

Dear Community Member

This Monday marks a year since the terrorist atrocities committed in Israel on October 7, which we know left Jewish communities feeling unsafe and fearful.

The thoughts of Greater Manchester Police remain with the victims, their families, and all those who have been affected by the ongoing conflict. We want to once again let you know that we are committed to keeping you and our communities safe.

With the anniversary falling amidst the High Holy Days, you will see extra patrols in Jewish communities across the region so the period can be observed peacefully and with extra reassurance. Our officers are there for you and will be happy to help you.

Over the last year, we have regularly met with community leaders, local authorities, and all appropriate partner agencies, as we commit to protecting and defending Jewish people across Greater Manchester from violence and antisemitism.

This has included regular meetings and forums to understand the thoughts of our communities, and to subsequently plan our work accordingly. These events remain ongoing and we would recommend getting in touch with your local neighbourhood team to discuss any local dates planned. Our next force wide forum is being held on 14 November at Sedgley Park.

Over the last year, we have seen incidents of hate crime and antisemitism - either in-person, online, or through offensive graffiti or banners. We condemn this behaviour and will continue to investigate all reports that come into us, with a view to making arrests and securing charges.

You can report any incidents directly to us. You can do this by calling 101 or by visiting our Live Chat service at gmp.police.uk. You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, via 0800 555 111. Our website further provides guidance on reporting hate crime and other options available to you.

Your safety and security continues to be important to us. If you have any issues, please do contact your local team.

Yours sincerely,

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