



December 2012

## Joint Newsletter

### Forthcoming Dates

29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013 CPP  
meeting at 7pm

19<sup>th</sup> MARCH CPP meet-  
ing at 7pm

All CPP meetings are in  
York House, Twicken-  
ham TW1 3AA

### Operation Lockout

will be in George Street  
Richmond on 13th De-  
cember at 1-3pm & 19th  
December at 12-3pm  
and at Uxbridge Rd  
Sainsburys, Hampton  
from 11-3pm on 17th &  
21st December

### Twitter

Interested in the latest  
Police or Council news in  
Richmond? You can now  
follow both organisa-  
tions on Twitter

@MPS Richmond  
@lbrut

### Useful contacts

Police  
Non-emergency number  
**101**

Anti-terrorism hotline  
**0800 789 321**

Crimestoppers  
**0800 555 111**

Victim Support  
**0845 30 30 900**

Missing People Helpline  
**116 000**

Domestic noise nuisance  
**020 8891 7737**

**IN AN EMERGENCY AL-  
WAYS DIAL 999**

### Introduction from the CPP Chairman, Carole Atkinson

After a fantastic summer of sporting success we are now moving towards the festive season with longer, dark evenings. A recent talk by SPEAR at the CPP raised awareness of the plight of the homeless, which is made worse by cold, wet weather. Should you come across anyone sleeping rough, please let SPEAR know by telephoning them on **0208 288 6506**.

This is a time for us all to be extra aware and follow the example of our wonderful Neighbourhood Watches by reporting anything suspicious or out of the usual to the police. This local intelligence has led to the apprehension of perpetrators and helps the police maintain Richmond upon Thames as a safe borough. We are expecting changes in the near future with the new Policing Plan and also to community engagement. We will keep you informed on these as they evolve.

I would like to remind PLG Chairs that Mr Chalk has promised a meeting to inform us of the police changes. It is important that all our wards are represented at this meeting, so please send a substitute if you are unable to attend. As soon as we have a date you will be informed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work throughout the year, and wish you a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable and safe New Year.



## Richmond upon Thames News

### Multi-Faith Visits: a trip to Westminster Abbey

Following the tremendous success of our multi-faith visits to differing faith places including temples, synagogues, mosques, gurdwaras and St Paul's Cathedral; on 16<sup>th</sup> October we visited Westminster Abbey and Sri Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Hounslow. The trips aim to gain an insight and greater understanding of our diverse communities and faiths.

39 participants took part including the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Rita Palmer, the deputy student Mayor, six Councillors, senior Council staff, Chief Inspector Steve Kyte and members of other groups and organisations.

The coach departed from York House and stopped at Hounslow Sri Singh Sabha Gurdwara for a short visit with members of the Executive Committee. After paying our respects, we had langer (lunch) and left for Westminster Abbey.

Canon Andrew Tremlett warmly welcomed our group and our tour guides were excellent and very knowledgeable. Westminster Abbey is

filled with history and was an amazing experience for the group, especially during the Evensong. At the end, Canon Tremlett made us all feel welcome in his flat with refreshments. **Ashi Dhillon, Ethnic Minorities Advocacy Group**

### Teddington Cluster SNT welcomes new Inspector

Rhiannon Ivens has taken over as the Teddington Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector, having spent the last few years working in Richmond. Inspector Ivens, who is also the Police lead for Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the borough, says her officers will continue to work hard to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime by working closely with residents, partner agencies

and stakeholders. If anyone would like to discuss any concerns in her wards (Teddington, Hampton Wick, Hampton, Hampton North, Fulwell & Hampton Hill), they can contact her at [rhiannon.iven@met.police.uk](mailto:rhiannon.iven@met.police.uk)

### Age UK Richmond's Warm and Safe Project

is funded by LBRuT to provide a number of free services to vulnerable residents during the winter months. These include bleeding radiators, heating emergencies and boiler repairs, loft insulation, draught proofing, home security and grants. Phone 020 8878 3569 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday or email

[warmandsafe@ageukrichmond.org.uk](mailto:warmandsafe@ageukrichmond.org.uk)



EMAG's multi-faith visit to Westminster Abbey

## Community and Police Partnership

c/o LBRuT Community Safety Team  
3rd Floor Civic Centre, 44 York Street  
Twickenham TW1 3BZ  
Phone: 020 8891 7777  
Email: [cpp@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:cpp@richmond.gov.uk)

The Community and Police Partnership (CPP) was established in 1986. It aims to facilitate cooperation and communication between local Police and the community. It is independent from the Police and Council and provides an authentic voice for local people. The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are from the community and the Administrator is a council employee paid by CPP funds.

