

Safer Highbury West

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- crime and fear of crime in Blackstock Road
- youth engagement and diversion
- youth anti-social behaviour

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 the last year robbery in Highbury West has gone down by nearly a third

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Tackling crime on Blackstock Road

Highbury West Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) is continuing to work with partners to develop new ways of tackling crime on Blackstock Road.

Highbury West SNT, FinFuture and Islington Council funded the installation of pilot CCTV in two cafes where the sale of stolen goods was a problem. Since the installation of CCTV, there has been an 83% reduction in the handling of stolen goods in Highbury West.

A new joint Safer Neighbourhoods office

A joint Safer Neighbourhoods office for Islington's Highbury West SNT and Hackney's Brownswood SNT will open to the general public with front counter facilities in the next few months. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Young people clean up

Highbury West SNT is working with community groups to do more to engage with local young people. We have been working on a project with a youth group at the North London Central Mosque. PSCO Yozcu and the youth group leader set up a project called 'Community Clean-Up'.

The young people identified local areas that would benefit from the project, and in March the first clean-up took place. Thirty young people and officers from the SNT cleared rubbish from St Thomas Road. The success of the project led the group to enter it into the Safer Neighbourhood Annual Challenge (SNAC) – an Islington Police initiative where young people receive funding to organise activities to tackle local problems and make their neighbourhood safer.

This group of young people have carried out two more days of activity, removing graffiti in Vaudeville Court with cleaning materials paid for by SNAC.

Four more SNAC projects are being run across the ward, including karate lessons provided by City and Islington College.

A safer Blackstock Estate

During January and February 2009, there was a problem with large groups of young people hanging around the Blackstock Estate, intimidating residents and being noisy.

Highbury West SNT carried out high visibility patrols and had the police CCTV van patrolling the estate. We also visited the parents of the ringleaders and warned them that we would issue Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs).

As a result of the action taken the estate is much quieter, complaints from residents have reduced dramatically and the behaviour of the young people has improved. The SNT are currently applying for funding for a sports tournament for local young people; this follows from a successful football tournament in January.

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 who holds the keys so they can be contacted if your alarm goes off. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/alarms and register now.

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:
Highbury West SNT on **020 7421 0635**

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 Highbury West SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Highbury West 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 Highbury West 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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