Hello to you All,

 Please see information contained below for your perusal, this information is all Security Related to events that are scheduled to take place near us here in Fitzrovia BID and may impact some of our members, there is a few guidance notes at the bottom and also a couple of Emergency Contact details in the event you are impacted and need assistance please feel free to make contact with them, unless you have your own contractors for this type of incident.

Regards.

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[**The Fitzrovia Partnership BID**](https://fitzroviapartnership.com/3-environmental-place/public-realm-street-management/)

**Security Alert Information:**

**Thursday 20th April 2023**

Please see below message from Chief Superintendent Louise Puddefoot.

We would like to make you aware of the 420 Cannabis Day rally taking place on Thursday 20th April 2023 at Hyde Park between 1100 hrs – 1800 hrs.

“420” is an international day for cannabis related protests and events which is held annually on the 20th April. The event is well established as a part of a counterculture movement where supporters gather en masse to celebrate and consume cannabis. Whilst the day is seen as an opportunity to celebrate cannabis, there is also a political element with various protest groups advocating for the legalisation of the substance.

Previous 420 events held in Hyde Park have resulted in some incidents of disorder and crime. The local retail sector including Marble Arch and Oxford Street may experience some disruption as crowds disperse from Hyde Park, but there is an extended policing plan in place to ensure a proportionate response.

There is a Public Order command team in place with specialist resources deployed.  I am the Gold Commander and am ensuring that the public order operation is well coordinated with Central West and Royal Parks policing plans.  Our resources will be deployed within the park and surrounding area throughout the event.  Whilst we will not take enforcement activity against every person using cannabis, we will intervene where ASB, crime and disorder are committed as a result.  We will also ensure the safeguarding of vulnerable people, and other people using the park.

**Please remind staff to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by dialling 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency)**

**Friday 21st April 2023**

There will be several marches taking place throughout the day.

-          **Christian Climate Action procession**

The group are planning on having a religious service at St John's Church in Waterloo between 1100hrs - 1300hrs.

The group are partnering with other organisations such as Christian Aid, Tear Fund, Salvation Army and CAFOD. There will be well known Christian leaders in attendance leading prayers.

At 1300hrs the group will hold a procession from ST Johns Church - Concert Hall Approach - Belvedere Road - stopping OS Shell for prayers - Westminster Bridge - Parliament Sq.

-          **XR Walkers**

XR Walkers are planning to walk to parliament Square London SW1.

They have 8 routes planned that will end with the walkers reaching Parliament Sq.

Richmond 18km.

Colliers Wood 15km.

Clapham Junction 10km.

Beckenham 16km.

Parliament Hill Hampstead Heath 10km.

Hertford to Enfield (taking place the day before 20/04/2023) 30km.

Enfield to Parliament Square 25km.

Forest Gate 18km.

This action is being labelled as Web of Walking.

-          **March to stop Bristol Airport Expansion**

Route: 1330hrs Trafalgar Square - Whitehall - Stop outside Downing Street for singing - Parliament Square - Victoria St - Marsham Street - Horseferry Road – Finish outside Department of Transport by 1500hrs.

-          **Protest against MOD**

A group are planning to hold a picket to raise awareness to the MOD of their role in climate change on 21/04/2023 & 24/04/2023 between the times: 10:00hrs- 18:00hrs.

There will be no intention of blocking entrances or disrupting the business of the MOD.

They will be using the grassy area adjacent to Richmond Terrace.

-          **Fashion Declares**

On 21/04/2023 between times of 1300hrs – 1800hrs the group will gather outside The Ministry for Culture, Media & Sports, 100 Parliament Street, SW1A talks by fashion leaders. They will then proceed to the larger gathering outside Parliament.

**Saturday 22nd April 2023**

-          Bio-diversity March

Where: Anti-Clockwise circular route - Great Smith Street - Marsham Street - Horseferry Road - Millbank - Parliament Square.

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 10:00hrs – 12:30hrs - Artwork including face painting

12:30hrs – 13:00hrs - Speak for nature Workshop.

13:00hrs – 13:30hrs - Unite for Nature Rally which will involve speeches on global ecological crisis to be held at Broad Sanctuary junction with Stoney’s Gate

13:30hrs – 14:45hrs – Bio-diversity March - Led by XR Drummers / XR Rhythms with periods of silence and sounds of birdsong and nature.

Route will be from Stoney’s Gate > Great Smith Street > Marsham Street > Horseferry Road > Millbank > Parliament Square

14:45hrs -15:00hrs Die In - spread out and in silence between Abingdon Gardens and into Parliament Square

This will be a peaceful family event to show case costumes and face paints and bio-diversity issues. Those attending are asked to bring placards, wear masks or costumes, and highlight species that aren’t usually presented such as insects, flora, and fauna.

-          XR Riders

Where: Swiss Cottage LT - Marble Arch - Parliament Square

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 10:00hrs

A “feeder ride “for the Bio-diversity march planned on the same day.

-          Hammersmith and Fulham Cycling

What: Feeder Ride

Where: Brook Green, W6 7BD > Marble Arch, W1H 7EJ > Parliament Square, SW1P

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 10:00hrs - 17:00hrs

10:00hrs departure from Brook Green, W6 7BD. This is a feeder ride to XR the Big One Protest taking place in Central London. They will ride to Marble Arch, W1H 7EJ where they will join the main ride at 11:15hrs.

