



## Royal Holloway & Runnymede Consultative Group – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

I would like to begin by wishing Inspector Nick Pinkerton a long and happy retirement, having dedicated the last five years to policing Runnymede.

My name is James Wyatt and I took over as the Borough Commander for Runnymede in May. I've spent the majority of my career in operational policing, initially in response across Surrey. This was followed by working in Specialist Neighbourhood Teams across the Boroughs of Woking and Guildford.

Neighbourhood policing is something I'm really passionate about, focusing on long term problems and making a real difference alongside communities and partner agencies. I'll be bringing this experience to Runnymede and focusing on the issues that matter to residents.

### Crime

The figures below are all FYTD and provide a summary of crime across Runnymede in comparison with Surrey as a whole. Runnymede continues to have the lowest Total Notifiable Offences (TNO's) on Northern Division.

#### Force:

TNO +14.7% (1511)  
Violent DA -14.6% (-216)  
Hate Crime - +44.7% (143)  
Burglary - +17% (62)  
Violence - +28.7% (1037)

#### RM:

TNO: +11.1% (99)  
Violent DA -13.8% (-18)  
Hate Crime -14.3% (-5)  
Burglary +19.4% (+6)  
Violence +19.3% (+64)

The above figures show that the crime trends across Runnymede are largely the same compared to the force. We're seeing an increase in total recorded crime based on the abnormally low levels last year due to Covid. The increase in Runnymede isn't quite as steep as force wide and while the force has seen an increase in hate crime, Runnymede has decreased in this area.

One particular series of incidents that we've been investigating that will be of interest to this group is a series of hate crimes in relation to the Israel/Palestine conflict. These matters remain

under investigation and were dealt with swiftly with a joint response by Surrey Police and Royal Holloway. Two arrests of students were made and a further student was interviewed voluntarily for their involvement.

Additional support was offered to the students due to these incidents and this involved external charities such as the Community Security Trust.

We also dealt with a male who had been seen on campus taking photographs of females and posting these images online alongside derogatory comments and making threats. Despite an early arrest the male continued this behaviour on release and he was subsequently arrested again. He has since been remanded to court where he's entered a guilty plea and remains in custody awaiting sentencing.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) remains a priority for Runnymede SNT, recognising the impact it can have on the community. We have seen a drastic reduction in ASB across the Borough, while Covid will have played a part in increasing ASB last year, we know ASB is under reported.

FYtD Total ASB

Runnymede = -41.9% (-299)

Force = -41.3% (-3294)

Please could local residents and students be encouraged to report ASB. While this may not always lead to an immediate deployment due to competing demands, every report helps us to understand the wider ASB picture and target our patrols.

### **Covid**

The demand on policing during the pandemic remains high despite some of the restrictions being eased. This year we have dealt with 363 Covid19 related incidents in Runnymede and issued 103 fines.

One incident of note we've dealt with is a report of a house party on Moore Grove Crescent, Egham. Officers were called to reports of a gathering at the location by members of public and found numerous people within the property. The investigation into this matter remains ongoing alongside Royal Holloway and a proportionate outcome will be reached in the near future.

Kind regards,

Inspector James Wyatt

Runnymede Borough Commander