

MET Police: Community Cohesion

How can your organisation contribute towards “building strong, cohesive and active communities in Hillingdon”?

- Working with all communities in the borough - providing additional support for repeat or vulnerable victims.
- Targeting those communities who are difficult to communicate with.
- Bringing together schools working together with police schools team to target difficult groups of young people and to provide an education programme for the borough linking to public safety, crime prevention and communities supporting each other.

What work are you already doing within the community?

Examples are:

- Work undertaken with Somali community in Hayes
- Links to potential gang prevention strategy
- Safer Neighbourhoods - working on local ward priorities
- Street Champions/NHW
- KICKZ
- Cadets
- Scouting movement
- Uniform, youth organisations
- Problems solving processes e.g. canal clearing in Hayes, cygnet estate issues,
- Work with Hayes Town Centre partnership
- Police Community Safety Team
- Schools Teams
- Intelligence/information sharing
- Vulnerable victims e.g domestic violence and other forms of race and hate crime.

What do you see as the challenges now and into the future in achieving a strong, cohesive and active community in Hillingdon?

- Financial - less funds to do more.
- Managing expectations - community used to being able to call on authorities to deal with problems themselves, teaching people to manage

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their own issues and empowering the public are some of the themes that need to be taken forward for the future.

- Economic situation - links to drivers of crime (historical more vulnerable areas become targeted) - more unemployment can ultimately lead to more crime therefore resources diverted to deal with crime issues rather than community concerns.
- Projected growth in population of Hillingdon by 5.1% or 12,700 people which includes an increase of 4.6% in Black and Minority Ethnic Communities.