

WANDSWORTH PARKS & EVENTS POLICE SERVICE



Wandsworth Common Parks Police Report from 1st June 2023 to 28th February 2024

Summary. The Parks & Events Police Service is responsible for policing 800 acres of the Borough's parks and open spaces. The Service aims and objectives focus on reassurance, deterrence, and enforcement and this includes education. The Parks Police work closely with the Metropolitan Police Service, the Council's Community Safety Team and Animal Welfare Service, and a variety of other enforcement agencies to ensure Public Spaces Protection Orders, Byelaws and other regulations are adhered to and to carry out targeted operations to deal with specific issues e.g., antisocial behaviour.

Customer Base. The Parks Police customer base is as follows:

- (a) The Parks Police operate primarily in parks and open spaces, either on routine patrols, in response to incidents, in support of the Parks Service or in policing events and filming productions when costs are passed to event organisers.
- (b) The Inspector and Parks Police Sergeants attend a range of regular meetings including Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) tasking meetings, Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) meetings, Community Safety Team meetings, Friend Groups and Management Advisory Committee meetings.

Aims and Objectives. The aims of the Parks Police Service are to provide a professional and caring service to the community through:

- (a) promoting harmony and giving reassurance, protection, assistance, and advice while upholding law and keeping peace in a firm and courteous manner; and
- (b) the promotion of responsible dog ownership through education and the enforcement of legislation whilst acting in a professional, courteous yet firm manner

Strategic Aims.

- (a) To carry out proactive policing of the Borough's 800 acres of parks and open spaces to reassure the public and to maintain order and regularity.
- (b) To prevent criminal offences, including those against the byelaws and Public Spaces Protection Orders.
- (c) To promote and improve community safety and related quality of life.
- (d) To carry out patrols in parks and open spaces to provide for the effective enforcement of dog legislation and to promote responsible dog ownership.

Operational Hours. The Parks Police Service usually provides a 16-hour service and polices the 800 acres of Council-managed parks and open spaces in the Borough every day over two shifts (early shift 7am to 3pm and late shift 3pm to 11pm).

Staffing. The Parks & Events Police provides daily patrolling of the parks, commons, and open spaces. They also provide policing and stewarding resources to events and filming productions. The service has an establishment of, one Inspector, one Sergeant, one Senior Constable and six Constables. In addition to the full time Officers, the service also currently has a pool of 12 fully trained Reserve Police Constables and 12 Reserve Support Officers. These staff are employed on an as and when basis and can be utilised, often at short notice, to provide additional flexibility to the service.

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Contact

- Parks Police Patrolling mobile: 07500 95 94 42
- Parks Police General enquiries: 020 8871 7532
- Emergencies: 999
- Non-emergency incidents: 101
- Email: parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Call 999 if:

- A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- Someone is in immediate danger or harm
- Property is in danger of being damaged
- A serious disruption to the public is likely

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