

# How to report crime and anti-social behaviour:

**Sgt Brian Rushton**

- If it's not an emergency, or to report a crime which has already taken place – eg if your car has been stolen – call **0300 123 1212**
- If you are concerned about crime or anti-social behaviour in your local neighbourhood, call St George's SNT on **020 8721 2664**
- You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**
- You can also report non-urgent and hate crime incidents online at **www.online.met.police.uk**
- If you are a *Homes for Islington* (HFI) tenant, you can use the 'Looking Local' service, which allows Sky or Virgin Media subscribers to report anti-social behaviour through their TV, using their remote control. You can also call HFI's anti social behaviour hotline on **020 7527 7272**
- In an emergency, or if a crime is taking place, always dial **999**



## Want to know more about tackling crime and keeping safe?

To sign up for regular email or text alerts for information on what the police are doing in your local area, go to **www.met.police.uk/islington** and click on the news alerts link.

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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.

# Safer St George's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer



## You've told us your priorities include:

- tackling drugs
- tackling anti-social behaviour in parks
- graffiti

St George's 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?

- Since April last year, there has been a 19% reduction in personal property robberies, and a 35% reduction in burglaries in St George's

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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## Drugs raids

For several months, St George's Safer Neighbourhoods Team's (SNT) main priority has been to tackle drug use and supply.

You may have read in our previous SNT newsletter about the closure of one address being used to supply drugs. Since then, a further three properties have been closed, and a fourth is in the process of being closed.

During the raids, St George's SNT seized drugs and made arrests. The team also implemented drug closure orders, so that the premises are sealed and the tenants cannot return to the property. Anyone who breaches these orders will be arrested. If you have any concerns about drug use or supply in your area please contact St George's SNT.

## Graham House drugs – sentencing

In October, two men were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for importing nearly £100,000 worth of cocaine from Costa Rica to Islington. The drugs were addressed to Graham House, Brecknock Road Estate. The parcel was intercepted by customs, and Islington police conducted an undercover operation working with Costa Rican police and the US drug enforcement agency.

Adam Szendzielorz and James Puentes were sentenced for importing cocaine with an estimated street value of £86,000, as well as possession, and converting criminally acquired money into property.

## Graffiti wall

The graffiti at the rear of the Tufnell Park Estate has blighted the area. This was a result of the introduction of a graffiti wall, which legitimate artists are allowed to use, but where the graffiti has been spilling over onto other buildings and fences.

St George's SNT has obtained anti-graffiti paint from Homes for Islington, and offenders who have been sentenced to take part in Community Payback schemes will carry out the painting.

## Community Payback

Community Payback is a community service programme for offenders, run by Islington Council in partnership with London Probation, and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. All offenders are supervised by London Probation. The scheme provides offenders with essential life skills, and is aimed at preventing them from becoming involved in further offences. Islington Council is always looking for future projects for the Community Payback programme – it could be anything from community gardening to painting or cleaning up a playground. If you know of any work that needs doing in your local area please contact [Janice.grant@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Janice.grant@islington.gov.uk). Work that needs doing quickly may not always be appropriate for Community Payback as projects are booked in months in advance.

## Safer cycling

St George's SNT and Islington Council recently held a road safety awareness event to highlight the dangers of cycling at night.

Cyclists were stopped, and given road safety advice and equipment such as high visibility straps and front and rear lights.

If you would like information on safer cycling please contact Islington Council's Cycling Officer on **020 7527 4082**.

# Are you up for the challenge?

January saw the start of the first ever Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC) in Islington.

St George's SNT wants young people to think about what they can do to make the neighbourhood safer and what activities they can organise to address local problems.

A few ideas include organising a bicycle marking scheme, designing a SNAC website, arranging graffiti removal, or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Your local SNT or Safer Schools officer can help with organising and securing funding for the project.

The SNAC runs over spring term, and is for young people aged five – 19 who attend a primary or secondary school, college or youth club in the area.

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Winners will be announced at a celebrity awards ceremony in May.

If you would like to take part please contact St George's Safer Neighbourhoods Team on **020 8721 2664**.

