

Metropolitan Police Service

Forest Hill WARD PANEL

Want a say in your local community? Join our Ward Panel!

Ward Panel Meetings — Come join our ward panel and have your say about what matters most in Forest Hill.

Ward panels are where police and residents talk about priority issues within the ward hosted by the Chair.

Currently our Ward priorities are

1. Increasing Police presence in the ward and reducing ASB and drug use Forest Hill.
2. Reducing car crime including tool theft.
3. Reducing burglary's helping residents to protect themselves.

Next ward panel date — Pending

Our ward panel were previously held over MS teams which Forest Hill SNT are looking to change to a physical location.

Ward panels over the last year or two have been declining in members which is very unfortunate.

To combat this I am looking for a physical meeting to be held again rather than over MS TEAMS.

The ward panel I believe is fundamental part of keeping in contact with residents within the ward and can provide a back and forth that works much better in person than an email chain.

The former chair of Forest hill ward panel stepping down has offered me the key opportunity to revamp the ward panels giving them more of a structure and a physical location.



Ward panel structure

Structure

The structure I would like to get set in place would be a Chair, Secretary, councillors, business owners and community leaders in the area along with myself and the Forest hill Sergeant and a safer neighbourhood board member.

I believe that a recruitment drive is needed before the next meeting date is set. Ideally a minimum of 12 members.

Residential members should consist of various roads within Forest hill. **Councillors, Community leaders, Residents, business owners/workers** and the **Safer neighbourhood board** have been and will continue to be contacted for committed attendance.

- Minimum of 12 members maximum 25 members.
- Meeting duration can be varied but should not exceed 2 hour.
- 3 Ward priorities should be set, 2 by residents/chair 1 by police.
- Any voting that takes place should be residents and not councillors or local partners.
- Members do not require vetting or police checks. Spent convictions should not prevent someone from becoming a member or partner. However, if a situation arises where a member is charged with a criminal offence, that member should be suspended until the conclusion of that matter. A decision will then be made concerning their membership.
- Ward panel meetings should take place at least every three months. The ward panel chair and the SNT must agree the date, time and location of each meeting well in advance.
- Ideally, the meeting would be in person but alternatively it can be via an online platform such as Microsoft Teams.
- The ward panel chair will set the agenda and chair each meeting.
- Meetings should include feedback on actions and priorities identified at the previous meeting, information on policing activity and its impact, crime data, community concerns, reviewing and updating ward priorities and the type of action to be taken, evaluating and suggesting community contact sessions, and agreeing dates for the next one or two meetings.

Ward panel vacancies

1X Ward panel Chair -

The ward panel chair is responsible for setting the agenda and should attend every meeting.

They provide strategic direction and leadership for the panel and should be a community member who resides, or works or studies predominantly, in the ward.

The chair, or a nominated deputy, should attend all meetings.

They should be aware of all potential conflicts of interest to their role and act accordingly should one become apparent by registering that conflict of interest, abstaining, delegating the chair responsibilities for that decision or stepping down. An example of such an occasion would be the Chair stepping down to progress a nomination for election as a councillor, likewise Police Officers who work within the Local Authority area should not be considered suitable for the role.

1X Ward panel Secretary -

The secretary (if appointed) or a ward panel member should keep a record of:

