Teams Numbers

Alperton – 020 8721 2964   Barnhill – 020 8721 2966   Brondesbury Park – 020 8721 2961  
Dollis Hill – 020 8721 2963   Dudden Hill – 020 8721 2053   Fryent – 020 8721 2054  
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Kilburn – 020 8721 2020   Mapesbury – 020 8721 2962   Northwick Park – 020 8721 2969  
Preston – 020 8721 2968   Queens Park – 020 8721 2960   Queensbury – 020 8721 2971  
Stonebridge – 020 8721 2060   Sudbury – 020 8721 2965   Tokyngton – 020 7161 8282  
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### Non-emergency contact number

If you wish to contact the Metropolitan Police Service and it is not an emergency please call 101.

If you are deaf or have speech impairment you can use a textphone to call us. Dial 18000 in an emergency, or 18001101 if your call is not an emergency.

You can call it any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Local call charges apply on BT lines. Mobiles and other networks may vary. If you need to call us from outside of the UK, you can call us on +44 207 230 1212.

### Online reporting

Certain categories of crime committed in the Greater London area can now be reported over the internet, as long as an urgent response is not required.

[www.met.police.uk/reporting\\_crime/index.htm](http://www.met.police.uk/reporting_crime/index.htm)

### Local police stations

In non-emergency situations you should usually contact the local police in the area where the crime has occurred – either by phone or by going to the nearest police station with a front office open to the public.

### Crimestoppers

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Emergencies	999
Police Non Emergencies	101
Brent Neighbourhood Watch	07502 426038 Email: <a href="mailto:info@bnwa.org">info@bnwa.org</a>

Safer Neighbourhood Teams contact numbers are on page 14.



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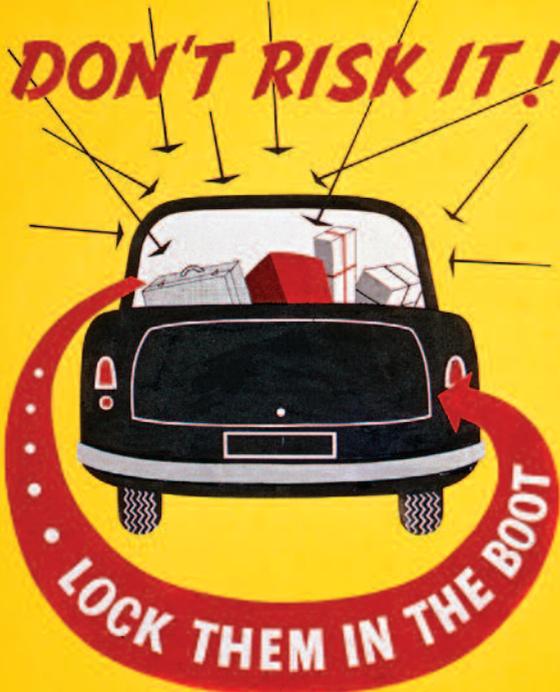
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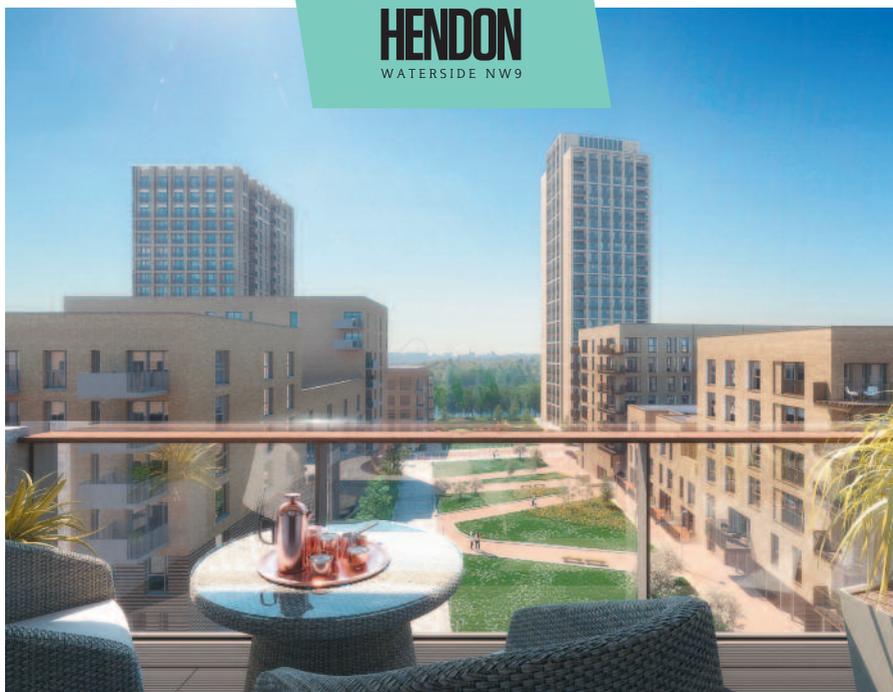
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# Personal Questionnaires

## Interview with BNWA Office Manager Ann Wells

### *How long have you lived in Brent?*

25 years. I lived in south London before this.

### *When did you first become involved with BNWA?*

On the road I lived on, some residents asked if my husband and I would be interested in attending a meeting about neighbourhood watch. We did not know what it was about, so were keen to hear more. This was about 1996.



