

## Soho Newsletter

Brought to you by the Soho Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Westminster City Guardians



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Your priorities, as chosen by the Soho Ward Panel, are...

- Tackling drug dealing and drug-related activity, including “clipping” in the areas of Archer Street, Rupert Street, Brewer Street, Walkers Court, Greens Court, Peter Street, Berwick Street, Meard Street and Dean Street.
- Tackling increased levels of begging in Soho.

### News from the area

Focusing on objectives set by the Soho Ward Panel (made up of local community members) your local team has had some excellent results dealing with crime and other issues that matter to you.

- In June this year, 42 arrests were made for drugs offences including supply and possession. There were 319 Stop and Searches carried out and a high number of anti-social dispersal notices were issued. Two street robbers, caught by the Soho SNT, were sentenced to 28 months each in prison and subsequent deportation.
- In July this year, aggressive street beggars were targeted across Westminster under Operation “Loose Change.” This operation involved working together with our partner agencies to tackle the homeless / begging issues, and offer help & support to those living on the street in Soho.
- Ten arrests from a Soho brothel for offences that included managing/assisting with a brothel, suspicion of handling stolen property and immigration offences, together with a quantity of drugs and cash being seized.

## City Guardians

As well as providing a street based presence and working to deter anti-social behaviour, the City Guardians also play an active role in the community. For instance, when Soho Parish School held their annual sports day at Regent's Park, City Guardians accompanied staff and students for the whole day, assisting teachers by accompanying students to Regent's Park, helping to ensure safety and assisting generally with the event. The day was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who took part.

City Guardians, whilst patrolling Great Windmill Street, were asked for assistance by an elderly male in his 90's. The elderly gentleman needed help to get to his residence in Archer St. He commented on the noticeable changes in drug-related activity he had witnessed as a result of regular patrols by both the City Guardians and SNT.

## Crime prevention events



Soho SNT & Starbucks coffee shop at 60 Wardour Street, will host a crime prevention event where you can register online your mobile phones, laptops & ipods with 'immobilise.com'. The next event is Wednesday 26 August, 2pm-3pm.



*City Guardians & Police Community Support officers at a recent cycle property marking event in Soho.*

## Contact

The Soho SNT and the City Guardians are here to deal with your concerns. Feel free to chat with us on the street, come to one of our drop-in surgeries, email or phone us. We are always willing to hear from the local community.

Soho SNT: 0208 7212418 or e-mail: [soho.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:soho.snt@met.police.uk)

City Guardians: 0207 6413777 or e-mail: [Chinatown/SohoCityGuardians](mailto:Chinatown/SohoCityGuardians)

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