

A MESSAGE FROM BCU COMMANDER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HELEN HARPER



Dear all,

I hope you are well.

Whilst changes to the legislation this week do impact on what is and is not permitted, our approach will remain entirely the same.

Throughout the weekend and with the expected warm weather, officers will continue to be on their usual patrols and will continue to remind the public only to leave their homes for essential travel. You will see us as usual engaging with our communities and explaining the new regulations. The vast majority of people are following the regulations and we are grateful to our communities for doing so.

I also wanted to let you know that the Met's special constables have given more than 100,000 hours of their time in March and April to help with the response to coronavirus. Special constables are working alongside officers to enforce the lockdown rules, are out on patrols, and engaging with the public to keep London safe. There has been a significant increase in the hours special constables are volunteering to support the police during this unprecedented time. The special constables doubled their hours in April compared with the same month a year ago working 61,779 combined hours compared with 29,645 in April 2019.

The Met is currently recruiting and you can join us as a constable, a special constable or a volunteer. Please see more information at www.met.police.uk/careers/

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a safe weekend.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Harper".

Helen

BCU Commander Central West BCU and Royal Parks