

Specially trained dogs

to sniff out illegal substances



Background

London's Victorian Squares are home to some of the most elegant and sought-after properties in the capital. But they can also attract anti-social behaviour.

Clearway were contacted by the Alchemi Group, an award-winning, privately owned, acquisition and development management company, who were in the process of restoring six of the Grade II listed buildings back to their former glory.

They were concerned about groups of people hanging around the area near their development at night, making a noise, using drugs, urinating and littering, which was having a negative effect on the neighbours.



With the properties worth millions once completed, it was imperative the area felt clean and safe for prospective buyers. In addition, the developer wanted to keep owners of the neighbouring properties 'onside' as the building work progressed.

Solution

Clearway recommended a dog unit (security guard with dog) patrol for the area to provide a highly visible proactive deterrent and, as there were no welfare facilities on site, the security guard and dog needed to be fully self-contained i.e. operating out of their own vehicle. Our dog unit worked every night patrolling the square to discourage anti-social behaviour.

**ALCHEMI
GROUP**

Key Services

-  Dog patrols
-  Security guard

Outcome

The visual deterrent was extremely successful and had an immediate and positive impact on the area. In the first few days we were on site, our security officer dealt with heavy drinkers, drug users and kids on mopeds congregating outside the development and creating a disturbance. Our operative approached them and politely asked them to move-on or keep the noise down. On every occasion they complied with his request without any confrontation escalating. After a few days, the officer noted that when he arrived onsite, occasionally people were there but they quickly moved away as soon as they saw his vehicle approaching.

What was particularly positive was that the presence of a guard with a dog was seen by the neighbours as a public service. On several occasions, our officer spoke to a resident dog walker, who expressed how pleased she was to have him there. She went on to say how the street drinkers and drug users had made this beautiful quiet square an undesirable place to be but, with our officer on site, it had restored her faith in the community.

As a result of our ongoing service, there was significantly less noise, less litter and less anti-social behaviour noted. The client was also thrilled with the improvements.

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