

Safer St Peter's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour and drug misuse on the Popham Estate
- residential burglary – prevention
- youth engagement

St Peter'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 in St Peters Ward has gone down by 38% in the last 12 months

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council

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Drug dealer evicted

St Peter's SNT recently worked with Partners for Improvement to gain a closure order and permanently evict a tenant of Duncan Terrace involved in the misuse and dealing of Class A drugs and anti-social behaviour.

St Peter's SNT first received information from residents in November. By January a Closure Order had been secured and by May the resident had been permanently evicted.

This was thanks to local residents who provided statements and provided evidence in court.

The police and Islington Council rely on information from residents to help convict drug dealers. If you have any information please contact St Peters SNT, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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 knows 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 and 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 Peters SNT.

Top tips to beat the burglars

- lock away ladders and other items that burglars could use to force an entry
- thieves can steal keys through your letterbox if you store them nearby
- leave a light on and shut your curtains when you go out at night
- do not leave valuables, including keys, on display behind windows and doors even if they are closed
- never leave a spare key hidden outside – burglars know all the hiding places
- fit proper locks on doors and windows – and use them

Remember – if you can get into your home without keys, so can a burglar. For more advice visit [www.met.police.uk/crime prevention](http://www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention) or call the Islington Police Crime Prevention Office on 020 7421 0674.

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 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.



Working with young people

Officers from St Peter's SNT and youth workers from Popham Youth Club organised a camping trip to the New Forest, accompanying a group of local young people aged between 10 and 14 on the trip. For many in the group it was their first trip outside of London. While on camp the group learned how to set up a campsite and went on nature walks and mountain biking.

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 Peter's SNT on **020 7421 0181**

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

How can you get involved?

St Peter'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 Peter'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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