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Bringing the vandals to justice

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# “No excuse for violence”



Newham acting borough commander Sean Vickers, right, with Sir Robin

“On behalf of Newham Police, I would like to thank the community for their strong support and spirit during these challenging times. The messages of appreciation and thanks for officers and emergency services colleagues have been overwhelming and certainly kept morale up amongst my teams.

**“We currently have a team working tirelessly to examine CCTV images”**

“We experienced some levels of disruption across the borough by a minority group of mindless criminals intent on causing disorder. We swiftly deployed our officers to deal with the offenders and managed to prevent any escalation of the

disorder, seen in other parts of the UK, and returned the streets to the community. I believe this is testament to police tactics, close working with partners like Newham Council and the fantastic police officers we have in Newham who are committed to protecting the public.

“We currently have a team working tirelessly to examine CCTV images with Newham Council and local businesses, and will follow up this evidence in the coming days in order to bring anyone responsible for criminal acts to justice.

“We continue to appeal to parents and all those responsible for young people to work together with police to ensure that youngsters do not get drawn into any disorder across London.

“There is absolutely no excuse for violence and there is a role for the whole community – police, parents, schools, local leaders and others – to stand together and convey the message that crime and disorder will not be tolerated.

“I hope you are as proud of your local police officers as I am. You will see us back out on the streets, in your neighbourhoods every day doing our job without hesitation. If you have any concerns or questions about the recent activity, speak to us; every neighbourhood has its own dedicated police team. We are here for you and will always stand strong to protect the community.”

**Newham acting borough commander Sean Vickers**

# “Sheer thuggery”

“The disturbances of last week shocked us all. We’ve not seen such pre-planned violence and looting in London for decades. Although Newham was spared the worst of it, we too were affected.

“I wanted to put out this special edition of the *Newham Mag* to reassure residents, and to let you know what we’re doing, what the police are doing and what you can do to help us to protect the community.

“The disorder occurred in London’s poorest communities; areas that face youth unemployment and massive cuts from central Government. But the violence cannot be justified as a response to this.

“What happened last week was sheer thuggery and nothing less. It was a minority of louts who took advantage of disorder to indulge in theft and violence without a second thought for the community.

“I want to pay tribute to the bravery of the police who dealt with the violence, and the unwavering commitment to public safety displayed by the London Fire Brigade and London Ambulance services. And I’d like to thank council staff who worked through the night to ensure services continued to run with the minimal possible disruption. The police and the council stand shoulder to shoulder in our commitment to build a safer Newham.

“What heartened me most was seeing our community stand up against the violence.



Sir Robin listens to community concerns

The shopkeepers looking out for each other, the parents keeping their kids out of mischief and the local residents challenging loutish behaviour and volunteering to help with the clear up.

“And there’s more you can do. Over the last two years I promised to increase our use of CCTV and introduce more cameras in the borough to improve community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour. Thanks to this investment, this edition includes CCTV images of people involved in the disturbances so you can help

bring them to justice. And this is just the beginning. We’ll continue to publish pictures like these until the perpetrators are caught. Our message must be heard loud and clear; if people attack our community, they will face the consequences.

“Newham is better than this. Our community has shown that it is strong and resilient and I know that we will face this challenge with residents, the police and the council standing together.”

**Sir Robin Wales  
Mayor of Newham**

**Turn to the back page to find out how you can help the police.**



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# HELP CATCH THOSE WHO SHAMED NEWHAM

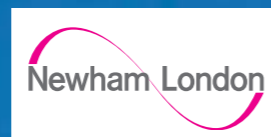
These pages contain the first CCTV images of people Newham Police want to speak to in connection with criminality around the recent disturbances.

There will be many more images as officers examine the footage taken from in and around Green Street in Upton Park and in Stratford, East Ham, Canning

Town and Beckton. Watch out for them in the Newham Mag and on the council's website at [www.newham.gov.uk/cctv](http://www.newham.gov.uk/cctv)

If you recognise anyone pictured or have information about the violence and disorder we saw on our streets, contact Newham Police's 24-hour intelligence unit on **020 8217 5078**.

When identifying any of the people shown please ensure you quote the reference number beside the image. You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously and in confidence on **0800 555 111**. Information given to Crimestoppers could earn you a cash reward.



