

Camden Police and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) October 2016

Introducing a new summary of Camden Police and Neighbourhood Watch news for the Borough as a whole. Do let us know if there are any other areas you would like future newsletters to cover by emailing either Matthew.Britnell@met.police.uk or Alison.J.McWhinnie2@met.police.uk

Appeals – Can you Help?

Appeal 1 – Missing Person



Tamer Mahmoud of Camden, 34, missing since 21/10. Please call 101 if you know anything about his whereabouts

Appeal 2 – Missing Person



Vidmantas KASPERAVICIUS, 53, missing from Camden area. Please call 101 quoting ref 16MIS045721 if you can help

Appeal 3 – Stolen Items

These items were stolen in a recent burglary. Please contact PC Edward Bromilow if recognised

Email - Frognal.Fitzjohns.SNT@met.police.uk

Tel - 020 8733 6831



Smartwater Discount

All Camden NHW members can benefit from a discount when purchasing Smartwater. Further details are attached.

Please visit: shop.smartwater.com/london-nhw Or call: 0333 320 7797. Use discount code: L20VK25NW

Patlock Discount



Patlock is the home security product and visual deterrent for French and Conservatory doors. Designed to deter and stop would-be intruders, the Patlock provides extra security and instant peace of mind for the homeowner. The Patlock is easy to fit and works by holding the door handles in place. This ensures that the door mechanism cannot be opened, even if the

locks are snapped or removed. In addition, each Patlock comes with a pair of tamper resist spindles to enhance the security that Patlock provides:

- Instant french door security lock.
- Easily fitted and released in seconds.
- No keys or code numbers required.
- Adds extra security and provides peace of mind.
- Supplied with a pair of tamper resist door spindles.
- Locks patio doors securely, stops intruders fast.
- Patent registered design, developed in the UK.

Watch a video at www.patlock.co.uk to see how Patlock works.

CLICK HERE to buy the Neighbourhood Watch Patlock at the exclusive discounted rate of £42.50.

Camden Borough Neighbourhood Watch

Would like to mention Jack Stretch in Despatches this week. He has single handedly signed up 20 residents to NHW in a week. Excellent work Jack, thank you so much for your hard work!

Our ambition is to eventually get every street in Camden covered by Neighbourhood Watch. A good start has been made but clearly there is a long way to go. Some benefits on joining Neighbourhood Watch include:

- Alerts on crime happening in your area
- Free crime prevention advice
- Invitations to topical crime prevention talks
- Opportunities to get to know your officers better
- Discounts on household insurance with some insurers
- Substantial discount on Smartwater
- Discount on Patlock

It is easy for people to sign up, either by contacting their local Safer Neighbourhood Team or by emailing Camden.NHW@met.police.uk with their name and postal address (so they can be put on the correct distribution list)

Camden Borough Police News A Selection of Police News across the Borough

Commendation Ceremony includes Awards for Camden Cops



With [@mayorofcamden](#) recognising the bravery, professionalism and dedication of [@MPSCamden](#) [@MPSHaringey](#) [@btp](#) and [@citypolice](#) officers. Well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work to keep us safe.

