

## Operation Autumn Nights Reducing Crime



Op Attrition at the scene

### Autumn Nights results in Burglars arrests over the Borough

Operation Autumn Nights is the police's response to dealing with the seasonal rise in burglary and anti social behavior around the Halloween period. Across the borough officers were deployed working late shifts.

PS Paul Taylor who led the operation said, "Between the 20<sup>th</sup> October and the 5<sup>th</sup> November, Central North Basic Command Unit undertook Operation Winter Nights, part

of a Pan-London operation to pro-actively tackle burglary and anti-social behaviour which traditionally increases over the Halloween and bonfire night period.

A total of 230 Officers participated in the Operation, assisted by Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary and Islington Parkguard. Police Cadets also assisted in 'test purchasing' targeting businesses selling knives and fireworks to juveniles.

Throughout the period, the dedicated resources achieved the following results amongst others:

- A total of 48 arrests
- 273 weapons sweeps
- 4 vehicle seizures
- 13% reduction in burglary
- 3% reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- 10 knives and numerous weapons recovered from various locations
- Large quantity of acid found hidden in the Caledonian Road vicinity
- 9 arrests for burglary
- 5 arrests for possession of drugs with intent to supply

Operation Winter nights is part of the Met's overarching #BeSafe campaign and demonstrates Central North's commitment to tackle those intent on committing crime and anti-social behaviour across Islington and Camden."

## Islington Boxing Club is a knock out success with young people!



Camden and Islington Police have launched a community boxing club at the Sobell centre, N7. The club runs on a Monday and Wednesday evening and is free for young people to attend. PC Chris O'Toole who has started the club said "The objective of the boxing club education programme is to provide young people with the opportunities, skills, and information to make them healthy life style choices through the delivery of boxing. The club opened in May 2017 and is going from strength to with 50 plus kids registered we also do an adult programme. The kids boxing is free and runs Monday at 1630hrs and Wednesday 1700hrs. We have all the equipment which has been donated and have funding till 2019. Anyone that wants to come along please contact me at Chris.O'Toole@met.pnn.police.uk"

### We have stepped up our offensive against moped criminals

The second half of October saw a dramatic fall in the number of moped enabled offences.

We have been, pursuing and arresting offenders, using road spikes, our new DNA spray and seizing mopeds. We will not relent against these brazen criminals.



Our Commissioner, Cressida Dick remarked "We have brought all our tactics and specialists together to use every ethical option to put a stop to the rise, arrest those responsible, disrupt offenders, dismantle the criminal markets that make these offences lucrative and change the public's behaviour to make them a part of our effort."

Tune in to us on twitter [@MPSCamden](#) and [@MPSIslington](#) for the most recent activity and updates.

### Contact keeps coming up as a big issue

We are frequently told that 101 can mean an unreasonable wait on the phone. If you just want to pass on some information, this can be frustrating. The good news is there are some alternatives!

Contact your local team (you will need to know you local ward name for this):

- Via our new website (you can also report crime there)
- On Twitter
- Via @MetCC
- Visit our Website at <https://www.met.police.uk/>