

# Reducing Residential Burglary: Enfield (UK) Community Safety Partnership

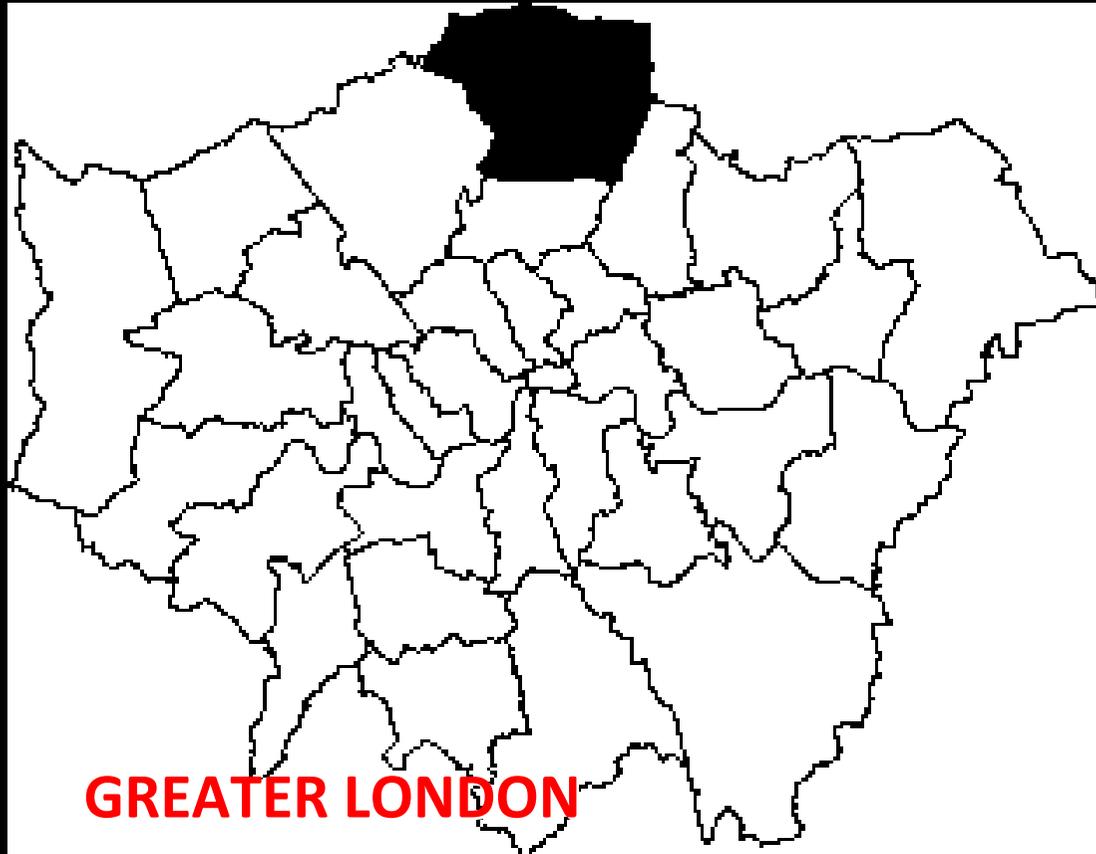
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# London Borough of Enfield



One of 32 London Boroughs

Population: 288,000

Area: 32 square miles

Notable Communities:

- White British 43%
- Black inc. Jamaican, Nigerian, Congolese, Somali 14%
- Turkish 9%
- Indian 7%
- Greek 6%

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## Tenure

Owner Occupied 71%

Social Renting 18%

Private Renting 11%



## Household Type

Detached 6%

Semi-Detached 24%

Terraced 35%

High Rise / Apartment / Maisonette 35%



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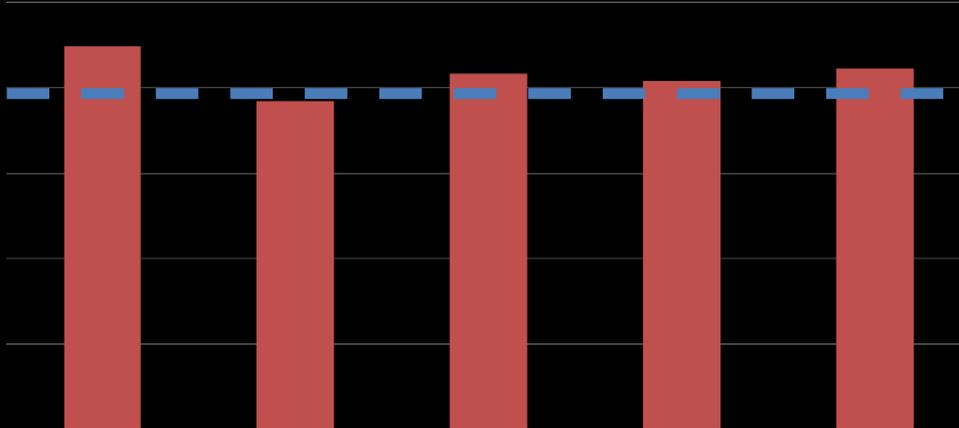
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Burglary Levels 2003-2008



- Domestic burglary accounts for 13% of all crime in Enfield
- Several years of stable performance
- Not a priority due to other demands

