



St Katharine's & Wapping Ward Panel January 2023

Crime and Anti - Social Behaviour Update
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Ward Priorities



Crime Statistics

Crime Type	Number of Offences 2021 (Jan 21 - Dec 21) St Katharine's & Wapping	Number of Offences 2022 (Jan 22 - Dec 22) St Katharine's & Wapping	Difference in Offences St Katharine's & Wapping	Ward Rank (Out of 20 where 1 = Highest level of crime)	Percentage change between 2021 and 2022 St Katharine's & Wapping	Percentage change between 2021 and 2022 Tower Hamlets
Total Notifiable Offences						
Total Notifiable Offences	879	969	● 90	16	10%	● 1%
Crime Type						
Violence Against the Person	218	261	● 43	18	20%	● 1%
Sexual Offences	33	37	● 4	13	12%	● 8%
Robbery Offences	17	14	● -3	19	-18%	● -4%
Burglary Offences	100	99	● -1	12	-1%	● -9%
MV Offences	64	65	● 1	18	2%	● 11%
Theft Offences	261	330	● 69	10	26%	● 12%
Criminal Damage Offences	47	49	● 2	10	4%	● -7%
Drug Offences	63	42	● -21	19	-33%	● -21%
Possession of Weapon Offences	4	4	● 0	18	0%	● 10%
Public Order Offences	68	60	● -8	18	-12%	● -6%



Other Crime

Crime Type	Number of Offences 2021 (Jan 21 - Dec 21)	Number of Offences 2022 (Jan 22 - Dec 22)	Difference in Offences	Ward Rank (Out of 20 where 1 = Highest level of crime)	Percentage change between 2021 and 2022	Percentage change between 2021 and 2022
	St Katharine's & Wapping	St Katharine's & Wapping	St Katharine's & Wapping		St Katharine's & Wapping	Tower Hamlets
Drug Offences Breakdown						
Drug Trafficking	5	8	● 3	16	60%	● 10%
Possession of Drugs	58	34	● -24	17	-41%	● -26%
Hate Crime						
Disability Hate Crime Offs	0	3	● 3	3	0%	● 19%
Faith Hate Crime Offs	5	4	● -1	10	-20%	● -37%
Homophobic Hate Crime Offs	7	7	● 0	12	0%	● 14%
Racist Hate Crime Offs	25	34	● 9	12	36%	● -16%
Transgender Hate Crime Offs	2	0	● -2	12	-100%	● -30%
Theft Breakdown						
Bicycle Theft	85	37	● -48	13	-56%	● -28%
Theft from person	31	85	● 54	6	174%	● 10%
Theft Person Mobile Phone	15	58	● 43	7	287%	● 5%
Shoplifting	15	15	● 0	14	0%	● 46%
Violence Breakdown						
Violence with Injury	72	81	● 9	18	13%	● 5%
Violence without Injury	146	180	● 34	19	23%	● 0%
Domestic Abuse Offs	87	102	● 15	19	17%	● -2%



Current Year Crime by Ward

Violence Against Person Offences



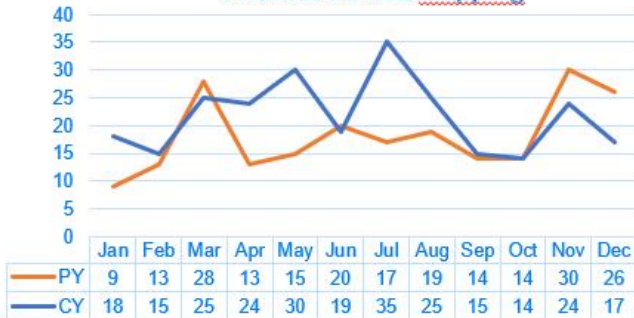
Theft of Mobile Phone Offences



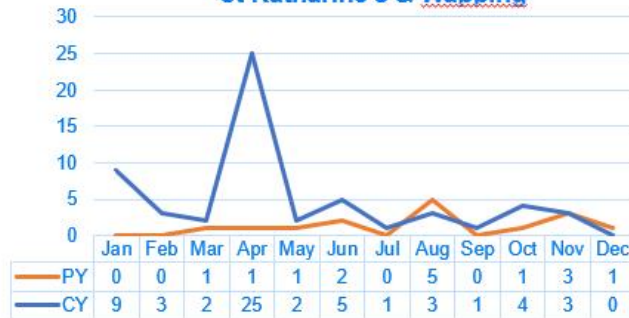
Bicycle Theft Offences



Violence Against the Person Offences for St Katharine's & Wapping



Theft Person Mobile Phone Offences for St Katharine's & Wapping



Bicycle Theft Offences for St Katharine's & Wapping



PY = Previous Year (Jan 21 – Dec 21)
CY = Current Year (Jan 22 – Dec 22)



Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB Type	Number of calls to Police 2021 St Katharine's & Wapping	Number of calls to Police 2022 St Katharine's & Wapping	Difference between 2021 and 2022 St Katharine's & Wapping	Ward Rank (Out of 20 where 1 = highest volume of calls)	Percentage change between 2021 and 2022 St Katharine's & Wapping	Percentage Change between 2021 and 2022 Tower Hamlets
Total ASB	992	573	● -419	9	-42%	● -39%
ASB Type						
Begging / Vagrancy	29	10	● -19	12	-66%	● -17%
Fireworks	7	13	● 6	2	86%	● -54%
Noise	36	21	● -15	11	-42%	● -33%
Rowdy / Nuisance Neighbours	73	45	● -28	12	-38%	● -46%
Rowdy Or Inconsiderate Behaviour	637	372	● -265	7	-42%	● -40%
Veh Nuisance / Inappropriate Use	64	36	● -28	11	-44%	● -14%
ASB Enforcement						
Anti-Social Behaviour Warnings issued	28	41	● 13	13	46%	● 85%
Community Protection Warnings issued	3	1	● -2	13	-67%	● 274%
Community Protection Notices Issued	0	0	● 0	18	0%	● 356%



Pennington Street



Over the Halloween period between Friday 28th October & Saturday 29th October, THEOs were tasked to patrol Pennington Street. During this period Tobacco Dock & E1 Club hosted events with the expectancy of over 15,000 revellers visiting. THEOs conducted high visible foot patrols of Pennington Street and other locations in St Katharine's and Wapping ward.

