

Policy Briefing, August 2012

## Revisiting the Riots – one year on

### Wandsworth

Following the August 2011 riots in Clapham Junction, Wandsworth Council launched an independent review that resulted in a report into the motivations and reasons behind the disturbances. Read the report [here](#). See pages 78 - 80 for Key Findings.

Following up on this work, the Council has published its Aspirations Agenda, with plans for regeneration and increased social mobility. Read the full paper at <http://ww3.wandsworth.gov.uk/committ/documents/s23036/12-218%20-%20Aspirations.pdf>

The Council is placing a strong emphasis on promoting community resilience through several workstreams. They are looking to link the Aspirations agenda to physical regeneration plans for Battersea and Roehampton, as well as to future work done as part of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wandsworth.

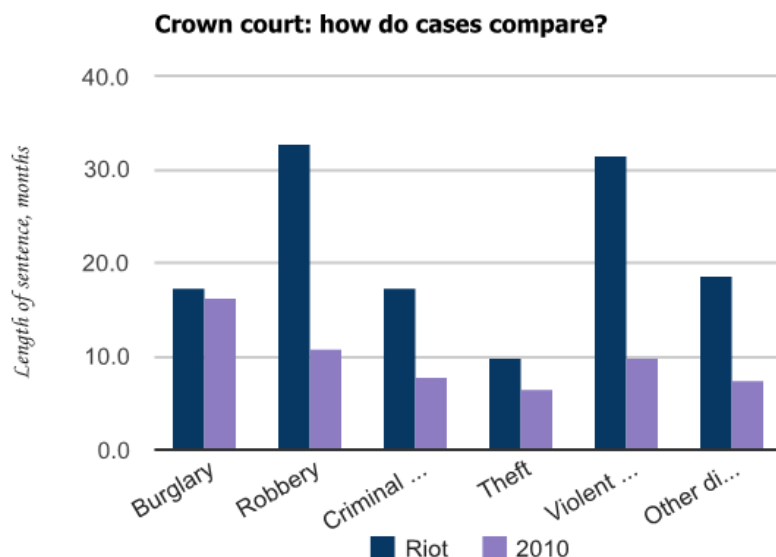
Read about the plans for Roehampton here

<http://ww3.wandsworth.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s24127/12-463%20-%20Roehampton%20Regeneration.pdf>

If you are curious to find out what has been going on outside of Wandsworth, here is a summary of a few things that have been happening over the last year:

### Arrests and sentencing

The Guardian has compiled statistics and illustrations showing the breakdown of how the justice system has dealt with those arrested in connection with the riots, for example age of offenders, length of sentences. Read more at [www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2012/jul/04/riot-defendants-court-sentencing](http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2012/jul/04/riot-defendants-court-sentencing)



### Causes and ways forward

Read the final report by the Riots Communities and Victims Panel that was set up by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the opposition on 2011.

<http://riotspanel.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Riots-Panel-Final-Report1.pdf>

## **Counter reactions to the riots**

The 'Reverse Riots' campaign, initiated by vinspired, brought young people together in order to prove that the rioters were the minority and there are plenty of inspired young people who work hard for their communities.

<http://vinspired.com/dosomething/>

[www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/08/reeves-croydon-risen-ashes-community-too](http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/08/reeves-croydon-risen-ashes-community-too)

The Mayor announced that £70 million would be available to local Councils to undertake projects to rebuild areas and prevent future riots.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-19167948](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-19167948)

A High Street Fund was set up and provided over £3 million of financial relief to the victims of the riots, particularly local businesses.

[www.thehighstreetfund.co.uk/news.htm](http://www.thehighstreetfund.co.uk/news.htm)

Volunteering to mentor young people

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-19053090](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-19053090)

Communities bouncing back

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19077349](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19077349)