Burglary trends post-2008

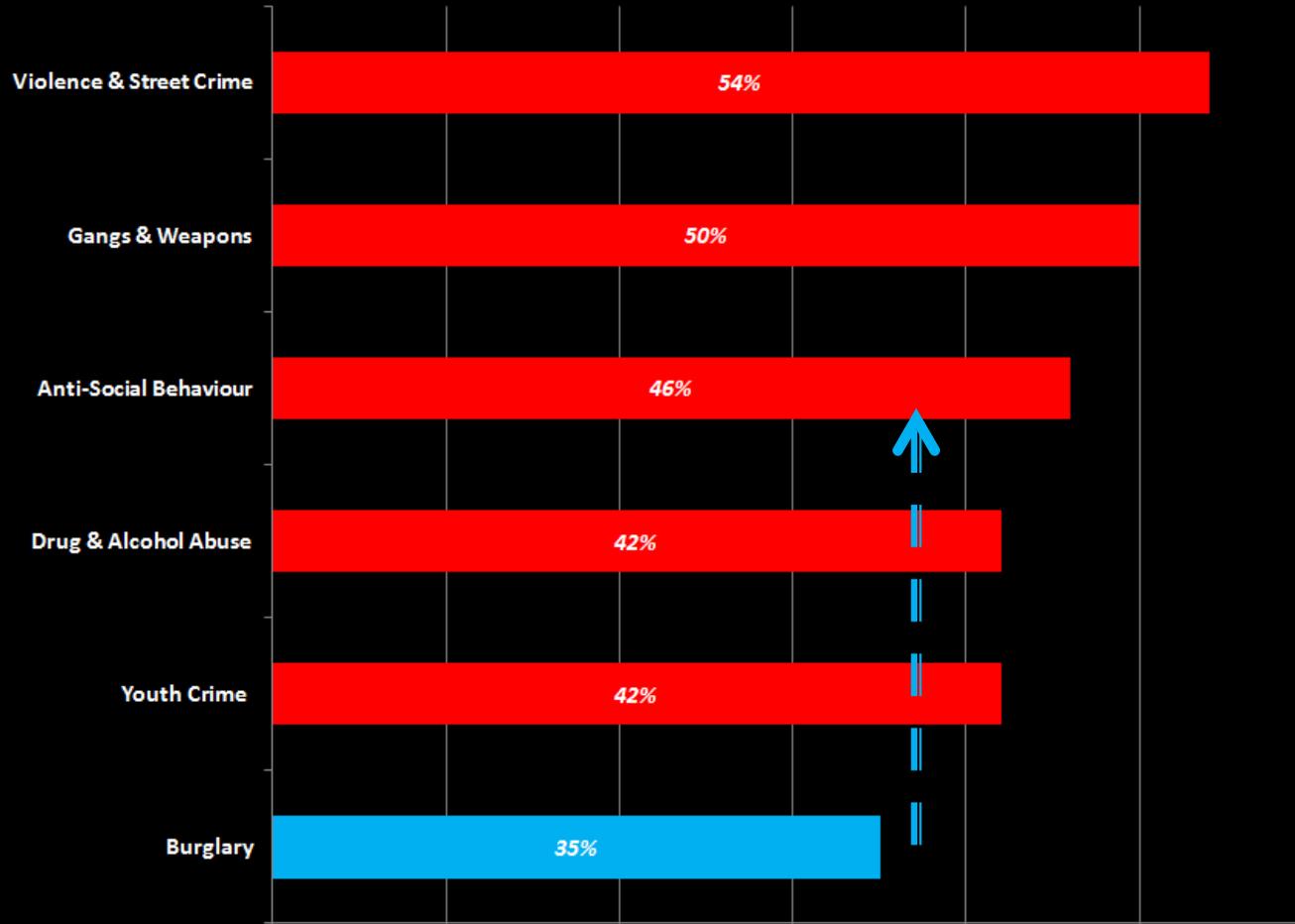


- In 2008/09, significant increase of +24%
- An extra 591 crimes

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- Public priority
- Ranked sixth with 35% in January 2009
- Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> by March 2009

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- Political and community concern

## SOAPBOX

Enfield North MP **JOAN RYAN** urges residents to join forces to keep their homes secure



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- High Publicity
- 'Burglary level is capital's second highest'
- Also had the 8<sup>th</sup> highest rate nationally

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The economic and social costs of crime against individuals and households 2003/04

Home Office Online Report 30/05

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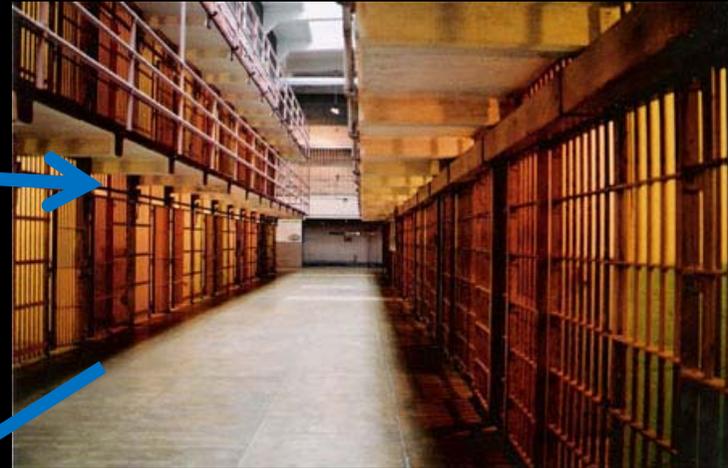
- Estimated cost of one burglary offence in 2003/04 was £3,268
- Not accounting for inflation, the cost to Enfield is up to £10million
- Psychological impact and fear of crime

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- Exhausted methods



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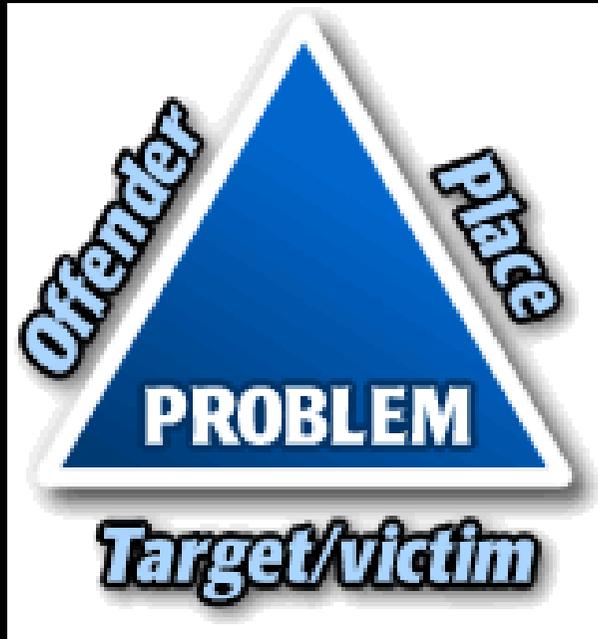
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- Making use of crime analysis



The primary object of an efficient police is the **prevention of crime**: the next that of detection and punishment of offenders if crime is committed. To these ends all the efforts of police must be directed

*Mayne, S.R. (1829) Instructions to "The new police of the Metropolis" (London: Metropolitan Police)*