-          Cycle Islington

What: Feeder Ride

Where: Islington Boer War Memorial, 6 Highbury Crescent, N5 1RD > Marble Arch, W1H 7EJ > Parliament Square, SW1P

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 10:00hrs - 15:00hrs

They are aiming to join other feeder rides at Marble Arch at 11:15hrs and then ride with the group down the Mall and into Parliament Square to join the XR Big One event. They will follow quiet roads down to Marble Arch with a team of marshals. They will return at approximately 15:00hrs from Speakers Corner.

-          Redbridge Cycling Campaign

What: Feeder Ride

Where: Wanstead Tea Hut, Wanstead Park Avenue, E12 5HA > Parliament Square, SW1P

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 10:00hrs - 17:00hrs

They will lead a slow paced, family friendly, ride to central London to join several environmental and campaign groups near the Houses of Parliament to raise awareness of the need for action on Climate Change.

-          Camden Cycling Campaign

What: Feeder Ride

Where: Swiss Cottage, 88 Avenue Road, NW33NR > Marble Arch, W1H 7EJ > Parliament Square, SW1P

When: 22/04/2023

Times: 08:00hrs

They will aim to join other feeder rides at Marble Arch at 11:15hrs and ride with the other riders down The Mall and into Parliament Square. They will follow quiet roads down through Regent's Park at a gentle pace. It will be led and marshalled.

**Sunday 23rd April 2023**

-          Continuing activity by XR in and around Parliament square.

-          Significant parallel events **(not XR related**)

TCS London Marathon and associated events

Where: Greenwich Park SE10 > the Mall SW1P

**Monday 24th April 2023**

-          Protest against MOD

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There will be no intention of blocking entrances or disrupting the business of the MOD.

They will be using the grassy area adjacent to Richmond Terrace.

In addition to the above re Extinction Rebellion protest activity, we would like to make you aware of planned picket protests taking place outside various governmental department buildings.

These protests will likely take place across the whole weekend of activity 21/04/23 – 24/04/23. Information received indicates that they will have small presence at the below locations from 0700hrs, and slowly building up with the main volume of people from 0900hrs.

The following locations may see pickets. We advise that these departments/locations increase their security and fully brief relevant personnel of the planned protest activity.

Parliament Square

Lincoln Lawn

George V Lawn

Deans Yard

Abingdon St Gardens

Victoria Tower Gardens

St John's Garden

Dept for Work and Pensions Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street London SW1H9NA

Dept for Business & Trade Science Innovation and Technology 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0NE

Dept for Health and Social Care 39 Victoria Street SW1H0EU

Dept for Education 20 Great Smith Street London Sw1P 3BT

55/57 Tufton Street London SW1P

Dept for Environment, food & Rural Affairs Nobel House 17 Smith Street London SW1P 3JR

Home Office 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

Dept for Levelling up, Housing and Communities 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

Dept of Transport Great Minster House 33 Horseferry Road SW1P 4DR

To offer some reassurance; there is a pan-London policing plan in place (which includes the MPS, BTP and the City of London Police).

We will endeavour to use this email distribution list to highlight activity, share pertinent information and/or timely advice.

Please continue to follow [Metropolitan Police Events Twitter](https://twitter.com/MetPoliceEvents) for relevant updates

You will recall that during earlier campaigns, we shared some generic advice as below – hopefully it will serve as a timely reminder:

**Your people**

* In the days leading up to the event, ensure all employees are fully briefed.
* Your premises should have a strong, visible management presence who should identify themselves to the police in the event of any trespassing or damage.
* Security officers, where possible, should be highly visible.
* All staff should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to security and/or the police.
* Ensure all members of staff are fully aware of any emergency and evacuation procedures.

**Your premises**

* Minimise the number of entry points to your premises.
* Ensure the outside areas are clear of debris, dustbins, ladders, tools, or equipment.
* Check that your emergency equipment, grab bags, first aid supplies, and walkie-talkies are in place, easy to get to, and working properly. It is advisable to test them beforehand.
* Check and test building security and emergency systems.
* Ensure CCTV coverage is fully operational and can provide the highest recording resolution possible.
* If your building has scaffolding erected or is in close proximity to scaffolding, let your security staff know.
* Report any suspicious activity to police by dialling 999 in an emergency or call 101 if not an emergency.

Should there be a protest impacting upon your footprint, please consider the following from the outset.

* The effect or impact protest(s) are having on your business or organisation.

(Considerations – footfall, loss of business)

* The affect or impact on your staff, customers, and/or other stakeholders.

(Considerations – work/life balance, staff travel, reliance on transport links, delivery issues)

* The estimated cost, either financially or otherwise of this impact.

(Considerations –financial cost compared to typical business day, environmental e.g., refuse collection, traffic congestion)

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**Our Wardens will be on duty for Friday 21st /Saturday 22nd – 10:00 – 21:00hrs, contact details below.**

**Emergency Contacts**

**TFP**

Mick Atkinson – 07923 446774 on Call

Lee Lyons – 07554 203865 If no response from Mick please contact.

**MLB (Security Services) – 10:00-21:00hrs Friday & Saturday**

Street Wardens 1 – 07958 171656

Street Wardens 2 – 07704 780712

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Key Account Director – Michael Ward – 07849 355753