

# Harrow Neighbourhoods



## Israel & Hamas conflict



Harrow Neighborhood policing teams have been engaging with community leaders and members to deliver reassurance and crime prevention.

Additional officers have been patrolling local areas and religious venues across NW BCU. This includes areas we know our communities are feeling vulnerable following the terrorist attacks in Israel.

We want to ensure our communities feel safe and secure. **If you see anyone acting suspiciously call us on 101 or in an emergency 999.**

## Hate crime

We are supporting London's communities affected by the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. There has been a rise in hate crimes reported into us and we are taking action.

There is [#NoPlaceForHate](https://twitter.com/NoPlaceForHate) in London.

For more information on Hate crime [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

**WHAT IS HATE CRIME?**

**Hate crime is committed against someone through prejudice or hatred.**

**This could be due to:**

**Disability, race, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity**

**It can include: Physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti, inciting hatred online**

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## VAWG

Harrow held its first Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Summit on the 17th October at North London Collegiate School, with four neighbouring schools and their students attending. It was an opportunity for students to share their concerns around violence against women and girls and participate in breakout discussions that were facilitated by Schools and Youth Engagement officers. With the new VAWG commitments being worked on, we are aiming to hold a number of VAWG summits per year at different schools in Harrow. The new VAWG commitments will be available on [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) very soon!



## Halloween & Bonfire Night

Halloween can be great fun for children and families, but it can also be an intimidating time for some. If you are taking part in Halloween events, please remember to respect others and have a safe and enjoyable time.



## Street Briefings and OWL

Harrow Neighbourhood Teams regularly hold Street Briefings. The aim of these is to alert residents of a spate of crimes in the area, or to update them with crime prevention advice.

Join OWL to find a street briefing in your area and keep up to date with the latest local policing news [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)



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## Crime prevention – Indian Gold

Unfortunately, during the celebrations of Diwali some people take this as an opportunity to break into homes and steal Family Gold.

Simple ways of protecting your gold if:

- Keep all high value gold in a safe that is bolted to the floor or wall.
- Remove high value gold from the house when you are not around
- CCTV
- Do not advertise on social media any high valued jewelry or when you are not home
- Keep a log and receipts of what jewelry you have just in case you are a victim of crime

There are other ways of protecting your home go to: <https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



## Remembrance Sunday

Across London and Harrow there will be Remembrance services on Sunday 12th November 2023, holding a minutes silence at 11am to commemorate the fallen soldiers.

Servies are normally held in Pinner and Harrow Town Centre, to check times and locations of these events go to Harrow Council website.

## Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The celebrations generally last five or six days.

During the festival, the celebrants illuminate their homes, temples and workspaces with oil lamps, candles and lanterns.

We wish you all a Happy Diwali that brings happiness prosperity and joy to you and all your family.

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