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# **Newsletter**

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Dear Resident,

Harringay Safer Neighbourhoods Team would like to wish you well over the festive period.

This newsletter is to keep you updated on what your dedicated local Safer Neighbourhoods Team have been doing to improve the quality of life for people who live or work in the area.

### Priorities

Over the past month we have been compiling a list of the new top 3 priorities on the Harringay Safer neighbourhoods ward. We conducted various methods of public consultation to establish the new policing priorities.

Having gathered and analysed the data we have set 3 priorities, which we will now tackle in conjunction with other agencies.

Our new priorities are:

- 1 Drugs and Alcohol  
Misuse/ Disorder**
- 2 Youth ASB - verbal  
noise/ nuisance**
- 3 Robbery/ Mugging/Pick  
Pockets**



### **82 vehicles seized in 1 month under Operation Reclaim**

Since the implementation of Operation Reclaim in Haringey (1st October 08), 82 vehicles have been seized (01/10/08 – 05/11/08).

Operation Reclaim is the Met's response to the amended Road Traffic Act, which gives police officers the power to seize uninsured vehicles, and those being driven other than in accordance with a license. As a result, Operation Reclaim exercises are now carried out regularly.

As well seizing vehicles during pre-planned operations, we are now more easily able to seize vehicles on an ad-hoc basis as a result of day-to-day police activity when we encounter a driver without the correct documentation. Recently a 49 year old male was arrested and had his vehicle seized after he failed to stop following an accident in Wood Green. Checks revealed that he was disqualified from driving and was driving without third party insurance.

Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector John Forde, said: "By seizing the vehicles from those who use them to go about their unlawful business we can undoubtedly make a significant impact on Borough crime as well as making the roads safer for those who legitimately use them."

## Operation Spotlight

Met wide Operation Spotlight was launched on 17/11/08 and is a push to tackle a seasonal increase in burglary, which historically commences in Haringey around the end of November.

Last year burglary was seen to peak in November 2007, remain high through the new year and fall again in February 2008. Early indicators show that in November this year, burglary has begun to rise in line with the historical trend.

Under Operation Spotlight we are ploughing police resources into combatting the trend.

With more high visibility anti burglary patrols, more covert patrols, a dedicated burglary patrol vehicle. Officers from Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and other units across the borough have been tasked to carry out search warrants to prevent, deter and disrupt criminal activity and we continue our work to tackle the supply and misuse of illegal drugs.

With the holiday season almost upon us, now is a good time to remind people to take steps to make sure criminals don't spoil your Christmas. By taking some simple crime prevention precautions, you can help

to make it harder for criminals this festive season:

- **Use timer switches on lights to make it look like you are at home when you are out**
- **Break up the boxes that contained all those shiny electrical items and put them in your recycling bin (so you are not advertising what new items you have to thieves)**
- **Take this opportunity to register any new electrical items on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) (so that if they do get stolen, you have more chance of getting them back and we have more chance of catching criminals)**
- **Keep your doors and windows closed and locked when you leave home.**
- **Lock ladders and tools away, so they can't be used to break into your or your neighbours home.**
- **Be vigilant and if you see anyone acting suspiciously dial 999**

Haringey is currently 4th best in the MPS in detecting/solving residential burglary and we are constantly seeking to improve upon this, to bring more offenders to justice and to reduce burglary.

## Haringey Introduce No Cold Caller Zone

Haringey Safer Neighbourhoods team surveyed residents living in Endymion Road and it was identified that they felt vulnerable with people 'cold calling' and would like something introduced to prevent this. Each resident has been supplied with a 'No Cold Caller' sticker, which will be placed on doors and in windows. They have also been given leaflets explaining what to do if they do have a cold caller. It also provides useful phone numbers such as electricity and gas supply numbers so residents can check the caller's identity.

Most people who call at your home are genuine although some may turn up unannounced and try and trick their way in to homes, often preying on some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The 'No Cold Caller' zone helps us to protect people from this type of crime by sending a clear message that a cold call is not welcome.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project, which started in June 2008 when the team arranged to have Mortice Locks fitted in 3 roads. The 3 roads were Wightman Road, Endymion Road and Burgoyne Road and showed in increase in burglary.

The number of burglaries in the area has dropped dramatically as a result of the various anti burglary measures introduced by the team. However the team noticed that in a large proportion of the remaining burglaries entry was gained through the letterbox. So the team bid for and won more funding to supply letterbox covers in an attempt to reduce the number of such burglaries.

## Premises Closed

Haringey Safer Neighbourhoods team also recently assisted with two evictions and closed premises used by two known prostitutes.

## Operation Christmas Joy

The team are currently involved in operation 'Christmas Joy' which is a multi agency operation intended to bring together, in a coordinated manner, the many agencies already working in the area to share more knowledge with each other. It will also see more Police Officers, Council and Environmental Officers patrolling the area assisting and advising visitors, residents, shoppers and businesses over the period leading up to Christmas.

