

# Safer St Mary's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

**Summer 2009**



## You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour by young people around Milner Square
- cycling on footpaths in the Upper Street area

St Mary'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?

- Residential burglary has gone down by 12% in St Mary's ward in the last 12 months

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council

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## Stopping the cycle on Upper Street!

St Mary's Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Islington Council street wardens have been running joint patrols to tackle cycling on pavements in the Upper Street area. They have been stopping cyclists to educate them on safer cycling and giving out fines. The number of cyclists being stopped for cycling on the pavement has since gone down dramatically. At the last ward meeting, residents decided the problem had reduced enough that it is no longer the team's main priority.

If you have problems with cyclists, please contact St Mary's SNT.

## Badly behaved dog owners fined £80

St Mary's SNT have teamed up with Islington Council's street wardens to target littering, dog fouling and problems caused by large dogs running around parks. The team targeted litter and dog fouling in problem areas by handing out fines and challenging badly behaved dog owners. Since December 2008, Islington Council street wardens, Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and other partners have been issuing £80 fixed penalty notices to any dog owner caught committing an offence. Fifty eight fines have been issued to owners taking their dogs into no-dog zones, 51 for dog fouling and five for dogs not being on a lead.

If you see a badly behaved dog owner, please report them to Islington Council 020 7527 2000.

## End of the road for illegal minicabs

Local residents and businesses complained to Islington Council about minicab firms in Essex Road. The council are working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, TFL and other partners to tackle the following:

- illegal parking – particularly in resident parking bays
- illegal vehicles
- misuse of disabled blue badges
- large groups of cab drivers on the street
- cab drivers dropping litter

We ran checks on parking, drivers and vehicles to ensure they were not breaking the law and we will continue to run checks. If you have concerns about a local minicab firm contact Islington Council on 020 7527 2000.

## Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers and we know that in the summer months, street drinking often increases. We recently delivered a ten-week outreach project to reduce street drinking. Two local charities, the Pilion Trust and New Horizons, were given extra funding to focus on key street drinking hotspots including Highbury Corner, Upper Street and Angel, where 25 people were identified as needing support. Nearly half accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. The police are taking action against three people who would not engage with services and have continued their anti-social behaviour.

Islington Council and the police continue to monitor the situation. If you have any concerns about street drinkers in your area, please contact St Mary's SNT.

## 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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave)

## Police Community Support Officers in local primary schools

Islington Council, in partnership with Islington police, was the first London borough 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk)

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# We are listening to you

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## 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 Mary's SNT on **020 7421 0259**

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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/safer)** and you will be entered into a prize draw to win **£100 Marks and Spencer vouchers**. Contact St Mary's SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

## How can you get involved?

St Mary'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](http://www.met.police.uk/islington)**

Contact St Mary's SNT for more information.

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### TEAM MEMBERS

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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](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods)**  
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In an emergency always dial 999.

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