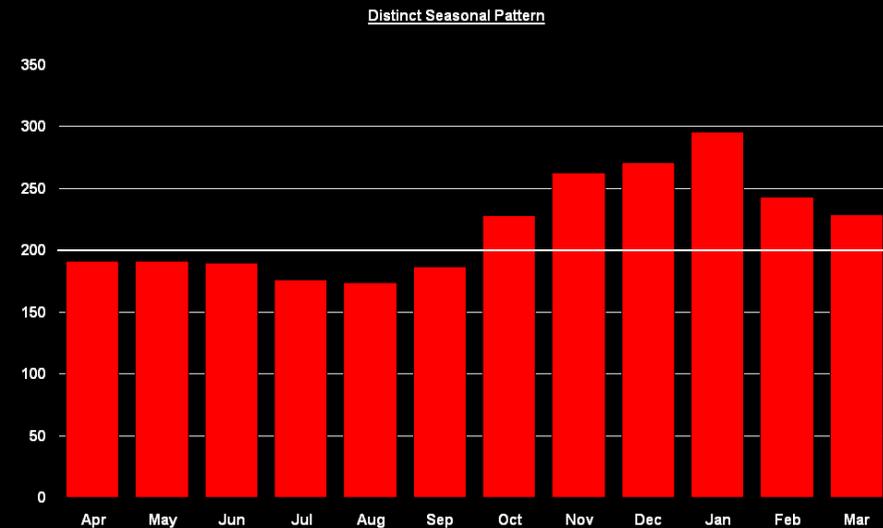
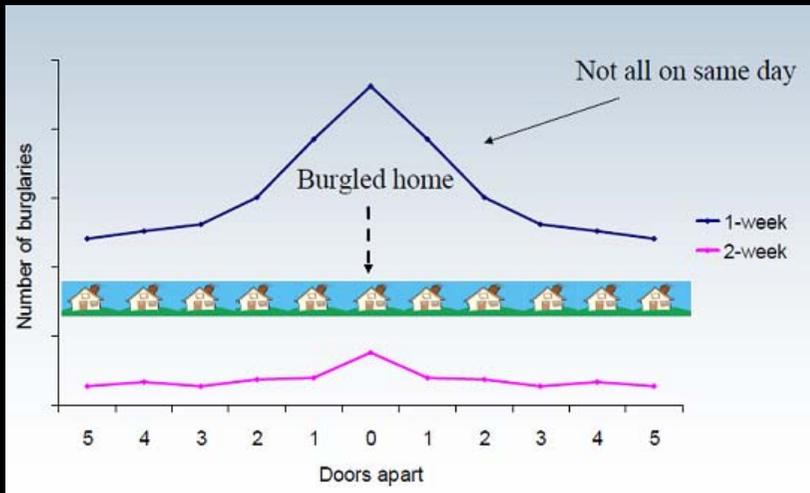
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## Overview

- High incidence of near repeats
- Distinct seasonality



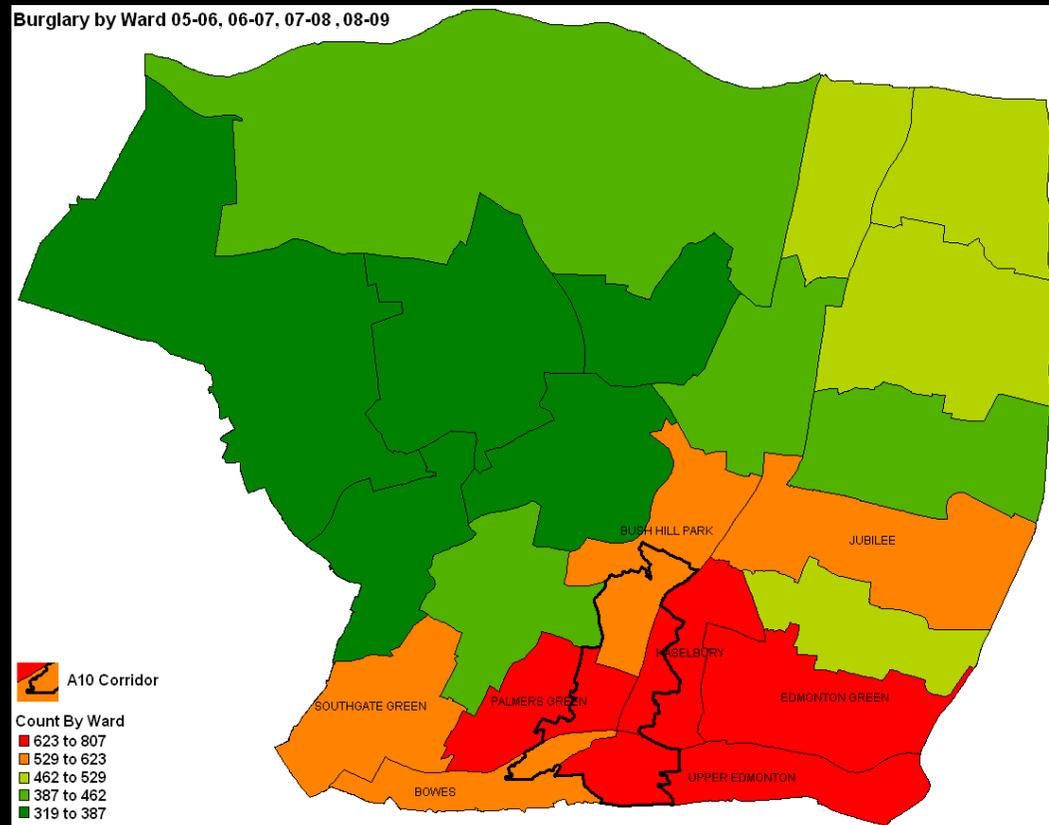
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Low density suburban dwellings  
suffered enduringly high levels

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Access to rear of properties via alley-ways