Highgate



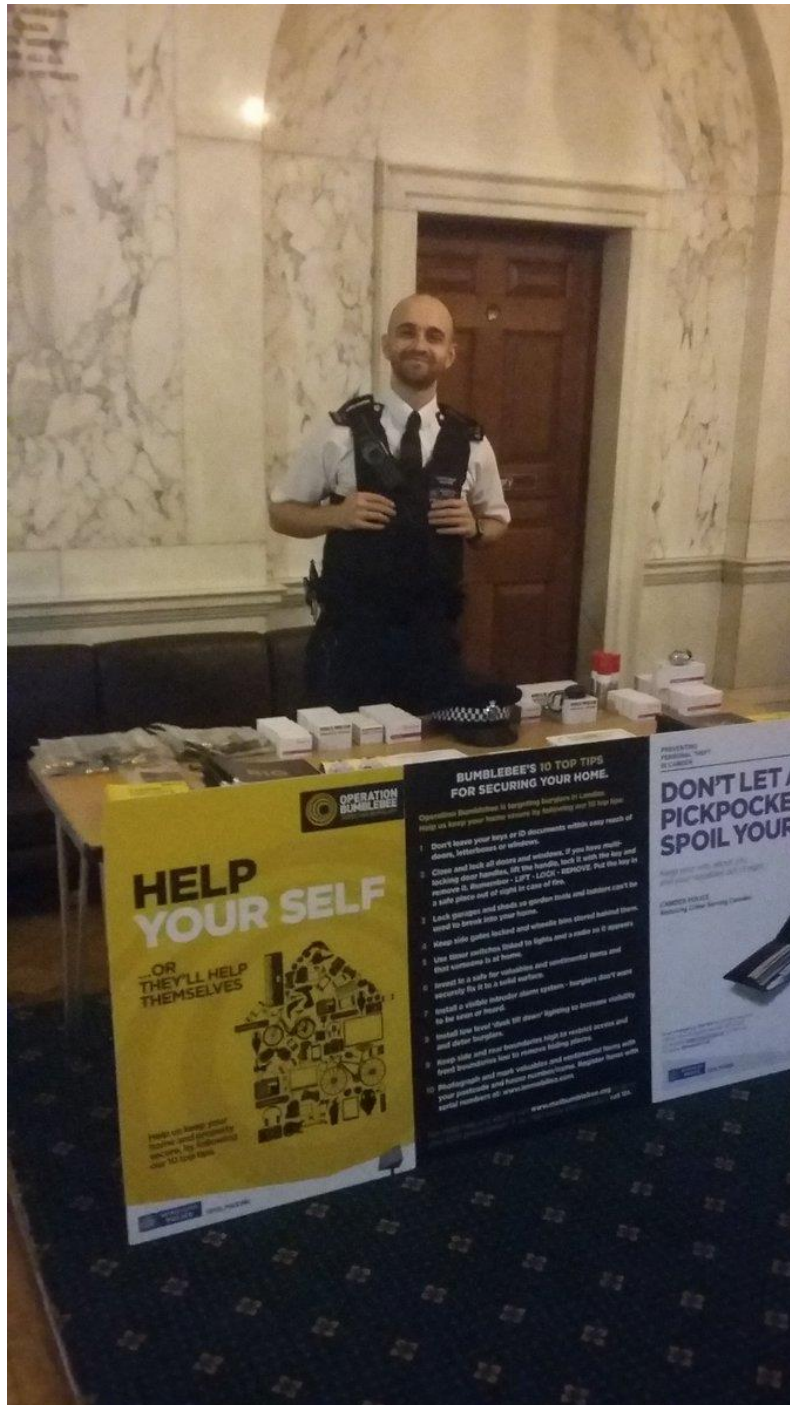
Bike Marking Event in Highgate HUGE Success

What a day! 75 local bikes marked and registered! Thanks to all who came.
We will definitely do this again!



Introducing Cuppa with a Copper!

A chance for members of public to come have a tea/coffee and a chat over any crime concerns they may have with a friendly face 😊 Fantastic opportunity to meet the local police team! Sparkling idea Highgate!



Camden Safer Neighbourhood Board Volunteers Fair 26/10/2016

Fantastic stand giving crime prevention advice
and information about Neighbourhood Watch at the Volunteers Fair

Kentish Town



**Love Where You Live Event in Kentish Town on 27th of September, 2016.
Working with McDonald's, efforts to improve the local environment
appreciated by Residents**

The event is part of McDonald's ongoing work to improve the local environment in the communities they serve. Across the UK, McDonald's employees walk 3,000 miles a week – more than 150,000 miles a year – to collect local litter. They have been sending out daily litter patrols to pick up litter that has been carelessly discarded for more than 20 years and were the first restaurant company in the UK to introduce these.

Camden Town with Primrose Hill

A number of people have been arrested for drug supply around Camden lock; enquiries are still ongoing for a number of others.

Following the execution of a search warrant a male was arrested for the importation of 26,000 diazepam tablets! He went on to make full admissions to supply over a 2 year period and importation; his passport has been seized pending financial, and forensic enquiries.

A drugs warrant was executed at a market stall for a venue believed to be supplying articles for the administration of controlled substances, and supplying cannabis following some intelligence development by the Dedicated Ward Officer. After witnessing a drug deal, officers recovered a large amount of cannabis, and over £5,000 in stock! 2 males arrested. In custody currently.

