

# 'COMMUNITIES TOGETHER'

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## Community Information Bulletin

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If you live, work or regularly visit London and have been affected by recent events, call the

**COMMUNITIES TOGETHER HELP AND ADVICE LINE**  
on **0800 028 2390**

Our staff can provide help and support 24hrs a day

**This information is intended for dissemination into London's diverse communities**



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## Communities Together Updates

As a result of the tragic events in July 2005, the Metropolitan Police launched the Communities Together Bulletin.

If you have any comments about the bulletin, anything contained in it, or simply want to pass information in relation to community incidents or concerns to us please feed them back to [CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk](mailto:CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk)

### Communities Together Help and Advice Line 0800 0282390

The Communities Together Help line 0800 028 2390 is available to offer advice and support to anyone who feels vulnerable as a result of terrorist attacks or other incidents in London.

Minicom is also available on 0800 028 6522. **In an emergency you should always call 999**

## Circulation of the 'Communities Together' Bulletin

This Bulletin is produced to be circulated to the widest possible audience, please forward the link or document to a wider audience.

The Bulletin can also be printed and circulated in; libraries, waiting rooms, places of worship, community halls or any other locations with large gatherings of people. This will enable those that don't have Internet access to view the weekly Bulletin.

Your assistance in this circulation will help us make London a Safer place and will assist in the prevention and detection of crime.

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## News and Appeals

**Crimewatch (BBC1) programme will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9pm, BBC One. The website currently contains a number of current MPS appeals that can be viewed.**

[www.bbc.co.uk/crime/crimewatch](http://www.bbc.co.uk/crime/crimewatch)

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### **1) Westminster Police Crackdown on Crime**

Westminster Police launch second phase of crackdown on street crime.

Officers from Marylebone police station are expanding their efforts to target pickpockets and distraction thieves in the heart of Westminster, following a successful operation in August, that resulted in 228 arrests for offences including theft and fraud.

Operation Sallet is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Service, the NWECC Redcaps and Westminster City Council's Mobile City Guardians. PCSOs were also tasked on high visibility patrol, providing advice to retailers and reassurance to the public.

Officers from the Met will also be working with colleagues from the British Transport Police at crime reduction stands that will be located around the Underground stations along Oxford Street. We will also be using large dot matrix signs and information boards to remind visitors to take care of their belongings.

Inspector Geoff Wooloff, said:

"Throughout August, we implemented a variety of measures to combat criminals who come to the Oxford Street area to steal from the many shoppers who visit this iconic location. A combined use of visible policing, plain clothes operations, and crime prevention advice has resulted in numerous arrests, and has reduced reports of street crime. We are committed to work with our partners to reduce crime in Westminster to enhance everyone's enjoyment. I would remind visitors to take care when visiting crowded locations"

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### **2) London Week of Peace: 9 - 16 September 2007**

London Week of Peace (LWoP) is an annual week of high profile events, initiatives and action aiming to promote community cohesion, safety and peace across the capital. Tens of thousands of Londoners from all walks of life will participate in a range of citywide and local activities, engaging local community and voluntary organisations, businesses, public agencies and individuals. LWoP is for everyone and for all communities.

The Met's Safer Neighbourhoods teams will be supporting the week's activities with a range of initiatives created to enhance crime prevention and develop community engagement with the police.

The Peace Awards, presented at the London Peace Awards Dinner on 13 September, form a major part of the Week and recognise individuals and groups throughout London who have made outstanding contributions and positive actions for peace within their local community. Winners of the awards receive plaques plus £5,000 in monetary awards.

The 11 award categories include the Commissioner's Community Safety Peace Award for best community safety/crime reduction initiative. It is easy to vote for someone or something you feel deserves recognition for creating a safer and peaceful London. Simply log on to [www.weekofpeace.org.uk](http://www.weekofpeace.org.uk) and complete a nomination form.

**Sir Ian Blair**, Met Commissioner, said:

*"The Week of Peace represents a unique opportunity for London's communities to reach out and celebrate the work that so many individuals, groups and agencies perform for the benefit of others. Raising the profile of community safety and cohesion in response to issues of violence is crucial. Safer Neighbourhoods teams in particular will play a vital role in this."*

*The Week's activities will kick off with a 5k Peace Run and Family Event on Sunday 9th September. Other citywide activities include concerts, lectures, a talent quest and a variety of Peace Services across communities in London.*

- [Visit the Met's Safer Neighbourhoods pages here](#)

## **BRENT ANNUAL PEACE MARCH**

Get Involved...Support Brent's Fourth Annual Peace March  
The Green Opposite Bridge Park Leisure Centre, Harrow Road on Sat 15th September, 11am

Not Another Drop, Brent's anti-gun and knife crime initiative, will be holding its annual peace march on the 15th September during the London Week of Peace (9th - 16th Sept).

