

Safer Clerkenwell

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- burglary
- youth diversion
- anti-social behaviour

Clerkenwell 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?

- Crime in Clerkenwell is down by a quarter in the last year

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Burglary

Following a spate of burglaries in the Clerkenwell area, Clerkenwell Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) made combating residential burglary a priority.

The team identified areas being targeted by burglars and stepped up their high-visibility and plain-clothed patrols. All residents in those areas were given a booklet with crime prevention advice and offered a personal visit from a member of Clerkenwell SNT.

As a result of the action taken by Clerkenwell SNT the number of burglaries reported has gone down, and a prolific burglar was stopped and arrested just before attempting a burglary.

If you require crime prevention advice, please contact Clerkenwell SNT on 020 7421 0218.

Moped thefts

Clerkenwell SNT, Islington Council and partner agencies have been using every power available to stop moped theft and re-offending.

In April, Clerkenwell SNT and Islington Police Motorcycle Unit were involved in the successful prosecution of a teenager from Wandsworth, who was sentenced to ten months for stealing a moped from Myddelton Street.

If you have any information that can help us fight moped theft please contact Clerkenwell SNT, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Safer St Johns Gardens

Local residents of Benjamin Street complained to Islington Council about anti-social behaviour in St Johns Gardens, where clubbers were gathering on weekend evenings.

Residents felt the park had been neglected, with old shrubs blocking views into the gardens from the street, so troublemakers were hidden from view.

Islington Council has improved the gardens by:

- painting the railings
- replacing the old wooden benches
- replacing the old, tired shrubs with new planting that will allow open views into the park

Don't be alarmed – save yourself up to £600!

If you have a burglar alarm and it goes off while you're not at home, there is a chance that a neighbour will report it to Islington Council's noise team, and you could end up with a bill of up to £600 – the cost of calling out police officers to gain entry to silence an alarm and of hiring a locksmith to replace the lock.

For peace of mind, register the details of keyholders with Islington Council so we can contact them if your alarm goes off. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/alarms and register now.

Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers, and we know that street drinking increases in the summer. We recently delivered a ten-week outreach project to reduce street drinking. Two local charities, the Pilion Trust and New Horizons, were given extra funding to focus on street drinking hotspots including Exmouth Market, Farringdon and Spitalfields, where 21 people were identified as needing support. Five accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. Police are taking action against any others who refuse help and continue their anti-social behaviour.

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

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:
Clerkenwell SNT on **020 7421 0218**

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 Clerkenwell SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Clerkenwell 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 Clerkenwell 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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