

# CAMDEN POLICE MONTHLY



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Foreword by Superintendent Raj Kohli

## **‘Safer Neighbourhood Teams continue to be the bedrock of community policing’**

Dear Camden

This is the third edition of Camden Police Monthly - keeping you up to date with what your local police are doing to deal with the things that matter to you.

My own areas of responsibility revolve around partnerships and communities. About 250 of Camden’s staff work with me. Roles range from the Safer Neighbourhood teams, the Licensing Team, Safer Schools Officers, Youth teams, Diversity Unit and the Anti-Social Behaviour team. I also hold responsibility for the Special Constabulary and volunteering in policing.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT’s) continue to be the bedrock of community policing and their biggest contribution is problem solving - not just catching a criminal or stopping anti-social behaviour, but solving problems so that criminality and disorder is permanently reduced. You set your SNT’s priorities and they work on solving the problems for years to come.

We have now run two ‘Weeks of Action’, one on the St Silas Estate in Haverstock and most recently around the Peckwater Estate in Kentish Town. The Council, the Fire Brigade, NHS Camden, the Probation Service along with many others, have all worked with us during these focussed activity weeks. These ‘Weeks of Action’ have proved popular with residents and more are planned during the coming months, in different areas of Camden.

There are things you can do to help reduce crime, such as joining your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The scheme provides an opportunity to meet your neighbours and get useful crime prevention advice. Please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team for more details.

We care about the things that matter to you,

Raj Kohli  
Superintendent

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In an emergency, always dial 999

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## Borough Commander's Commendation Ceremony



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, we held a Borough Commander's Commendation Ceremony at the Town Hall.

Police officers, PCSOs, police staff, volunteers and members of the public were among those commended for exemplary behaviour, improving the quality of life for local residents and increasing public confidence.

**Borough Commander, Dominic Clout, said:** *"I have been privileged to award my Borough Commendations to police, police staff and members of the public who are deserving of the highest praise.*

*The award includes acts of bravery, investigative determination in bringing to justice serious criminals, leadership, acts of heroism in saving life and performing day to day work above and beyond the call of duty over a sustained period of time.*

*On hearing the citations I am still, with nearly 30 years service, overwhelmed by the professionalism and dedication of all involved and I am privileged to lead such a fine group of individuals."*

**WANTED!!!**



Derrick Warner aged 41 (31:01:1969) has been recalled to prison by the Home Office. He has spent a great deal of time in Camden over the years and may well be visiting or living in the borough.

Camden's Dedicated Warrant Team will continue their efforts to apprehend Mr Warner.

If you see him, do not approach him yourself.

Please dial 999 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## DISTRACTION BURGLARY

Not all burglars break into homes - some will try to trick or con their way in. They are known as bogus callers and will pretend to be on official business from respectable concerns such as the Utility Companies - Gas, Electricity and Water - or the Council. They may claim to be tradesmen or workmen calling to carry out urgent repairs.

Bogus callers succeed because they sound believable, so don't be fooled. Make sure in your own mind that they are whom they claim to be by following these simple steps:

- **Think before you open the door** - use your chain and spy hole or look out of the window to see if you recognise them.
- **Ask callers for proof of identity** Genuine tradesmen should carry an identification card with their photograph on. Check this carefully. If you are unsure, telephone the company the caller claims to represent.
- The Utilities now offer a password identification system. Any caller from one of these companies should be able to give a pre-arranged password as additional proof of identity.
- **Beware of callers who attempt to distract you** by claiming that they have seen something untoward in your rear garden or somewhere which may encourage you to leave your house - they may have an accomplice awaiting this distraction.
- **If you are not convinced of the identity of the caller, don't let them in.** Ask the caller to come back later and arrange for a friend, relative or neighbour to be present on their return or ask the caller to contact this person.



### Neighbourhood Watch

You can get involved by joining your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The initiative is run locally by residents and provides the opportunity to get together with your neighbours and help create a crime-free community. Please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team, for more information.

# PROJECT YOU



For more information, please contact  
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Or visit: [www.youlondon.org.uk](http://www.youlondon.org.uk)

The launch of Camden YOU (Youth Organisations in Uniform) took place at Corams Fields on Saturday 27th March and was a great success.

