

# How to report crime and anti-social behaviour:

**Sgt Robert O'Connor**

- If it's not an emergency, or to report a crime which has already taken place – eg if your car has been stolen – call **0300 123 1212**
- If you are concerned about crime or anti-social behaviour in your local neighbourhood, call Highbury West SNT on **020 7421 0635**
- You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**
- You can also report non-urgent and hate crime incidents online at **www.online.met.police.uk**
- If you are a *Homes for Islington* (HFI) tenant, you can use the 'Looking Local' service, which allows Sky or Virgin Media subscribers to report anti-social behaviour through their TV, using their remote control. You can also call HFI's anti social behaviour hotline on **020 7527 7272**
- In an emergency, or if a crime is taking place, always dial **999**



## Want to know more about tackling crime and keeping safe?

To sign up for regular email or text alerts for information on what the police are doing in your local area, go to **www.met.police.uk/islington** and click on the news alerts link.

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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**. Your SNT is not a 24-hour emergency response team. In an emergency always dial 999.

# Safer Highbury West

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer



## You've told us your priorities include:

- reducing crime and the fear of crime in Blackstock Road
- youth engagement

Highbury West 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?

- In Highbury West there has been a 53% drop in residential burglaries since April last year

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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## Diverse Communities

Highbury West Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Islington Council are committed to building positive relations with diverse communities in Islington. We have strong relations with the North London Mosque and regularly meet the Imam. There is a vibrant Algerian community in Blackstock Road, with many restaurants and cafes. A number of these cafes had been subject to criminal activity in the past.

Highbury West SNT regularly conducts reassurance patrols and meets with businesses and the Arabic Advice Bureau (AAB). Islington Council provides funding for the AAB, to carry out outreach work to help divert those who may become involved in crime, anti-social behaviour, drugs or alcohol. With this funding the AAB helps to create education and employment opportunities, and provides activities for young people, with the aim of achieving a safer and more tolerant community.

On the Harvist Estate there have been incidences of groups of Somali youths gathering and using drugs. Highbury West SNT is working with a Somali Community group to provide outreach support to these young people to try to turn them away from drugs, by offering sport activities, as well as working with their parents.

## Seizing cars on Blackstock Road

Highbury West SNT, with Hackney Police and Islington Council regularly carry out inspections to spot cars without licence, tax or insurance. At the last inspection, nine vehicles were seized for being driven without insurance, driving licence or tax. Highbury West SNT has also issued a number of fixed penalty fines for vehicles with defects. If you know of someone driving a car illegally, please contact us.

## Five-a-side football

If you live in Highbury West ward, are aged between 13 and 19 years old and are interested in entering a five-a-side football tournament, please contact Highbury West SNT.



*Islington Council's Y Team truck travels around Islington offering activities for young people to discourage them from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour*

## Community Payback

Community Payback is a community service programme for offenders, run by Islington Council in partnership with London Probation, and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. All offenders are supervised by London Probation. The scheme provides offenders with essential life skills, and is aimed at preventing them from becoming involved in further offences. Islington Council is always looking for future projects for the Community Payback programme – it could be anything from community gardening to painting or cleaning up a playground. If you know of any work that needs doing in your local area please contact [Janice.grant@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Janice.grant@islington.gov.uk). Work that needs doing quickly may not always be appropriate for Community Payback as projects are booked in months in advance.

# Are you up for the challenge?

January saw the start of the first ever Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC) in Islington.

Highbury West SNT wants young people to think about what they can do to make the neighbourhood safer and what activities they can organise to address local problems.

A few ideas include organising a bicycle marking scheme, designing a SNAC website, arranging graffiti removal, or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Your local SNT or Safer Schools officer can help with organising and securing funding for the project.

The SNAC runs over spring term, and is for young people aged five – 19 who attend a primary or secondary school, college or youth club in the area.

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Winners will be announced at a celebrity awards ceremony in May.

If you would like to take part please contact Highbury West Safer Neighbourhoods Team on **020 7421 0635**.



*SNAC launch with pupils from Highbury Fields Girls School and Islington Arts and Media School*