



## Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) Public Meeting Minutes

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 7pm – 9pm, Civic Suite, Lewisham. Hybrid joining option via MS Teams available**

### Agenda

#### Attendance

Rosemarie Ramsay	SNB (Safer Neighbourhood Board) Chair
Funmi Ademilua	SNB Vice Chair
Collet Hunter	SNB Vice Chair
Tayo Prince	SNB
Cherelle Reid	Safer Communities Service Lewisham Council
Jannet Hall	Safer Communities Service Lewisham Council
James Mitchell	SNB
Royston John	SNB
Natasha Ricketts	Evelyn Community Centre
Alice Simpson	SNB
Brabara Robinson-Perry	Community Advocate
Joel McQuen	Spark2Life
Krystal Parkins	Proud to be CIC
Mo	Community Member
Charles Richard	LBL
Collin Jarret	Resident
Genevie George	Third Sector Manager, Lewisham Council
Saoirse Craughwell	Lewisham Combatting Drugs Partnership Coordinator
Cllr Olaru Holmes	Cabinet Member for Community Safety
Adrian Hanna	Metropolitan Police
Jubril Amoo	Safer Communities Service Lewisham Council
Elaine Longmore	Resident

Joanne Thomas	2000 Action Community Centre
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Jen Davis	SNB

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**  
The Chair welcomed the group and minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

- 2. Appointment of Board Member and Treasurer**  
Collet was reappointed as a Board Member following the completion of her three-year term. Joe was reappointed as Treasurer.

- 3. Chairs Report**
- Rosemarie confirmed that a detailed report will be made available and uploaded to the SNB website. This will allow time for Natasha from Evelyn to report a good news story that highlights the power of partnership working—showcasing positive outcomes in addressing concerning behaviours and supporting young people. The report will include mandated work with the Police, alongside collaborative initiatives with the Council focused on Safer Streets, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), and Community Engagement.
- Natasha shared a powerful example of partnership working at Evelyn Green, made possible through NCIL funding. The space was originally developed as a safe and welcoming play area for young people, featuring a basketball court, outdoor gym, and pagoda. However, as the area grew busier, it became a hotspot for anti-social behaviour, including drug use and dealing issues that began spilling into daytime hours. Disturbingly, children were attacked, robbed, and even approached to buy drugs, leaving residents deeply concerned and angry. Residents and people working close to the area felt unsafe and brought the issue to the ward panel and eventually reached out to the SNB for help to resolve the problem. Thanks to collaborative efforts between the Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB), The Council, the Police, and SPARK2Life, the space has been gradually reclaimed. Today, Evelyn Green is once again a safe and vibrant area for children and families. Natasha noted that only one incident has occurred this year, a dramatic improvement compared to last year. Her nursery children now enjoy the space freely, without fear of hidden weapons or drug-related activity. Many of the young people previously involved in concerning behaviours have since been supported into apprenticeships through SPARK2Life. Natasha expressed heartfelt thanks to everyone involved and was proud to share this uplifting story of transformation and community resilience.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Rosemarie was re-elected as Chair.  
There was a tie in the votes for the position of vice chair between Colett Hunter and Funmi Ademilua. In the event of a tie, the Chair can exercise a casting vote but in this instance chose not to. The position resulted in co-vice chairs.