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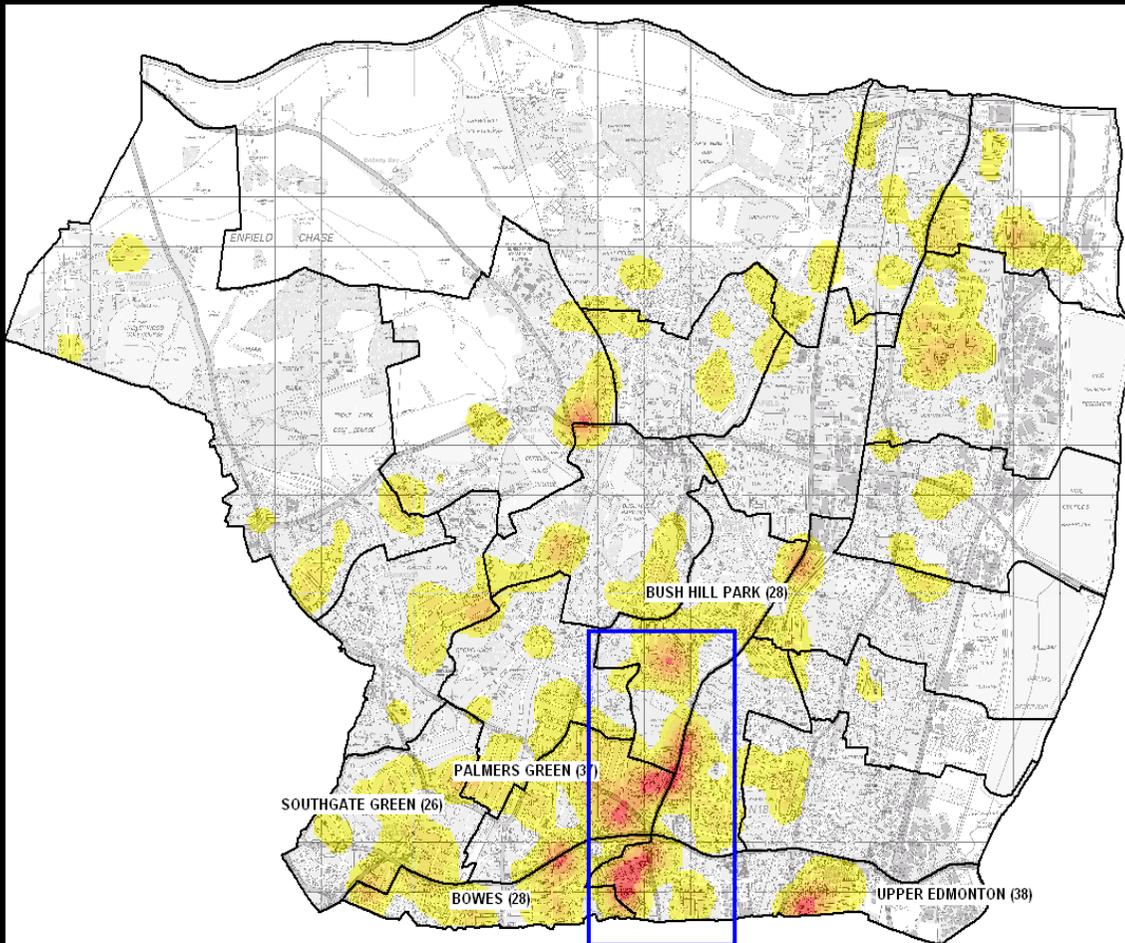
Near-Repeats / Space-Time Clustering

	<b>0 to 30 days</b>	<b>31 to 60 days</b>	<b>61 to 90 days</b>	<b>91 to 120 days</b>	<b>121 to 150 days</b>	<b>151 to 180 days</b>
<b>Same location</b>	<b>3.11</b>	2.04	0.29	1.66	0.38	1.90
<b>1 to 100 meters</b>	<b>1.89</b>	1.18	1.01	0.79	0.69	0.74
<b>101 to 200 meters</b>	<b>1.59</b>	1.06	0.96	0.79	0.78	
<b>201 to 300 meters</b>	<b>1.49</b>	1.07	1.08			
<b>301 to 400 meters</b>	1.05	1.02				

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Location

5% of geographical area

20% of residential burglary

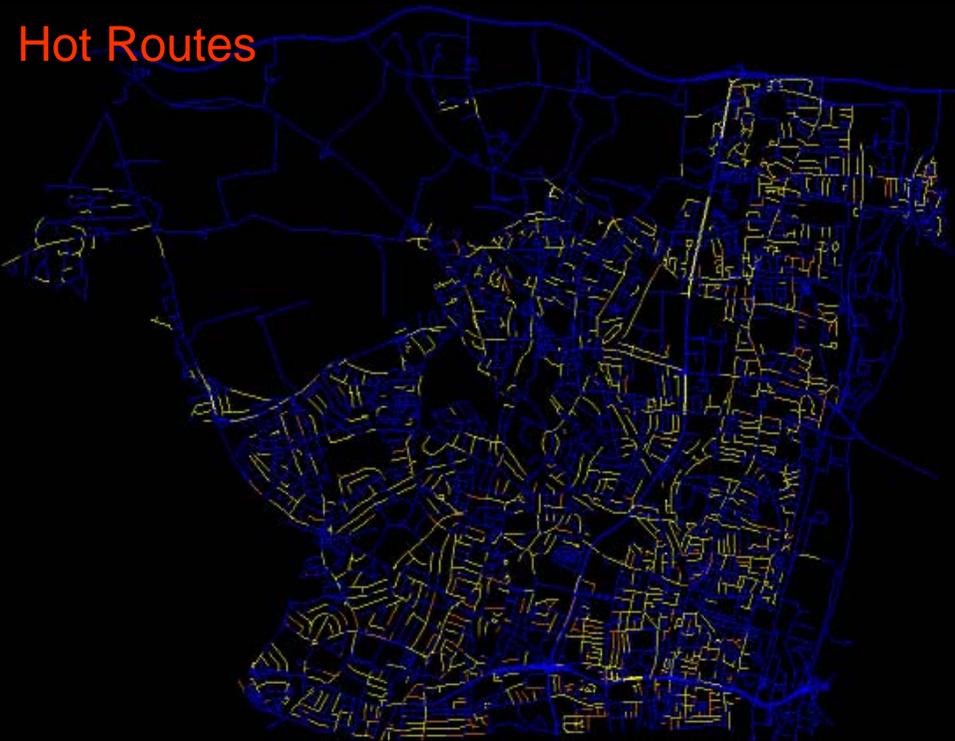
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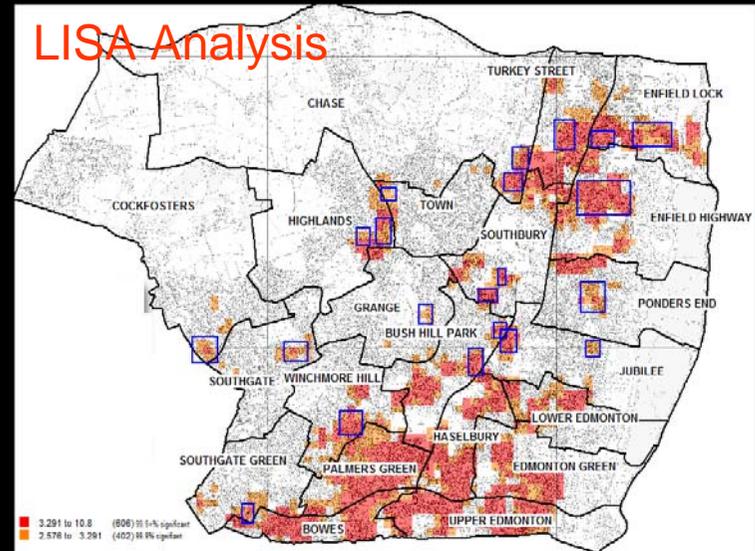
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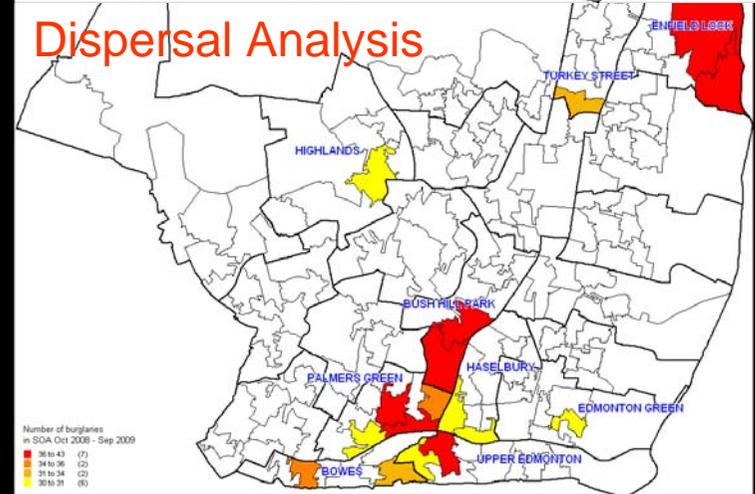
Hot Routes



