

# Richmond | Community upon | Safety Thames | Partnership Newsletter January 2014

## Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Richmond upon Thames Community Safety Partnership newsletter in 2014, 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](mailto:d.noakes@richmond.gov.uk) or contact me on 0208 891 7214. Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2014

## Story of the month

**Predictive Mapping proves its worth** Richmond Police are hailing the success of a new predictive policing model that uses recent crime data to identify high crime areas. The system feeds 3 weeks of recorded crime data into an algorithm, which produces maps at a borough, local policing and ward level, identifying areas that are at risk from experiencing crime in the next 24 hours. Earlier this month Richmond police officers were patrolling in a predictive tasking area when they stopped two males who were in possession of two pedal cycles and a bag containing a drill and a torch. They could not account for the items and were promptly arrested for “going equipped to steal” and on suspicion of theft of pedal cycle. The system went live in Richmond in October.

## Monthly borough crime stats-what’s up, what’s down & where?

### What’s up

-Residential Burglary

-Non Residential Burglary

### Where

North Sheen & into Mortlake (between 11am-5pm)

Heathfield & Whitton (between 7pm-midnight)  
Hampton (overnight)

### What’s down

-Theft from Motor Vehicles

-Non Residential Burglary

-Town centre crime

### Where

Barnes & Mortlake

Teddington & Mortlake

Twickenham and Richmond

Based on the sanitised fortnightly reports for the first 2 weeks of December from Richmond Police

## News across Richmond upon Thames

**Phone fraud** Residents are asked to tell everyone they know, especially vulnerable individuals, to be alert about phone fraud. Fraudsters will call their victim pretending to be from the police, their bank or another reputable organisation and try to get the victim’s bank details or pin number. They may even arrange for a ‘courier’ to collect the victim’s bank

card. The police or your bank will **never** ask for your bank details over the phone. Be aware that the fraudster may ask you to call the organisation back. They won't hang up the phone, meaning that when you make your call back you will **still** be talking to the fraudster. If you're targeted, hang up and call police at **101** using a **different** phone.

**Be Safe in the New Year** The Council and the police are encouraging festive revellers to be safe and drink responsibly. Cllr Tony Arbour the Cabinet Member for Performance and Community Safety said "No one wants their New Year's celebrations ruined by a trip to A& E after taking a tumble on one too many mulled wines or having to go to their local police station because their bag was stolen whilst their attention was elsewhere. It's the season to think of others too, so while many will be up and ringing in the new year, keep the noise down and remember those that aren't celebrating and are trying to get a good night's sleep. Stay safe and have a happy new year."

## News from London and Westminster

**Operation Winter Nights** At the beginning of December the Met Police launched Operation Winter Nights with the intention of cutting crime and providing reassurance across all 32 London boroughs over the festive season. Operational activity includes increased patrols in busy areas, at key times, such as town centres and transport hubs, creating safe zones at transport hubs at night to help people access advice on how to get home safely at night, weapons sweeps on estates, engaging with schools around personal safety and providing an increased presence on routes to and from schools and proactive enforcement of dispersal zones targeting ASB and controlled drinking zones.

**Metropolitan Police Service Crime Prevention Strategy 2013-16** The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the Metropolitan Police Service have released a strategy outlining how they will work together in order to prevent crime from happening in London. Although crime has fallen by 8% in the last year, many communities remain blighted by anti-social behaviour and crime and the strategy outlines how they will reduce crime and stop repeat victimisation. This includes their ambition to increase community safety volunteering and the number of Neighbourhood watch schemes. To see a copy of the strategy click on the following link <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/mopac-mps-crime-prevention-strategy-2013-2016>

**Public to get a more detailed picture of how crimes are investigated** A new crime statistics framework, which will better reflect how the police respond to reports of crime will be launched in the New Year. Under the current system, 70% of crimes are recorded as "undetected" giving some victims and the public the wrong impression that nothing was done by the police even though full investigations were carried out. But the revised recorded crime outcomes framework-which will come into force in Humberside on 1<sup>st</sup> January and be introduced across the rest of England and Wales from April-will change that. Policing Minister Damian Green said, "Recording offences as "undetected" leaves victims feeling neglected and police investigations misunderstood-it does not properly reflect police work and that is why we are scrapping it. By introducing new categories, the police will be able to demonstrate the hard work they do and increase public transparency in policing." For more information go to the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-to-get-a-more-detailed-picture-of-how-crimes-are-investigated>

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 29 January 2014-Community and Police Partnership meeting** (bi-monthly public meeting of the community, police and council at 7pm in The Salon Room, York House. All welcome.