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## LOOK FAMILIAR?



**Quote reference J46211K**

Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211K.



**Quote reference J46211M**

Do you recognise this person? Tell us who they are by calling 020 8217 5078 and quoting J46211M.



**Quote reference J46211L**

Tell us who he is by calling 020 8217 5078 and quoting J46211L.



**Quote reference J/460/A**

How many people do you know with a distinctive t-shirt like this? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J/460/A.



**Quote reference J460/B**

Does this red jumper look familiar? Help us find out who this is by calling 020 8217 5078 and quote J460/B.



**Quote reference 41020 KF**

This clear image should help identify him. Call 020 8217 5078 and quoting 41020 KF.



**Quote reference 41021 KF**

This person will be in for a shock when the police come knocking. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41021 KF with information.



**Quote reference 41022 KF**

Help us find out who this is by calling 020 8217 5078 and quoting 41022 KF.



**Quote reference 41023 KF**

This person couldn't dodge our cameras. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41023 KF.



**Quote reference 41024 KF**

Despite wearing a balaclava, this person can still be recognised. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41024 KF with information.



**Quote reference 41025 KF**

A hood does little to hide this person's identity. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41025 KF.



**Quote reference 41026 KF**

Have you got information about this person? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41026 KF.



**Quote reference 41028 KF**

Distinctive clothing should make this person easier to identify. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41028 KF.



**Quote reference 41029 KF**

Does this distinctive red jumper look familiar? If you know who's wearing it call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41029 KF.



**Quote reference 41031 KF**

This person is trying to hide who they are. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41031 KF.



**Quote reference J46211A**

The police want to speak to this person. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211A.



**Quote reference J46211B**

Do you have information about this person? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211B.



**Quote reference J46211C**

Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211C.



**Quote reference J46211D**

A hood does little to hide this person's identity. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211D if you know who this is.



**Quote reference J46211E**

Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211E with information about this person.



**Quote reference 41032 KF**

This is a warning – this jumper is very distinctive. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41032 KF.



**Quote reference 41033 KF**

This make-shift disguise does little to hide this person's face. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41033 KF.



**Quote reference 41034 KF**

The eyes and clothing are a clue. Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41034 KF if you can identify this person.



**Quote reference 41035 KF**

Do you have information about the person wearing this striped jacket? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote 41035 KF if you can help.



**Quote reference J/460/D**

Do you know this person? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J/460/D.



**Quote reference J46211F**

If you recognise this person Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211F.



**Quote reference J46211G**

Do you recognise this person? Call 020 8217 5078 now and quote J46211G.



**Quote reference J46211H**

This person hides something under their jumper. Can you help identify who they are? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211H.



**Quote reference J46211I**

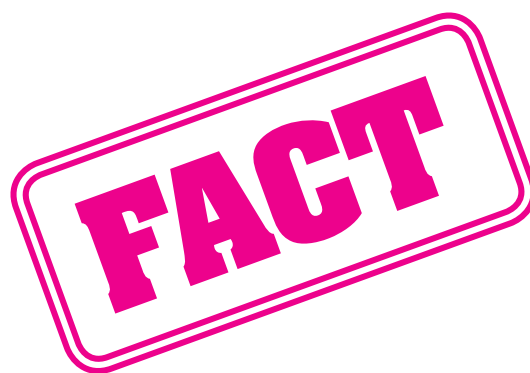
Help us identify this person by calling 020 8217 5078 and quoting J46211I.



**Quote reference J46211J**

Do you know who this is? Did you see this person last week? Call 020 8217 5078 and quote J46211J.

# RUMOUR V REALITY



If all the internet rumours were to be believed the whole of London was being looted and burned to the ground last week. Obviously, this was not the case. A mixture of confusion and misinformation posted on social networking websites led to a situation where myths and rumours spread like wildfire. These rumours increased confusion and fear during the disturbances, and fuel people's worries still. So now that things have calmed down we revisit the rumours and state the facts.

**RUMOUR:** Gallions Reach shopping centre was looted and set on fire by a large mob on Tuesday 9 August.

**RUMOUR:** A massive gang of rioters headed for Stratford at 7pm on Monday 8 August intent on looting the shopping centre.

