



## Charlton Central

### Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

Supported by Charlton Central Residents Association (CCRA)

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Please share this 'Update' with a neighbour and encourage them to join the Watch.

**If you have something you'd like to be included in UPDATE**

**contact Brenda on**

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**email**

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#### **Noise Nuisance**

Now that the warmer weather is on its way, the garden BBQ and party season will soon be with us. This is often a time when residents suffer from noise nuisance. It can be anything from a noisy late night garden party to persistent noise from teenager's loud sound systems. So what can you do if your sleep is interrupted or you are coming down with a noise related headache.

Domestic entertainment noise is the biggest cause of complaint between neighbours. Noise from televisions, radios and (especially) stereo systems is a growing problem. Although any kind of music at high volume is noisy, today's music has a much heavier bass beat which penetrates buildings very easily. Bass beat at 1am in the morning is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act, 1990. The Council's advice is that noise beyond 11pm, especially on weekends and in close proximity to children is unacceptable. No one wants to be a party pooper but if you are planning a celebration that is likely to go on beyond 11pm then consider the following:

- tell you neighbours in advance so they know what time the party will finish;
- stick to your agreed finishing time or keep it quiet after this time;
- go into the street occasionally and monitor the noise coming from your property;
- position speakers so they don't point directly at your neighbours and try to avoid heavy bass music;
- Don't overflow into the street and ask guest to leave quietly.

If you are holding a party you are legally responsible for the proceedings and action can be taken against you, the Council can impose a £5,000 fine for noise nuisance and, along with Police are able to confiscate

music equipment. To report noise nuisance ring 020 8921 8921 but it is important to call out Officers at the time the noise is affecting you so they can witness it.

If you want to discuss a persistent problem then contact Greenwich Noise Team on this number or email them at:

[noise.team@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:noise.team@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

#### **Dangerous Hedges**

Yes, we have dangerous hedges/shrubs in the CCNWatch area! Do you have a hedge, shrub or other greenery that is overhanging your property? If it is hanging over a pavement it can be breaking the law. We have had a number of complaints about prickly shrubs and other bushes that are posing problems to pedestrians. They restrict people moving along the pavement and can be a source of injuries, especially catching young children in the face as they walk to school. Check your property and prune your shrubs. If they are reported to the

Council as causing an obstruction or hazard the Council have the right to cut the vegetation back and to charge you a hefty bill for this service. Don't risk it – cut your greenery this weekend.

### **Meet Charlton Safer Neighbourhood Team**

If you want to meet with the SNT there is a Drop-in Surgery coming up. This is a 1:1 consultation session and takes place: 27<sup>th</sup> May (4.00pm – 5.00pm) at Charlton House, Charlton road SE7. There is also a Street Briefing on 15<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon to 1.00pm at Charlton Church Lane junction with Delafield Road SE7. If you have anything at all you want to talk to the SNT about, pop along to one of these events.

### **CCNWatch Co-ordinators - contact us**

#### **We have co-ordinators in the roads below:**

Calydon – Dhesi -07816 548 581

Delafield – Annie - 0208 305 1484 & Brenda 07939 090 676

Elliscombe – Harjit 0208 473 8908 & Len 0208 858 4920

Gollogly – Lydia 07956 207155

Inverine – Cathy 0208 488 2188

Priolo – Tamara 0208 333 1657

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