Officers engaged with over 30,000 revellers.

Seized over 600 miniature silver Nitrous-Oxide canisters, over 40 large blue refill Nitrous-Oxide bottles, and many balloons.

More than 37 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for offences which include 28 FPNs for breaching the noxious substances PSPO and 9 FPNs for street urination.

Pennington Street & Wapping Lane



On Saturday 3rd December Cllr of Wapping & St Katherine's raised a complaint of many horse trailers and vehicles causing an obstruction to Wapping lane & Pennington street. THEOs responded and found over 70 vehicles with trailers parked illegally on footways and on double yellow lines causing an obstruction. The vehicles illegally parked caused a traffic congestion. Residents approached the THEOs and aired their frustration, they had to manoeuvre around the vehicles step into the road to pass, and the pavements were covered in horse manure. THEOs arranged parking enforcement to assist, together over 50 PCNs served to vehicles parked illegally.





Partnership Working



- Op Da Vinci month of action for St Katharine's & Wapping Ward during October aimed to tackle ASB problems within the St Katharine & Wapping ward. 84 stop and searches were carried out, 7 arrests were made including those for handling stolen goods, possession of class A drugs, going equipped to steal, breach of CPN and possession with intent to supply class B Drugs. 22 ASB warnings issued. 11 Community Protection Warnings issued, 6 Community Protection Notices issued, 3 court summons for breach of Community Protection Notice.
- St Katharine's & Wapping ward have issued the highest volume of early interventions issued across the Borough to prevent ASB offending.
- Two community speed gun operations carried out. A number of cars were sent a warning letter for driving at excess speed by Roads Transport police.
- Partnership working with [REDACTED] has enabled police to have a better overview of the problem, the area was then visited by police on the week of action in November where PC Dove worked a set of night shifts on the ward.





Supporting Rough Sleepers



Keep the Street link website loaded on your phone:

[Street link](#) enables the public to alert the council about people sleeping rough in the area. This is the first step that someone can take to ensure that rough sleepers are connected to local services and get the support that is available to them. You can also download the [Street link app](#) from the iTunes app store.

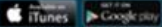
Invest your spare pennies and pounds into charities that deal with homelessness

It might seem controversial, but pressing a pound into the hand of a homeless person for them to buy a hot drink won't help them. Rough sleepers are among the most excluded people in society. Many have been in care as children or in prison as adults and they often suffer with mental and physical health issues. Your spare change won't fix these problems. It would be better to donate to charities such as [Providence Row](#), and bigger national charities like [Shelter](#), [Centrepoin](#)t and [Crisis](#). All of these charities campaign long and hard with the government to explore ways of alleviating these issues. These charities also support homeless people – training them for work, providing resource centres, housing and feeding them. Your money will go much further if you give it to these charities.

Street Link Help someone sleeping rough in 4 easy steps



Tell StreetLink about rough sleepers in your area
Download the StreetLink app today



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Motor Vehicle Crime

! WATCH OUT Report online at www.met.police.uk or call 101. In emergencies call 999

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Catalytic converter theft happens on busy streets, in car parks, and residential areas at any time of the day or night. Protect your catalytic converter by following our advice.



METROPOLITAN POLICE BE SAFE

How to keep your Blue Badge safe

Blue Badges are the most stolen items from vehicles in Tower Hamlets



What are we doing about this?

- Tower Hamlets Council officers focus on Blue Badge fraud and theft who regularly patrol theft hot spots looking for stolen badges
- Tower Hamlets Council has powers under the Fraud Act and the Road Traffic Regulation Act to prosecute Blue Badge cheats, which may lead to substantial fines and even imprisonment
- Your Neighbourhood Policing Team regularly patrol theft hot spots. The Police and designated Council officers have the power to seize a badge they believe to be fraudulently used and will investigate those suspected of stealing or handling a stolen badge

Keeping your Blue Badge safe

- We recommend that a Blue Badge Protector is purchased from a reputable supplier
- Blue Badge holders may be entitled to a free resident parking permit. This allows you to park in your controlled parking zone without the need to display the badge, reducing the risk of theft. You can apply on our website
- To report suspected Blue Badge fraud call us on 0207 364 5000 or email parking.fraud@towerhamlets.gov.uk
- Further crime prevention advice can be found at www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/

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Two of the most commonly stolen items from vehicles includes Blue Badges and Catalytic Converters

Response

In November 2022 the Council ran a targeted boroughwide operation focusing on Blue Badge fraud.

- 250 Blue Badges checked on the National Blue Badges Roadside Database
- 25 badges were classed as stolen, as a result 12 vehicles were impounded
- 6 permits were misused or used fraudulently





Reporting Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour



Report criminal incidents to the police. Call **999** in an emergency. Call **101** in a non-emergency.

Make a report or pass on intelligence anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555111** or online via www.met.police.uk/report

Report anti-social behaviour (ASB) to the council's ASB line: call 0207 364 0401 or visit https://forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/report_anti_social_behaviour to report online.

If you are concerned about a young person, please contact Children's Services on 020 7364 5006 option 3 or e-mailing Mash@towerhamlets.gov.uk

If you see someone sleeping rough, alert outreach services by reporting at www.streetlink.org.uk

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