From the Neighbourhood Partnership Policing Team (NPPT).....

Result 1

During an operation targeting prolific offenders, the attention of patrolling plain clothed officers from NPPT was drawn to a motorbike. The rider tried to escape police and unfortunately one officer was assaulted and received a broken toe during the ensuing foot chase. However, the rider was subsequently arrested and charged with the following 6 charges:

- Possession of controlled drug class B
- Obstructing an authorised person in exercise of a s.23 search drug search
- Assaulting a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm
- Driving a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence
- Using a motor vehicle on a road without third party insurance
- Driving a vehicle no rear registration plate

Hope the officer is making a full and speedy recovery!

Result 2 – Leading to Conviction at The Old Bailey



Police received urgent intelligence regarding drug supply - NPPT were briefed about delivery of drugs in the area. Ensuing operation led to 3 arrests for the supply of a Class A drug. Officers retrieved a package wrapped in brown tape with three crosses drawn on it and containing one kilo of cocaine.

The drugs had a street value of a staggering £100,000!

Two of the subjects were convicted at The Old Bailey.

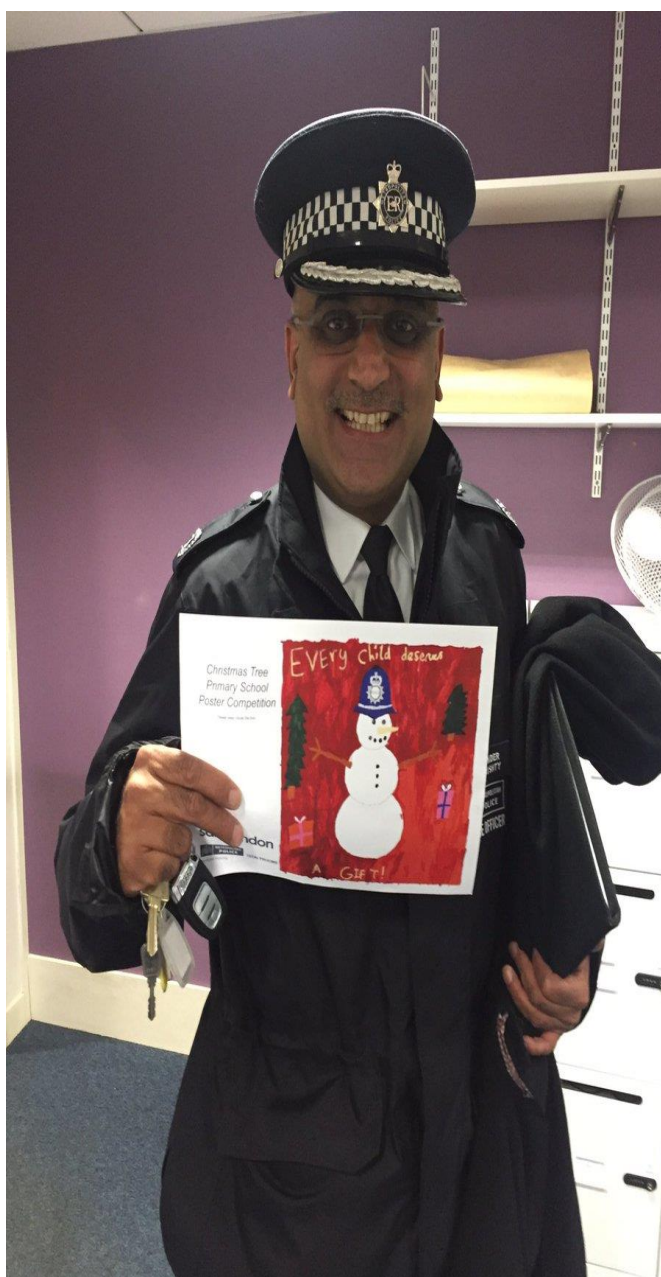
The team received considerable praise from local residents who emailed Chief Inspector Kandohla.

Well done Neighbourhood Partnership Policing Team; what a result! Fantastic work taking such a large volume of drugs off the streets.

