

Keeping your community safe



Keeping our neighbourhoods safe is vitally important and the Metropolitan Police work hard to keep our local areas free of crime and the fear of crime. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is a safe place to live but there is always more we can do. Working together as a community is a powerful way of decreasing crime. Here are some of the ways that you can take part.

Special Constables

Special Constables are volunteer police officers. They are everyday people who choose to do something positive for themselves and their community in their spare time.

Specials are given the same powers as regular police officers and undergo intensive police training before going out on patrol. You would volunteer for eight hours duty every fortnight or a minimum of 200 hours per year. As a Special Constable you will take part in a wide range of duties and make a real difference to policing within the community.


 08457 272212

 www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/specials

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies the simple idea that the best way to take action against crime is to work together as a neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch groups encourage the reporting of suspicious incidents to the police, put into practice crime prevention measures, such as property marking and security devices and keep an eye on vulnerable households.

 020 8246 0822

 commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk

 www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com





Met Volunteers

The Met Volunteer Programme gives volunteers the opportunity to support the Metropolitan Police throughout London in a variety of roles in customer service, administration, media and communications and community engagement.

The volunteers also increase contact between local communities and the police, and significantly improve the service given to the public.


 020 8960 3722 **Volunteer Centre**

 www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/met_volunteer.html

Magistrates

Magistrates are local volunteers who deal with all legal cases in England and Wales, deciding 95 per cent of them. Even murder and rape trials start in the magistrates' courts.

You do not need formal qualifications or legal training to become a magistrate but are expected to have personal integrity and the respect and trust of others. Being a magistrate demands significant commitment, requiring you to sit for at least 26 half-days over the year, but the system is so stretched that many do well over 50.

 020 7210 8993

 www.direct.gov.uk/magistrates

Appropriate Adult

Police regulations demand that young people and vulnerable adults must have an 'Appropriate Adult' with them when they are interviewed. The adult can be a family member or friend but organised groups of trained volunteers increasingly carry out this important role.

As an 'Appropriate Adult' you ensure that the vulnerable person's interests are represented and give them general support, for instance, making sure he or she has eaten. You would usually stay until the person is released or charged.

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 www.appropriateadult.org.uk

Victim Support

Victim Support has been supporting residents in Kensington and Chelsea since 1980. They are always looking for local people to join their team of volunteers to offer emotional and practical help to people affected by crime.

Volunteers provide reassurance and emotional support to anyone who asks for help, they offer practical assistance with applying for Criminal Injuries Compensation and discuss information about police and court procedures.

 020 8960 3722 **Volunteer Centre**


 www.victimsupport.org.uk



Your Safer Neighbourhood Teams

The officers on your Safer Neighbourhoods team spend much of their time out on patrol in your neighbourhood, meeting the community and identifying and dealing with the things that cause you most concern.

They work in partnership with the community and the relevant council departments but most significantly the Safer Neighbourhood Teams rely on contact with local people. You can help the teams by making sure they are kept aware of the issues in your area.

 020 7230 1212


 www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods



Independent Custody Visitors

Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who make unannounced visits to local police stations to check on the treatment of people detained by the police. They observe and report on conditions in police cells.

If you could fulfil this vital role, are over eighteen, and live, work or study in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea please get in touch. This is a voluntary role but full training will be given and expenses paid.

 08081 001036

 icvrecruitment@mpa.gov.uk


 www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships/icv

It is the policy of the Metropolitan Police to advise residents not to approach suspected criminals. In the event of witnessing a crime please call 999.

Territorial Army

The Territorial Army is a reserve force of civilians who complete soldier training and provide operational support on a spare time basis. They work with the Regular Army to add reinforcement whenever and wherever necessary.

Basic training is challenging and enjoyable. It will teach you everything you need to know to become an effective soldier and to fulfil your role within the TA, from military terminology, drill and how to wear your uniform to physical fitness, weapon handling, first aid, field craft, and map reading. The final two-week course ends with a series of tests and a passing out parade.

 08457 300111

 www.armyjobs.mod.uk/

