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Dear Kate

Congratulations on another successful Shuffle in 2016. I'm please to say that since Shuffle arrived in Mile End in 2013 there have been no crimes recorded within the footprint of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park during the days and weeks the festival was operating. In comparison to other festivals within Tower Hamlets, that is quite an achievement and one that you and everyone involved in Shuffle can be proud of.

In the years that my team and I have policed Shuffle, the feedback from operation debrief has always been positive, especially of the security provided to attendees. This year was no exception. We are thankful for the opportunity Shuffle has provided us in the past to invite different cross sections of the community to come together and find common ground. As you can probably imagine, occasionally the Police struggle to meet with and communicate with some sections of the community, sometimes this comes down to a lack of trust of the police or an understanding of our role. However Shuffle has enabled the Police in Mile End to get together with these groups and find common ground. Whether discussing a common interest in film, music, comedy or the arts. This has enabled us to work with these groups on future projects and in some instances helped us to prevent anti-social behaviour from continuing in some areas.

There is no other event like Shuffle within Mile End, and I know that the local residents have a sense of pride and ownership over the festival as it takes place within the unique setting of the cemetery park, which is an often forgotten and an under used part of the borough.

I have been asked by the Mile End Ward Panel to pass on the thanks to you, Lizzy, Grace, Danny and everyone else involved in bringing Shuffle to Mile End.

Yours sincerely,

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Designated Ward Officer
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