Result 3

A man with an extensive history for non-residential burglary was charged and remanded by the team for 3 Burglaries and 4 counts of Fraud. Suspect was recently convicted at Court and sentenced to 2 years. The suspect has currently identified a further 6 burglaries with officers.

From the Youth Engagement Team.....



Exciting news for Camden

Violet, a year 4 primary school pupil in Camden, has won the Commissioners Christmas Tree Poster Competition! The Met received 1000's of posters from primary school children across London.

Violet's entry was initially chosen as Camden's winner, but very shortly afterwards an announcement was made that her poster was chosen as the winner for the whole of London! Well done Violet – excellent achievement and thank you for winning it for Camden. 😊

Violet and her family have been invited to Hyde Park where Violet will switch on the Christmas Tree lights with the Commissioner on 9th November at the ceremony. Violet will also switch on the Christmas lights at Holborn Police Station (date to be confirmed).

Look out for Violet's poster in Camden when the Commissioner launches the MPS Christmas Tree Project which aims to provide presents to children in care across London.

Once again, congratulations to Violet and thank you to all the children that entered the competition. It was an excellent effort by all and it was certainly very difficult choosing a winner.

For further information please contact PC Abs on the Youth Engagement Team Abbas.manji@met.pnn.police.uk

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Courier Fraud

Help us stop Courier Scams... elderly residents in particular can lose an extensive amount of money. Please help us by speaking to your elderly neighbours or members of your family and spreading the advice below.

Method:

A fraudster will ring a member of the public, claiming to be from their bank (or in some cases claiming to be the police), stating that their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on their card or that their card is due to expire and needs to be replaced.

In many cases the person is asked to provide their full bank card details and key in their PIN so that their existing card can be “cancelled” and their new one “activated” or “authorised.” The fraudster will then explain that the bank will need to collect the card.

The fraudster will then attend the person’s address or send an innocent courier company driver to collect the card and sometimes provide them with a “replacement” card which is subsequently found to be fake.

Therefore, the fraudster has obtained the person’s name, address, full bank details, the card itself and the PIN. The bank cards are then used fraudulently without the victim’s knowledge.

Variations:

There are many variations to this scam, one of which is where the scammer requests you to assist in a police investigation by asking you to go to your bank, withdraw a large sum of cash and take this home.

Another is where you may be told there is a corrupt member of staff within your bank and the police need your help to identify them by withdrawing a large sum of your money with the purpose of the money being marked by police or the bank and placed back into the banking system. They say this will help them identify the corrupt person. You may be told not to speak to the bank about the investigation when you withdraw your cash as this may alert the criminal. You will then be asked to hand this to a courier or taxi driver and it will ultimately end up with the scammer.

You may also be asked to purchase an expensive watch or other expensive items and hand this to the taxi driver.

Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud.

Prevention Advice:

If you receive such a call end it immediately. If you receive a call like this, hang up the phone. In order to clear your line from the scammer, wait at least 5 minutes before making any calls. DO NOT hand over any money or items purchased as a result of this type of phone call.

Please be aware of the following:

- Your bank will never attend your home
- Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card
- Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN

Reporting Advice:

In an emergency dial 999.

In a non-emergency, report to Action Fraud, or contact your local police by dialing 101 and report the matter to your bank.



Moped Thefts



Unfortunately moped thefts are currently on the increase across the capital. The most top high risk items across London are:

- 1) High powered Superbikes - mostly Italian and Japanese
- 2) Scooters -in particular Piaggio models
- 3) Any motorbike that is unattended.

There have been two distinct patterns of offending emerge.

- a) Thefts of motorcycles and mopeds from established parking areas.
- b) Other thefts tend to take place during the evening or overnight from residential areas such as driveways. The offending is sporadic.

Protect your moped:

- Ensure your motorcycle or moped has adequate security and you have sufficient insurance to cover any loss.
- You are less likely to have your motorcycle or moped stolen if it has an alarm fitted. Alarms with movement sensors are preferable as they activate when the motorbike is moved.
- Fit a tracker which can be monitored with a smart phone app.

- A ground anchor and good quality disk locks, security shackles and chains will prevent someone easily removing your motorbike.
- Consider property marking your motorbike components with a suitable product. This will make it less desirable to thieves and harder for them to dispose of it or sell it on.
- Park your bike in a locked garage or enclosed area whenever possible. If not, cover your bike with a suitable cover and park in a well- lit area or in a Park Mark approved car park.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What is the most common method thieves use to steal motorbikes?