5. Speakers – Metropolitan Police- Inspector Adrian Hanna

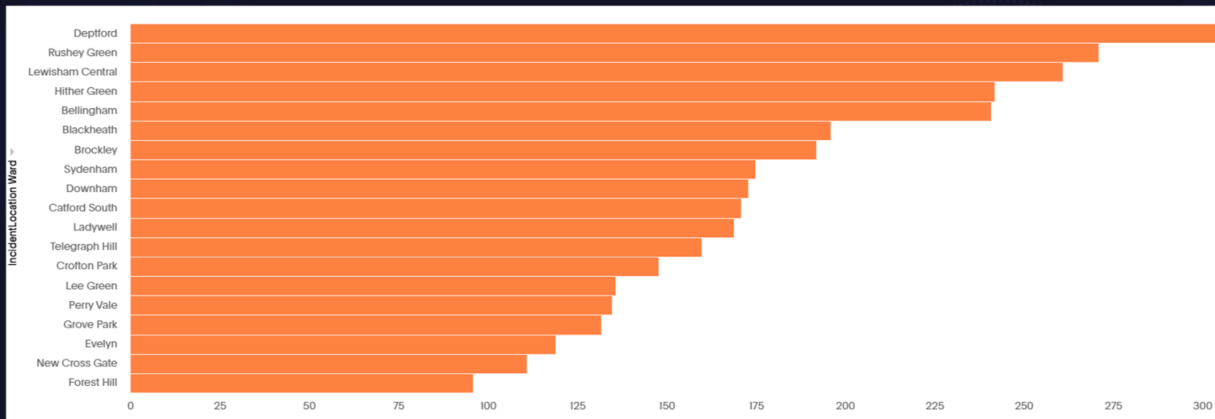
Topic: Crime Trends at a Ward Level

Adrian presented the Following:



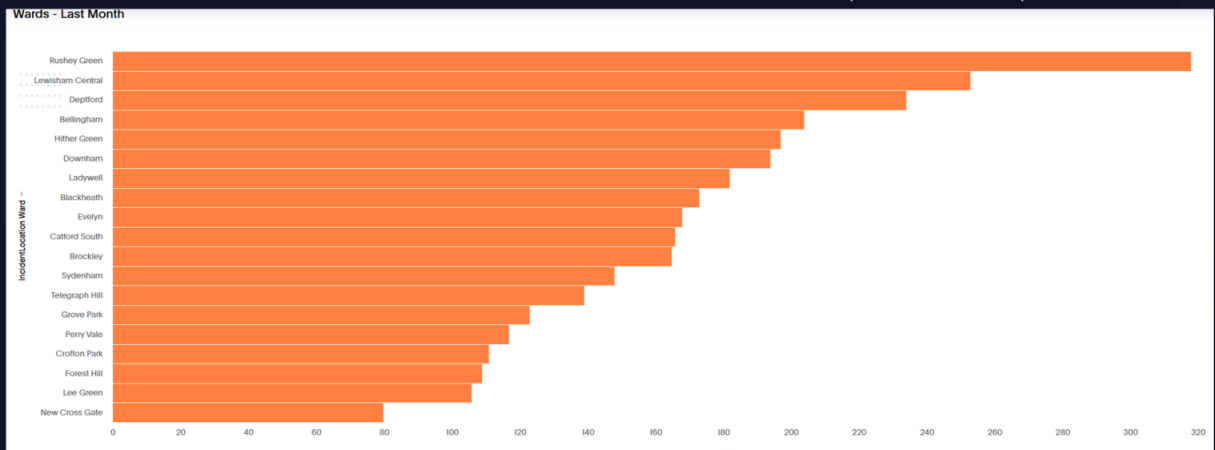
# Recorded Crime by Ward August 2024

- Deptford – 307
- Rushey Green – 271
- Lewisham Central – 261
- Hither Green – 242
- Bellingham - 241



