

Safer Canonbury

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



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

- Youth engagement
- Road safety (cyclists)
- Residential burglary.

Canonbury 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?

- Burglary went down by 18% in Canonbury ward this year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Canonbury People's Project

For the last year PC Cashmore and PC Gould have been running boxing sessions at the Rosebowl Youth Club and at the Angel Boxing Club, as part of a youth engagement project to help combat youth gang crime and educate young people on living a healthy lifestyle.

PC Cashmore said: *"The young people we work with show great commitment and enthusiasm. We not only do boxing training but also discuss issues around drugs, alcohol and gangs."*

When Islington Council recently asked Canonbury residents to vote on local initiatives that they believed would make Canonbury a safer place, the Canonbury SNT boxing project was one of two successful bids for a share of £20,000. The SNT is now in the process of identifying local young people to fund their training as boxing coaches.

Once trained, the successful trainee coaches will work with the Rose Bowl Youth Club and the SNT to provide an introduction to boxing to local youngsters.

The second project is the Canonbury Film and Media Project, an initiative to engage a range of residents in Canonbury ward to explore their personal experiences and views around safety in their community through film.

The project will seek to engage with a wide range of residents, including those who may not always find that their views are considered in key decisions in relation to safety issues relating to their local community.



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.

Safer cycling

Canonbury SNT has been working with Islington Council to reduce incidents of irresponsible cycling. Initiatives to promote safe cycling have been focusing on Essex Road, one of the busiest roads in the ward and very popular with cyclists. Cyclists were advised to use lights and high visibility clothing. Islington Council provided free lights and reflective 'Sam Browne' belts to local riders.

Eighty cyclists were warned and 60 fines were issued during a three-month period.

Safer Neighbourhoods Challenge

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to Canonbury 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 Canonbury 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 7161 9383**.

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.

Canonbury 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.

Burglary update

Despite a reduction in burglary, Canonbury SNT continues to do all we can to bring down burglary even further. We visit the homes of all burglary victims to give crime prevention advice and provide their neighbours with burglary prevention packs. We patrol hotspot areas regularly and use our mobile CCTV van and automatic number plate reader technology to help detect offenders. Go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer for tips on how to prevent being burgled.

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:
Canonbury SNT on **020 7161 9383**

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 Canonbury'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 Canonbury SNT for more information.

Meet Canonbury 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/canonbury

The dates of our next meetings – all at Walter Sickert Community Centre, Canonbury Crescent – are:
3 March, 7 – 9pm 5 May, 7 – 9 pm
30 June, 7 – 9pm

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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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