

Safer Mildmay

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



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

- Anti-social behaviour by young people
- Anti-social behaviour related to drugs
- Community safety and crime prevention.

Mildmay 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 burglary has gone down by 27% in Mildmay ward so far this year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Anti-social use of mopeds by young people

In September, Mildmay Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) was contacted by a number of residents from Kerridge Court and the Mayville Estate regarding repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour being committed by young people riding mopeds dangerously. Many were riding around the estates without helmets and endangering the safety of local residents.

Mildmay SNT identified four different mopeds being used by several groups of youths, none of whom had insurance or licences. Mildmay SNT worked with Islington Police Motorcycle Squad to track down all four mopeds. Two were seized, and the riders were prosecuted for riding without a licence or insurance. Another motorcycle was returned to the owner after it was found to be stolen. The fourth had no registered owner and was found burnt out.

Mildmay SNT received no further complaints relating to the anti-social use of mopeds. This is just one example of how we tackle anti-social behaviour and crime. We have also carried out patrols in the ward and arrested several young people for various types of anti-social behaviour including disorder, assaults and criminal damage. We work with Islington Council and other agencies to obtain anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) against young people. If you have any concerns please report them, as we rely on information from residents 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.

Burglary prevention

Residents who had been victims of burglary told us they only received crime prevention advice they after they had been burgled, not beforehand.

Please contact the team if you would like advice on what you can do to make your home harder to burgle. For tips, go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer

Mildmay SNT also attends community events to give advice and information. Please contact us if you are organising an event and would like us to attend.

Tackling drugs

Mildmay SNT has recently executed a number of drugs warrants in the ward. These have resulted in the seizure of drugs including cannabis plants. Evidence obtained by us has also led to the repossession of two addresses by Islington Council.

We have also increased patrols in hotspot areas and made several arrests for possession of Class A and B drugs. If you have any concerns about drug use or drug dealing in your local area, please report it.

Safer Neighbourhoods Challenge

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to Mildmay 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 Mildmay 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 7161 9380**.

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.

Mildmay 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:
Mildmay SNT on **020 7161 9380**

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 Mildmay'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 Mildmay 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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