

Safer Junction

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



We are Junction Safer Neighbourhoods team. You've told us your ward priorities include:

- Anti-social behaviour by youths
- Street drinkers
- Aggressive 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?

- The number of street drinkers and aggressive beggars in the Archway area have almost halved in the last year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Two men arrested for assaulting park keeper

Following complaints of increased anti-social behaviour by youths in local parks, Junction Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) has increased the frequency of its patrols in the ward's open spaces. While on patrol in Whittington Park, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Joe Champion and Laurence White pursued and detained two men who were seen assaulting a park keeper. Both men were arrested for assault and are currently on bail pending a full assessment of the park keeper's injuries.

Youth disorder combatted at bus stop

Junction SNT received numerous complaints from residents in the north of the ward about young people congregating at a bus stop in the evenings.

They were drinking, intimidating passers-by and damaging property in the area. PC Qas Khan gathered information from local residents and identified the peak times for disorder – we have increased our patrols at these times.

We have identified many of the perpetrators and regularly move them on from the area. In addition, PC Khan contacted Transport for London (TFL), giving details of the anti-social behaviour taking place at the bus stop and encouraged local residents to do the same. TFL have since removed the seat at the bus stop, making the location far less attractive as a meeting place.

Junction SNT hasn't received any further calls about disorder at that location, and the quality of life for residents in the area has been restored. If you have any concerns about anti-social behaviour or crime in your area, then please contact us.

We rely on information from the public to help us tackle anti-social behaviour and bring criminals to justice.

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.

Big reduction in aggressive beggars

The number of beggars and street drinkers in the Archway area has more than halved in the last year.

This is down to partnership working between Junction SNT, Islington Council, drug and outreach charity the Pilion Trust and British Transport Police.

Agencies worked in partnership to help the beggars, all of whom had drug or alcohol problems, into rehab and detox programmes. Junction SNT also persuaded the owners of Hill House Car Park to install electronic shuttering to prevent the rough sleepers from entering this popular sleeping area. We will continue to monitor the situation and ask residents to report any problems.

Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge for young people

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to Junction ward through projects they design, develop and run themselves.

The 2010 Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC) runs over the spring school term and is open to young people aged five to 19 who attend a school, college or youth club in Islington.

Officers from Junction SNT and Safer Schools officers will support young people in their quest to make Islington a safer place. For more information go to www.thesnac.com or contact us on **020 8721 2941**.

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.

Junction 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.

Want to stop drinking or taking drugs?

If you would like help to make your 2010 a year free of drink or drugs, please contact the Islington NHS drink and drugs helpline on 08000 66 55 25 for information, advice and support. Don't leave it another year.

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**

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

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