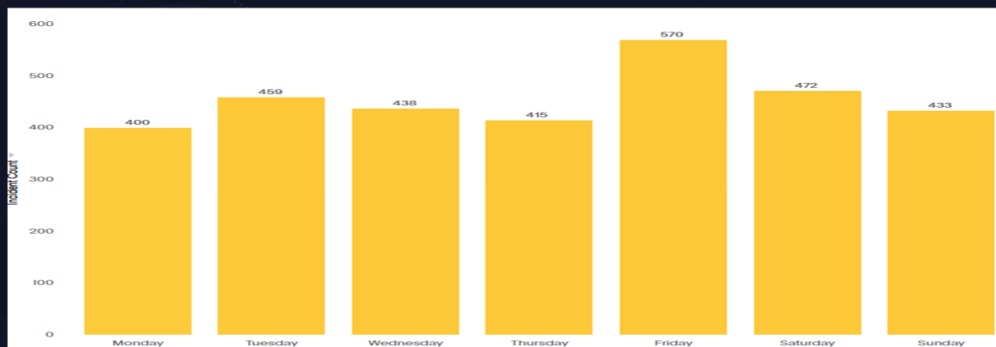
# Recorded Crime by Ward August 2025

- Rushey Green – 318 (3.5% increase)
- Lewisham Central – 253 (3% decrease)
- Deptford – 234 (23.7% decrease)
- Bellingham – 204 (15.3% decrease)
- Hither Green – 197 (18.5% decrease)

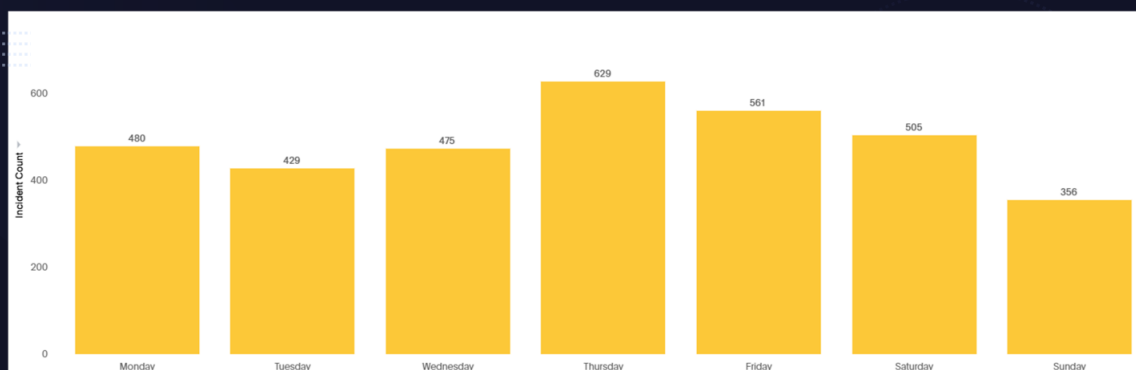


## Recorded Incidents by Day – August 2025

- Monday – 16% decrease
- Tuesday – 6% increase
- Wednesday – 3% decrease
- Thursday – 24% decrease
- Friday – 1.6% increase
- Saturday – 6.5% decrease
- Sunday – 21% increase



## Recorded Incidents by day – August 2024



### 5. Any Other Business

#### Follow-up tasks

Legal Entity Registration: Arrange a meeting to finalise the process of registering the board as a legal entity (registered charity). **(SNB)**

Affiliated Membership Recruitment: Push to recruit more affiliated members and friends of the Safer Neighbourhood Board once the online portal is operational. **(SNB)**

Ward Panel Participation: Encourage community members to join their local ward panels and promote awareness of the ward panel map online. **(SNB)**

Independent Custody Visits Recruitment: Promote and recruit more people for the independent custody visits programme. **(SNB)**

Stop and Search Monitoring Group Activity: Address the lack of activity in the stop and search monitoring group and ensure statutory meetings are resumed and members are notified. **(SNB)**

Trust and Confidence in Policing: Send the PowerPoint presentation on trust and confidence levels in Lewisham to the board and provide feedback at the next strategy meeting after discussions with the Mopac data and Insight team. **(Police/Adrian)**

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy: Contact men and relevant organisations to participate in discussions and actions for the new Lewisham VAWG strategy, focusing on engaging men in the topic. **(SNB)**

Domestic Abuse Data Sharing: Speak to the council's data scientist to determine how much information on domestic abuse in Bellingham can be shared with the group and circulate relevant data. **(Jannet)**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

9th December 2025, 7pm at the Civic Suite with Hybrid joining option available.