LISA Analysis



Dispersal Analysis



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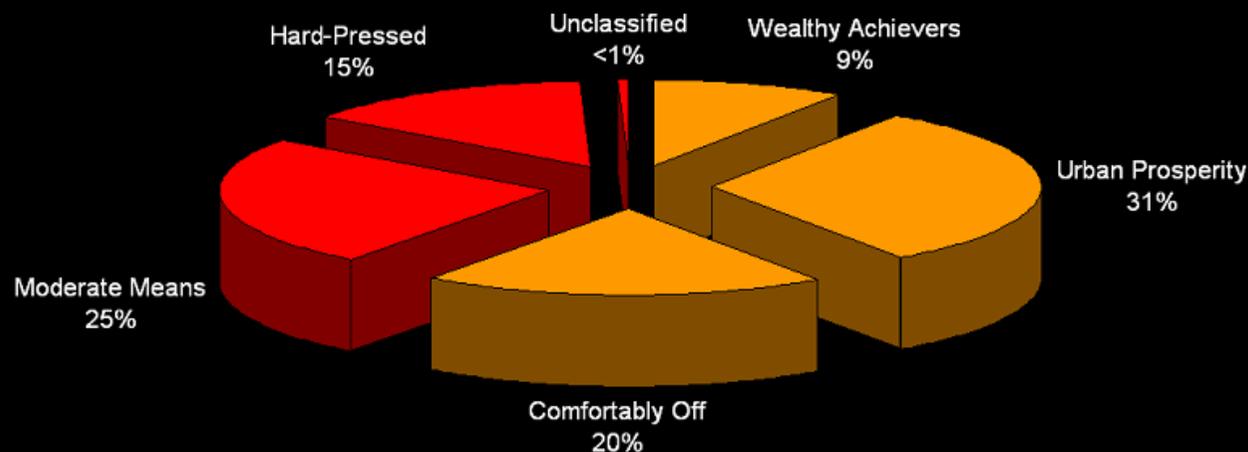
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## Victims / Targets

Lifestyle data identified distinct groups with high rates:

- Skilled older families, terraces (*Urban Prosperity*)
- Home owning family areas (*Comfortably Off*)
- Older families prosperous suburbs (*Wealthy Achievers*)
- Suburban private renting professionals (*Wealthy Achievers*)



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## Victims / Targets

- Working families, parents at work and kids at school
- Professionals, commute to the city
- Higher incomes



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## Victims / Targets

- Money 27% of cases
- Jewellery 19%
- Laptop Computer 15%
- Mobile Phones 11%



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Offenders?

- 9% detection rate in 2008
- 15% of those arrested drug dependent
- Catch and convict of known offenders did not curb increase
- Was the increase a result of an economic downturn?



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## Economic conditions in Enfield

- Unemployment increased from 7.4% to 9.7%
- Gross weekly income did not increase locally
- Proportion in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance increased from 2.9% to 5.1%
- Proportion of burglary offenders citing financial management as a factor in their offending doubled from 22% to 44%



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- Exploit strongest intelligence
- Targeted areas (Hot Streets)
- Shared resources
- Potential adverse effects



The scheme would aim to reduce burglary by 7.5% in the locations visited by the end of 2009/10

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Safe as Houses Funding - £231k, of which

- £96k gating alleyways
- £24k burglary prevention products
- £8k advertising
- £4k van hire
- £3k miscellaneous activity

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**‘Everything we can do to make it harder for burglars is something. We have brilliant things... I wish more people would use them...’**



As burglary rates soar, we spend a day with the police teams trying to keep our homes secure

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## Safe as houses

The 'Safe as houses' scheme is a local partnership initiative between the Police, Enfield Council, London Fire Brigade and other agencies. These organisations will be providing residents with locks, smoke alarms and promoting other physical deterrents to crime such as alley gates, as well as offering practical guidance on security and environmental issues.

At the heart of the initiative is a specially equipped vehicle that will bring locks and security devices to selected areas of the borough where they will be offered to householders and professionally installed free of charge. In addition, crime prevention officers and environmental teams will be on hand to speak with residents to find out how we can improve the general look of the area and help local residents feel safe in their own homes. Safer Neighbourhood

officers will also work with residents to encourage them to join Neighbourhood Watch schemes and thus further secure their streets.

'Safe as houses' is an additional service and complements the regular operations conducted by Enfield Police and their partners to reduce crimes such as burglary and anti-social behaviour.

Chief Superintendent Adrian Harestock, Borough Commander said "This is a great idea that once again demonstrates how we're working together to tackle crime and keep people safe. By concentrating our activities in specific areas we hope to show that we can really make a difference in how parts of

the borough look and how safe the people living in those areas feel.

"This service is about Enfield Police and Enfield Council offering practical solutions to residents to help them feel secure."

