



OUR NEWS

Vincent Square East Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (VSENW)

Promoting Responsible Citizenship, Neighbourliness & Crime Reduction

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What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is about being part of a community team whose members work to protect each other from crime and anti-social behaviour, to improve the quality of life in their area and to ensure everyone in patch can feel safe. NHW promotes community safety by increasing crime prevention awareness, greater vigilance, opportunities for crime and fear of crime by enhancing responsible citizenship, neighbourliness particularly among the more vulnerable, elderly and young members of the community.

Our Patch

Households and businesses in Carey Place, Chapter Street, Esterbrooke Street, Hide Place, Page Street, Regency Street, Vincent Street, a youth club, an activity centre and two churches. In 2016, we renamed the watch, Vincent Square East Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to better reflect the watch's coverage area.

AGM & London Fire Brigade

You're invited to SouthWest Festival, Festival Day on 01 July 2017 from **12:00PM-6:00PM** at St George's Square, Pimlico. We'll hold an informal annual general meeting to discuss current/future projects and any issues. Visit our stall early and have a chat about fire safety with local Firefighters. Last year 10,000 people enjoyed an action-packed day. For more information and getting involved, please contact us.

Home Security

It is essential your home feels safe and secure. Lock your front door even when you're in and close and lock your front door and windows even if you are going out for a few minutes. Always put keys in a safe place away from the front/back door and windows. A burglar only needs a few minutes to get in and out. Property marking your property is a quick and effective way of protecting your property. **www.immobilise.com** for free private & secure portfolio of all your personal property.

Safer Neighbourhoods Police team

Safer Neighbourhoods is a truly local policing style: local people working with local police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in our

neighbourhood. Each ward has a Dedicated Ward Officer and Police Community Support Officer. More officers work flexibly across a larger neighbourhood area in support of the dedicated team, all led by a Sergeant and an Inspector. Safer Neighbourhoods teams spend most of their time out on patrol in our neighbourhood, meeting the community, identifying and dealing with those crimes and issues we have told them cause us most concern.



If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues in the Vincent Square ward, contact the **Vincent Square Safer Neighbourhoods team** on 020 8721 2876 or email **VincentSquare.snt@met.police.uk**. They are not a 24-hour response team, if it's an emergency always call 999. If you feel uncomfortable, please contact Imaan J. Williams, on details below, and she will assist you. **https://beta.met.police.uk/**

London Fire Brigade

Together with the LFB, we have provided several fire safety talks in patch. If you think your neighbours could benefit from a fire safety talk or if you would like a free home fire safety visit, please contact us. Firefighters stress every home should have at least one working smoke alarm per floor. Working smoke alarms are essential as they provide vital early warning and allow extra time to escape if there is a fire in your home. Test your smoke alarm every week. Change the battery when the low battery warning operates, however, never disconnect or take the batteries out of your alarm if it goes off by mistake. Do not try to remove batteries in 10 year smoke alarms as they cannot be removed or replaced. Know your escape plan. **http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/**

Barbecue Safety

The Brigade is expecting with the increase of temperatures barbecue blazes to increase across London. When barbecuing:

- Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.
- Barbecues must be placed on level ground so

they don't tip over.

- Only use approved barbecue fuel or fire lighters. Never use petrol or paraffin.

5 Key Enablers of Fraud

Protect your life around the 5 key enablers of fraud: 1. Home Telephone 2. Internet 3. Mobiles 4. Letterbox 5. Doorstep. Never assume ANY call, email, text, letter or person to your doorstep is genuine. Fraudsters lie, steal data & money. If in doubt, #Takefive. #Tell2

Noise Complaints

There have been numerous noise complaints made to us. We remind residents and visitors to be mindful of your neighbours especially after 11:00PM and before 9:00AM. If you are being disturbed by noise happening now, call Westminster 24 hours Noise Team 020 7641 2000. If you would like help and advice about noise or to report a noise that is not happening now, please report the problem online.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/>

Your Call Counts

Being alert, vigilant and calling in to the Police any incidents or suspicious activity, is all our responsibility. When you notice something unusual, no matter how trivial you think it may seem, phone it in. Your action will help reduce criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in our community.

1. Emergencies: **999**

To report an emergency: immediate threat to life or property or a crime happening right now.

2. Non-emergencies: **101**

To report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make Police aware of any policing issues.

3. To provide information and intelligence about local community issues, contact the Vincent Square Safer Neighbourhoods Police team
Main Number: **020 8721 2876**

Email: VincentSquare.snt@met.police.uk

4. Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111**

Call anonymously with information about crime.

5. Confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline: **0800 789 321**
If you suspect it report it.

Fridge Magnets

If you would like a free Your Call Counts fridge magnet, which includes the emergency numbers, please contact us. Feedback shows the fridge magnet makes people feel safe.

Local Activities

We work with several partners in patch that provide numerous free or low cost activities. Open Age at St Margaret's Activity Centre, Carey Place provides activities for the 50+. The Abbey Centre has events & discussions year round as does St Andrew's Club which is a hive of activity including chess for junior club 5-9s and senior club 10-18s.

Your Feedback

If you are a young person, we would like to hear from you. What crime or issues are happening to young people? What would you do. Please send

your feedback to nwht@talktalk.net.

London Fire Brigade

Your Fire Safety: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/>

Home Fire Safety Visit: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/>

In an emergency dial 999 & ask for the Fire Brigade.

Thieves see your possessions differently

The MPS has launched a new awareness campaign to urge people to take care of valuable items such as smart phones, tablets and jewellery. The campaign warns people that to a criminal their valuables mean instant cash and can attract unwanted attention. Keep your jewellery, mobile phone and all your valuables hidden. Don't tempt mobile phone thieves, be aware when making a call and beware of phone snatchers. #LoveYourPhone Keep your bags close to you, secured with zips closed attach a bell.

Lock it or Loose it

20,000 bicycles are stolen every year in Greater London. To deter and prevent cycle theft, follow the **three R's**. **Record:** keep a record of the frame number, make any other marks that can identify your bike if it is stolen. **Register:** your bike details onto online property databases such as BikeRegister.com This will help Police return any recovered bikes to the rightful owners and **Report:** if your bike is stolen in London, please report this to Police by calling 101 or online at <https://beta.met.police.uk/> In an emergency dial 999. If residents would like their bike security marked, we can contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Police team to arrange a bike marking session. More on [bike security](#).

Westminster Neighbourhood Watch Association (WNWA)

Westminster has introduced an Association to lead the way in how Neighbourhood Watch is run in Westminster Borough. Former Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, stipulated that each London Borough needs a Neighbourhood Watch Association in place as it will allow Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators to work with the council and police to support and improve NHW across Westminster. WNWA represents and supports all Neighbourhood Watches in the Borough of which there are currently over a hundred.

Keep Informed - Here to help

In addition to reading this newsletter, you can keep up-to-date with breaking news on safety, security & community events by visiting www.nwht.btck.co.uk and @VincentSqEastNW. If you would like to be kept informed by email, please email us at nwht@talktalk.net. All contact details are kept strictly confidential.

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