

# Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

## October 2011



### Introduction

Welcome to the October 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 includes an appeal from the Community and Police Partnership for new members, updates on crime trends and confirmation of the new Metropolitan Police Commissioner. If you have any comments please e-mail David Noakes at [d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk) or telephone me on 0208 891 7214.



### Richmond upon Thames News

- **Richmond upon Thames's Community and Police Partnership (CPP) appeals for new community groups** The CPP has made an appeal for new members to ensure its work to highlight and prevent crime covers the concerns of all people in Richmond upon Thames. The group, which already has 70 members is made up of representatives from residents associations, voluntary organisations, neighbourhood watch groups, local councillors and Richmond police. Groups interested in joining the CPP should contact Julie Brownbridge on 020 8831 6486 or e-mail her at [julie.brownbridge@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:julie.brownbridge@richmond.gov.uk)
- **Full of Life Fair 2011-see diary section**



### Current crime trends, reports and campaigns

- **Help combat the traditional rise in Autumn and Winter burglaries** Residents and neighbourhood watches are asked to do all they can to combat the traditional rise in residential burglaries from late October through to early February, which is facilitated by the longer hours of darkness over the Autumn and Winter months and the increased demand for stolen goods. The early dark evenings highlight vacant or empty properties and residents should review the security of doors and windows and also consider crime prevention deterrents such as light switch timers and motion sensitive security lights.
- **Increase in thefts of catalytic converters** There has been an increase in the theft of catalytic converters in Richmond and surrounding boroughs due to the increasing value of the precious metals in the converters. Since the beginning of September a small number of catalytic converters have been stolen from Peugeot 406's and 807's on the borough.



### Westminster and London News

- **Announcement of new Met Police commissioner** Bernard Hogan-Howe has been appointed as the new Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police following final interviews by Theresa May, the Home Secretary and Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London. Royal approval was given to the current Deputy Commissioner of Metropolitan after he was

picked from a field of four candidates.

- **Community action against crime: innovation fund** The Home Office has announced a new grant fund to encourage creative new approaches to tackling crime. In 2011/12 £5m is available to encourage greater community activism, and to enable communities to develop innovative approaches to tackling local crime issues. Bids are invited for small grants between £1,000-£15,000 and for large grants between £15,000-£50,000. Applications are encouraged from grass roots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government grants and the closing date for bids this year is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. For more information please click on the following link <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/innovation-fund/>
- **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act** The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill has now received Royal Consent. The new Act allows for elected Police and Crime Commissioners to be elected in November 2012 as well as introducing measures to give communities a greater say over alcohol licensing to tackle problem premises, introducing a late night levy allowing councils to charge for licences to pay for extra policing and a stronger local influence on licensing allowing everyone to comment.



## Consultations

- **Government consultation on a new mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour** The government is seeking views on the details and practicalities of a new mandatory power of possession to enable landlords to take swifter action to evict their most anti-social tenants. To feed into the consultation go to <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/antisocialbehaviourconsult> . The consultation runs until the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- **MPA consults on policing in London** Metropolitan Police Authority are consulting on London's policing priorities. If you would like to have your say go to the following link <http://www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans/haveyoursay/> . Please note the closing date is the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.



## Dates for your diary in October and November 2011

- **Operation Lockout events (crime prevention information, bike and phone marking)**
- **Richmond Youth Summit** at the Clarendon Hall, York House, Twickenham on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 9:45am-3:00pm**. Please note there are limited spaces for adults and if you want to attend you must RSVP to David Lemon, Richmond Youth Partnership Director at [info@richmondyouth.org.uk](mailto:info@richmondyouth.org.uk) or on 07851 862305
- **Full of Life Fair**-Following on from the success of last year's Older People's Day the event is being held again at The Jester Suite, The Stoop at the Harlequins Rugby Club on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-4pm**. There will be a range of information stalls offering help and advice on issues such as arts and culture, health, mobility, keeping safe, finance, social care and other activities. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day and a free hot lunch served in 2 sittings at 12:30pm and 1pm for attendees only. A free shuttle service is being run from Twickenham train station.
- **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.