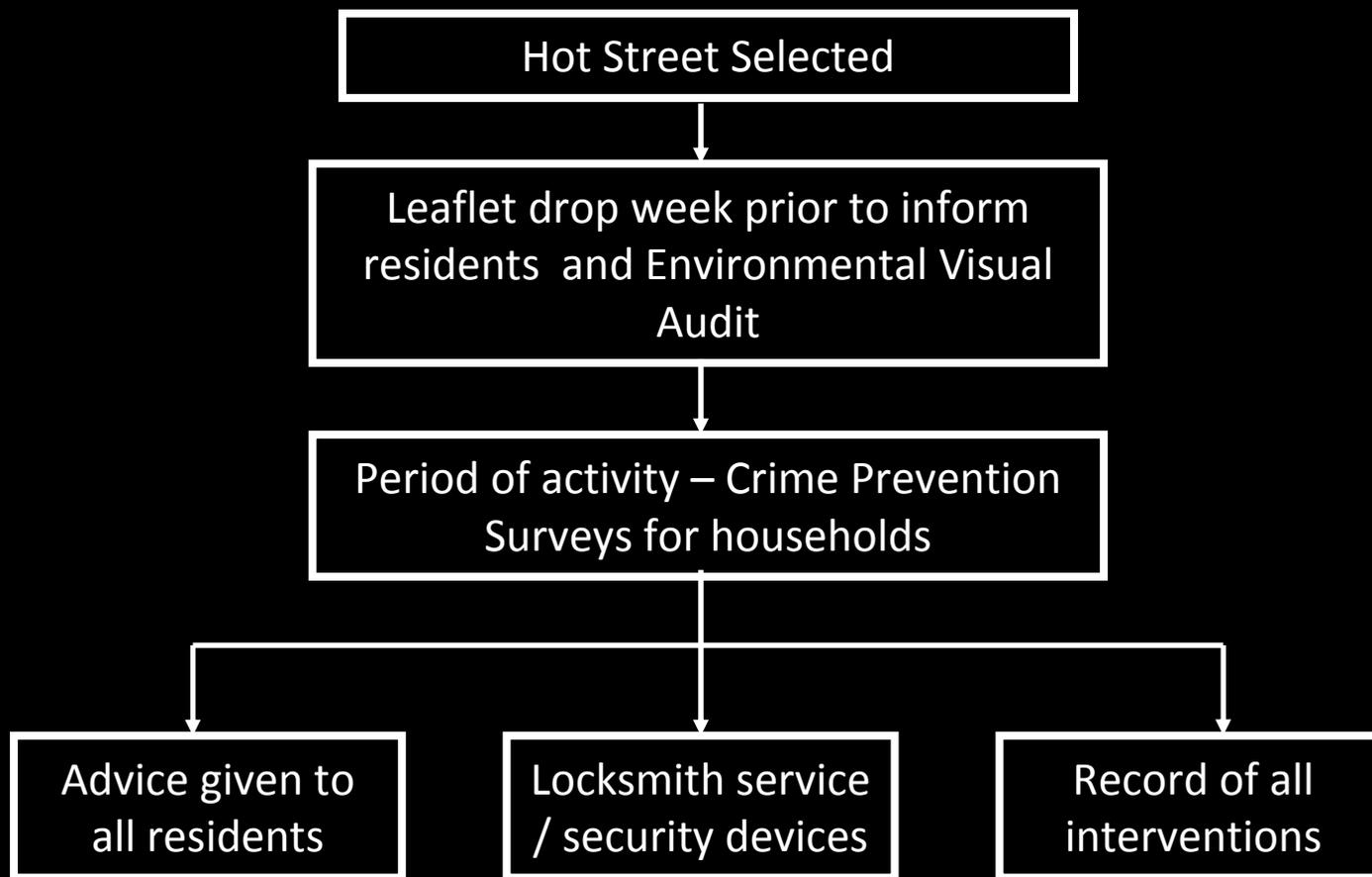


Chief Superintendent Adrian Harestock launches the new Safe As Houses vehicle

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Increased effort – harden targets



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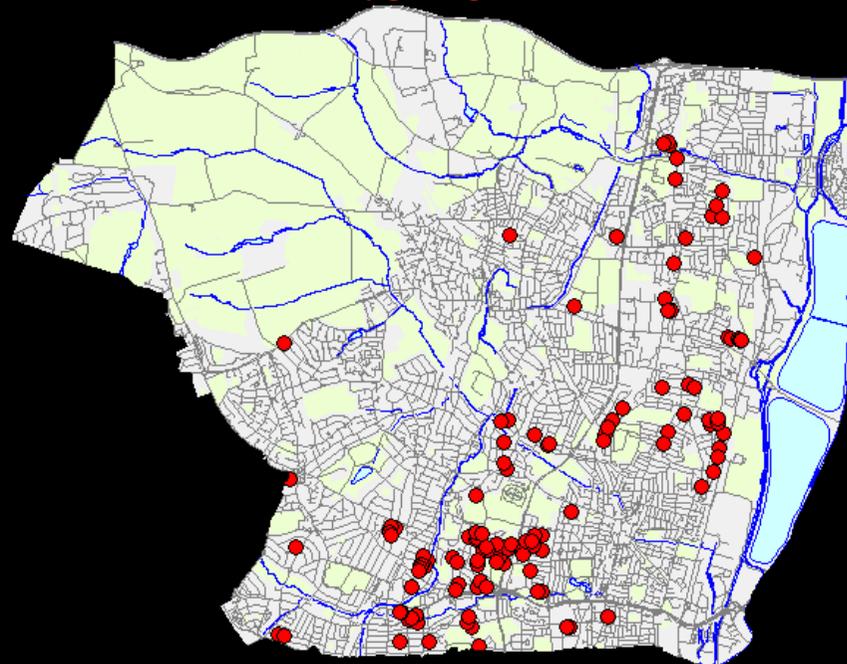
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Increased effort – control access



Alleygating Locations



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Increased effort – deflect offenders

