



Merton Hate Crime Awareness Week 2024

12th-19th October 2024



National Hate Crime Awareness Week began with a vigil in London in 2009 to show solidarity against hate crime following the homophobic murder of Ian Baynham in Trafalgar Square. Since 2009, this has grown into a national annual week of activity to remember victims and raise awareness of all forms of hate crime.

A hate crime is when an individual is targeted because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Our diversity makes Merton a wonderful place to live and work and we want to send a clear message that we stand together against all forms of hate. Please join us at an event to learn more about hate crime and the services supporting victims in Merton.

Please see below for a listing of events within the community.

[Saturday 12th October 2024 11am – 12:30pm](#)

[MertonPlus café Social \(Pawelek, Mitcham CR4 3HD\) 242-244 London Rd, Mitcham CR4 3HD, UK](#)

MertonPlus is a volunteer-led LGBTQ+ community group holding a coffee morning that will be holding a focused round-table discussion, PC Alex Doyle to attend and facilitate discussions around Hate crime.

[Monday 14th October 2024 10am-1:00pm](#)

[Action Counters Terrorism Training ONLINE -LINK BELOW](#)

The Police Counter Terrorism team will be delivering a presentation of Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) Training. This is being undertaken as part of the Police's work to raise awareness of the terror threat and to ensure that as many people as possible are able to identify the threat and know how to react to and report suspicious behaviour.

The session is designed to alert not alarm and will provide attendees with the practical information required to support the Police in combating these crimes. Link for training below.

[See, Check and Notify Training ONLINE-LINK BELOW](#)

The Police Counter Terrorism team will be delivering a presentation of See, Check and Notify (SCAN) training.

This training is particularly useful for those in **customer facing roles** – those who have face to face contacts with the public. It covers suspicious activity, the importance of vigilance, the power of hello and how to report your concerns.

The training is for front line professionals and Councillors. The session will be held online via link below at 10am.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 341 637 366 731

Passcode: 7bPwrp

[Tuesday 15th October 2024, Council Chamber- 11:45am -1:15pm](#)

[Stop Hate UK – Hate Crime Awareness Training](#)

Session content includes:

- An overview of Stop Hate UK's operation and services
- Understanding how Hate Crime is defined and its impact
- Reflection on recent events and the drivers behind these event

Insight into the impact of Hate Crime upon individuals, families, communities

- Considering barriers to reporting and the range of reporting options available within communities
- Learning how to access and signpost to Stop Hate UK's services.
- Considered the importance of being an 'upstander' rather than a 'bystander'

[Wednesday 16th October 2024, 11.00-1.00pm](#)

[Wimbledon Piazza Hate Crime Stall](#)

Safer Merton and partners will be at the Piazza Wimbledon, raising awareness and sharing information on the hate crime support services available in Merton.

[Black History Event Moat Housing To Be Cofirmed](#)

[Thursday 17th October 2024,](#)

[Distribute leaflets to different venues/clubs on Borough](#)

Pollards Hill library, Horizon centre, Moat housing, Collier's Wood businesses.

[Friday 18th October 2024, 10.00am-12.00pm](#)

[Coffee Morning with Polish Family Association, Colliers Wood Community Centre](#)

Supported by Polish Family Association, Safer Merton and Merton Police.

Friday 18th October 2024, 12.30pm-3.00pm

Hate Crime Information Stall at Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden

Supported by Safer Merton, Merton Police, Sutton Council, Crimestoppers and Tell MAMA.

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER – FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

- **Unmanned Hate Crime information stall within the LINK, Civic Centre Morden**

Safer Schools Officers

'Protect Yourself from Hate' video and presentation circulated to Safer Schools Officers to utilise for presentations and assemblies, or for delivery by schools in tutor times/ assemblies.

Schools Officers will hand out leaflets at the start/ end of the school day and engage with students on the subject throughout the week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80lhyajTGdA>

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams/ Safer Transport/ BTP

Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Safer Transport and BTP officers at locations across the borough handing out leaflets and engaging with the public. Locations will be shared once confirmed.

14th October

15th October

16th October -BTP Wimbledon piazza community engagement 11-1pm

17th October

18th October

[Join our social media campaign!](#)

Hashtags for the week are **[#mertonstopshate](#)** and **[#NationalHCAW](#)**

***For more information on any of the events please contact:
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