**RUMOUR:** Primark in East Ham was burned to the ground on Monday night and East Ham was a 'war zone'.

**RUMOUR:** There was a 'media blackout', preventing any reporting of disturbances in Newham because of the 2012 Games.

**REALITY:** Some shops closed earlier than usual but there was no significant damage to any retailer.

**REALITY:** The Stratford Centre closed early as a precaution. A sports shop had been burgled the night before. There was isolated damage to neighbouring shops including Argos.

**REALITY:** Primark was not set on fire. Shops and banks were attacked and some isolated looting took place. Most of the High Street, including Primark, opened as usual on Tuesday.

**REALITY:** The disturbances in Newham were well reported by local and national media. Incorrect or exaggerated rumours of disturbances on social media may have led people to believe the disturbances were worse. If the damage reported online had been real, media coverage would have been greater.

The events of last week were concerning and confusing. But much of the rumours going around about the disorder were just that – rumours. Although we can't be complacent, the violence lasted for only a brief period of time and our streets have returned to normal. Along with the police and the community, we are working to build a Newham where people choose to live, work and stay. **A number of people from outside London have been arrested on suspicion of using social networking sites to incite a riot. You can be traced and will be prosecuted, police say.**

Minding their business: Omar and Haq Imtiaz protected their shop in Green Street



Sir Robin expresses our appreciation to the officers at Forest Gate Police Station



Barclays manager Anthony Driscoll (l) talks to Sir Robin and Stephen Timms MP



All ears: encouraging words fuel determination to protect our streets



# ON THE SIDE OF THE MAJORITY

Newham's true community spirit

Following the disturbances, Mayor Sir Robin Wales visited residents and businesses from across Newham to hear first-hand how the unrest had affected them – and how they remained resilient in the face of disorder.

Sir Robin and councillors visited areas including East Ham, Green Street and Forest Gate to hear inspiring stories of local people standing together to protect their neighbours and community in the face of violent attacks.

In Green Street, Sir Robin heard from Haq Imtiaz and his son Omar who run Upton Park Builders Merchants. Hearing news of unrest, the family shut their shop and stood outside their business until

the disturbance subsided so they could protect their property and offer support to others who were determined to stand up to the hooligans.

In East Ham, store manager of Barclays Bank Anthony Driscoll was determined not to let vandalism prevent the bank from opening as usual. Arriving on the first night of disturbance, Anthony started the clean up by dragging a paying-in machine that had been vandalised back into the shop on High Street South. He then called the rest of his team in early so they could board up windows, sweep away shattered glass and get the shop fully operational for opening time.

Sir Robin said: "Staff at Barclays

were determined to open their doors so that local residents and businesses could get on with their lives. This is a community response we should all be proud of – and a stark contrast to the actions of a thuggish minority."

The resilience shown by businesses and residents was reflected in the efforts of the police who worked around the clock to minimise disruption and bring those responsible to justice. Addressing officers at Forest Gate Police Station, Sir Robin said: "I am here to thank you for what you are doing. Our borough did not suffer the same problems as other boroughs in London and that is, in part, because our community is strong."



## YOUNG MAYOR

## CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE

"I'm sure you will agree the recent acts of rioting and looting in London, and copycat action across the country, can only be described as tragic and infuriating. This behaviour is unacceptable and I am worried about how it will affect the way young people are viewed in our community.

"Although the disturbances seen in Newham were not on the scale that we have witnessed in other parts of London, they involved a minority of young people. We already face negativity in the media; these actions do nothing for the reputation of the majority of us, who just want to achieve and get on in life.

"As Newham's Young Mayor I strongly condemn the behaviour we have recently witnessed. My thoughts go out to the victims: residents, business owners and those who were injured – both civilians and members of the emergency services who were attacked simply for doing their job. Violent attacks on police officers are unacceptable. We also saw attacks locally on ambulance crews, fire brigade staff and even rocks thrown at buses. The vast majority of Newham's young people would condemn acts of violence such as that

without any hesitation. All of us have lost something as the costs of the clean up will be met with public money.

"From my work with young people in the borough, I know many are pillars of their community, giving their time to volunteer and support their local area. I have been so inspired by the young people I meet and their contributions to Newham. Positive achievement of young people should not be forgotten but it could take time to rebuild our reputation.