The CPP is funded by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime



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### from Richmond Police

#### Chief Inspector Graham Simpson

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Neighbourhood Policing Chief Inspector for the borough. I was posted to Richmond in August 2011 and was responsible for operational and emergency response policing. My main priority this year was planning a safe and secure Olympics for Richmond borough. Thankfully all went to plan and as we know, the Olympics were a great success.

I look forward to my new role, working with local residents and partners to tackle crime and create safer communities. On a daily basis, as part of our war on crime, Safer Neighbourhood officers are executing search warrants across the borough for controlled drugs and stolen goods. Only recently, with the support of Specialist officers, SNT officers executed a warrant for stolen goods at the Charlie Butler public house in Mortlake. This property was vacated earlier in the year and Police believe that the premises were being used by criminals staying in the area. The raid was successful resulting in 3 arrests. As part of Operation Hawk these efforts are ongoing.

As we approach the festive season, I would like to remind all residents of the need to be extra careful in securing their homes and vehicles. Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to meeting some of you in the New Year.

## Current Crime Trends, Reports and Campaigns



### Make sure Christmas stays festive this season

Richmond upon Thames is one of the safest boroughs in London. To help us to keep it that way this festive season please follow the advice below

#### At home

- Don't leave packaging from new items on view outside your home
- If your going to be away for Christmas make sure you leave lights on a timer to give your home a lived in look
- Security mark your new electronic gifts with a UV marker pen or register them on the immobilise.com website

#### Whilst shopping

- Only buy from reputable dealers. If it looks too good to be true it probably is!
- Don't return to your car and put items in the boot and then walk away as someone may be watching
- Be careful at cash points as criminals often target the un-wary. Keep your pin number safe and mask the keyboard

#### Out celebrating

- Enjoy yourself but drink sensibly and nominate a driver or use a registered cab
- Keep your drink with you at all times
- Think of others by behaving and keeping noise down after leaving pubs, restaurants and clubs

#### Continuing thefts of BMW's in the borough

There is an ongoing problem with the theft of BMWs in the borough with a further 5 stolen over 2 nights. The cars, which are stolen without the keys, appear to be being stolen for export based on the small number that have been recovered across London. Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, 83 BMWs have been stolen in the borough, which accounts for 62% of all the cars stolen in Richmond upon Thames. Steps that you can take to protect your car include

- Never give access to your car to anyone you don't trust 100%
- If you have a garage use it
- Use a steering lock
- Consider fitting a Thatcham Category "anti-theft system for vehicle recovery"



## Westminster and London News

### Safer Neighbourhood Boards

The Mayor has committed to establish a Safer Neighbourhood Board in every borough by 2014 giving local Londoners and victims a greater voice. These Boards will establish local policing and crime priorities and fulfil a range of important functions, including monitoring public complaints against the police and community confidence in their area; and ensuring all wards have a ward panel in place. The Mayor will create a £1m crime prevention fund in 2014 by reforming MOPAC's community engagement structures and recycling the savings. This fund will provide an opportunity for communities to be directly involved in identifying and solving local problems and will ensure that we target our funds on the issues that matter most to local people.

The Mayor is committed to undertaking consultation to inform the development of the new Safer Neighbourhood Board model and this is likely to take place in the spring. The consultation events, one in each MPS area, will provide an opportunity for community volunteers involved in existing MOPAC community engagement activities to put forward their queries in regards to Safer Neighbourhood Boards and provide suggestions on how Safer Neighbourhood Boards can be implemented in their boroughs. **Tasmin Kelland, MOPAC**