A. Typically thieves will push a scaffolding pole between the wheels and lift the bike into a van and drive away. Most motorbikes are stolen outside the home.

Q. Is there any other advice that you think I should be aware of?

A. If you don't use or keep your vehicle on a public road (SORN - Statutory Off Road Notification) during winter months, keep a minimum fire and theft insurance policy in place. Many bikes laid up during the winter are targeted and are often not insured.

Q. What is a 'ground anchor' and are there recommended products I can use to secure my bike?

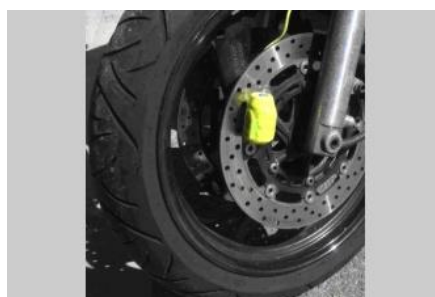
A. A 'ground anchor' is a metal plate or large eye bolt secured to the ground that allows you to pass a security chain through, making your bike more difficult to remove.

Q. I have had my motorbike stolen, what should I do?

A. Check first that your motorbike has not been removed by the council. If they have not then contact the police immediately. It is important that you have a photograph of the bike, details of the frame number and relevant paperwork. Insurance companies can provide security marking technology advice with policy renewals.

Q. Where can I get further motorcycle and moped training?

A. You may want to consider attending one of the Bikesafe Rider skills days. Professional police motorcycles who are all keen bikers share the secrets of how to become a better smoother safer and more confident rider. Check out Bikesafe-London on the internet.



Using Public Wi-Fi Hotspots

Get Safe Online has issued a warning to the UK public to be careful when accessing private data on public Wi-Fi hotspots. The UK now over 300,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots, with more people than ever becoming the target of cyber criminals simply because they don't know if the networks they're using are secure. It may sound like a spy thriller, but cyber criminals can hijack public networks to try to steal our money and information – in some cases, even our identity.

Wi-Fi networks are found in public places like cafes, airports, pubs and hotels. If not fully secure, these networks could potentially be hijacked by cyber criminals. In some cases, criminals have set up fake hotspots in public places to fool people into logging onto them.

Our advice is not to use public networks to browse confidential information; log into an account; or make a payment. Doing so on a public network comes with risk – particularly if you don't know how secure the network is.

Get Safe Online has produced some top tips for staying safe when using Wi-Fi networks:

1. Don't use public Wi-Fi in places like cafes and hotels if doing anything confidential online, including logging into online accounts
2. Being given an access code or being asked for your email doesn't mean a WiFi connection is secure.
3. Instead of premises' hotspots, use a mobile broadband dongle that is set to secure, your 3G or 4G data connection – or wait to use a router you know is secure.
4. Consider using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to access your company network.
5. Ensure your home and office wireless networks are secure.
6. It's OK to use public Wi-Fi hotspots for things you don't need to log into or aren't confidential, like checking the news or weather. If possible, use wellknown hotspot providers like BT OpenZone or T-Mobile.