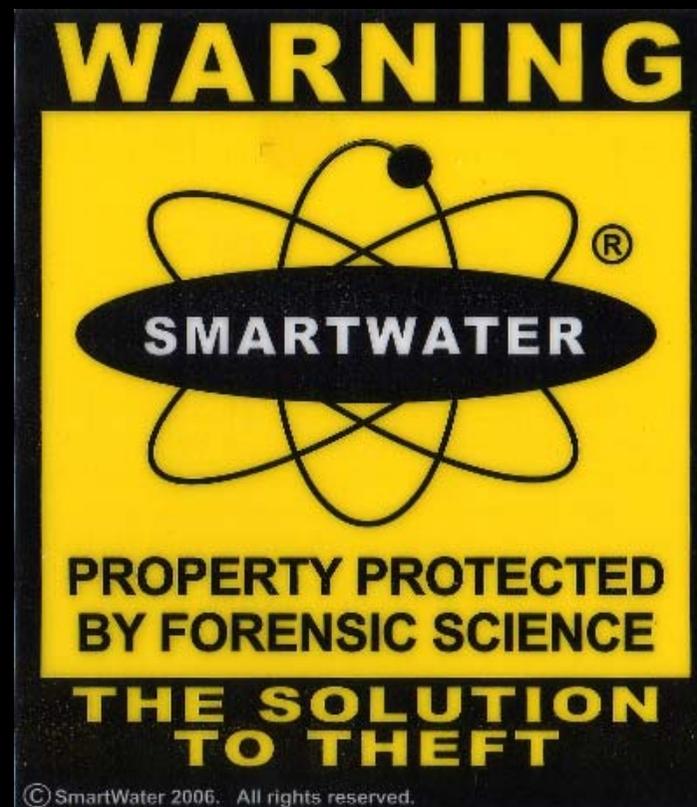


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Reduced rewards – deny benefits

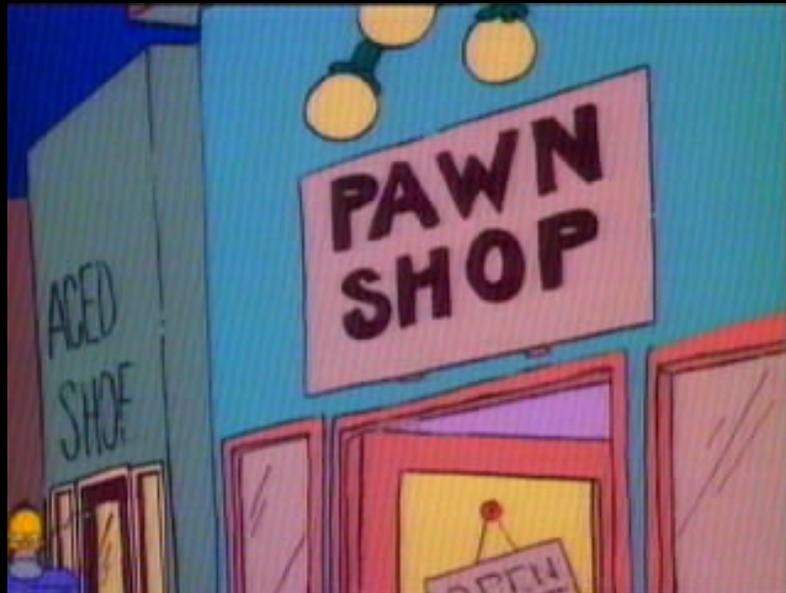


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Reduced rewards – stolen property outlets



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Increased risk – assist natural surveillance



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Educate and inform residents



**TO STOP A BURGLAR,  
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To a burglar, a dark doorway is an opportunity to hide. Fit a security light over your front door to deter burglars.



**TO STOP A BURGLAR,  
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To a burglar, a dark house is an empty house. Attaching a timer to a lamp will make your home appear occupied even when it isn't.



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## Recording info

- Environmental Visual Audit carried out in each street
- Crime prevention survey carried out for each property
- Records kept of works needed and free security devices given
- Kept on database and geo-coded for mapping purposes

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## Measuring activity

- 3,135 households received crime prevention surveys and advice
- 1,800 households received burglary packs and security measures
- 900 properties had additional locks fitted
- 88 alleygating schemes were signed up and implemented

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Performance headlines end of first financial year

- Target of -7.5% in Safe as Houses streets
- Achieved a reduction of 106 burglaries, or -46.7%
- Non intervention areas saw a reduction of -1.8%
- Enfield wide there was a -7.2% reduction

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## Unintended benefits

Crime Type	Change in SAH	Change Borough Wide	Difference (% points)
Criminal Damage	-6.7%	-2.0%	4.7
Damage to Dwelling	-6.7%	+3.9%	10.6
Motor Vehicle Crime	-23.0%	-12.5%	10.5
Robbery	+29.3%	+15.8%	13.5
Violence	-1.4%	+9.7%	11.5

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Performance figures (varied periods)

Period	Rear Entry	Safe as House	Non-Intervention Area	Enfield Borough
May 09 – Dec 09 (intervention period)	+0.8%	-5.4%	-0.8%	-1.6%
May 10 – Dec 10	-10.1%	-21.0%	-7.7%	-9.5%
May-Feb 09/10 vs. May-Feb 10/11	-8.1%	-24.8%	-3.1%	-6.1%
Calendar Year 2009 vs. 2010	-16.7%	-29.0%	-7.6%	-12.4%

