

Community safety update

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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

Islington councillors unite to oppose cuts to the Met Police budget and in the fight to save Islington fire stations

Labour and Lib Dem councillors have jointly pledged to continue opposing the Mayor of London's planned cuts, which will see the borough with 64 fewer front line officers than there were in 2010, and will mark the dismantling of our dedicated ward-based Safer Neighbourhood Teams which have played a vital role in deterring crime, providing reassurance, gathering intelligence and dealing with anti-social behaviour. The council is also putting its full weight behind the campaign to prevent London fire station closures – condemning the Mayor of London's plans to cut 10% of the London Fire Brigade budget, which would close 12 fire stations in London, including Clerkenwell in Islington.

New licensing rules call time on alcohol excess

Islington council has adopted a new, strengthened licensing policy to tackle the impact of alcohol supply and consumption. The new rules are now in force and include stronger rules on new licensing applications in areas where there are already many bars, off-licences and other businesses selling alcohol. The licensing policy has been strengthened after concerns from residents, the police, and other council partners including the NHS.

Don't bottle it up-the alcohol health check

Islington residents are being encouraged to check their drinking by taking the two-minute alcohol health check at www.dontbottleitup.org.uk. After answering a few questions, the website assesses how much and how often you are drinking, based on recommendations by health experts. Advice is tailored to your results and you are pointed to local services which can help, if needed.

Council buildings become safe havens for young people who feel threatened

Islington is now part of the CitySafe Havens campaign. CitySafe Havens are local businesses or organisations with especially trained staff who can offer help to young people when they feel threatened. Islington Town Hall and Newington Barrow Way are the council buildings that are part of the scheme. To find out more and to find a full map with all of the CitySafe Havens in Islington please visit www.islington.gov.uk/citysafehavens

Council fights successfully for safer pedestrian crossing on Holloway Road

The council successfully lobbied Transport for London (TfL) to improve the busy Holloway Road crossing by Highbury and Islington station, following a serious accident in November 2012. TfL have agreed to make the junction safer by fitting pedestrian countdown signs, which tell people how long they have to cross the road.

Tackling illegal gaming machines in Islington

Operators of illegal gaming machines in Islington risk having their equipment confiscated and being prosecuted, according to the council's new gambling policy. The council will also limit opportunities for gambling in areas where vulnerable residents could be put at risk.

Successful ASB injunction against leaseholder who threatened to kill neighbour

An ASB injunction has been awarded against a resident of the Caledonian Estate who threatened to kill and harm a neighbour. The perpetrator has a history of harassment, aggression, and threatening behaviour; and under the terms of the injunction they will be arrested if they cause nuisance, alarm or distress to anyone on the estate.

Resident complaints see restaurant in City Road lose its music licence

Mythopolis restaurant lost its music licence after residents complained about late-night noise.

Beware of local scams – if you are worried contact Trading Standards

Recent scams to hit Islington residents include an employment offer scam; phone calls offering extra money on private pensions, and loan offers asking for an upfront fee to be paid via Western Union or other untraceable methods. The police are also looking into a London-wide scam which has been reported in Islington, where someone purporting to be from the council's Trading Standards team tries to scam residents who have recently had building work done. If you have been scammed, or are concerned, contact the council's Trading Standards team on 020 7527 3198 or trading.standards@islington.gov.uk

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

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