

Safer St George's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- vehicle crime in Mercers Road and immediate surrounding streets
- anti-social behaviour by youths on Hilldrop Lane and surrounding streets
- vehicle crime around Hilldrop Estate

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?

- In the last year burglary has gone down by nearly a third in St George's ward

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Drug crime crackdown

Nearly £2,000 worth of cash and Class A drugs were seized in an operation targeting drug dealing in the St George's area, after local residents gave information on a drug dealer to St George's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

The operation, involving Hillrise SNT, Islington Problem Solving Team – a North Islington police team funded by Islington Council – and the Dog Support Unit, searched four addresses. Cash and drugs were seized and a drugs closure order was granted for one of the addresses.

PC James Burgess from St George's SNT said:

"This operation was a direct response to information provided by the local community. With their help and support, we can reduce criminal activity in Islington."

A tenant of Kimble House on the Hilldrop Estate has also been evicted by Homes for Islington (HFI), in partnership with St George's SNT, for drug dealing and involvement in prostitution. Police raided the address last year and a drug closure order was obtained, and the property is now ready for a new tenant.

Your help in the fight against drug dealers and other crime is vital. If you suspect someone is involved in dealing drugs, you can speak to St George's SNT on 020 8345 1511 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Dispersal Zones

In February St George's SNT and Islington Council introduced a three-month dispersal zone to tackle the anti-social behaviour of some young people on the Tufnell Park Estate.

The dispersal zone gave police powers to move on groups of people if they were behaving badly. Anyone refusing to move could be arrested.

The dispersal zone was a success, but St George's SNT are continuing to patrol the area on a daily basis to deal with a small group in Holbrook Court.

Tufnell Park tube station has also been covered by a dispersal order after commuters and local residents complained about anti-social behaviour and drug dealing by a group of young people. Islington and Camden Police stepped up patrols, moving groups of young people on and one young man, believed to be a ringleader, was arrested and charged.

Police will continue to enforce the dispersal zone around Tufnell Park tube station until late August. So far the action taken has led to a large drop in anti-social behaviour and complaints.

Don't make it easy for thieves

Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. If at all possible, leave nothing on view.

- NEVER leave valuable items in your car
- wipe away the Sat Nav mark on your windscreen
- never leave your car keys where they can be seen from your front door
- where possible park in a busy, well-lit area

For more advice please go to our website www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention

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 place in London 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 who holds the keys so they can be contacted 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:
St George's SNT on **020 8721 2664**

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 St George's SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

How can you get involved?

St George's 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 St George's 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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In an emergency always dial 999.

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