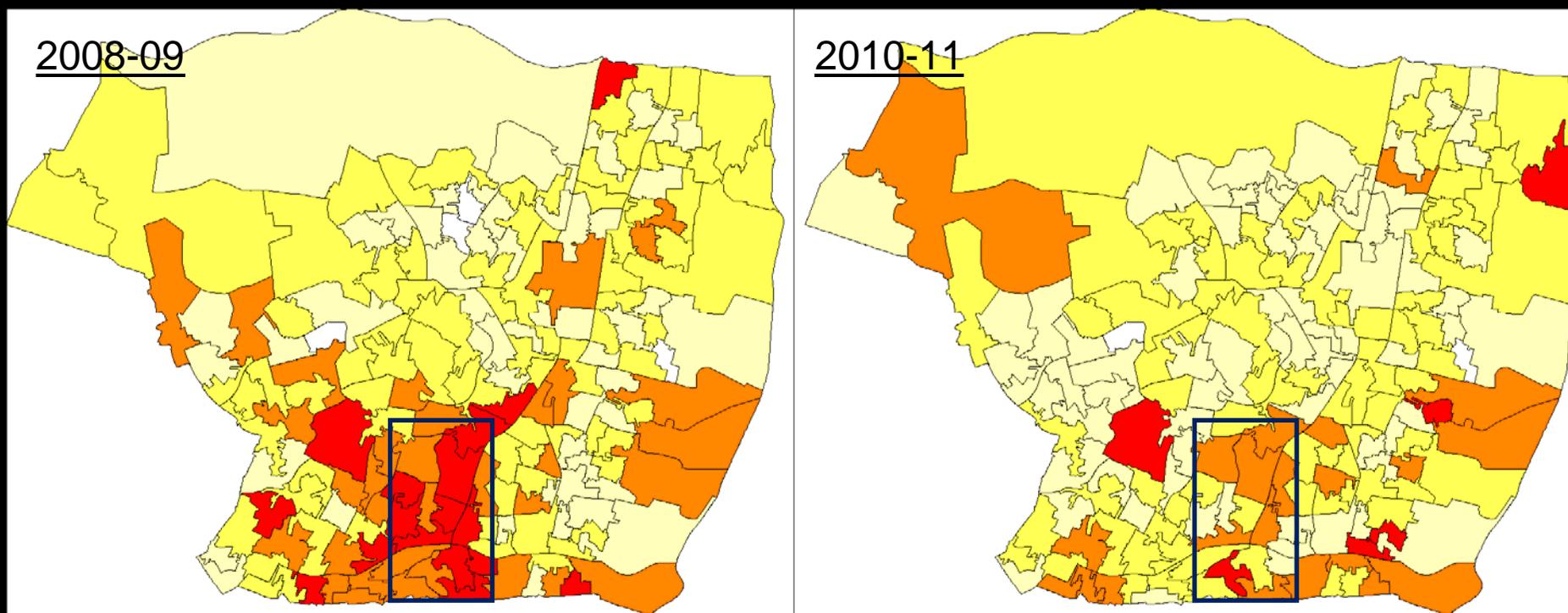
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### Volume of Burglary By Sub-Ward (SOA)

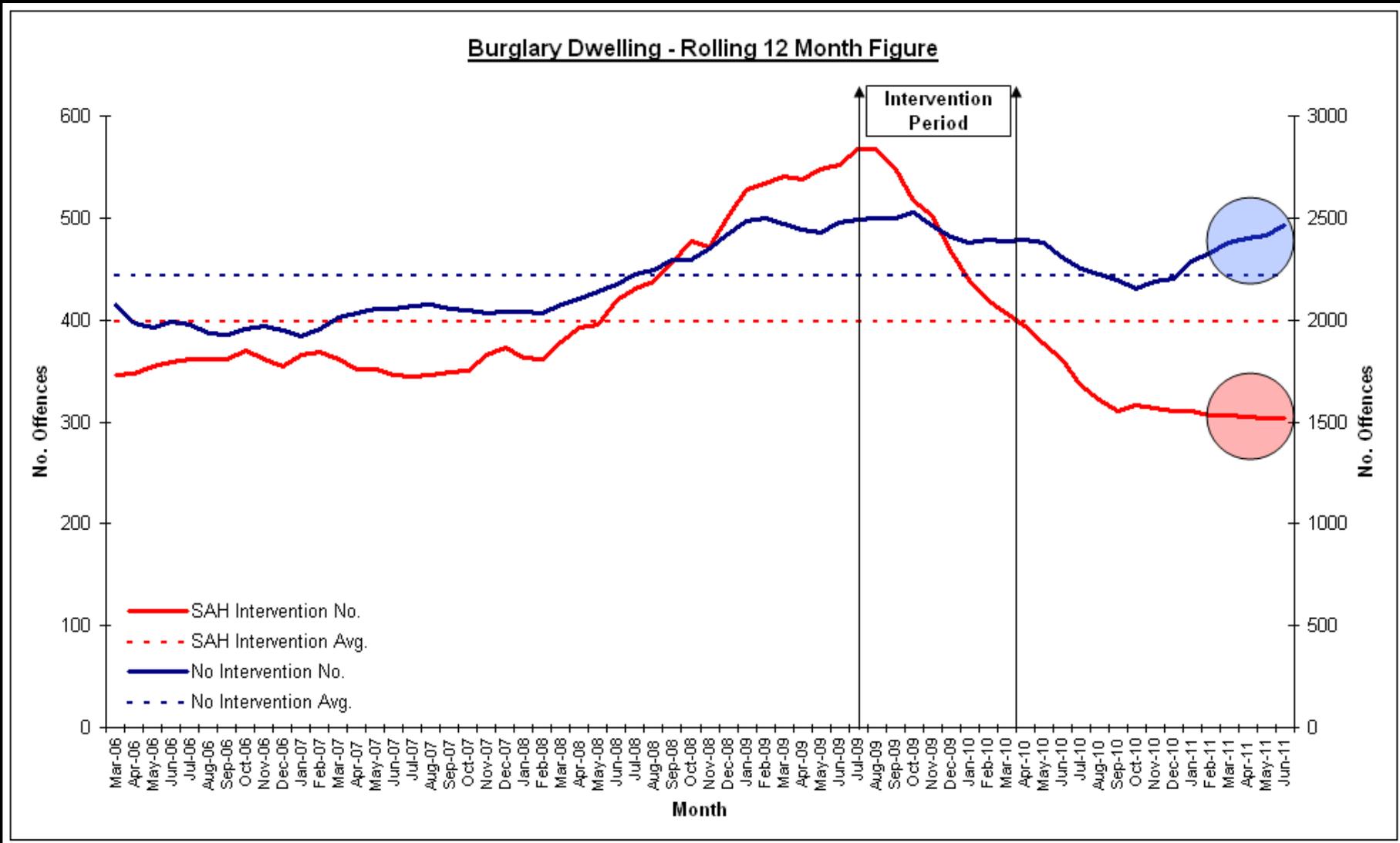
- Ranges use same parameter for each thematic map
- Red sub-wards had more than 30 offences, orange more than 20 offences



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## Resident feedback alleygates

- 73% response rate
- 93% satisfied with gate installation
- Percent of residents happy with the state of the alley increased from 30% to 97%
- Residents have been supportive and expressed appreciation at the schemes

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## Challenges

- Important to work to the long term objectives.
- Senior level support.
- Monitoring and reviewing process.
- Evaluation and understanding of the costs and benefits.

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- Intervention area = 2.5% of the boroughs housing stock.
- Over 40% of the boroughs overall burglary reduction in 2009-10 (106 of 219 offences) and over 70% in 2010-11 (180 of 243 offences) – **SAH reduction equates to savings of £934k**
- Additional benefits
  - Reduced fear of crime.
  - Promoted burglary prevention message beyond target areas.
  - Improved 'street scene' (fly tipping, graffiti).
  - Release of resources for other work.
  - Improved understanding of operational staff.
  - Value for money.

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