

Moped Crime on the rise but...

Op Attrition is a unit dedicated to bringing moped criminals to justice.



Op Attrition at the scene of an arrest.

Moped enabled theft is our top priority

In the past six months, there has been a sharp rise in theft snatch offences. This is unprecedented but we are determined to do everything we can to drive this crime down. This is not easy, the MPS has to save another £400M and officer numbers will fall further. However, we are tackling it on all fronts and taking innovative new approaches.

The moped criminals start by stealing a moped with no additional security. They then pair up and go on a phone snatching spree around central London. Currently, the south side of Camden is the worst affected. They ride dangerously and don't care who they hurt, preying on anyone in their sights who is using their phone. They often wear all black with helmets covering their faces and pay no attention to witnesses or CCTV. In other

words, they are brazen! Anyone who is using their phone in public, maybe distracted by a call or a text, can fall victim to this crime. The thieves seek high value brands and the phones are often shipped abroad or broken down for spare parts. We are working at every end of this crime, from the manufacture of the mopeds used to make this crime type possible to the catching of the handlers



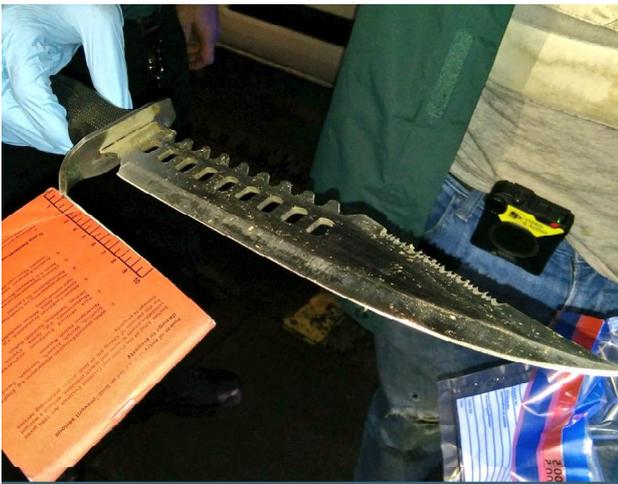
PC Davies teamed up with InLinkUK to get his message across

that make it so lucrative. We are arresting lots of offenders, many of whom are young and known to us, but unfortunately reoffending is high.

We are working closely with councils to see if we can evict problem families and the council is also helping in other ways, such as installing ground anchors and barriers to slow the mopeds down. Watch this space for new tactics such as drones, traffic cars with tire deflation devices, and DNA sprays!

The only reason to carry a knife like this, is to harm others!

Our teams are working hard to get these deadly weapons off our streets



This knife was taken from a very violent suspect in Kilburn, who kicked the arresting officer in the head during the arrest. A hostile crowd swarmed the officers to protect the criminal knifeman from justice. Such behavior is completely unacceptable.

Homelessness is on the rise

We all want to help the homeless and, for us, this means helping them find permanent accommodation. We work closely with Camden and Islington councils who can house vulnerable people very quickly. We face problems with this, and some of the hardest challenges come from misguided kindness. Those who give out free tents and sleeping bags may mean well, but unfortunately this delays the process of accessing help and finding those in need a permanent home.

We should not accept that it is ok for people to live on the street and, with winter approaching, this will mean deaths. If you would like to help, the best thing to do is to give to responsible charities such as <http://c4wshomelessproject.org/>



All those moved here, were offered and accepted real accommodation.

Contact keeps coming up as a big issue

We are frequently told that 101 can mean an unreasonable wait on the phone. If you just want to pass on some information, this can be frustrating. The good news is there are some alternatives!

Contact your local team (you will need to know you local ward name for this):

- Via our new website (you can also report crime there)
- On Twitter
- Via @MetCC

We have never been more contactable! You just need to know how. Visit our Website at <https://www.met.police.uk/>