

Rob's Report

As more and more of us become glued to our phones or devices, I thought I would take the opportunity to tell you about some positive places online that are only a click away. Whilst they might not offer the instance salacious fix that some gossipy sites do, they are very much worth a visit. And they contain facts.

Even if you are not a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (why ever not?) you can still log into their website for some great crime prevention advice and access to their newsletter. Find them here:

www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk

Hillingdon Independent Advisory Group (HIAG) has recently set up a new website. The HIAG is made up of a group of committed local people who act as critical friends to Hillingdon Police. You can find out more here and if you are interested in joining just drop them a line:

www.spanglefish.com/hiagupdates/

Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board gives the community a better voice when police priorities are set. Details of who they are and their key responsibilities can be found here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/snb>

You can also follow us on Facebook **@HillingdonPolice** or on twitter **@MPSHillingdon**. Both offer regular news stories and provide authorised updates when a serious or critical incident happens. And if you can't get to sleep and you want to trawl through all manner of crime stats, then we have a one stop shop right here:

<https://www.met.police.uk/stats-and-data/>

Inspector Rob Bryan

Something needs to be done about it

"Something needs to be done about it!" Does anyone know what this phrase that gets thrown around on social media so often by the easily angered actually means?

To try to lower some online blood pressures I thought I would give some facts about issues I often see people getting angry about. Most of you will read the facts and move on. Those who want to stay perpetually angry won't want to believe me anyway 😊

Calling 101 is a chargeable call. It should be free.

The facts: Before we implemented 101 you could ring 999 (always free) or your local police station on a 0208 or 01895 number. These non urgent calls to the station were always charged and never capped. If your call was not an emergency, then you had to pay to reach us and if you were on the line for a long time, the price racked up. And trying to get through to the right office was hit or miss.

When we went to 101 all those station numbers were removed and everyone went through the same call centre staff. The phone call still costs you money but is capped at 12p a call, even if you stay on the line for hours.

So you have always had to pay for non emergency calls, only now it is much cheaper. There is still a debate to be had as to whether non emergency calls should be free - but it has nothing to do with the change to 101 and is a debate that should have been had back in the days of "Whithall 1212".



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If you read other myths or angry posts and think “Is that really true?” then drop me a line and I will cover the facts in future editions.

Hillingdon’s Beat

It’s not just about locking up the villains: PC Porter and PC Robinson were on patrol when they came across an elderly lady walking her dog. Deciding to stop and have a chat, the lady told the officers that she believed someone had been in her house and taken an old computer monitor.

The officers accompanied her back to her house and soon found the missing item but their concerns were raised about the condition she was living in. The rear patio door was open wide despite her being out of the house and when the officers tried to close it they discovered that the door had dropped down preventing it from closing and the locking mechanism was broken.

The officers attempted to get the door fixed but could not get the help they needed, until a neighbour came to the rescue. After the officers had cleared a space around the door the friendly neighbour, who is a retired locksmith but not being able to complete the repairs himself, talked the officers through the fix and in no time at all one fully functioning door and one grateful resident.

But locking up the bad guys is still core: The Hayes Town Centre Team were out and about on routine patrol when they saw a car that they believed had been previously used in crime, including drug supply and vehicle theft.

They followed it for a short distance and, after it stopped, one of the occupants tried to discard a bag of cannabis and another attempted to hide a large package of class ‘A’ drugs. Luckily our eagle eyed team saw the ‘less than sneaky’ trick and both occupants were subsequently arrested. Also recovered from the car was a knife.

More villains banged up: Our Partnership Tasking Team (additional officers funded by the council) worked together with the Hayes Town Centre officers to arrest two women that were believed to be concerned in the supply of class ‘A’ drugs. The teams were in the Hayes Town area when they witnessed some strange coming and goings

so approached a group standing outside Brunel House. Two of the pack tried to avoid the officers but they cut them off by using local street knowledge and both were detained. Found in their possession was over 50 wraps of what is believed to be class ‘A’ drugs and a couple of phones that wouldn’t stop ringing. Local knowledge and police instinct at its best.



Crooks, don’t worry about letting us in, we have our own key: The Borough Tasking Unit started another day quickly when they acted on information that a suspect wanted for burglary was at an address in Hillingdon. The man was believed to have been involved in stealing clothing worth over £15,000.

The team caught the suspect by surprise (we have a big red key for getting inside in an hurry ☺) and, unfortunately for him he didn’t have time to dispose of his stash of cannabis. The man was also known to police for carrying weapons and when the officers entered his address, they discovered next to his bed a large kitchen knife. Great work.