Now in its fourth year, the peace march was established by Patsy Hopwood whose son Kavian was tragically shot in Brent in 2003.

Kavian, a 21-year-old college student, died on the Stonebridge Estate near Harlesden, north-west London. He was killed on 2nd April, the day after the start of a nationwide gun amnesty. His parents still do not know why he died.

Patsy Hopwood said: 'Kavian was a wonderfully dedicated and upstanding young man. Too many of our youngsters have died through guns. If you know someone has a gun and you keep silent you are just as guilty as if you pulled the trigger yourself. The peace march is a chance for the community to show its disgust at these types of crimes.

'In Brent, the tragic deaths of Toni-Ann Byfield, Daniel Ross and our other young people remain as poignant reminders that the threat of gun and knife crime is a real one. I appeal to the residents of Brent and London as a whole - please march with us. Nothing can be done for those who have already died but I hope together we can stop other young people reaching the same fate.'

Carol Allen of the Harlesden and Stonebridge Neighbourhood Renewal Team said: 'This type of violence is not isolated to Brent; I urge people across London to make a stand and show that gun and knife crime will not be tolerated in our city. Last year the march attracted several hundred people, we hope even more people will join us this year.'

Jacqueline Clarke of the South Kilburn New Deal Communities Team said: 'The primary objectives of the peace march are to promote peace, raise awareness, increase community engagement and investment. I hope this year's peace march will encompass all these things and help bring an end to the violence on our streets.'

The march will begin at the green opposite Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre, Harrow Road at 11am and will end at St Augustine's High School, South Kilburn.

The peace march is funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Team for Harlesden and Stonebridge and the South Kilburn New Deals for Communities Team. The March is owned by the Brent community under Not Another Drop and is supported by various agencies, which include Brent Council, Brent Police, Operation Trident, the local faith community, local organisations and businesses.

**Anyone with information about a gun crime incident should ring Crimestoppers on 0800555111.**

### **Hammersmith and Fulham**

As part of London Peace week young people from Hammersmith and Fulham will be gathering in Lyric Square, Hammersmith on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Following an address by the police and local councillor, two young people from the Hammersmith Creative Learning Team will then present a performance poetry session. This will be followed by the lighting of candles and a minutes silence to remember young victims of violence and the signing of a peace pledge. The group will then take part in a short walk through the streets to the Masbro Youth Centre in Masbro Road.

**For more information on London Week of Peace and the Peace Alliance,**

**[www.peacealliance.org.uk](http://www.peacealliance.org.uk)**

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### **3) Murder investigation launched, SE7**

Detectives have launched a murder investigation following the death of a man in Charlton.

Police were called at approximately 18:00 hrs on Tuesday 11.09.07 by LAS to reports of a man having been assaulted and unconscious in Charlton Park, SE7.

Officers attended and found a white man aged 49 yrs was being treated by LAS staff. He was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in a critical condition. His life was pronounced extinct at 18:45 hrs.

A post mortem is being held today, 12.09.07, at Greenwich mortuary.

We believe we know the identity of the deceased but await formal identification. Next of kin have been informed.

DI Clive Heys of the Homicide and Serious Crime Command, leading the investigation, said:

"The victim had been in the Swan public house, near the scene of the assault, that evening.

"We believe an argument occurred inside the pub; the victim left on foot with his dogs - two Jack Russells - and was assaulted within a few minutes of leaving.

"I would like to hear from anyone who may have seen or heard anything.

"Did you witness an argument in the public house that night?

"Did you see the victim with his dogs in or near Charlton Park?

"Did you witness anyone approach or follow him?"

**Anyone with information is asked to contact the incident room at Lewisham on 020 8721 4868; if you wish to remain anonymous please contact 0800 555 111.**

## Community Safety

### Latest Counter Terrorism advertising campaign

#### "IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT" COUNTER-TERRORISM CAMPAIGN

- How do you tell the difference between someone just video-ing a crowded place and someone who's checking it out for a terrorist attack?
- How can you tell if someone's buying unusual quantities of stuff for a good reason or if they're planning to make a bomb?
- What's the difference between someone just hanging around and someone behaving suspiciously?
- How can you tell if they're a normal everyday person, or a terrorist?

**The answer is, you don't have to.**

If you call the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321, the specialist officers you speak to will analyse the information. They'll decide if and how to follow it up.