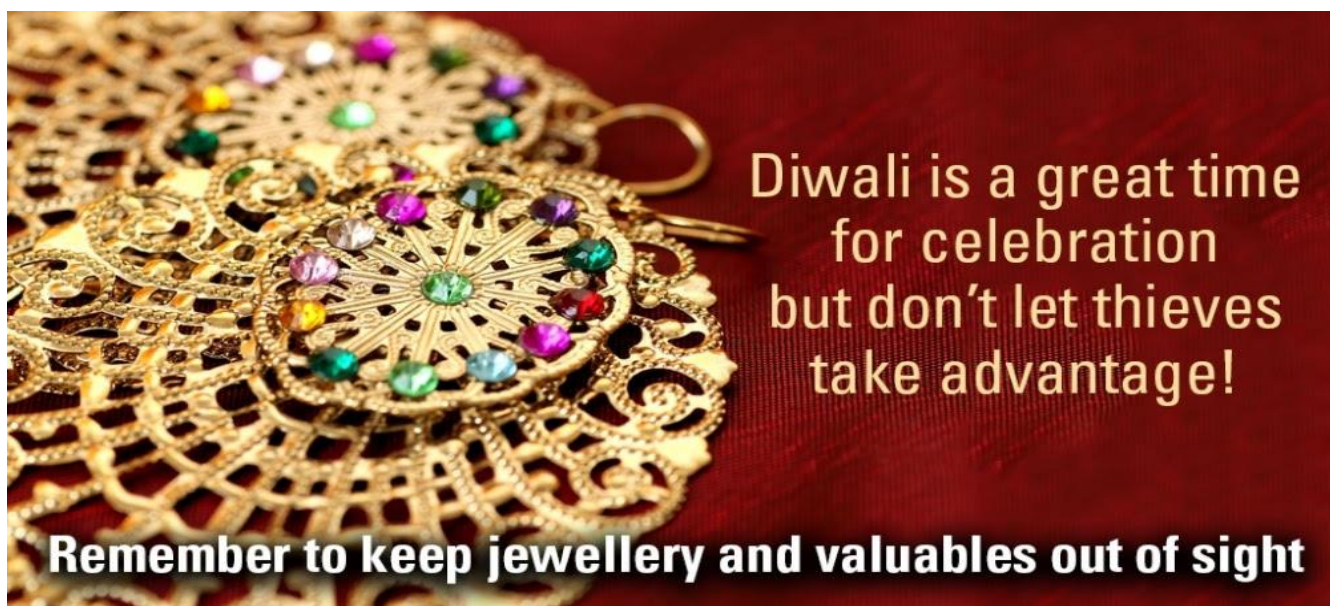
Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

Daylight hours are starting to slip away... all the more reason to take note of the top things burglars are looking for!

Insecure house

"What opportunities do burglars look for?"





Diwali is a great time
for celebration
but don't let thieves
take advantage!

Remember to keep jewellery and valuables out of sight

Tips for keeping your valuables safe:

- Keep all valuables in a safe environment.
- Buy a small safe for use when your valuables are at home and fix to a secure surface.
- Where possible use a bank or safety deposit box.
- Photograph each piece of jewellery separately with written description - this helps us appeal for information and assists in returning jewellery to you.
- Remember to lock all external windows and doors including rear and side entrances when you go out.
- User timer switches to operate lights in your home when you are out.
- If you have an alarm in your home - please remember to set it.

Beat the Scams Talk!
2.30pm on Saturday 26th November
The Hilda Clark Room
Friends House
173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

A free one hour interactive talk packed with fantastic tips
Email CamdenNHW@gmail.com if you would like to attend

Doors open at 2pm
Police officers will be available both before and after the talk if you would like their advice on an individual basis

The programme will cover:

Welcome and Introductions

Some top tips to help you beat the scammers – how to spot them, how to stop them

What are the current cyber fraud trends?

How can you protect yourself from Hacking? DDoS attacks? Malware? Social Engineering attacks? Data Leakage?

Protect yourself in wi-fi hotspots. Find out about ‘sniffing’(!) and ‘Evil Access Points’

What other scams are current?

What to do if you get scammed

This is an interactive session where attendees will learn what they can do immediately to increase their chances of beating the scammers. This free event will be very popular. To register your attendance and secure your place please email CamdenNHW@gmail.com

Everyone Welcome

How to get to Friends House

Friends House is located:-

By rail: From its position opposite Euston’s rail and tube stations, it is a ten minute walk from King’s Cross Station and St Pancras International Terminus. All major rail terminals are easily reached by tube.

By tube: The nearest tube stations are Euston and Euston Square, which are on the Northern, Victoria, Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City lines.

By bus: Numbers 10, 18, 30, 73, 205 and 390 pass the door whilst 59, 68, 91, 168, and 253 stop nearby.

By car: Friends House is within a meter parking zone. Charges must be paid Monday to Friday 08:30 - 18:30 and Saturday 09:00 - 13:30. There are alternative, longer-term parking facilities under Euston Station. Please note that Friends House is within the congestion charge zone. For details of how to pay please go to www.cclondon.com

Social Media

We would love you to like and follow us on Social Media! Here are some of our pages:



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