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**19 March**  
**Met Track in schools**

Safer schools officer for Eltham Green school, PC Dougie Cameron, was joined by international athlete Matt Thomas at the school on Friday 14 March to launch a sports relief fun run. Matt is soon to start coaching MET TRACK athletic sessions at the school on a regular basis.

Eltham Green will be the first school in London to run MET TRACK sessions, which are aimed at diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour through athletics.

**14 March**  
**London Transport Awards**

The Safer Transport initiative recently won the TfL Sub category of the 'Transport Team/Partnership Award at this year's prestigious industry London Transport Awards.

The 5th Annual London Transport Awards, which celebrated the many transport achievements across the capital, were held at the Hilton on Park Lane on the 27th February 2008. The London Transport Awards recognise and reward transport planners and providers who have made a real difference to the transport system and the people that use it. The Awards bring together the London Transport Industries' best to promote and acclaim excellence, professionalism, innovation and outstanding achievement.

The Safer Transport Team initiative, a joint initiative between TfL and the Metropolitan Police Service which provides over 440 additional officers on London's public transport system was awarded for its successful partnership approach in improving safety and security on the transport network and reassuring passengers and staff.

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**11 March**

**Bexley sale raises funds for worthy cause**

Over £200 was raised on Saturday 1 March, by members of the St Michaels Safer Neighbourhoods Team (Bexley borough) through a jumble sale at 'Neighbourhood Matters' in Hadlow Road, Welling.

A local resident, who recently lost her husband and was clearing out a few things, approached St Michaels PCSO Gemma Missons with the idea of holding a jumble sale to raise funds to help the on-going work with local youths.

Gemma obtained permission to use the community drop-in-centre at 59 Hadlow Road and delivered leaflets to 350 local homes. The telephone started ringing with many offers of 'jumble' items as soon as the leaflet drop had been completed.

On each Thursday evening at Neighbourhood Matters there is an organised Youth Group where local young people can come in off the streets and play board and card games. The aim of the jumble sale was to raise funds to buy a few new games.

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**7 March**  
**Camden's SN teams and CID partnership**

Police in Camden have taken Safer Neighbourhoods a step further by creating an internal partnership between SN teams and CID.

The borough's Crime Wing has joined forces with the borough's Community and Partnership Section to improve cross-portfolio working and to provide a greater level of service to the public.

The initial partnership has seen 10 detective sergeants from the Crime Wing being aligned to 10 Safer Neighbourhoods teams, as a dedicated point of contact.

The instant benefits will include, each ward sergeant having a CID Specific Point of Contact, (SPOC), with whom they can discuss crime trends, intelligence, crime matters / operations.

In addition, the detective sergeant will have a SPOC within Safer Neighbourhoods policing to encourage community intelligence, assist with witness appeals, Key Individual Network liaison, and access with 'hard to hear' groups.

Furthermore, the DSs will attend ward panel meetings when appropriate to explain the role of the CID and support the sergeants where required.

**6 March**  
**PCSOs and officers visit St Mark's Church**

On 3 March officers from Westminster visited St Mark's Church Hamilton Terrace in northwest London as part of an ongoing initiative to improve their understanding of the concerns and needs of the borough's diverse communities.

PCSOs and officers from the Safer Neighbourhoods teams met the Bishop of Willesden, Peter Broadbent, to gain a better understanding of the Christian faith. Subjects under discussion included the role of the Church of England in London, growing multi-culturalism, interfaith liaison, and working with local authorities and partners.

This event follows successful Jewish and Islamic faith awareness days previously held in Westminster, where officers visited a synagogue and a mosque. Other events held in the past include disability awareness training and sexual exploitation awareness training.

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**4 March**  
**Kickz project launched in Waltham Forest**

Waltham Forest Police and Tottenham Hotspur Foundation launch Kickz project on the borough

Waltham Forest Police and Tottenham Hotspur football club teamed up to launch the Kickz football in the community project on the borough on 7 February 2008.

Borough Commander, Chief Supt Mark Benbow and local Safer Neighbourhoods officers were joined by children, football coaches and special guest, Spurs goalkeeper Radek Cerny to celebrate the launch at Rushcroft Sports College, Chingford.

Kickz is an estates-based football inclusion initiative aimed at providing young people with alternatives to potential involvement with crime and anti-social behaviour within a constructive and safe environment.

The project is widely supported by the Met Police and operates three nights a week, 48 weeks of the year in Waltham Forest.

Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods officers actively support the project by helping to deliver football coaching and training and other activities including boxing and climbing.

**3 March**  
**Hillingdon grant puts Police on their bikes**

Residents in Yiewsley, West Drayton, Hayes and the Heathrow Villages can expect to see more police officers and PCSOs in their area following a grant by Hillingdon Community Trust of £6,340 to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team of the Metropolitan Police to buy eight new bikes. The bikes are purpose built for Police use by 'Specialized.' They will replace existing bikes that are now old and expensive to maintain, the new bikes will give offices a greater opportunity to patrol their wards.

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**29 February**  
**2008 Problem Solving Awards winners**

The winners of the 2008 Problem Solving Awards (PSA), celebrating innovative projects to promote safer communities across London, were announced on 25 February.

Eleven projects to promote community safety across the capital were short listed for the top prizes.

For the first time there is also a separate category of award, the Safer Travel Problem Solving Award, contested by four projects.

The 2008 Problem Solving Award winners were:

- Gascoigne Estate burglaries, Barking and Dagenham.
- Anti-social behaviour by groups of youths on the Cleveland estate Bethnal Green, Tower Hamlets.
- 'Parklife' - combating disorder through partnership in Lower Morden, Merton.

Safer Travel Problem Solving Award winner:

- Criminal damage to buses in Fullwell, Redbridge.

The winner of the Problem Solving Award was presented with a cheque for £10,000 and the winner of the Safer Travel Award received a cheque for £5,000.

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**27 February**

**Westminster Diversity Unit celebrates LGBT History month**

Officers from Westminster Borough's Diversity Unit joined forces with Westminster City Council and Primary Care Trust to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month in Soho Square on Friday 22 February.

The event, which opened with a balloon release by Commander Steve Allen, marked a new collaboration between the MPS and Westminster City Council in working together to improve services to the borough's LGBT community. This will take the form of new LGBT forums and surgeries, held by the Met and local partners, which are soon to take place regularly at different venues throughout Westminster.