You don't have to be sure. If you suspect it, report it.

**Call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321 in confidence.**



## London Gets Safer



### Latest crime figures from the MPS

Total crime continues to fall. Latest figures show a drop of 5.8% when compared to the same point last year. There was an 11.9% drop in robbery offences and the number of robberies solved has gone up. Residential burglary is down 3.4% in the four months to July compared to the same period last year and overall, burglary is at its lowest level since 1975. Violent crime offences fell by 8% and there was a 15.3% drop in knife-enabled crime. However, while there was a 1.3% drop in Trident gun crime, overall gun-enabled crime increased by 22%. To read more click [here](#).

### Gun crime

We are continuing to focus on tackling gun-enabled crime and Trident gun crime through a combination of prevention work and proactive and reactive investigations. We are working with London's communities and partner agencies so that together we can keep London safe and bring those who carry a gun to justice. Last month 61 people were charged for gun-related crime offences.

### Notting Hill Carnival



Over 850,000 people came to London's biggest public order event, the Notting Hill Carnival. Officers made 246 arrests during the bank holiday weekend (277 arrests were made during the 2006 Carnival).

In preparation for the event, officers conducted intelligence-led pre-Carnival raids across London to ensure potential troublemakers didn't attend. Police seized firearms and drugs and made 21 arrests during these raids.

### Youth engagement projects

Officers around the Met have been involved in projects aimed at engaging with young Londoners.

- The Met launched the Kickz football programme to help break down barriers between police and young people and increase their interest in the game.
- The MetTrack athletics programme also offers an alternative to antisocial behaviour by promoting sport to young people and helping them obtain qualifications.
- Officers from Stoke Newington have been working with youngsters from the Dalston Youth Project to create a comic book aimed at raising awareness around Safer Neighbourhoods.
- Over 1,500 children from Ealing took part in the latest Junior Citizen Scheme to learn about health, safety and crime prevention.

### Tackling violence amongst young people

Under Operation Curb, each London borough is proactively targeting known offenders and increasing patrols to reassure local communities. Young people under 20 who are involved in serious violence will be the focus of the operation. Officers will seek to engage and work with the youths to reduce their risk of further offending or of becoming a victim.



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## Latest Crime Figures

### Key Achievements

- Total crime continues to fall. Latest figures show a drop of 5.8% and almost 18,300 fewer crimes than at the same point last year.
- There was an 11.9% drop in robbery offences– that’s 1,800 fewer offences – and the number of robberies solved has gone up.
- Residential burglary is down 3.4% in the four months to July compared to the same period last year- a drop of 648 offences and overall, burglary is at its lowest level since 1975.
- There were almost 6,700 fewer violent crime offences and a 15.3% drop in knife-enabled crime meant 645 fewer offences. However, while there was a 1.3% drop in Trident gun crime overall gun-enabled crime increased by 232 offences and there were 3 more homicides.
- The clear up rate for crimes such as violent crime, domestic violence and crimes motivated by racism or homophobia has notably increased.

<http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures/>

Data in relation to Stop and Search can be obtained at the following link

<http://www.met.police.uk/stopandsearch/>

## Hate Crime

**The figures quoted in the following tables and graphs, have been provided by the Performance Information Bureau (PIB) with figures for financial year 2006/2007 containing reconciled data.**

**Faith Hate-** The Faith Hate figures for financial year 2006/2007 are substantially lower (25%) than those for the 2005/6. The main reason behind this is that 2005/6 contained Operation Theseus (London bombings) where there was a significant short- term increase experienced in reported faith hate crime. April’s 2007’s figures are lower than the corresponding month last year. May 2007 is lower than both April’s monthly total and the corresponding total last year. Factors that may have contributed to last year’s higher figure include the Israel-Palestine conflict and extreme right wing activity ahead of London elections. Though June is higher than May’s total and the corresponding month last year, it is still substantially lower than the monthly total in 2005. Counter terror operation Seagram, the incident in Haymarket and Glasgow airport, does not appear to have contributed to a significant increase in faith hate offences, as July was lower than last year’s monthly figure. Further research into recorded faith hate incidents reveals that few incidents since Operation Seagram have involved the suspect making specific Islamophobic comments. August is lower than both July and the corresponding month last year. August this year was a relative quiet month in terms of media incidents linked to counter terror operations whereas August 2006 contained high profile arrests as part of Operation Overt which may have contributed to a short term increase in hate crime last year.

