

Safer Holloway

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour – York Way Estate, N7
- anti-social behaviour – Corporation Street, N7

Holloway 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).

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Life for Ben Kinsella killers

Three young men have been found guilty of murdering 16-year-old Ben Kinsella in June 2008. Jade Braithwaite, Michael Alleyne and Juress Kika each received a life sentence. The successful conviction relied on people coming forward as witnesses.

If you have been a victim or a witness of crime it is important that you report it. There is special support for victims and witnesses. You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or contact Holloway SNT. If you are worried about your child or their friends becoming involved in crime, you can contact Islington Council's youth workers who specialise in youth crime. Contact jenny.duggan@islington.gov.uk or telephone 020 7527 7060 or 7050.

To find out more about how Islington Council is tackling youth crime, contact catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk

In memory of Ben Kinsella

Holloway SNT spoke to young people about how they wanted to commemorate the life of Ben Kinsella. They decided to compose, perform and record a rap song against knife, gun and gang crime.

The Holloway SNT and Lumpy Hill recording studio helped the young people, aged 11–17, to get the rap song ready for an upcoming anti-knife and anti-gun crime event, to be held in Ben's memory.

Working with young people

PC Iain Campbell of Holloway SNT has been getting young people from the 404 Centre in Camden Road involved in Islington's Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC), which encourages young people to have positive involvement in neighbourhood issues. The 404 Centre's after-school group supports young people with learning disabilities.

With help from the police and a local artist, the group developed an anti-knife crime poster project.

The posters will be displayed in schools, libraries, sports centres and other areas in Islington.

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 The Nags Head, where 29 people were identified as needing support. Almost half accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems, and police are taking action against six others who refused any help and continued 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 Holloway 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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Lights are a shining success for safety and shoppers at Nags Head

Local residents, visitors and businesses in Nag's Head say Islington Council's new street lighting has improved the area, 125 new lanterns and 65 beacons were installed between Holloway Road station and Manor Gardens last year.

A survey of 101 passers-by revealed that 85% felt the new lanterns and beacons made a positive difference to the area, and 72% said the lights made them feel safer.

Businessman Vinod Patel, owner of Wishes gift and card shop, Holloway Road, said the lights have helped bring people into local shops and also helped deter crime.

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:
Holloway SNT on **020 7421 0362**

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 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 Holloway SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

I'm Paul Bristo, the new sergeant in charge of Holloway Safer Neighbourhoods Team, and I want to know what your community concerns are.



Here are some simple ways how you can get involved:

- 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 Holloway 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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