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Heygate news

What's happening
on the Heygate



Safety on the Heygate

Fewer tenants and more empty spaces can spell disaster for an estate if not managed properly.

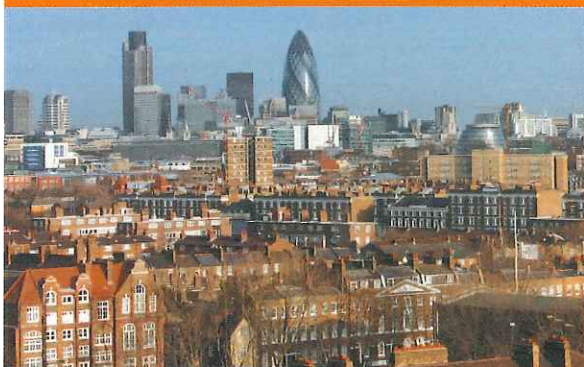
The Heygate team of one police sergeant, six police community support officers, the council's antisocial behaviour unit (SASBU) and the community wardens are keeping a close watch on the estate.

Recently they have been visiting residents who live alone. But that is just the tip of the iceberg. Over the last two years, SASBU has clocked 400 patrol hours on the estate and closed down 23 crack houses in partnership with the East Walworth safer neighbourhoods team. The number of squatters in empty properties is now zero thanks to the housing management team quickly welding up empty properties. The wardens have spent 3,652 hours patrolling the area and dealt with 1,110 reports.

Councillor Linda Manchester, Southwark Council executive member for community safety, says: "This is one of the biggest regeneration projects in Europe, and it is going ahead despite the recession. In the long term we are building residents better homes. But in the short term we want to make sure the estate remains one of the safest in South London. If anyone has any kind of issue, please get in touch."



Getting to know Southwark better



Many Heygate residents who, having lived in the Elephant and Castle and Walworth areas for many years, have made successful moves to different parts of the borough.

A great way to get to know the borough is to take a guided tour. So, if you would like to find out more about what the different areas have to offer, please let us know. For more details contact the project team on 020 7525 4805.