- Attendance
- Agreed ward priorities
- Actions



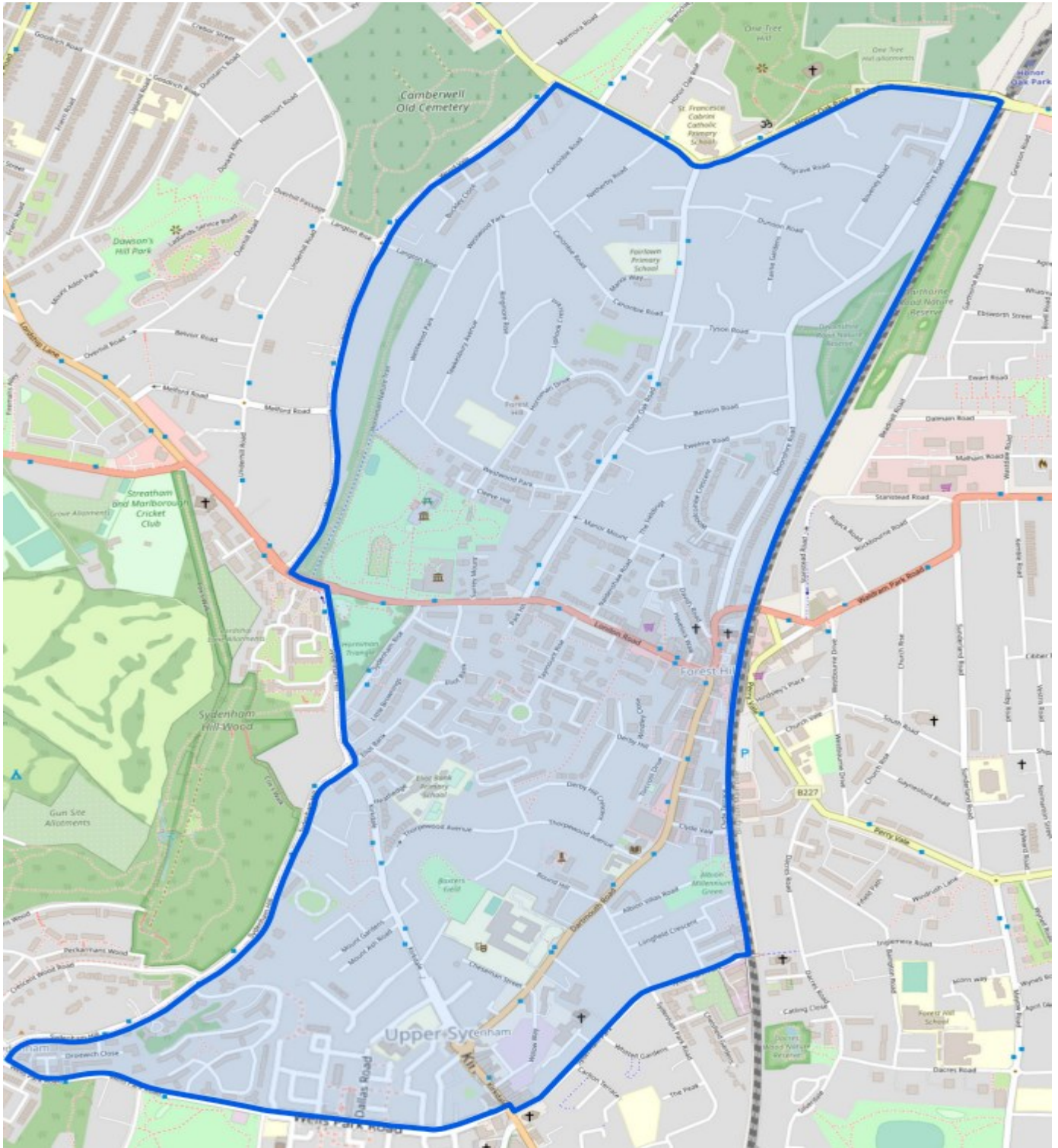
20X Ward panel member -

A ward panel member shows up to meetings and voices their concerns along with hearing plans which will be set in place to address those concerns.

Agenda

1. *Apologies and introductions*
2. *Minutes and actions from the last meeting*
3. *Police actions on the previous priorities*
4. *Police report on crime, ASB, ward panel survey results and activity*
5. *Community concerns*
6. *Agreeing priorities and actions on them*
7. *Evaluating and suggesting community contact sessions*
8. *Any other business*
9. *Date of the next meeting*

If you live within the boundary.. Your eligible!



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Your Local Team;

Team Inspector;

Inspector Gavin Durnell

Team Sergeant;

PS Nathan Munday

Dedicated Ward Officers;

PC Jordan Nye



Forest Hill Ward Panel needs you! Every 3 months, the panel meets and discuss face to face, issues and problems on the wards that can be solved with The Police Team/Council/Residents.

We are always looking for new members that live or work within Forest Hill whom have issues, want to have a voice in their community and those whom want to make a difference.

Please email us expressing your interest in joining, and you will be added to the ward list.



Have any issues that cant wait until Ward Panel or need to get in contact with us over something else?

Email us! We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Us

Email; ForestHill.SNT@met.police.uk

Phone: 101

Please note,

Becoming a ward panel member, Secretary or Chair is an unpaid commitment

If you are interested please email Foresthill.snt@met.police.uk with the following —

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Link to Forest Hill (E.g.. Address, work address)
- Role in which you would like to apply
- Along with anything else you would like to add.

