

Safer Bunhill

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



We are Bunhill Safer Neighbourhoods team. You've told us your ward priorities include:

- Drugs - use and supply
- Begging at Old Street station
- 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?

- Personal robbery is down by more than a third in the Bunhill ward this year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Drugs addresses closed

Bunhill Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) received information from local residents and the Peabody Trust that two flats were being used for the supply and use of drugs, along with other anti-social behaviour. One flat was a squat, the other was being used as a squat by the tenant. With drugs search warrants in hand, we searched both addresses, where drugs paraphernalia were found.

This evidence, along with intelligence obtained by police, was enough for two three-month closure orders to be granted. Both properties have since been boarded up and the tenants removed. We also closed a third property on the City Road after drug use and dealing. Again we relied on information from local residents, with anonymous statements enabling us to secure the closure order.

If you have information about drug use or dealing, you can contact us confidentially on **020 7421 0260** or you can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

More localised policing

Islington Police have responded to residents' concerns by increasing their focus on neighbourhood policing, developing a Safer Neighbourhoods (SN) Task Force who will work with the existing Safer Neighbourhoods teams to tackle problems such as large groups of young people gathering on estates, anti-social behaviour on mopeds, drugs and drug dealing and undercover operations.



And more police on the beat

Islington Council is funding a South Islington problem-solving police team. This new police team will provide extra cover at weekends and evenings, and will focus on problem areas such as housing estates and parks.

We already have a North Islington problem-solving police team, which has been working with Safer Neighbourhoods teams to tackle long-standing anti-social behaviour problems.

Old Street begging initiative

Bunhill SNT and Islington Council continue to do everything we can to tackle begging at Old Street station and the surrounding areas.

We work with British Transport Police and the Pilion Trust who work with rough sleepers and beggars, offering advice and support on housing, health and alcohol or drug problems.

We ask residents not to give money to beggars. If you want to help please make a donation to a local charity such as Pilion Trust.

Safer Neighbourhoods Challenge

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to Bunhill ward through projects they design, develop and run themselves.

The 2010 Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC) runs over the spring school term and is open to young people aged five to 19 who attend a school, college or youth club in Islington.

Officers from Bunhill SNT and Safer Schools officers will support young people in their quest to make Islington a safer place. For more information go to www.thesnac.com or contact us on **020 7421 0260**.

Make sure your bike isn't just for Christmas

If you got a nice new bike for Christmas, make sure you lock it securely to make it harder for thieves to steal.

Islington Police have been using decoy bikes in hotspots to catch would-be thieves, and have already made six arrests in one hotspot area. Two cycle shops are offering a 10% discount on all safety and security items to cyclists who have a safer bikes voucher. The shops taking part are Mosquito Bikes, 123 Essex Road, and Finsbury Cycles, 185 Seven Sisters Road.

Bunhill SNT will be handing out vouchers, contact us to find out how you can get yours.



For simple tips to prevent your bike being stolen, or to download a discount voucher, go to www.islington.gov.uk/saferbikes. Remember; **always** lock your bike – even if you are leaving it on a shared balcony or hallway. And register your bike at www.immobilise.com so if it is stolen, police can return it.

And if you are unlucky enough to have your bike stolen?

- Report it! Call **0300 123 1212**

Islington Council are installing and upgrading sheds, stands and other safer parking initiatives. If you want safer cycling stands in your area, contact volkan.ulucay@islington.gov.uk.

Want to stop drinking or taking drugs?

If you would like help to make your 2010 a year free of drink or drugs, please contact the Islington NHS drink and drugs helpline on 08000 66 55 25 for information, advice and support. Don't leave it another year.

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

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**.

Safer web pages

You can find these numbers and other information about crime and safety at Islington Council's new webpages www.islington.gov.uk/safer. Please have a look and let us know what other information about crime and safety you would like to see there.

Want more information on crime figures?

Go to www.met.police.uk/crimefigures. You can type in your postcode for information about your ward and the borough of Islington.

Decide Bunhill's police priorities

If you don't agree with the three priorities on the front of this newsletter, why don't you join our Safer Neighbourhoods ward panel? Then you can tell us what is a priority for you as the panel sets local police priorities. Contact Bunhill SNT for more information.

Meet Bunhill Safer Neighbourhoods team

We hold regular drop-in meetings, where you can come and talk to us about any concerns you have.

For updated meeting information go to
www.met.police.uk/teams/islington/bunhill

Here are the dates of our next meetings.
25 February, 12 – 2pm (Fortune Street, EC1)
18 March, 12 – 2pm (Ironmonger Row, EC1)

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. Your SNT is not a 24-hour emergency response team. In an emergency always dial 999.

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