

# Safer Highbury East

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



## You've told us your priorities include:

- burglary on the ward
- anti-social behaviour involving young people and drugs
- anti-social behaviour involving dogs

Highbury East 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?

- So far this year robbery is down by 75% in Highbury East ward

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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## Tackling youth anti-social behaviour

Residents told Highbury East Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) about anti-social behaviour in the area of Gardener Court, Kelvin Road. Young people from outside the estate had been congregating in the communal areas, smoking drugs and intimidating residents.

The team installed a mobile CCTV camera and began regular patrols – particularly during the evening. So far, this seems to have worked but we will continue to keep an eye on the situation.

Highbury East SNT relies on information from residents – see the back page for more information on how you can report your concerns.

## Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers and we know that in the summer months street drinking often increases. 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 key street drinking hotspots including Highbury Corner, Upper Street and Angel, where 25 people were identified as needing support. Nearly half accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. The police are taking action against three people who would not engage with services and have continued their anti-social behaviour.

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

## 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.

Residents have told Islington Council and the police that dog fouling and dog owners' anti-social behaviour are big issues in the ward and Highbury East SNT are patrolling local parks and green spaces.

## CCTV

Highbury East SNT have been making regular patrols in two mobile police CCTV vans, monitoring areas where recent burglaries have occurred and also patrolling around the Highbury Fields area to look out for dangerous dogs.

As well as CCTV, the vans are also equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). ANPR means we can easily spot illegal vehicles, for example stolen cars or those without tax.

## Can you be an eye for Islington?

Join Islington Council's "Eyes for Islington" programme, which has over 1000 volunteers, reporting everything from illegal trading to graffiti and faulty street lights. Call Islington Council on 020 7527 2000 and ask to speak to the Eyes for Islington co-ordinator.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk)

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# We are listening to you

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## 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:  
Highbury East SNT on **020 7161 9385**

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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/safer)** and you will be entered into a prize draw to win **£100 Marks and Spencer vouchers**. Contact Highbury East SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

## How can you get involved?

Highbury East 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](http://www.met.police.uk/islington)**

Contact Highbury East SNT for more information.

### 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](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods)**  
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In an emergency always dial 999.

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