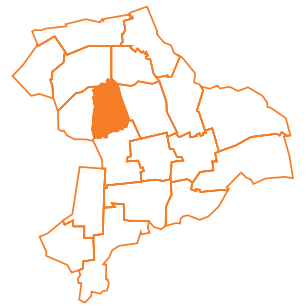


Safer Stoke Newington

Your local policing and community safety newsletter



Look out for Hackney Council's wardens riding their bikes

Wardens are going the extra mile

Hackney Council's Neighbourhood Warden Service is gearing up for an exciting 2010 – they are set to be equipped with bicycles and go borough-wide. Wardens will now be covering Stoke Newington and will be an extra resource from Hackney Council to reduce crime. Wardens will patrol the streets, report anti-social behaviour and instigate clean-ups of rubbish and syringes. They will also deal with abandoned vehicles and fly-posting. Murat Ozcelik, Operational Manager for the Council's Community Safety Team, said: "So more of our residents will feel the benefit of our service, which usually operates in the North East and South West of the borough, our existing staff are due to be equipped with bikes and

radios so they can go further and get to where they are needed most in Hackney."

Wardens also have the power to issue people with fixed penalty notices for dropping litter, graffiti or fly-tipping. Being able to issue fines provides a real boost to the Council in the effort to make Hackney a cleaner, greener borough. The police are also getting involved in training the Wardens to ride their new cycles. Murat added: "Wardens aren't there to catch criminals like the police, but they are visible and we hope that people will approach them with their community safety issues. The Wardens will then work with their partners to get the issue solved." Call the Neighbourhood Wardens on **020 8356 2418**.

Wardens will cover Stoke Newington in the coming months

Safer Stoke Newington – one year on

With this March 2010 edition, Safer Stoke Newington is celebrating its one-year anniversary. There have been a number of achievements and developments for community safety across Hackney this year,




with crime continuing to fall. By October last year, crime in Stoke Newington was down 13% since 2005. Also in 2009, we were proud to announce that across Hackney, we had 10,000 fewer victims of crime than five years previously. We hope that with this newsletter we can give you a flavour of safety initiatives happening on your street, details of how Hackney Council, police and partners are working together to fight crime, and also how you can get involved.

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X Marks the spot

Have you seen your postcard to report crime and anti-social behaviour through the letterbox today?



 For more safety advice, log on to www.hackney.gov.uk/safety or contact your local Community Safety Coordinator (see back page).

News in brief

Your CAP priorities:

- Anti-social behaviour - youths
- Drug dealing and using
- Licensing

Talk to us!

The Community Advisory Panel (CAP) is a forum for residents to task police and also talk to Hackney Council about their concerns on safety and environmental crime. Police take away priorities from the public at every meeting and work to get the issue solved. However, Council Community Safety Coordinators will look at issues such as dog-fouling and fly-tipping, long-term improvements to streets and estates, and crime prevention. For more information on attending and representing your ward, contact your Safer Neighbourhoods Team (see back page), for details of the next meeting.

Kerb-crawlers caught

A kerb-crawling operation in December, Operation Cabrillo, led to the arrest and charge of 18 men in those roads affected by prostitution across the North West neighbourhoods of Hackney. Two of the men also tested positive for cocaine and one was in possession of cannabis. One person was also found to be drink-driving and two others were driving without insurance. As part of the undercover operation, 14 of those caught later signed Acceptable Behaviour Agreements.



Work is underway at Milton Gardens

Exciting new youth centre to open

A state-of-the-art youth centre is set to open shortly in Milton Gardens. Funded through the government's 'myplace' programme, the Council, in partnership with The Learning Trust, is spending nearly £5 million to upgrade three existing youth centres and build two completely new youth centres in Hackney over the next two years. The project at Milton Gardens will involve a refurbishment of existing facilities which will offer a range of activities for young people to get involved in. Local sergeant Sue Wright, said: "This is a huge boost for the Stoke Newington area

and the club will be a focal point for all our young people to come along, have fun and relax. Most importantly, this facility will provide a safe environment, and our team will be working with the club to engage with young people and provide support." Local young people have also been given the opportunity to name the club through a competition. If you would like to receive regular updates about the 'myplace' programme and the ongoing work at Milton Gardens, please email susan.clarkson2@hackney.gov.uk.





Team Talk

With Hackney Council's Community Safety Team

The Community Safety Coordinator for Stoke Newington, Rachel Fairbairn, works with the police, Neighbourhood Wardens and residents in the ward to look at problems around crime and anti-social behaviour. She works to make the area safer and cleaner to live in, and involve voluntary, statutory and private sector partners to be able to find the best possible solution. Coordinators attend Community

Advisory Panels and other meetings with community groups to take away those issues that Hackney Council can help solve. Rachel is based in the Community Safety Team at Maurice Bishop House, near Hackney Town Hall.

