

Safer Holloway

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



We are Holloway Safer Neighbourhoods team.

You've told us your ward priorities include:

- Anti-burglary patrols and crime prevention in the Hillmartin Road area
- Working in partnership to prevent anti-social behaviour on and around the York Way Estate, N7
- Working in partnership to prevent anti-social behaviour on the Market Estate, 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).

Did you know?

- That drug offences have gone down by 51% in comparison to the same time last year.

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Tackling burglary in Hartham Road

Due to a recent increase in burglaries in Hartham Road, N7, Holloway Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) has been informing and advising local residents on taking measures to prevent them becoming a victim of crime.

Along with increased patrols, Holloway SNT posted home security leaflets and have spoken to many residents to make them aware of this problem and made home visits to give security advice. As a result, some residents are considering forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

We offered one resident, who had been burgled twice within six months, crime prevention advice and a door alarm.

These actions have resulted in a decrease in the number of burglaries in Hartham Road and we will continue to patrol this area. For advice and tips on burglary prevention, go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer

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.



Anti-social moped riders

Holloway SNT has been working in partnership with Islington Council to tackle anti-social behaviour on stolen mopeds and motorcycles by distributing high-quality moped and motorcycle locks. Locks, accompanied by a letter with crime prevention advice, were given free to those Islington residents who were motorcycle owners and had been victims of previous motorcycle theft.

We hope to develop the initiative by identifying the most common makes involved in motorcycle crime, approaching victims and potential victims and assessing their suitability for a lock. Local resident, Stephen Matthews, who received a free chain lock said:

"I appreciate this crime prevention initiative. I feel reassured that I can secure my motorcycle to the bollards in the car park now."

End of the road for illegal minicabs

Islington Council is working with the police, Transport for London and other partners to tackle:

- Illegal parking
- Illegal vehicles
- Misuse of disabled blue badges
- Large groups of cab drivers on the street
- Cab drivers dropping litter

Local residents and businesses complained to Islington Council about minicabs parking in Chillingworth Road. We ran checks on parking, drivers and vehicles to ensure they were not breaking the law.

Over the last year we have made 59 visits to minicab offices across Islington, and inspected 328 minicabs. Forty-two of these were found to be unfit for use. Please use a licensed minicab office – if you have any concerns or suspicions, please report them. Go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer to find out how you can check if your local cab firm or driver is licensed.

Listening to you

Over the last few months, residents of Penn Road, Staveley Close and Keighley Close reported an increase in anti-social behavior, with young people loitering in the area. The problem occurred after street improvement works were completed and the Penn Road Residents Association had new benches fitted near the junction of Hillmartin Road.

The removal of the benches was initially considered. However, the association worked very hard to provide them and instead, Holloway SNT increased patrols in the area and, after engaging with the young people concerned, it became clear that a small number of individuals were causing the problems.

Working in partnership with Homes for Islington (HFI), the individuals were then visited at home and warning letters were given to their parents. Using legislation

available to us we were able to explain that tenancy holders had a responsibility for their children, and how their anti-social behaviour could affect their tenancy, and lead to a repossession notice if the bad behaviour continued. This action has seen the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour decrease to minimal levels.

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.

Holloway 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.

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:
Holloway SNT on **020 7421 0362**

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 Holloway'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 Holloway SNT for more information.

Meet Holloway Safer Neighbourhoods team

We hold regular drop-in meetings, where you can come and talk to us about any concerns you have.

We set up in the community bus once a month to meet residents. For updated meeting information go to www.met.police.uk/teams/islington/holloway

Here are the details of where we will be setting up over the next few months.

2 February, 12 – 3pm, Penn Road, N7

14 March, 12 – 3pm, Shearling Way, N7

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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