



Community safety update June 2014



We won't let crime and anti-social behaviour blight the lives of local people and working with the police and the community, we'll take decisive action to make Islington safer for everyone.

Cllr Paul Convery
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety

Extended opening hours during World Cup

The Home Office has relaxed hours of operation for pubs and bars during England matches for the World Cup, which started on 12 June. This means a number of licensed premises in Islington may choose to open until later than their normal license permits. The Council's Licensing team is working with local police and licensees to take measures to ensure a safe environment for anyone visiting our licensed premises and to minimise disruption for those that live close by. There will be extra police and council officers on hand during this time and we will be conducting a number of visits to premises in advance and during the World Cup to provide advice on managing things safely. If you experience any anti-social behaviour, or you are concerned that things may be escalating contact us or the police using the details at the bottom of this newsletter.

Know someone affected by domestic violence? Help them by speaking out

Islington Council is urging friends and family of those affected by domestic violence to stop them suffering in silence by getting in touch with National Domestic Violence Helpline (run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge) on 0808 2000 247. The new campaign 'Help a friend' will be running across the borough during June and July while the World Cup is on, which is when instances of domestic violence typically rise. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/helpafriend for more information and advice. To request campaign materials please email dvpt@islington.gov.uk

New council CCTV room opens, improving CCTV coverage across the borough

A new CCTV control centre has opened in Islington to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. The centre brings together more than 1,000 cameras across Islington's streets, parks, green spaces, housing and estates in a single centre, monitored 24/7. It means police officers, and the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) team, can respond more quickly to incidents, and CCTV evidence can be gathered more quickly and effectively.

Tri- borough Operation Pentagon – police day of action against robbery and ASB

Islington Council and Police in Islington, have worked with counterparts in neighbouring boroughs Hackney and Haringey in an operation targeting anti-social behaviour, robbery and stolen goods. The operation took place around the Blackstock Road and Seven Sisters Road area. On the day the Council's Licensing and Waste Management teams were on the ground, working alongside the police to support the operation. The police made ten arrests including recall to prison for a wanted burglar scrap metal offences, fraud, possession of an offensive weapon and six arrests for immigration offences. Officers also issued ten fixed penalty notices, 20 littering penalty notices, 11 of these were in Islington. Officers also offered crime prevention advice and helped protect resident's property by marking 46 bikes and 25 mobile phones.

Anti-social behaviour injunction at Papworth Gardens

The Council has obtained an injunction with power of arrest against a friend of a tenant at Papworth Gardens, N7. The injunction was sought after the visitor was abusive towards residents and damaged council property. The injunction forbids the friend from entering the block on the estate and using threatening language or gestures in the vicinity of the estate.

Khat ban – Tuesday 24th June

The Government has announced that khat will be reclassified as a Class C drug from Tuesday 24th June. Khat is a naturally occurring stimulant which can be chewed and its use is particularly prevalent among the Somali community. Residents who require support can contact the Freephone drug and alcohol advice service on 0808 800 0019. The Council will also be organising workshops for residents affected by the ban, for more information please contact colin.sumpter@islington.gov.uk

Alcohol data map to tackle excessive drinking

Camden and Islington Councils' shared public health team has developed a tool to assess alcohol-related health and crime data to tackle problem drinking in pubs, clubs and bars. The digital map assesses levels of crime, ambulance call-outs and alcohol-specific hospital admissions, to help reduce the harm caused by excessive drinking.

Two Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO) issued for alcohol-related ASB

In March and April, Islington Council successfully brought two ASBOs against individuals who were causing alcohol related disturbances in our town centres. Thanks to information and support from local businesses, the police were able to gather sufficient evidence to prove that an ASBO was necessary to exclude these individuals from certain areas within the borough and to prohibit them from being drunk, consuming alcohol or carrying an open receptacle containing alcohol in any public place for the next 2-3 years.

Removing squatters in St George's Ward

In April the Council worked with building owners to evict ten people who had gained access to an unused Royal Mail building on the Bush Industrial Estate, N19. The Council was alerted to the squat by police who had received a call to say a security alarm had been breached. The Council was concerned due to previous incidents of squatting and illegal raves on this site and therefore contacted the site owners who served notice on the squatters and provided round the clock security for a number of days. The same squatters then tried to gain access to a building at the rear of Whittington hospital but were soon found by hospital staff who alerted the police resulting in two arrests being made.

ASBO served on young male banning him from the Andover and Six Acres estates

On 24 April a 16-year old youth was made subject to a two year ASBO after causing years of anti-social behaviour around these and neighbouring estates. The young male committed offences such as robbery, attempted robbery, assault, public order offences, and threats to cause damage to a PCSO's vehicle. The ASBO bans him from entering the Andover and Six Acres Estate, N4; being together with another named youth in any public place; and also specifies that if he owns a mobile phone it has to be registered in his name.

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Reporting anti-social behaviour to the Islington ASB team:

Telephone: 020 7527 7272 Online: www.islington.gov.uk/reportasb

We will respond to your report as soon as possible, certainly within 24 hours. Our officers can make visits between 4pm and 2am Sunday to Thursday, and 5pm to 4am Friday and Saturday.

During office hours, Council tenants and leaseholders should report ASB to the ASB team at their Area Housing Office, on the phone or in person, and Housing Association tenants should report ASB to their landlord. Out of office hours, all residents should report ASB on 020 7527 7272.

Your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team (police): Contact details for your local team and dates of local meetings at http://content.met.police.uk/Page/TeamFinder?scope_id=1257246764070

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