

# Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

## November 2011



### Introduction

Welcome to the November 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. This edition covers safety advice on Bonfire Night, an appeal for volunteers for 16 Days of Action and some key findings of a BBC poll on the Met's handling of the riots. If you have any comments please e-mail David Noakes, Community Safety Officer at [d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk) or telephone me on 0208 891 7214.



### Richmond upon Thames News

- **Be safe not sorry this bonfire night** Residents in Richmond are being reminded to take extra care and be thoughtful of those around them when they celebrate bonfire night. Cllr Pamela Fleming, the Cabinet Member for Community, Business and Culture said “the message we would like to spread is one of responsibility-when it comes to setting off fireworks in your own garden or in public-it is important to take care, be thoughtful of those around you and be sensible.” The CSP are also urging residents to buy fireworks from a licensed retailer and reminding residents that you can legally set off wireworks in your own garden as long as it is after 7am and before 11pm and you are over 18. On bonfire night this is extended to midnight.
- **Appeal for volunteers to highlight 16 Days of Action** To mark White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Action the Domestic Abuse Forum are seeking to raise awareness amongst members of the public about the issue of violence against women and domestic violence at the Barbarians v Australia rugby union match at Twickenham stadium on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The idea is to have an information stall within the Rugby Village and for volunteers to give out white ribbons, raise awareness of domestic abuse and get a commitment from men to sign the pledge. For the event to be a success the Forum are looking for volunteers to take part between approximately 12:30pm and 3pm on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> November. If you're interested in getting involved and can help please contact Mick Allen, Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime Co-ordinator on 0208 831 6198 or e-mail him at [michael.allen@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:michael.allen@richmond.gov.uk)



### Current Crime Trends, Reports and Campaigns

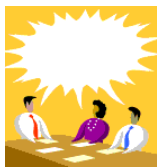
- **Theft of BMW cars on the eastern side of the borough and in other London Boroughs** Since the beginning of September 13 BMW cars have been stolen in the borough, with all but 1 being stolen on the eastern side of the borough. Models vary but in Richmond the majority of stolen cars have been 5 series, although across London the majority have been 3 series. Since the beginning of August there have been 38 BMW's stolen in Kensington and over 10 each in Hounslow, Hammersmith and Ealing over the last 3 months.
- **Drug dealing in Barnes drives an increase in acquisitive crime** Since the beginning of September 25% of crime in the Barnes area has occurred on Friday with several offences involving mixed groups of white and black males aged between 15-18 years of age.

Offences include burglaries, linked street crime offences and a spate of vehicles being broken into at Barn Elms. Other offences including a street robbery and criminal damage have occurred in the area around Vine Road to Upper Richmond Road West and Dyers Lane.



## Westminster and London News

- **BBC Poll shows confidence in Metropolitan Police** A BBC poll has shown that Londoners think the Met Police are doing a good job despite criticism of the force during the riots. In total 77% thought the police were doing a very or fairly good job. 56% also thought they did a very or fairly good job of handling the riots and 62% of the public thought they should be able to use physical violence to protect their property and communities if there was another outbreak of violence.
- **Met Police launch their Autumn Night Safety Campaign** The Met Police have launched their Autumn Night Safety Campaign across London. The campaign, which is designed to ensure the safety of residents in London during nights such as Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night, was formally launched in Richmond on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The Met's Safer Transport Command is concurrently running Operation Safebus an intensive 2 week operation to tackle youth disorder on the transport network.
- **Stark warning on ID fraud** The Met Police have issued a warning that individuals could be at risk of losing thousands of pounds as a result of ID fraud. With an estimated 4 million UK citizens having been victims of ID fraud individuals are urged to protect their identities. Simple measures include-always checking bank accounts for unfamiliar transactions, shredding all documents with sensitive information, looking into mail that goes missing, carrying out regular personal credit check reports and limiting the amount of information shared when using social networking sites.



## Consultations

- **Home Office consultation on Jubilee celebrations** The Home Office have launched a public consultation asking for views on extended opening hours over Diamond Jubilee weekend next year. The extension would allow licensed venues to sell alcohol and put on live music until 1am on any two nights over the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. To feed into the consultation go to <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/jubilee-licensing/> . Please note the closing date is the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.



## Dates for your diary in November 2011

- **Operation Lockout events (crime prevention information, bike and phone marking)**
- **Operation Lockout event**-Richmond town centre-outside Tesco's, George Street between 12-2pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011
- **Community and Police Partnership meeting** (bi-monthly public meeting of the community, police and council. All welcome) - **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7pm** in York House, Twickenham.