

Safer Tollington

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Winter 2010



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

- Young people and anti-social behaviour
- Diversionary activity for young people
- Drug dealing.

Tollington Safer Neighbourhoods (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 7% in the Tollington ward in the last year?

From the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with Islington Council



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Nuisance address closed

In December 2009, Tollington Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) and Homes for Islington (HFI) successfully obtained a closure order using new legislation under the Anti-social Behaviour Act on a nuisance address in Oakdale Court, Fortnum Road. Complaints from local residents about excessive noise and anti-social behaviour led officers to search the property, where 15 cannabis plants were seized. The occupant was arrested.

A resident from Oakdale Court said:

"I'm absolutely thrilled with this result, for all those who have had to put up with the noise and parties for so long. It was a nightmare. I'm extremely grateful to Tollington SNT and Homes for Islington."

Police Constable Matt Fletcher, from Tollington SNT, said:

"This is a great result for all the residents of Oakdale Court and I would like to thank them for their evidence, which helped secure this closure. Anyone found in the flat without the authority of police or HFI will be arrested and prosecuted."

If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour 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.



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.

Drug address raided and closed

Tollington SNT recently used a drugs search warrant to search an address in Hornsey Road, N19. Dealers at the address are believed to have been selling skunk worth £1,500 on a daily basis. One person in possession of cannabis was arrested and interviewed, and is currently on bail pending further enquiries and the property is subject to a three-month closure order.

Tollington team score extra opportunities for local youngsters

The Tollington ward panel set youth diversion as one of our ward priorities, so Tollington SNT has joined up with Timbuktu Youth Club to provide football training for a group of young people who have been coming to the attention of police. The group of young people, ranging from 13 to 17 years old take part in football training once a week at Islington Arts and Media School.

Our aim is to engage with the group and help them to learn more about teamwork, self-discipline and commitment. We also hope to get funding to offer places on FA coaching courses to those who are identified as really committed to football.

Tollington SNT also organised the first ever Hoopz Islington Classic basketball competition, held at the London Metropolitan University. The event was set up to promote positive activities for young people aged 13 and 14. St Aloysius Secondary School won both the Year 8 and Year 9 finals, against some tough competition. Guest appearances from Choice FM's DJ 279, Guinness World Record Breaker Tommy Baker and Islington rapper Ritz helped to make the competition a real success.

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.

Tollington 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:
Tollington SNT on **020 7421 0559**

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 Tollington'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 Tollington SNT for more information.

Meet Tollington 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/tollington

Here are the dates of our next meetings, all at Tesco's Stroud Green Road:
2 February, 6.30 – 7.30 pm
12 February, 6.30 – 7.30 pm

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
Your SNT is not a 24-hour emergency response team. In an emergency always dial 999.

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