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A great deal of progress has been made since the last Tooting Together newsletter. We hope you're starting to notice the difference to your town.

We're very pleased to announce a new police Safer Neighbourhood Team for Tooting Town Centre.

You said you wanted more police on the streets, and you got them. You can contact the team at (020) 8247 8178 or email wwsnt-tootingtowncentreateam@met.pnn.police.uk.

We listened to you about parking. Every Saturday until after Christmas the Professional Centre in Franciscan Road will be opening its car park up for free. We have frozen car parking charges until at least 2010, and are currently consulting with local people about the Tooting Broadway Controlled Parking Zone.

We are also piloting Alley Watch schemes, which will see the council and the police working with local businesses to ensure the town's back alleys are secure.



The new Safer Neighbourhood Team with Superintendent Clive Sutton, the council's community safety spokesman James Cousins, town centre manager Audrey Helps, Inspector Ian Burton and Town Centre Partnership chairman Indrajit Patel.

What we have done

CLEANING We have brought in 'time-bands' for commercial waste collection to keep the streets clear of bin bags.

CLEANING Most town centre litter bins are now fitted with ashtrays to prevent cigarette butts littering the ground. All bins have been jetwashed.

SAFETY CCTV has been used to monitor flytipping and has helped clear up long-standing problems.

ENVIRONMENT Most street traders have complied with stricter enforcement measures. Efforts continue to tidy up the busiest pitches.

SAFETY A new town centre Safer Neighbourhood Team has been set up

ENVIRONMENT The Good Neighbour scheme has been launched.

ENVIRONMENT Free parking is now available on Saturdays at the Professional Centre in Franciscan Road.

CLEANING Street furniture has been painted.

SAFETY Several back alleyways have been cleaned, and some have been lit and resurfaced.

ENVIRONMENT We have put up new welcome banners at Tooting Broadway and hanging baskets at both tube stations.

SAFETY An Alert Box system has been installed in a network of more than 30 shops. This allows them to communicate in an emergency with each other and the police.

Good Neighbour scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme is going from strength to strength. 22 shops have now won the award and more are in the pipeline.

If you see the pink Good Neighbour sticker in a shop window, it means the shop has proved that it is willing to stick to laws and council regulations, provides good customer service and respects its neighbours and the local community.

The shops that have received an award – all in Upper Tooting Road - are Al-Mirage, Aradhana, Barkers Chemist, Dual Clothing, Fashion Plus, Geeta Sarees, Khushbu, Lal-Kurti, London Print House, Minar Jewellers, Nasar Collections, Nettles Pharmacy, Newlight Fashions, Nutrition and Beauty Centre (Health Store), Tooting Pharmacy Practice, Pooja Sweets & Savouries, Prachy Creations, Pravin A Pattni Jewellers, Russell's Trade & DIY, Sajna, Spice Village and Western Jewellers. See tootinglife.com for details of each.



What we will do

CLEANING The 'time-banding' system for commercial waste is likely to be extended to other parts of Tooting.

ENVIRONMENT Stronger action will be taken against any street traders who continue to block the pavement.

ENVIRONMENT The junction at Tooting Bec is being improved, with upgraded traffic signals, resurfaced pavements and a new diagonal crossing.

SAFETY The Salvador alcove will be gated and the alleyway behind the Gala Bingo Hall will be cleared and gated.

SAFETY Other areas, such as the South Thames College staff car park and the alley to the rear of 152-178 Upper Tooting Road, will be made more secure. A pilot Alley Watch scheme has been launched in partnership with the police.

ENVIRONMENT The council has appointed a leading firm of retail consultants to identify gaps in Tooting's range of shops. This will show what new shops need to be attracted to the area.

ENVIRONMENT A derelict phone box outside Tooting Market has been removed and we are working with the utility companies and TfL to remove other redundant items, such as disused electrical feeder boxes.

Listening to you

We want to know what you think about Tooting Together. Find out more, have your say and link to the T2G Facebook group at wandsworth.gov.uk/T2G