

London Borough of Redbridge

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# News

from your local police

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Hainault Police Community Support Officer

## Contact Details

You can contact us at our base, 127 Fencepiece Road, Hainault, Essex. Please notice there is a new Non – Emergency 24/7 number which is 0300 123 1212.



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## Ward Priorities

The current Hainault ward priorities are Burglary, Anti Social Behaviour and Motor Vehicle Crime

## Restricted Calling Zones

Hainault Safer Neighbourhood Team in conjunction with Redbridge Trading Standards and other agencies are working together, looking at ways which will assist in the reduction of doorstep crime. This crime involves bogus callers who turn up un-announced on your doorstep and typically will try to get you to part with large sums of cash for shoddy work or even no work being done. These criminals often target the elderly and more vulnerable members of our community and can be intimidating. Often they will demand more money than the originally agreed price, disappearing once you've paid them without starting or finishing a job. Research has shown that bogus callers and distraction burglars are inter-linked and will often repeatedly target people who become victims several times. We are committed to reducing this type of crime. In response to this crime we are in the process of setting up schemes in Brocket Way, Arrowsmith Road, Burrow Road and Bearing Way known as a "Restricted Calling Zone". The areas concerned will be clearly identified by street signs on lamp-posts together with supporting material for residents. With the residents and local authorities help it is hoped WE can work together and reduce this particularly distressing crime. If you wish to know more about this scheme, then please give the team a call.



## Respect for Life

In January 2009 officers from Hainault Safer Neighbourhood Team worked in conjunction with Air Football and together held several “Anti Knife Crime” talks during a football competition held at the Power League, Forest Road, Barkingside.



On patrol in Hainault

## Engagement through football

The aim of the day was to engage with local youths and young adults to discuss the issues of knife crime in and around London. Officers from Hainault SNT with the help of Police Constable Andy Pope the schools officer for Hainault High school delivered talks and demonstrations explaining police search tactics in an aim to give the youths a better understanding of police procedures and how we work to reduce knife crime. Over 100 young adults between the age of 16 and 25 attended the event from all across London and took part in a Five (5) aside football tournament during which time they were able to convey their personal views on knife crime in the capital and how it directly affects them. Local celebrity, “Ziggy” of channel 4’s Big Brother fame and Jim McDonnell, Ex professional boxer provided their backing through promotion and also personal appearances at the event which Hainault Safer Neighbourhoods Team and the other agencies involved hope to hold again in the future.



## **Have you double locked your front and back door?**

5 out of 10 Burglars gained access in Redbridge through insecure front and back doors. Gaining entry through open or non-secure windows is another way burglars get into your home.



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### **What can you do?**

UPVC doors - Lifting the handle does NOT secure your front door, you MUST double lock the door. Letterbox burglaries are becoming increasingly popular - 25% of high value vehicles are stolen off of resident's driveways because car/door keys and handbags are being left by the front door. ALWAYS check Identification of unexpected door callers. DO NOT let anyone into your home without a good reason and use a door chain when opening your front door to strangers. If you suspect anyone acting suspiciously call Police. If it's an emergency call 999. If it's not an emergency call 0300 123 1212. For Crime Prevention advice call 0208 554 9264.

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