 **Call 020 8356 3186 or**
 **email rachel.fairbairn@hackney.gov.uk**



Pulling together: a shared agenda for reducing crime is proving successful

Crime in Hackney at a ten-year low

Crime in Hackney is at its lowest level for at least ten years, according to the latest figures. The Metropolitan Police statistics for 2009 show total offences in Hackney are at their lowest since 1999, with over 1,000 fewer victims of crime last year than in 2008. And nearly 10,000 fewer victims than ten years ago. Mayor of Hackney, Jules Pipe, said: "I welcome the latest evidence that crime is continuing to fall. The police and Council's joint efforts

to tackle crime, drive down anti-social behaviour, and combat drug and alcohol-related problems has led to a dramatic reduction in crime over the last five years, and it is good to see this continuing. While statistics might seem remote from people's lives, a drop in crime figures represents fewer victims of crime."

"There are still important issues to address and we will continue to work with the police to build a safer Hackney for all residents."

Street patrols to beat youth crime

A £2.1 million programme aimed at reducing youth crime is now being delivered at street level following a review of services. This builds on existing success, especially where police, the Council and the community and voluntary sector work together jointly to tackle crime and to engage young people in positive activities. The work of the council's Mobile Intervention Team, has been extended to reach more 18-25-year olds who are at risk of criminal gang activity. Police and youth workers take part in after school patrols near identified



transport hubs where trouble is most likely, and street-based teams of youth workers visit hotspot areas. Operation Stay Safe operates during the late hours (9pm to 1am) identifying children under 14 who should be at home rather than out on the streets. On Fridays and Saturdays, the council's Youth Offending Team co-ordinates reparation activities for young offenders serving community sentences to help them develop skills in recycling, garden maintenance, decorating and carpentry.

News in brief



Justice Seen, Justice Done

The government's Justice Seen, Justice Done campaign aims to improve public confidence in how crime is tackled and justice is delivered in Hackney. It aims to raise awareness of what the public can expect from the Council, the Police and other agencies involved in community safety. It's about making sure that local crime priorities are tackled and demonstrating that there are tough, visible consequences for those who break the law. To find out more about what we are doing in Hackney, see www.hackney.gov.uk/safety

What would you improve?

We're looking for a panel of Hackney residents who can regularly let us know what they think of the Safer Hackney newsletters. As well as what you like about them, we'd like to know your suggestions for improvement. This will take the form of a short survey which can be accessed via the web. Email jennifer.riley@hackney.gov.uk to register your interest.



Reporting crime

Police Non Emergency 0300 123 1212

Police Emergency 999

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

**Police Safer Neighbourhoods Office,
Stoke Newington**

020 8721 2922/07879 603482, email
stokenewingtoncentral.snt@met.police.uk

**Hackney Council Community Safety
Co-ordinator Rachel Fairbairn**

020 8356 3186

email rachel.fairbairn@hackney.gov.uk

Spotlight On Hackney Homes Estate Safety



Hackney Homes works with its partners to tackle crime and ensure their estates are a safe place to live. Their teams deal with specific types of crime, from shutting down pirate radio stations and dealing with prostitution, to preventing drug use and squatters on estates. Estate Safety works with the Neighbourhood Housing Offices to provide services to tackle anti-social behaviour. They also look at upgrading security to flats and to whole blocks. **Call 020 8356 1911.**

Hackney Council Community Safety

Team 020 8356 3170,

email safercommunities@hackney.gov.uk

Hackney Council anti-social behaviour

line 020 8356 3030

Helplines and Advice

**Hackney Council Domestic Violence
and Hate Crime Helpline** 0800 056 0905

Victim Support Hackney 020 7828 4142

Hackney Community Drug Service

020 8985 3757

City & Hackney Alcohol Service

020 8525 1313

24-hour CCTV Control Room Line

020 8356 2323

**Free Home Fire Safety Visit by the
London Fire Brigade** 08000 28 44 28

Hackney Council

Hackney Service Centre 020 8356 3000

Hackney Homes, Estate Safety Teams:

General Phone Line 020 8356 1911

Drugs Hotline 020 8356 3333

CrackDown Project 020 8356 3333

Noise Reporting 020 8356 4455

Hackney Wasteline 020 8356 6688

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

020 8356 5782

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Cabwise Always use a licensed minicab, taxi, nightbus or the Tube to get home. Text HOME to 60835 to get the numbers of one taxi and two licensed minicab firms, in the area you are texting from.



Why call Crimestoppers?

Crimestoppers is a charity which provides a unique service to help you. Tell them what you know, not who you are. They record no personal details about you. They simply pass on the information you have about crime whilst protecting your identity.

To give information anonymously to Crimestoppers now, call 0800 555 111.


www.crimestoppers-uk.org

More information

Support and help for victims of domestic violence

Support is available from Hackney Council for victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Hackney Council provides confidential information, advice, support and counselling to anyone living, working, or studying in Hackney and who is experiencing domestic or sexual violence. Individuals who wish to take refuge in Hackney can also access our services.

 **If you are affected by domestic or sexual violence, do not suffer in silence. Call our free helpline on 0800 056 0905 (9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). You can also call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline on 0808 2000 24.**

