

Safer Barnsbury

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour by youths in Moreland mews
- youth engagement
- anti-social behaviour in the Wynford Road area and Joseph Grimaldi Park.

Barnsbury Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Islington Council are working together to make your local area a safer place. If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood, please let us know (see back page for contact details).

Did you know?

- In the last 12 months burglary has gone down by 8% in Barnsbury ward

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Working with young people

Barnsbury Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) held its first Youth Panel meeting in June, where young people helped identify and set local policing priorities. If you are aged 13 - 19 and are interested in becoming a member of the panel please contact Barnsbury SNT for details.

Barnsbury SNT is also working with London Outreach, an Army Cadet scheme, which gives disadvantaged teenagers a weeks' adventure holiday in Wales. If you think London Outreach can benefit you or somebody you know contact Sgt Graham Henry at Barnsbury SNT.

Dispersal zone

In response to concern from the community following a stabbing in Caledonian Road in April, Islington police and Islington Council have introduced a three-month dispersal zone in parts of Caledonian and Barnsbury wards. This gives police the power to move on groups of two or more young people who are involved in or are likely to become involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. Those who fail to comply with a police request to move will be arrested.

Extra police are patrolling the area to ensure the dispersal zone is enforced and we are also patrolling in the evenings. Islington Council is working with the various youth providers and the council's Y-Truck to provide positive activities and safe places for young people in the area.

Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers and we know that in the summer months, street drinking often increases. We recently delivered a ten-week outreach project to reduce street drinking. Two local charities, the Pillion

Trust and New Horizons, were given extra funding to focus on key street drinking hotspots including Highbury Corner, Upper Street and Angel, where 25 people were identified as needing support. Nearly half accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. Police are taking action against three people who would not engage with services and have continued their anti-social behaviour.

Islington Council and the police continue to monitor the situation. If you have any concerns about street drinkers in your area, please contact Barnsbury SNT.

Cash injection for White Lion Centre

Islington Council's White Lion Youth Centre has been awarded £2 million in Government funding, as well as the £1.1 million already set aside by the council to redevelop the centre.

The investment will transform the centre into a first-class building bringing together a wide range of services to keep local young people safe, positively engaged and healthy. This includes youth offending, social services, child and adolescent mental health services and sexual health services. Other activities including sports and fitness and media and IT classes will continue to be offered.

Badly behaved dog owners fined £80

Since December 2008, Islington Council street wardens, Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and other partners have been issuing £80 fixed penalty notices to any dog owner caught committing an offence. Fifty eight fines have been issued to owners taking their dogs into no-dog zones, 51 for dog fouling and five for dogs not being on a lead. If you see a badly behaved dog owner, please report them by calling 020 7527 2000.

Get ready for this summer's Heatwave!

Kids have no need to be bored this summer – from trampolining to treasure hunts and football to film making, there is loads to do and something for everyone. Get more information at www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave

Police Community Support Officers in local primary schools

Islington Council, in partnership with Islington police, was the first London borough to put Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in primary schools. Now the council has extended the funding so that the programme can continue until at least 2011.

As part of their duties officers patrol around the main routes to school, run lunchtime "Detective Clubs" and talk to misbehaving pupils.

By engaging with young people in primary schools, the council hopes the police can build positive relations with young people, and nip bad behaviour in the bud before it develops into criminal activity. There are also police officers in Islington secondary schools.

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Remember

If you are worried about your child or their friends becoming involved in crime, you can contact Islington Council's youth workers who focus on youth crime. Contact jenny.duggan@islington.gov.uk or telephone 020 7527 7060 or 7050. To find out more about how Islington is tackling youth crime, contact catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk

We are listening to you

You see it, hear it, report it. We deal with it.

Help us by reporting any problems so that we can take action.

Graffiti, fly posting, dog fouling, fly tipping:
Islington Council - **020 7527 2000**

Anti-social behaviour or drug dealing:
Barnsbury SNT on **020 7421 0328**

Noise nuisance: Islington Council - **020 7527 3229**

For non-emergencies, or to report a crime which has already taken place call **0300 123 1212**.

Remember in an emergency always dial **999**.

If you are Deaf or have hearing difficulties you can use a textphone, dial **18000** in an emergency, or if your call is not an emergency - **18001 0300 123 1212**.

Tell us what you think and you could win £100

This is the second Safer Islington newsletter produced by the police and Islington Council. We want to keep you informed of crime and safety in your area and how we are tackling it. Please complete our online form at **www.islington.gov.uk/safer** and you will be entered into a prize draw to win **£100 Marks and Spencer vouchers**. Contact Barnsbury SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Barnsbury SNT wants to hear your views and concerns.

- come along to one of our regular ward panel meetings and tell us your concerns
- fill out one of our feedback cards with any concerns you have and mark an 'X' on the map to show where the crime or anti-social behaviour takes place. Give us a call if you haven't had a card through your door
- join your local Neighbourhood Watch
- sign up for local crime and safety news emails at **www.met.police.uk/islington**

Contact Barnsbury SNT for more information.

TEAM MEMBERS

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You can find a map of your ward and details of other Safer Neighbourhoods teams by using the online postcode search on **www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods**
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In an emergency always dial 999.

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