

# Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

## December 2010



### Introduction

Welcome to the first 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 newsletters are being piloted for a 6 month period and will be sent out electronically every 1-2 months and are intended to pull together local, regional and national news items, events and consultations in an easy to read format. I hope you find the newsletter useful and if you have any suggestions about how we can improve them please e-mail David Noakes at [d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk) or telephone me on 0208 891 7214.



### News

- **Remember this Rhyme for the Festive Time!** Richmond upon Thames CSP has launched a Christmas campaign to remind residents how to avoid being a victim of crime over the festive season at home, while shopping and when out celebrating. **Watch out for scooter and bikes handing out leaflets in Richmond and Twickenham town on Friday and Saturday nights before Christmas.**
- **16 Days of Action** Richmond upon Thames marked the start of “16 Days of Action” with an event called “Does it happen here?” at Orleans House Gallery on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. The aim of the event, which was opened by Cllr Rita Palmer, the Deputy Mayor of Richmond Council, and had Graham Cole aka PC Tony Stamp from The Bill as a guest speaker, is to raise awareness about domestic abuse and local services available to sufferers. During the 16 Days of Action, which runs from the 25<sup>th</sup> November until the 10<sup>th</sup> December, there will be an information display in the atrium of the Civic Centre and an opportunity for men to sign a pledge to help end violence against women.
- **Bogus Caller Warning** Bogus callers are again targeting Richmond upon Thames residents, this time phoning and posing as Council officials, saying households are due for a Council Tax rebate. Five complaints have already been received from people targeted by con artists. The Council has confirmed it would **never cold call residents in this manner** and urges people not to respond to requests to pass on bank account details so a ‘rebate’ can be paid.
- **Lock it or Lose it Campaign** The Council and the Police have launched a ‘Lock it or Lose it’ bike-theft awareness campaign to give cyclists the information they need to protect bikes from criminals. If you want to get your bike security marked and get Dr Bike to carry out a health check on your bike in December please go to the **dates for your diary** section of this newsletter for event locations or go to [www.richmond.gov.uk/operation\\_lockout](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/operation_lockout)
- **Stop Hate UK** In September Richmond upon Thames CSP signed up to Stop Hate UK, a national third party hate crime reporting scheme. The scheme allows victims of crime, anti-social behaviour or harassment based on hatred or hostility because of their age, disability, gender, race / ethnicity, religion / faith or sexual orientation to report it via the Stop Hate UK 24 hour freephone Stop Hate Line on **0800 138 1625**. The scheme allows callers to give anonymous reports and with your consent they will pass the details of the report to the local police to record and investigate. You can also make a report to them on-line at [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)
- **Operation Lockout** is a partnership campaign between Richmond upon Thames Council and Richmond Police to tackle acquisitive crime. At Operation Lockout events residents can



receive free crime prevention advice and information and have their cycles and mobile phone security marked. For dates and locations of events taking place in December please go to the **dates in your diary** section of the newsletter.

- **Richmond upon Thames Council Efficiency Challenge** As part of the Council's need to make savings of up to £35m over the next 4 years the Council is carrying out an internal consultation with staff about a restructure of the Council's Community Safety Partnership Team. The new posts and structures should be finalized in early January.
- **Designated Dispersal Areas in Twickenham and Richmond** The town centre dispersal areas are due to come to an end at 11:59pm on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- **Mayor's Safer Parks Awards 2011/12** Parks across London up to 400 hectares can enter the Mayor's Safer Parks Award. Applications can be submitted from 30 November 2010 and all entries must be received by the 31 January 2011 (final deadline). The first awards to recognise successful parks will be announced in spring 2011. For more information go to: <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/priorities/crime-community-safety/mayors-safer-parks-award>
- **New MPS Website for Young People** The Metropolitan Police have launched a new website called **Safe** to help young people. The website gives advice on a wide variety of issues including bullying, knife and gun crime, travel safety, internet safety, drugs and alcohol and anti-social behaviour. It also provides information about the police, how to contact them and opportunities for young people to get involved with the police. For more information go to the Metropolitan Police Service website or click on the link <http://www.safe.met.police.uk/index.html>



## Dates for Your Diary in December 2010

- **Lock it or Lose it events (bike marking and health checks for your bikes)**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at Richmond Rail Station, Richmond (4-7pm)  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** outside Tesco's in George Street, Richmond (4-7pm)
- **Operation Lockout events (crime prevention information, bike and phone marking)**  
**Friday 10 December** at Barnes late night shopping event (5pm – 10pm)



## Consultations

- **All in One Consultation** Richmond upon Thames Council are sending a postal survey to every household in November 2010 giving residents a real opportunity to identify what is important to them, what needs to be improved and how they want to be involved in their local area. The findings will be considered as the Council faces big challenges with constraints on public spending and will be used to shape local services and how they are delivered in the future. If you are a local resident please take this opportunity to have your say and get involved. Additional surveys for other members of your household are available online and at local libraries and the Twickenham Civic Centre. Please note surveys need to be completed and returned by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. For more information visit [www.richmond.gov.uk/all\\_in\\_one](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/all_in_one)
- **Dangerous Dogs Petition** The Deputy Mayor of London, Kit Malthouse, has launched a petition calling on the government to take action to deal with the problem of dangerous dogs. For more information go to: <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/crime-community-safety/tackling-priority-crimes/weapon-dogs>