

Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

September 2011



Introduction

Welcome to the September 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 stories about the London disorder, the launch of Riverwatch and the consultation on policing plans in London. 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

- **Launch of Riverwatch** This summer Riverwatch is being launched in Richmond upon Thames to encourage those who regularly use the towpaths and the river to report any criminal activity, flytipping, vandalism or other unusual activities they witness. The scheme is based on the borough's Dogwatch scheme, where dog owners and walkers can report information in our parks and green spaces to the police. Anyone who is interested in joining Riverwatch will be issued with a card with contact details for reporting. If you are interested please contact the CPP Administrator on 020 8891 7777 or e-mail community.safety@richmond.gov.uk
- **London Disorder-a Richmond upon Thames perspective** Richmond upon Thames appears to have been largely free of incidents following the recent disorder in London, although an incident was reported at the Texaco garage on the Upper Richmond Road in the early hours of Monday 8th August. While ensuring that suitable contingencies of officers were maintained in Richmond upon Thames to deal with any disorder, some officers were deployed to Wandsworth, Kingston and Croydon to provide critical support to colleagues in other parts of London. Officers were working 12 hour shifts and luckily no local officers were injured. The local Community Police Partnership issued guidance for residents concerned by the disturbances.

Cllr Geoffrey Samuel, Deputy Leader of the Council, has also announced that Richmond upon Thames Council will be contributing to a city wide fund that Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, is setting up for small or medium businesses that while not directly affected by the riots, have suffered knock-on damage or loss of trade.

- **Disability Hate Crime Event-see diary section**



Current crime trends, reports and campaigns

- **Theft from motor vehicles ongoing problem in some areas of the borough** There has been an increase in thefts from motor vehicles in a number of locations around the borough including in roads either side of Castlenau in Barnes, Mortlake and Barnes Common and the area between Mortlake Road and area of Sandycombe Road in Kew/North Sheen. Please remember to remove any items of value from your car and make sure that nothing is left on view.
- **Night-time bike thefts in Hampton Wick and Teddington** There have been a number of bike thefts and shed burglary's during the first 2 weekends of August in the Hampton Wick

and Teddington area. The offences have occurred between 10pm and 6am and over half the offences occurred on Friday or Saturday nights. Please remember to secure your sheds and bicycles, even if they are in your garden or outside your house.



Westminster and London News

- **London Disorder-Facts and Figures** 22 out of London's 32 boroughs saw serious disorder on Monday 8th August. The number of 999 calls increased by 400% in a 24 hour period and at their peak the number of crime scenes numbered over 500. The London Fire Brigade dealt with 1,700 reports of fires burning. As the operation increased the number of police officers on duty increased from 3,000 on Sunday, 6,000 on Monday to 16,000 on Tuesday. The police currently estimate that they have around 20,000 hours of CCTV footage to view, over 1,200 crime scenes and 500 officers in the Operation Withern investigation team. To date there have been over 2,006 arrests, which have resulted in 1,135 people being charged.



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 7th 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 25th November 2011.



Dates for your diary in September 2011

- **Operation Lockout events (crime prevention information, bike and phone marking)**
Wednesday 7th September Neighbourhood Watch Event 7pm onwards at the Salon, York House (attendance must be confirmed)
Saturday 17th September Edgar Road Community Day
- **Disability Hate Crime event to raise awareness** As part of the London Week of Peace the Richmond upon Thames Hate Crime, Harassment and Hostility Forum is holding an event to raise the awareness of the issue of disability related hate crime. The event is being held at the **Clarendon Hall, York House between 11:30am-1:30pm on Friday 23rd September** and will include disabled members of our community voicing their experiences and responding to questions and displays and information from a range of agencies and organisations who assist and support people with disabilities. Light refreshments will be provided. All welcome
- **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.