

Soho Newsletter

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



PC Millington with one of many new decorative visitors to Soho

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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 and street drinking 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.

- The SNT and partner agencies have been successful in obtaining another ASBO. Ashley Latouche (date of birth 13/03/1965) was coming to police attention on numerous occasions. With drug and theft related offences combined with anti social behavior this male was a constant problem for not only the police but the communities of Soho and West End China Town. After collating numerous pieces of evidence the court awarded the ASBO, banning Latouche from large parts of Westminster, including Soho, for 5 years. Please contact police if you see Latouche in the Soho area.

- The proactive night duty team has been working hard in Soho around drugs, robbery and theft offences. Last month officers managed to intervene in four ‘hugger mugger’ style offences that resulted in four people being arrested - all were charged for either robbery or theft. The team has continued to target those responsible for these offences and official figures show a 29.1% reduction in robberies in Soho in the last year.
- The SNT team is continuing work to identify areas that attract criminal activity. This is normally down to poor building layout and physical features that create hiding areas off the street away from CCTV cameras and police eyes. These areas regularly attract drug users and problems for the buildings’ residents. One such venue currently being addressed is the recessed doorway at 57 Rupert Street. Various drug users have been using this doorway to evade detection from CCTV, causing residents at the address a number of problems. The SNT, Westminster City Council and the estate agents responsible for the building are in the final stages of relocating the door closer to the pavement to prevent this from occurring. If you are aware of any other locations the team could look at, please do get in touch.
- In order to continue improving the police presence in Soho a number of Special Constables have been assigned to the team. As you may know ‘Specials’ are individuals giving up their free time and volunteering to police their local communities. Officers are mainly posted with the proactive night duty team, and have been involved in a number of excellent arrests in Soho. The Soho SNT management will continue to bid for as many resources as possible to keep the residents and visitors of Soho safe.

SOHO SNT APRIL 2010 Total Arrests 35

Stop Search / Account **228**

ASBO’s Issued **34**

BREAKDOWN OF ARRESTS	
DRUGS OFFENCES	14
THEFT RELATED OFFENCES	9
WARRANT / BAIL OFFENCES	4
ROBBERY	1
OTHER OFFENCES	7

Please Visit <http://www.met.police.uk/teams/westminster/soho/index.php> to see future events being held by the team in Soho. These events are specifically designed to give you greater access to officers and the opportunity to voice your concerns.

Contact Us

The Soho SNT is 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.

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