

Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership Newsletter August 2011



Introduction

Welcome to the August 2011 edition of the Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership newsletter for partners and residents involved in reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime in Richmond upon Thames. The content of the August edition continues the changes that were adopted in the July edition with a more local focus on crime and community safety in the borough. If you have any comments please e-mail David Noakes at d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk or telephone me on 0208 891 7214.



Richmond upon Thames News

- **Street Pastors to keep the streets safe** A group of 12 local volunteers are taking to the streets in Richmond town centre to help the police reduce anti-social behaviour. The Street Pastors are uniformed volunteers from local churches who have been trained to patrol the streets late at night in areas where anti-social behaviour is seen as a problem. The patrols, which will be carried out on Friday and Saturday nights, started on Friday 15th July. The Street Pastors scheme was given a one off grant to help with the initial costs of training and uniforms from Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership.
- **Reconfiguration of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams** As part of the wider Metropolitan Police Service review of Safer Neighbourhood Teams in London the Borough Commander and Acting Superintendent Duncan Slade recently met with PLG Chairs to discuss the changes that are proposed to the teams. As part of this review the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) have requested that the number of sergeants on the Safer Neighbourhood Teams be reduced from 18 (1 per ward) to 14. As a result of this reduction it has been proposed to merge the supervision of 8 wards under 4 sergeants. The wards that will pair up and be jointly managed by 1 sergeant are Whitton and Heathfield, Teddington and Hampton Wick, Hampton and Hampton North and South Twickenham and West Twickenham. Each ward will continue to have 2 PCs and 3 PCSOs to patrol their wards.



Current crime trends, reports and campaigns

- **Police update on alleged abduction of a child** Following a meeting between the Borough Commander and various partnership representatives it has been agreed that the Richmond upon Thames police website will be the source for any new information following well intended but factually incorrect communications. The police have confirmed that they are only investigating 1 alleged abduction in the borough of an 8 year old boy in the Barnes Area on the 3rd July. The alleged abduction attempt took place in the grounds of the Vicarage and when the boy resisted the suspect made off. Police are conducting a thorough investigation and are still seeking additional witnesses. If you have any information and have not come forward yet please contact DC James on 020 8247 7032 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.
- **Residential burglary decreases in Richmond after first month of Operation Target** As part of the Met. wide operation against residential burglary Richmond Police has achieved

a reduction in burglaries in the borough from 111 in May 2011 to 55 in June 2011. The June figure was also a reduction on previous year's figures when there were 75 in June 2008 and 2009 and 73 in June 2010. The operation is seeing a high level of collusion between the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the CID and rapid response. The operation is due to last for 6 months.

- **Reduction in Town Centre Night Time Violence** A recent local report analysing the impact of using Safer Neighbourhood Team officers from wards outside Twickenham and Richmond town centres on Friday and Saturday nights has shown a 45% reduction in violence in the borough's town centres over the last 10 months compared to the same period a year before. This reduction has also contributed to a 25% in all night time economy crime across the borough.



Westminster and London News

- **Government launches new Choices crime prevention fund** The Government has launched a new £4m fund of grant funding for national voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations to apply for to tackle and prevent substance misuse and related offending amongst vulnerable groups of young people between 10-19. Applications can come from alliances or partnerships of national and local groups but the application must be submitted by the national organisation. The deadline for applications is Thursday 18th August 2011.
- **Roll out of 101 new non emergency number** The first phased rollout of a new national non emergency number has taken place in London and surrounding counties in the south east of England. From July residents covered by the Metropolitan Police, City of London Police, Essex Police, Hertfordshire Police, Sussex Police and Surrey Police can now dial 101 to report crime and disorder that does not require an emergency police response. The 101 number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will be adopted by every police force in England by early 2012. Calls to the 101 number will cost 15p a call no matter when you ring or how long the call lasts.
- **Latest Crime Figures for England and Wales 2010/11** The Home Office have produced the latest report on crime figures from the British Crime Survey and police recorded crimes. The British Crime Survey shows a small increase in the number of estimated crimes from 9.5 million in 2009/10 compared to 9.6 million in 2010/11 and the recorded police crime figures show a 4% reduction between 2009/10 and 2010/11 from 4.3m to 4.2m. This places recorded crime at its lowest level since the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) was introduced in April 2002.



Dates for your diary in August 2011

- **Operation Lockout events (crime prevention information, bike and phone marking)**
Tuesday 2nd August 4pm-7pm at Kew Station, North Road
Thursday 4th August 12pm-3pm at Richmond Riverside, Whittaker Avenue
- **Community and Police Partnership Meeting** (bi-monthly public meeting of the community, police and council. All welcome) - **Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7pm** in York House, Twickenham.