Date	Faith Hate 2005/2006	Faith Hate 2006/2007	Faith Hate 2007/2008
April	38	69	61
May	57	69	45
June	82	57	60
July	303	73	67
August	155	87	44
September	78	97	5
October	93	90	
November	66	66	
December	50	40	
January	38	50	
February	68	68	
March	75	57	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>282</b>

**All Hate Crime** – The financial year figures for all hate crime in 2006/7 are significantly lower than those for 2005/6. As with faith hate crime, the substantially higher reported incidents in July and August 2006 due to Operation Theseus was largely responsible for the comparatively higher figure in 2006/7. Hate crime figures are significantly lower in April 2007 than the corresponding month last year with factors which impacted on faith hate crime likely to have also influenced hate crime figures. If figures for May 2007 are extrapolated across the entire month, There is a slight increase in May for all hate crime compared to April which appears to follow the trend experienced by all violent crime where recorded offences tend to steadily increase over the spring and summer months. May 2007's total is, however, lower than the corresponding month last year for which those factors outlined above affecting faith hate crime are likely to also have had an effect on hate crime. There was also a racist murder of an EA4 male in Barking and Dagenham in May last year which increased community tensions and which may have encouraged more reporting of hate crime. Though June represents an increase on previous months, it is still considerably lower than the corresponding total in each of the last two years. July's total was lower than the figure for June and the corresponding month last year. This suggests that neither Operation Seagram nor London's Gay Pride have had a significant impact on hate crime. August is slightly lower than July's total and the corresponding month last year.

Date	Hate Crime 2005/2006	Hate Crime 2006/2007	Hate Crime 2007/2008
April	1295	1053	938
May	1304	1134	991
June	1449	1192	1057
July	1841	1299	1032
August	1551	1114	991
September	1366	1135	53
October	1371	1060	
November	1211	957	
December	1101	819	
January	1050	859	
February	983	923	
March	1141	919	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15663</b>	<b>12464</b>	<b>5062</b>

## UK Threat levels



### MI5 The Security Service

More information on threat levels can be found on the MI5 website:

[www.mi5.gov.uk](http://www.mi5.gov.uk)



Information for people intending to travel overseas can be obtained from Foreign and Commonwealth Office

[www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

## Key Dates and Events

The following link to will take you to the Metropolitan Police Website where a list of forthcoming events in London that are likely to involve road closures or to cause significant disruption can be found. This information is compiled by the Metropolitan Police CO11 Public Order unit as part of its task of helping to enable large events to take place while minimising disruption to the public.

- [16th September 2007](#) - March and rally
- [13th October 2007](#) - Parade and service

[www.met.police.uk/events/index.htm](http://www.met.police.uk/events/index.htm)

If you wish to organise a protest march visit:

[http://www.met.police.uk/publicorder/protest\\_march.htm](http://www.met.police.uk/publicorder/protest_march.htm)

## Useful Contacts

<b>Anti-Terrorist Hotline</b>	<b>Communities Together Help and Advice Line</b>
0800 789 321	0800 028 2390 or 0800 028 6522 for minicom users
	<a href="mailto:CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk">CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk</a>

**How do I report hate crime?**

Contact your local police station. You can also report crime online through <https://online.met.police.uk/>

If you'd feel more comfortable giving information about hate crime to someone else, these organisations can help:

**Fair Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism**

[www.fairuk.org](http://www.fairuk.org)

**Muslim Safety Forum**

0207 375 1811 or 0207 375 1812

[www.muslimsafetyforum.org](http://www.muslimsafetyforum.org)

**Muslim Women Talk** (website for all Muslim women, from all walks of life)

[www.muslimwomentalk.com](http://www.muslimwomentalk.com)

**Sikh Secretariat**

[www.sikh-secretariat.com/sikh\\_incident\\_form.htm](http://www.sikh-secretariat.com/sikh_incident_form.htm)

**Hindu Forum Britain**

020 8965 0671

[www.hinduforum.org](http://www.hinduforum.org)

**The Community Security Trust** (for members of the Jewish community)

020 8457 9999

[www.thecst.org.uk](http://www.thecst.org.uk)

**Commission for Racial Equality**

020 7939 0178

[www.cre.gov.uk](http://www.cre.gov.uk)

**Galop** (For members of LGBT communities)

0207 704 2040

[www.galop.org.uk](http://www.galop.org.uk)

<b>Victim Support</b>	<b>Crimestoppers (anonymous)</b>
0845 30 30 900	0800 555 111
<a href="http://www.victimsupport.org">www.victimsupport.org</a>	

A "Communities Together" leaflet has been produced that provides details of organisations that can help you if you have been a victim of prejudice or hate. This can be ordered from the MPS Publicity Department on 020 7230 3644 or via your local police station.