

Merseyside Police Commissioner Jane Kennedy pledges crack down after latest Maghull shooting

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Shots were fired at a house on Parkbourn Square, Maghull

POLICE and crime commissioner Jane Kennedy pledged support for local communities in the fight against gun crime after a house was fired on.

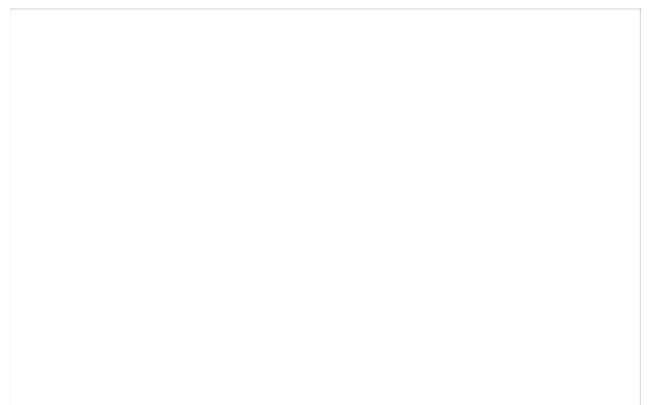
Officers were called to the end terrace home in Parkbourn Square, Maghull just after midnight yesterday after the downstairs windows were shot at.

Detectives were yesterday focusing their enquiries around a dark-coloured Jaguar, which is believed to have been used by the shooters to escape from the scene and was later found burnt out in nearby Pilling Lane.

Police believe the car was stolen from Orchard Hey, between 2pm and 10pm on Sunday and would urge anyone who saw a black or dark blue S-type Jaguar in the Maghull area to come forward.

Concerned local councillors invited Ms Kennedy to the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee in Lydiate on Thursday to hear their concerns about the shooting – the fourth in the area during the last year. She also met MP Bill Esterson in Westminster.

She said today: "I've been kept briefed by the



police on all incidents as they have happened. I want to know what we can all do to help. The police are making every effort to bring anyone involved in gun crime to justice, but in many cases the police can't do it on their own.

"I had a meeting this morning with Bootle MP Joe Benton, the police and Sefton Cllr Mark Dowd.

"We are talking about a problem-solving task force approach, which will pull together everyone who has anything to contribute."

No-one has so far been arrested over Sunday night's shooting, which left bullet holes clearly visible in the window of the house.

Part of the street was sealed off while police combed the scene for clues.

Many neighbours were too scared to speak about what they had seen but spoke of their shock after being woken by gunshots

Sefton Area Commander, Chief Supt Nikki Holland said: "I would like to reassure Maghull residents that my officers are working with the specialist Matrix Team to investigate what has happened here.

"Please come forward and help us with our enquiries so that people who use firearms illegally can be brought to justice."

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