Project YOU London is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Service and the uniformed youth organisations, including the Army Cadet Force, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade, and Girl guides, to name just a few.

YOU London also offers great opportunities for volunteering. Volunteering can add a great deal to your life and the lives of children and young people in London. It offers you a chance to become involved with an organisation you really care about as well as an opportunity to meet new and like-minded people. It also gives you the chance to try out something different to your 'everyday' job or college work, which may lead on to new career options and opportunities to gain nationally recognised qualifications.

Organisations showcasing their activities included: The Volunteer Police Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides and St John's Ambulance.

**Camden police Cadet Coordinator, PC Andy Walden, said:** *"Our vision through Project YOU London, is to bring people of all backgrounds together and promote positive activities through fun and adventure. This was a successful event, showcasing these young people as role models and giving them the opportunity to compare their organisations and make many new friends."*



## Bicycle Crime Prevention Surgery

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Camden Town with Primrose Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team held a Bicycle Crime Prevention Surgery in Greenland Road NW1.

During March, the team marked nearly 100 pedal cycles with serial numbers. The numbers are clearly visible on the bike frames and each bike marked has a high visibility security sticker stating that the bike is marked. It also has contact details for the company 'bikeregister', which keeps a database of the bikes and owners.

The security marking deters thieves and makes it easier for police to trace the owners of stolen bikes.

The next event will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, in Greenland Road NW1.

## ***ROBBERS JAILED!!!***

**7 Years**



**HUTCHINSON**

**5 Years, 5 months**



**ROCHESTER**

**6 Years, 6 months**



**ISAAC**

Ashley Hutchinson, aged 24, Denzil Rochester, aged 22 and Duane Isaac, featured in the last edition of this newsletter. They were sentenced on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, having pleaded guilty.

The robbery took place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009, in Roderick Road NW3 at approximately 5pm. They pushed a 41-year-old woman to the ground, kicked her and stole her handbag and wristwatch.

The three men ran to a black Honda Civic and drove away at speed. Witnesses rang 999 and after a vehicle pursuit involving the police helicopter, the men were found hiding, and arrested.

**Detective Nicola Watt, from Camden's Robbery Squad, said:** *I'm pleased that the victim of this violent robbery can see the men responsible being held to account and behind bars. I'd like to thank the witnesses for their vigilance when the robbery took place and their subsequent support throughout the investigation".*

# Jailed!!!



## Man sentenced for theft and administering drugs to commit a series of thefts.

A 27-year-old man was convicted of 4 counts of theft and 3 counts of administering a drug to commit thefts, at Blackfriars Crown Court on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Nicolai Radu aged 27, was sentenced to 6 years for administering drugs and 18 months for each theft to run concurrently.

Camden police were alerted to Radu following a series of linked incidents, in August 2009. The incidents involved a man targeting individuals in bars in Camden and persuading them to take him home. Once at the victim's home, he would drug them using liquid diazepam and steal from them.

**Police Constable Christopher Swain said:** *"Camden police quickly identified a series of linked crimes, which we believed to involve the same man. Officers from the Beat Crimes Unit, recognised the need to warn members of the wider community through Camden LGBT partners."*

*This sentencing highlights the serious nature of his crimes, and serves as a warning to anyone involved in such criminal activity."*

## Operation Niobe - 9 people jailed for a total of in excess of 60 years

Operation Niobe, an investigation by Camden police into the distribution of Cocaine and Crystal Methamphetamine, reached a successful conclusion on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, with three more individuals being jailed for their involvement.

The year long, intelligence led operation by Camden's Crime Squad and Borough Intelligence Unit, began in November 2008 with surveillance of a suspected drugs address in Monmouth Street WC2H. A subsequent search warrant at the address uncovered over £20,000 worth of class A drugs (Crystal Meth and Cocaine) and £10,000 cash. As the operation progressed, more and more members of the criminal network were uncovered.

**Detective Inspector Adrian Lewis said:** *"I am proud to have led such a professional and dedicated team of officers in dismantling this criminal network. Class A drugs have a harmful effect on the community of London and I hope these long jail sentences serve to act as a deterrent."*

