

Neighbourhood Policing – Bradford District

Making your communities safer

Scores of officers hit the streets of Bradford following an extensive 11-month investigation into drug trafficking, money laundering and firearms offences.

Teams raided 14 addresses in the early hours. Eight local men were arrested and a substantial amount of cash recovered.

Since the investigation began last July, 11.5 kilos of drugs have been seized with an estimated street value of £360,00. This included 5 kilos of heroin, 5 kilos of cannabis and 1.5 kilos of cocaine. A fully loaded machine gun was also recovered from an address in Bradford city centre.

Detective Inspector Neil Benstead of the Bradford District Drugs Team said: "We are determined to disrupt Class A drugs markets. Drugs fuel crime and have a negative impact on local communities.

"With operations like this, we will tackle drugs supply in the Bradford area at all levels of the criminal chain, from the very highest echelons right down to the dealers on the street."



A police team goes into action at an address in Bradford after an 11-month investigation into drug trafficking.

Drugs dens close as police say: 'enough is enough'

Fourteen addresses were closed down in Bradford in the biggest offensive against drugs dens that West Yorkshire has ever seen.

Teams headed by Bradford's Neighbourhood Policing Teams visited addresses across the city executing search warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Police joined forces with Bradford Community Housing Trust, Accent Housing, Brunel Housing, Bradford Council and the Drugs Intervention

Programme for the operation.

The teams struck simultaneously at addresses in Bradford city centre, Shipley, Undercliffe, Manningham, Thornbury, Queensbury and Thornton. They pinned notices to the doors of the targeted properties to say that West Yorkshire Police would apply to Bradford Magistrates' Court to close the addresses for three months under anti-social behaviour legislation.

At that hearing, magistrates agreed to the closure orders on 10 properties, while tenants of a further four

properties agreed to give up their tenancies voluntarily.

Superintendent David Oldroyd, speaking on behalf of police in Bradford, said: "The people of this city are sick and tired of being pestered and plagued by anti-social behaviour at addresses similar to the ones that have been closed down as part of this operation.

"We carried out this operation on behalf of the residents of Bradford and in response to their concerns.

"People deserve to live in pleasant, safe and peaceful surroundings, their lives should not be tainted by the chaotic behaviour of people who live in and visit houses used as 'drugs dens'. Enough is enough."

Police arrested 22 people, who were all offered assistance to kick drugs habits by staff from the Drugs Intervention Programme. Ten of those people signed up on the initiative, which aims to break the cycle of drugs taking and

Meet your local team

Officers from Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the Bradford district are available to meet the public at a variety of forums and surgeries.

Forthcoming opportunities to meet your local police officers and police community support officers include: Bingley Neighbourhood Policing Team is holding ward surgeries at Bingley Library, Myrtle Walk, between 4-5.30pm on Friday, November 11 and Friday, December 9. The surgeries offer a chance for the people of Bingley, Gilstead, Eldwick, Crossflatts and Micklethwaite to meet their local police community support officer to discuss any issues that may be affecting their community.

If you'd rather jot down any concerns on a note, a police post box is situated at Eldwick Post Office, Otley Road, Eldwick. The box is emptied weekly.

A police community support officer is available to speak to the public between noon and 1pm every Wednesday at the Thornbury Centre, Leeds Old Road junction with Upper Roston Road and every Thursday, between noon and 1pm, at the Gateway Centre in Ravenscliffe Avenue.

Haworth Contact Point is open from noon to 4pm on Wednesdays, 11am-3pm on Thursdays, noon-4pm of Fridays and 2-4pm on Saturdays.

Denholme Contact Point is open from 2-4pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and 10am to midday on Saturdays.

Cullingworth Contact Point is open from 2-4pm on Tuesdays and 10am-noon on Saturdays and Cottingley Contact Point is open from 10am-2pm on Mondays.

Truants found and sent back to school



Children found truanting were returned to their school during a day-long operation in Bradford.

A multi-agency initiative was carried out by Bradford North Neighbourhood Policing Team and Education Bradford to combat truancy in the Ravenscliffe, Swain House, Thackley and Idle areas. During the day-long operation, officers spoke to 13 children and returned them to school. It was the first day of action in an ongoing series to tackle truancy in the Division. PC Firzana Ahmed, Bradford North schools liaison officer, said: "Truancy can lead to children being involved in crime – if they're not at school, they could be out getting into all sorts of trouble, or putting themselves at all kinds of risks, because no-one knows where they are."

Car crime is down

Car crime in Bradford is down by 24.9% from April-June this year compared to the same time last year.

1,974 car crimes were reported compared to 2,629 last year. Robbery is down, with 111 crimes compared to 122 last year. Total crime is down by 2.5% – 15,011 crimes, compared to 15,392 last year. Violent crime has risen by 4.1%, with 3,317 crimes recorded compared to 3,186 last year.

Detection rates for the 12 months to June are running at 27%, with 30% of all robberies detected.