

Safer St George's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



**We are St George's Safer Neighbourhoods team.
You've told us your ward priorities include:**

- Car crime
- Anti-social behaviour on Campdale Road
- Residential burglary in Hilldrop area.

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?

- That since April last year residential burglary has gone down by nearly a quarter in St George's ward?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Reduction in car crime

Residents told St George's Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) about their increasing concerns about their cars being broken into. We ran a three-night operation in partnership with Holloway SNT and a 'decoy car' operation to catch thieves red handed.

In total, six people were arrested for a variety of offences including the supply of class A drugs. We gained valuable criminal intelligence, and the activities of a well-known local criminal were disrupted.

St George's SNT followed up with a series of undercover and uniformed bicycle patrols aimed at preventing opportunist thieves from returning to the area.

The action taken by St George's and Holloway SNTs led to a 40% reduction from the levels seen last summer.

Please make sure you don't leave valuables on show in your car, and always lock it, even if you are leaving it for a few minutes. For further tips and advice go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer

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.

Two arrested for moped crime

St George's Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) have been tackling anti-social behaviour, in particular anti-social behaviour related to the use of stolen mopeds around the estates.

While on patrol, officers saw young people riding stolen mopeds with no helmets or insurance. The young people were seen on several occasions riding on the pavement and putting members of the public in danger.

Officers identified two of the young people responsible. Both were arrested for a number of theft and driving offences, and one has since been charged. Five stolen mopeds were recovered and returned to their owners.

Tackling burglary and anti-social behaviour on Hilldrop Estate

St George's SNT is working with residents from the Upper Hilldrop Estate, Moelwyn Hughes Court and Anson Road to reduce residential burglary and anti-social behaviour by young people.

Officers have started three new Neighbourhood Watch schemes and will be holding regular meetings with participating residents to discuss developments and problems.

We are offering crime prevention advice to all residents in the Hilldrop area as well as all victims of burglary and their neighbours.

If you have any concerns about anti-social behaviour or crime in your area, please report it. We rely on information from the public to help us tackle anti-social behaviour and bring criminals to justice. If you would like to find out more information about local Neighbourhood Watch schemes, please contact us.

Safer Neighbourhoods Challenge

Young people are being given the chance to make a positive difference to St George's 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 St George's 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 2664**.

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.

St George's 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:
St George's SNT on **020 8721 2664**

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 St George'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 St George's SNT for more information.

Meet St George's Safer Neighbourhoods team

We hold regular drop-in meetings, where you can come and talk to us about any concerns you have.

For updated meeting information go to www.met.police.uk/teams/islington/stgeorges

Here are the dates of our next meetings:
3 February, 1–2.00pm, Hilldrop Community Centre
18 February, 6.30–7.30pm, John Barnes Library
3 March, 1–2pm, Hilldrop Community Centre
1 April, 6.30–7.30, John Barnes Library

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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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