

Sutton Safer Parks Team Report

This report is in relation to the work carried out by the Sutton Safer Parks Team within Carshalton Central and Carshalton South and Clockhouse.

The Parks that fall within the specified wards are;

Carshalton Central

- Wrythe Rec
- Benhill Rec
- The Grove
- Carshalton Park
- Warren Park
- Carshalton War Memorial
- Festival Walk and Margret's pool

Carshalton South and Clock House

- Stanley Park
- Queen Mary's Park
- Oaks Park
- Corrigan Avenue Rec

Over the summer there has been an increased volume of calls to parks throughout the London Borough of Sutton, due to government guidelines in relation to the COVID19 pandemic. The Safer Parks Team only received a few calls to Grove Park at the beginning. Upon attendance we had cause to speak to a few groups that were having picnics and one group a BBQ. All parks saw an increase in visitors over the summer months.

The majority of Parks across the borough experience drug use. Out of the Parks within the wards in question, we regularly stop people in Oaks Park. We are continuing to patrol the area and stop people in possession of drugs.

We have also been paying attention to Queen Mary's park after a complaint from a local resident that youths were gathering behind the residential properties to smoke drugs.

POSITIVE STOPS IN THE MENTIONED PARKS

One (1) male stopped and searched **St Marys Fields**. Found in possession of cannabis. Issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice

Oaks Park – One male issued with PND for possession of cannabis.

One (1) male issued PND for possession of cannabis following a drug search in **OAKS PARK**.

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One (1) male Issued with Community resolution for possession of Cannabis **OAKS PARK**

Five (5) males stopped and searched in **ST MARYS PARK**. One (1) male was found in possession of cannabis and issued with Community Resolution.

Two (2) males search and one (1) male found in possession of cannabis in **QUEEN MARYS PARK**.

Male was issued with PND.

Grove Park Male Stop and searched, issued with Community Resolution for Possession of Cannabis

Oaks Park One (1) male issued with Community resolution for Possession of Cannabis

One (1) male issued with community resolution for possession of cannabis following stop search in

Overton Park

Councillors have also requested information on:

“Any crime or social disturbance issue related to any of the parks in the wards of Carshalton Central or Carshalton South”

There have been no reports of fireworks being let off late at night in Benhill Rec.

In relation to Warren Park, we have not received any information about vandalism. We have however had a few reports on rough sleepers. We have previously attended and dealt with the matter and will continue to patrol the area.

We had complaints of street drinkers congregating around the war memorial at Carshalton Ponds, where they were causing some ASB for the Ecology Centre. After repeatedly visiting the area the group have moved on.

As mentioned above we received complaints of drug use in St Marys Park and have included it in our patrols. As a result we have stopped numerous youths and found several in possession of drugs. The groups have now moved away from the residential houses, but we are still finding them in hidden areas within the park. We will continue to patrol the area.

More information can be found on Sutton website [here](#) you can also find contact details and report incidents through the Police website: <https://www.met.police.uk/>