

Safer St Peter's

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



We are St Peter's Safer Neighbourhoods team.

You've told us your ward priorities include:

- Young people's anti-social behaviour on the Packington Estate and Cluse Court
- Theft from cars and theft of mopeds
- Bike theft.

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?

- Robbery on St Peter's Ward has reduced by 40% this year compared to last year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Tackling anti-social behaviour on the Packington Estate

The St Peter's Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT), in partnership with Hyde Northside Homes and Homes for Islington (HFI), has secured two injunctions against a young person from the Bunhill area. Paul Fearn, 19, had a history of anti-social behaviour on the Packington Estate, Cluse Court and other areas of the ward. Now the injunctions stop him from entering specified areas in St Peter's ward and committing anti-social behaviour.

Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court heard that Fearn had made residents' lives a misery and granted two 12-month injunctions. Fearn is not allowed to enter the Packington Estate, Cluse Court, Wharf Road, Theseus Walk and Boreas walk. If he breaches the injunction he will be arrested and put before the court.

St Peter's SNT and Hyde Northside Homes have started legal proceedings against a number of other young people on the Packington Estate, who have been responsible for causing anti-social behaviour and fear throughout the estate. If you have any concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour in your area, please report it. We rely on information from residents to help us tackle crime and bring criminals to justice.



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.

Reducing car crime

After a recent increase in offences, the St Peter's ward panel decided that thefts from cars should be a ward priority. St Peter's SNT is patrolling the ward to try to catch offenders. If you live in a hotspot area, you may have received a vehicle crime prevention notice to display in your car.

The crime prevention notice reminds you to remove any items on display when you leave your car and deters potential thieves. Cars with satellite navigation systems, mobile phones and other items on display are most vulnerable.

St Peter's SNT has carried out a number of patrols, checking cars and talking with owners who have left valuables in their cars. If the owner isn't present, a letter is delivered to them.

Our action is tackling the problem, but we need your help to combat this type of crime. Please remove valuables and lock your car – thieves are opportunistic, and would prefer to steal something they can see. With your help we can reduce car crime in the St Peter's ward. For advice and tips go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer

Canal path robberies

Islington Police are taking extra precautions to protect the community and combat a recent rise in robberies on the Regent's Canal towpath, particularly in the area near Danbury Street.

Officers are patrolling the canal on a daily basis and St Peter's SNT has increased their patrols in the areas surrounding the canal towpath including Danbury Street, Raleigh Street and St Paul's Street. Barnsbury SNT has also increased their night patrols in the area.

Last November a woman was charged with robbery and possession of a knife near the Regent's Canal.

We ask residents to remain vigilant and avoid taking shortcuts along the canal towpath at night. Don't wear earphones while walking. For more information on staying safe go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer

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

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 Peter'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 Peter's SNT for more information.

Meet St Peter'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/stpeters

Here are the dates of our next meetings – all take place at the Packington Estate office in Packington Square.

3 February, 2 – 3pm	17 February, 2 – 3pm
3 March, 2 – 3pm	17 March, 2 – 3pm
7 April, 2 – 3pm	

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
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