Introduction

Welcome to the September edition of the Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership newsletter, which is sent to those who live or work in Richmond upon Thames and are involved in helping to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime in the borough. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter directly please e-mail David Noakes, Community Safety Officer at d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk or contact me on 0208 891 7214.

Story of the month

MOPAC Roadshows-Your Police, Your Say In early 2013, Stephen Greenhalgh, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, visited every London borough to talk to Londoners about the Mayor's draft Police and Crime Plan. The final Police and Crime Plan was published in March 2013 and committed to: reduce key neighbourhood crimes by 20%, boost public confidence in the police by 20% and cut costs by 20%. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is revisiting every London borough in 2014 with Senior Metropolitan Police officers to talk about local policing, tell you how we've been putting the Police and Crime Plan into practice and to answer your questions. The date for the Richmond upon Thames MOPAC Roadshow is Thursday 25th September at the Clarendon Hall, York House at 6pm. Attendance is on a first come first served basis so please register if you wish to attend by going to the following link http://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/events/mopac-roadshows/richmond-upon-thames

News across Richmond upon Thames

Richmond Council’s Tenant’s Champion helps more residents than ever before More residents than ever before have been given invaluable support from Richmond Council’s Tenants’ Champion with problems their landlords failed to resolve. In the past 12 months Cllr Blakemore, the former Tenants’ Champion, helped a total of 54 households with problems across a range of housing issues. Cllr Blakemore said “Some of the most difficult cases to resolve have involved issues of anti-social behaviour and mental ill health. This year there have also been a number of critical cases where I needed to escalate my concerns and did so through personal meetings with the Chief Executives of the housing associations concerned to deal with specific matters arising from these cases. Cllr Blakemore has now been appointed Cabinet Member for Public Health and Housing and Cllr Martin Seymour is the new Tenants’ Champion.
**Richmond Council: Wish You Were Here** Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are delivering crime prevention postcards to households across the borough, reminding them to secure their homes and sheds during the holiday period. The “Wish You Were Here” postcards highlight how homes are more vulnerable during the summer months and provide a number of tips about how to reduce your chances of being a victim of crime. Cllr Tony Arbour, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety said “Don’t let crime ruin your summer holiday and make sure your home is left safe when you go on holiday. Although burglary figures are falling in Richmond—approximately one in five residential and non-residential burglaries are from properties left unsecure—just one burglary in Richmond is one too many.” For more information about how to keep your homes and property safe go to the following Met Police link http://content.met.police.uk/Site/crimepreventionbumblebee

**News from London and Westminster**

**Home Secretary launches Best Use of Stop and Search scheme** Home Secretary Theresa May officially launched a new scheme to reform police use of stop and search powers. While stop and search is undoubtedly an important police power, when it is misused it can be counter-productive. It can be an enormous waste of police time and, when innocent people are stopped and searched for no reason, it is hugely damaging to the relationship between the police and public. The Best Use of Stop and Search scheme, which was announced by the Home Secretary in April, is designed to contribute to a significant reduction in the overall use of stop and search, deliver better and more intelligence-led stop and search, and improve stop-to–arrest ratios. It will also provide the public with further information on the outcomes of searches. Home Secretary Theresa May said “Nobody wins when stop and search is misused. It can be an enormous waste of police time and damage the relationship between the public and the police.”

**MOPAC Annual Report** Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has produced their latest annual report for 2013/14. Stephen Greenhalgh, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime said “Closing police stations that officers did not need and the public did not visit was controversial, but by putting bobbies before buildings, we now have a once in a generation opportunity to equip our police with the modern technology needed for 21st century policing. London is bucking the national trend with crime rates falling here faster than the rest of the country. As MOPAC enters its third year, we have laid the foundations to deliver our target to cut crime and boost confidence, whilst cutting costs. This is good news for the police, and it is good news for the public.” To see a copy of the full report click on the following link http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/publications/mopac-annual-report-2013-14

**Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 25 September-MOPAC Roadshows-Richmond upon Thames event** Deputy Mayor’s Question Time at the Clarendon Hall, York House at 6pm. Please note you have to register-see story of the month for more information.

**Tuesday 21 October 2014-Safer Neighbourhood Board (formerly known as the CPP)- quarterly public meeting of the community, police and council at 7pm in the Salon Room, York House. All welcome.