

Safer Caledonian

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour by young people
- sex worker advertising cards at Kings Cross
- anti-social riding of bicycles

Caledonian 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?

- Theft from local shops is down by 80% in Caledonian ward

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Safer cycling

Caledonian Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) received complaints from residents about aggressive and anti-social cycling.

On a recent early morning while commuters were travelling to work, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) stopped cyclists. Any cyclist caught breaking traffic laws were warned that they were breaching the law and were given information about what they can and cannot do.

Caledonian SNT will be conducting similar operations on a regular basis in other problem areas.

Fly tipping

Caledonian SNT and Islington Council's Environment Services joined forces to tackle illegal dumping or 'fly tipping'.

In a recent case, nearly 600 car tyres were dumped in the Kings Cross area. In response to this the team targeted motorists carrying illegal waste on York Way.

During the operation a number of vehicles were stopped by police and the drivers spoken to by the council officers, and a number of the vehicles stopped were seized.

Piper Close is a Homezone

Islington Council is soon to implement a new scheme that will convert Piper Close (east) in to Islington's first Homezone. Funding from the Arsenal Development has been set aside to change the layout of the street to encourage pedestrian use and reduce traffic speeds.

Homezone's aim to:

- encourage a greater use of the street by residents, especially children, older people and disabled people
- foster a sense of community and reduce social isolation
- increase natural surveillance, deterring casual crime

Subject to a successful consultation and stakeholder agreement the council hopes the scheme will be implemented in 2009-10. For further information contact the Traffic and Parking Projects Team on 020 7527 2000.

Dispersal zone

In response to concern from the local community following a stabbing in Caledonian Road in April 2009, 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.

The dispersal zone will remain in place until the end of July. Extra police are patrolling the area to ensure the dispersal zone is enforced and will also be 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.

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:
Caledonian SNT on **020 7421 0271**

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 Caledonian SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Caledonian 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 Caledonian 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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