"Taking a stand against this behaviour isn't easy, but it is important to rebuild trust. No one wants to be branded as a snitch or a grass but these lawless people acted without a second thought about whose property they were damaging, who they were intimidating or what they looted. I appeal to anyone with any information to come forward. These people are criminals and need to be held accountable for their actions."

**Newham Young Mayor, Ali Mohamed**  
**Turn to page 6 to help identify people caught on CCTV.**



# TAKING ACTION

Many of the criminals involved in the disturbances last week assumed there would be no consequences to their actions. They arrogantly thought they could do what they wanted, steal what they liked and smash what they chose to. In Newham we will not tolerate behaviour that endangers residents, impacts on businesses and causes disruption.

As a council, we're committed to taking robust action against anyone

found to have been taking part in the recent violence and looting. If you live in council or social housing, and you or someone living with you is found to be involved in serious disorder in your neighbourhood, we have powers to evict you. If you commit crimes against the community, you do not deserve the support of that community.

The police are taking a no nonsense approach towards catching

the mindless criminals we have seen ransack the country. Their message is clear: anyone found to be involved in the disturbances will be arrested, convicted and could end up in prison. Having a criminal record jeopardises a person's life opportunities and could affect their chance of getting a job. Parents, carers and peers need to act responsibly to help keep our children and young people out of trouble.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales is working to protect Newham and its residents using the council's existing powers. From rewarding those who provide information about crime that leads to a criminal conviction to seeking compensation costs from vandals, he has pledged to do whatever it takes to ensure that people think twice before disrupting neighbourhoods.

Measures include:

**Crimestoppers** – Newham Council will offer a reward via Crimestoppers for information

about vandals who caused disruption in our borough.

**Compensation** – if police prosecute someone for criminal damage the council will seek compensation. We will support the police to secure criminal convictions and recover compensation for the costs of the damage and clean up through civil actions.

**Eviction** – tenants or people living with our tenants – including young people – who are convicted in connection with the disturbances are in breach of the terms and

conditions of their tenancy. The council will actively seek to evict in all cases.

**Court orders** – the council will seek anti-social behaviour and other enforcement orders to keep these criminals away from places like shopping centres or entire neighbourhoods.

**Newham Council staff and contractors** – staff who are convicted or identified as being involved in the disruption may be sacked. We expect the same of our contractors.

# CATCHING THE CRIMINALS

The disturbances we saw across London are totally unacceptable. Looting, damage to property and violence are all criminal acts. We are committed to working with the police to bring these criminals to justice. We need your assistance to catch the perpetrators who illegally violated our streets. Here's how you can help:

## Your evidence

If you have photographic or video evidence relating to any disorder experienced in the borough that you would like to share with the police call Newham's dedicated 24-hour Intelligence Unit on **020 8217 5078**.

## Businesses bite back

If you own a business and have any CCTV footage or information about the disorder, call the dedicated Newham police number **020 8217 5078**.

If your business was a victim of looting and you have not been visited by the police yet, please keep CCTV footage in a safe place for the police to collect.

You should identify any property stolen as soon as possible. Provide details such as make, model, serial numbers and colour.

Please ensure your stock records are up to date.

For up to date advice and information go to [www.newham.gov.uk/businessupdate](http://www.newham.gov.uk/businessupdate).

## Who to call

To report a non-emergency incident call the police on **101**. In an emergency always call **999**.

## Information and intelligence

Newham Police has set up a dedicated number for Newham residents and businesses to report any information or intelligence relating to disorder across the borough.

Call **020 8217 5078** to report anything that might be useful for the police. This could be descriptions or names of vandals, or information about looters who are in possession of stolen goods.

## Newham Council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour hotline

To report anti-social behaviour or harassment to the council call **0800 731 3300**.

## Crimestoppers

To report crime and remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. You do not have to give your name and you could receive a cash reward.

## Victim support

For free and confidential information, practical help and emotional support for victims of any crime call **0845 30 30 900** or visit [www.vslondon.org](http://www.vslondon.org)

Keep checking [www.newham.gov.uk/cctv](http://www.newham.gov.uk/cctv) for new images of people the police would like to speak to.