### *What were your reasons for becoming involved with BNWA?*

I have always enjoyed talking to my neighbours and hearing what is going on in the area. I saw neighbourhood watch as another way of keeping in contact with more people. One of the main reason was to help make the road and area that I lived on a nicer and safer place to live.

### *What does your work involve?*

The role of the Office Manager is to try and keep the residents informed about anything which is occurring in the borough relating to crime prevention. We use Facebook, Twitter and the website, as well as Streetlife and email to keep the residents up to speed. We attend local meetings and work in partnership with the Police, Council and other partners. We also have held crime prevention workshops and awareness days.

### *What does the role mean to you?*

BNWA is a Charity and has over 5,000 members and it is extremely important that as many residents can be included in receiving advice about how to be safe as they go about their day to day activities. It is free to join and everyone is welcome to be part of making their area as great as it can be.



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## Personal Questionnaires continued

### ***How do you view the community of Brent?***

Coming originally from Ireland, I find Brent to be a friendly place to raise a family. My neighbours are great and there is always someone going past to pass the time of day with. It is important now more than ever to look out for each other and to remember that sometimes a smile or a nod can make someone feel special.

### ***What are the greatest challenges in your opinion facing Brent?***

We need more Police in Brent. Time and time again when I meet residents, the same questions come, why are there less Police? Also, in order for BNWA to survive, it needs funding, we need more equipment to distribute, someone to keep the IT side ticking over and also, we need more volunteers.

### ***What are the best reasons for living in Brent?***

If you live in Brent, you are in the most diverse borough that I know of. There are beautiful parks to visit, museums and there is always something going on.

### ***Can you provide a brief description of yourself and your life?***

I am married with two children. I have lived in the UK for over 26 years. I enjoy working for a Charity, having previously worked for a Bank. I am active with the children. I like meeting my friends for a good catch up and going to local plays at the Tricycle Theatre.



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### Interview with BNWA Co-ordinator Donna Sheehan

#### *How long have you lived in Brent?*

15 years.

#### *What were your reasons for becoming involved with BNWA?*

To look out for my community and keep it safe.

#### *What does your work involve?*

I have been involved with Ashford Place running keep fit classes to help motivate people to get fit and meet other people, also have done various festivals and charity fundraisers.



#### *What has been a volunteer in Brent meant for you?*

My classes have been supported by local people for 5 years now and it's great to be able to give something back in return.

#### *How do you view the community of Brent?*

Fantastic and close knit, friendly and kind, I love Brent!

#### *What are the greatest challenges in your opinion facing Brent?*

I live in Dollis Hill, which is very close to Gladstone Park, so I see a lot of immigrants sleeping rough in the park and it's very upsetting. Also the amount of new buildings that are being built, it will be very hard for our children to get into decent schools as there will be so many families moving into the area but not enough schools.

#### *Can you provide a brief description of yourself and your life*

I am a married mother of 2 young children. I work as a fitness instructor in Willesden Sports Centre and Virgin Active and Dollis Hill. I am a practising Catholic and attend St Mary and St Andrews Church, which I feel is the heart of the community in Dollis Hill.

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### Interview with BNWA Co-ordinator Alex Melia

#### ***How long have you lived in Brent?***

Most of my life – so just say it's a long time. When I was a kid, Iceland was Bejam and the State was a cinema.

#### ***When did you first become a volunteer for BNWA?***

I met the lovely people of BNWA at a Brent civic function about 5 years ago. And Ann Wells invited me to join the committee – you don't say no to Ann!

#### ***What was your reason for becoming involved?***

I think there comes a time in life when you think it will be great to give something back, help make a difference and make things better. It doesn't have to be big things – encouraging or making it easier for neighbours to talk to each other or helping each other out for example.

#### ***What does your work involve?***

I'm the Chair of BNWA. I conduct our regular committee meetings and Annual General Meetings, working with colleagues within BNWA and outside of it to promote the work of the association. And writing a lot of emails.

#### ***What has been a volunteer in Brent meant for you?***

It is a great feeling to know that you have contributed something back and, in this day and age of political strife, it is important to stand up for the right values. At the same time, it is a pleasure to have met a large number of hard working and personable Brent colleagues and local politicians.

#### ***How do you view the community of Brent?***

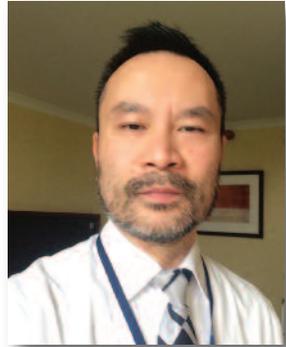
Brent has great diversity in the number of cultures in its residents and contrasting areas geographically ranging from beauty spots like parks, reservoirs to industrial zones, as well as Brent Cross, and quiet residential areas, all very close to each other. This is what makes Brent such an interesting place.

#### ***What are the greatest challenges in your opinion facing Brent?***

There are of course some neighbourhood policing issues. More importantly, we must work on decreasing the fear of crime, for example by encouraging reporting and broadcasting ways of doing it so people find it easier and are more confident to do so. Like many other areas in London, traffic can also be a headache.

#### ***Can you provide a brief description of yourself and your life***

My day job is 'to fly to serve', so I travel A LOT. I have a vicious black and white cat that doubles as a guard dog. Going through a fitness bout at the moment – keeping fit and no drinking. I have a big interest in acoustic music making and have a large circle of musical friends.



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