

Safer Highbury East

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



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

- Burglary
- Drugs
- Bike theft and car crime.

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?

- That in Highbury East ward, over the last 10 months there has been a 5% decrease in residential burglary?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council

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Cannabis factories raided

The misuse of drugs will not be tolerated in Highbury East. We have been working with neighbouring Highbury West SNT, and after receiving information of an address in the Highbury area believed to be producing cannabis, together we obtained a warrant to search the premises.

During the search, cannabis with a street value of around £2,000 was seized. The investigation is ongoing and we will continue to monitor other addresses suspected of being involved in drugs misuse, and update you in the next newsletter.

Recently, Highbury East SNT responded to complaints from local residents about the strong smell of cannabis from a flat in the N5 area. The team obtained and executed a drugs search warrant at the address, where 51 cannabis plants were recovered. The occupant was subsequently arrested and charged with cannabis production.

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.

Thief caught red handed

Officers patrolling in Drayton Park, N5 stopped a man matching the description of a suspected thief, believed to have stolen from a local shop. The man was found with 14 bottles of wine and was arrested and charged with handling stolen goods.

The success of high visibility policing such as this helps to promote positive relationships between us - the local 'bobbies on the beat' and local businesses in the area. We work closely with local businesses to combat this type of crime.

Raising awareness of burglary prevention advice

Recently, Highbury East SNT held a burglary awareness day where officers were on hand to provide crime prevention advice for senior citizens who had been victims of burglary in the ward. If you would like to know more about how you can help to prevent your home being burgled, please contact us or go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer for prevention tips.

Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge for young people

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to Highbury East 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 Highbury East 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 9385**.

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.

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

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 Highbury East'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 Highbury East SNT for more information.

Meet Highbury East 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/highburyeast

The dates of our next meetings – all at the Victim Support office, 1 Highbury Crescent – are:
17 February, 4 – 6pm 24 March, 3 – 8pm
14 April, 3 – 8pm

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
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