

Safer Junction

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour on Girdlestone Estate
- anti-social behaviour by street drinkers
- anti-social behaviour by beggars

Junction 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?

- So far this year burglary is down by a quarter in Junction ward

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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School Patrols at Archway Station

Junction Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) received a lot of complaints from local residents, shopkeepers and commuters about the fighting and bad behaviour of school children in the Archway area.

Junction SNT launched an initiative to put more police and Street Wardens on patrol at peak times. Action taken by the police and partner agencies had a positive impact on the local area with a big drop in the anti-social behaviour of school children.

Islington police also took part in Blunt 2 - a London-wide operation intended to tackle knife crime and violence amongst young people. Knife screening arches were used and officers were on hand to give crime prevention advice to young people in the area.

Both initiatives received strong support from local schools.

Girdlestone Third Age Group

The Girdlestone Third Age Group was set up by PCSO Michael Owusu of Junction SNT in partnership with Homes for Islington (HFI) to provide a meeting place and activities for older residents on the Girdlestone Estate. The group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Girdlestone Estate Community Centre. Tea and biscuits are provided along with the opportunity to make new friends, chat and play games. There is also the opportunity to raise any issues of concern with Junction SNT and HFI.

If you would like to join the group please contact PCSO Michael Owusu or pop along to the Girdlestone Community Centre at 10am on a Wednesday morning.

Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers, and we know that in 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 Archway, where 21 people were identified as needing support. Eight accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. Police are taking action against three 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 Junction SNT.

Eviction for drug related anti-social behaviour

HFI, in partnership with Junction SNT, have repossessed a property on the Girdlestone estate following suspected drug dealing and prostitution by a tenant.

Police raided the address and a drug closure order was obtained. HFI took possession of the property that will be offered to a new tenant.

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

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

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.



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 keyholders with Islington Council so we can contact them if your alarm goes off. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/alarms and register now.

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:
Junction SNT on **020 8721 2941**

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 Junction SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

Junction 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 Junction 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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