

Safer Bunhill

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- begging in Old Street
- drugs use and supply
- bike theft

Bunhill 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?

- Robbery has gone down by 20% in Bunhill ward in the last year

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Begging at Old Street tube

Bunhill Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Islington Council are continuing to deal with those who go to Old Street and the surrounding area to beg for money. With the assistance of the Pilion Trust, who do outreach work for Islington Council, we continue to target the most persistent beggars by offering them drug, housing and health support.

Beggars who have failed to take up services are now being arrested. The combined approach of enforcement and offering support services has reduced the amount of begging at Old Street considerably and we will continue to do everything we can to reduce this problem.

Bike crime

Since the start of the year Bunhill SNT has been carrying out bike crime prevention initiatives. We have taken the mobile police station to places like Ironmonger Row, Whitecross street and Bunhill Row, where bike crime levels are high, to talk to cyclists about bike security.

Bunhill SNT also carried out extra patrols at peak times for bicycles thefts in hotspot areas. With the assistance of the duty manager of Waitrose, we placed a CCTV camera in Whitecross Street to focus on the bike racks outside the store and this has reduced the numbers of thefts. Bike theft can be avoided if you remember a few simple security rules:

- do not leave your bike in an isolated place
- make sure you lock your bike to proper cycle stands
- always lock your bike when leaving it unattended, even if it is only for a few minutes
- lock bikes through the frame, and secure or remove wheels.

- remove parts that can be detached, especially lights, pump and quick-release saddles
- have a good strong lock and preferably two
- record your frame number to help police identify and return your bike
- take a photograph of your bike

Drug arrests

After we received information from local residents and Crimestoppers about drug dealing in a property on a local estate, we were able to search the premises and the resident was arrested for possessing drugs.

We were also recently informed that drugs were being supplied on certain streets in Bunhill. As a result we have increased our patrols in those streets in an attempt to prevent further offences and arrest those involved. Recently we stopped and searched a man and found him in possession of drugs. He was arrested and subsequently charged with possession of Class A drugs.

We rely on information from the local community. If you have information about drug dealing or other crimes in your area, please contact Bunhill SNT or call Crimestoppers anonymously.

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:
Bunhill SNT on **020 7421 0260** or
020 8721 2662

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 Bunhill SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Bunhill 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 Bunhill SNT for more information.

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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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